BLUEFIELD, VA/WV

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO/FROM FREE PARKING AT BMS
BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA-WEST VIRGINIA

TO BMS

From Bluefield, go south on Interstate 77 to Wytheville and turn onto southbound Interstate 81. Follow southbound Interstate 81 to Abingdon. At Virginia Exit 17, get off the interstate; at the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto southbound Virginia State Route 75 towards South Holston Dam (you will not go to the dam, but you will pass close by on your way to BMS). This will allow you to avoid the Exit 10, Exit 14, and Halls Bottom Road bridge work zone areas on Interstate 81 between Abingdon and Bristol and the Volunteer Parkway and Cox Street work zone in Bristol Tennessee. Follow the TO BMS signs along the following route, as shown on Diagram D2:

a. Going south on State Route 75, you will cross into Tennessee and the road name will change automatically to Tennessee State Route 44. At the intersection with US 421 on the west side of Holston Mountain, turn right onto northbound US 421 towards Bristol.
b. At the first intersection with Tennessee State Route 435, continue straight.
c. At the next intersection with Tennessee State Route 44, continue straight.
d. After passing the State Route 44 intersection, you will go up a big hill; get in the left lane.
e. At the traffic signal about a mile beyond, turn left onto Highway 394.
f. Go past the Weaver Pike (State Route 358) interchange. Go past the Vance Tank Road interchange.
g. Just past the Vance Tank Road interchange, get in the left lane. To go to Whitetop Creek Park, turn left at the next intersection, which is at the Copperhead Entrance, onto southbound Sportsway Drive. Go south on Sportsway Drive about 2,000 feet and Whitetop Creek Park is at the end of the road. To go to Speedway Parking, go past the Copperhead Entrance, past the Dragway Entrance, and turn left onto White Top Road. Speedway Parking is the first driveway to the left.

TO BLUEFIELD

There are two routes to Bluefield, one of which follows Interstates 81 and 77 back the way you came; the second route takes US 19 from Bristol back to Bluefield without getting on the Interstate system.

Via Interstates 81 and 77

Diagram D12 shows the route back to Bluefield, which is partially the reverse of the route that you took coming to BMS. The White Top Route will get Speedway Parking patrons back to Highway 394. From Speedway Parking, turn left onto eastbound White Top Road along the White Top Route. Go east on White Top Road, following the TO 81 signs, and turn left onto eastbound Vance Tank Road. At the STOP sign at Broyles Lane, do not turn onto Broyles Lane; keep going straight on Vance Tank Road. After passing a railroad signal on the right, turn left to go up the concrete ramp of Sweet Knobs Trail to

its eastern intersection of Highway 394. You must turn right onto eastbound Highway 394 in the right lane.

From Whitetop Creek Park, go north on Sportsway Drive and turn right onto eastbound Highway 394, get in the right lane, and go over the bridge at the Vance Tank Road interchange.

The next Highway 394 interchange is at Tennessee State Route 358 (Weaver Pike); once you go over that bridge, get in the right lane if you have not already done so. At the traffic signal with US 421, turn right onto southbound US 421 (a left turn will also get you to Interstate 81, but you will also have to go past the heavier-traveled Exit 7 area and Exits 10 and 14 work zone; a right turn avoids the Exits 7, 10, and 14 areas). On southbound US 421, go past the first Tennessee State Route 44 intersection (that leads to Bluff City) and go to the point where the four-lane roadway reduces to two lanes. Just past that point, Tennessee State Route 44 intersects again, with a left turn towards Abingdon, Virginia; take that left turn. Tennessee State Route 44 will automatically turn into Virginia State Route 75 upon crossing the state line. Get onto northbound Interstate 81 at Virginia Exit 17. Proceed to Wytheville and take Interstate 77 north to Bluefield.

Via US 19

If you do not want to go back along the Interstate system to Bluefield, take the following route, the first part of which is shown on Diagram D12. The White Top Route will get Speedway Parking patrons back to Highway 394. From Speedway Parking, turn left onto eastbound White Top Road along the White Top Route. Go east on White Top Road, following the TO 81 signs, and turn left onto eastbound Vance Tank Road. At the STOP sign at Broyles Lane, do not turn onto Broyles Lane; keep going straight on Vance Tank Road. After passing a railroad signal on the right, turn left to go up the concrete ramp of Sweet Knobs Trail to its eastern intersection of Highway 394. You must turn right onto eastbound Highway 394; then get in the left lane.

From Whitetop Creek Park, go north on Sportsway Drive and turn right onto eastbound Highway 394, get in the right lane, go over the bridge at the Vance Tank Road interchange, and then get in the left lane.

The next Highway 394 interchange is at Tennessee State Route 358 (Weaver Pike); once you go over that bridge, get in the left lane if you have not already done so. At the traffic signal with US 421, turn left to get to US 19 by getting onto northbound US 421. Follow the signs to Interstate 81 along the following routes (there are TO 81 signs along the way):

a. Continue north on US 421 (the street name will change to Virginia Avenue)
b. Follow northbound US 421 as it turns left to Maple Street
c. Follow northbound US 421 as it turns right to Pennsylvania Avenue
d. Go through the traffic signal at Ash Street
e. At the traffic signal at Anderson Street, the road curves so that a through movement goes onto the concrete Anderson Street bridge over the railroad and a

right turn goes onto northbound Pennsylvania Avenue. Go through onto the Anderson Street bridge and immediately get in the right lane

f. At the end of the bridge, turn right onto northbound Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and get in the left lane
g. Go through the Shelby Street and State Street traffic signals; you are now in Virginia, but the street name is still Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
h. Continue straight on northbound Martin Luther King, Jr Boulevard towards Interstate 81
i. Go through the West Mary Street traffic signal and get in the right lane
j. At the next traffic signal (Moore Street/Oakview Avenue), turn right; in one block, you will intersect Lee Highway (US 11/19). Continue straight on northbound US 11/19 (Lee Highway).

Go through the East Valley Drive/West Valley Drive traffic signal on Lee Highway and past the Exit 5 interchange with Interstate 81. You will go through a short detour north of Exit 5 where a bridge is being replaced on Lee Highway. You will pass through the Exit 7 area of Bristol, Virginia (but you will not intersect Interstate 81 again; you are going roughly parallel to I-81 along US 11/19). Stay on northbound US 11/19, passing out of the City of Bristol and into the town of Abingdon. As you enter Abingdon, US 11/19 will become a four-lane roadway; stay in the left lane. Just past the overhead railroad bridge, turn left at the traffic signal to follow US 19 back to Bluefield via Lebanon and Tazewell. This is a four-lane route all the way to Bluefield, but it is not an interstate highway.