

# Prickett's Fort State Park Hosting an Historic Exhibit of West Virginia Made Longrifles *by Van Pittman*

Fairmont, WV – Prickett's Fort State Park will be the host site for a unique, first time exhibit of West Virginia made longrifles and accoutrements that has been compiled by the Kentucky Rifle Foundation. The exhibit of rifles and accoutrements will represent the work and craftsmanship of over twenty gunsmiths who plied their trade in West Virginia during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Many of these fine rifles have never been seen by the general public before in this type of venue, and present a rare opportunity for the historian, student, and artisan to view these historic treasures first hand. The exhibit, which runs from March 28th to November 11, 2016 is in the Prickett's Fort museum gallery in the Visitor Center and is FREE and open to the public. The Visitor Center is open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm. For more information, please visit: <http://www.prickettsfort.org> or call (304) 363-3030 or 1-800-CALL-WV

The Kentucky Rifle Foundation's mission is to preserve the heritage of the Kentucky Rifle through educational programs and exhibits, museum assistance, and the publication of books related to the history and significance of the Kentucky Rifle. The Kentucky Rifle Foundation is the educational arm of the Kentucky Rifle Association. The Kentucky Rifle Foundation is a stand-alone organization; however, it operates exclusively as an IRS 501 C3 corporation. For more information, you can visit: <http://kentuckyriflefoundation.org>

Prickett's Fort State Park is a day-use historical and recreational park situated just three miles off I-79, Exit 137, at 88 State Park Road, Fairmont, WV 26554. The state park features a reconstructed fort, the Job Prickett House, built in 1859, and a Visitor Center. The Visitor Center includes a research library, museum gift shop and a gallery which features an orientation exhibit and video. The Visitor Center, the historical interpretation program, and all special events are managed by the Prickett's Fort Memorial Foundation, under long-term contact with the state.

The Kentucky Rifle Foundation  
presents  
an Exhibit of 24 Fine West Virginia made rifles and pistols at  
*Prickett's Fort*  
State Park

Opening  
March 28, 2016 to November 11, 2016  
<http://kentuckyriflefoundation.org>

Showing at  
Prickett's Fort State Park  
<http://www.prickettsfort.org>  
three miles from I-79 at exit 137, north  
of Fairmont, WV