

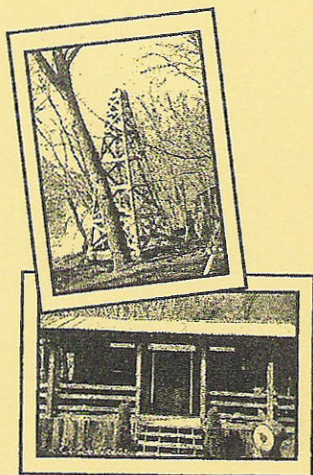
NEW!

RATHBONE OIL FIELD

PARK & MUSEUM

BURNING SPRINGS, WV

"WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!"



PARK FEATURES:

- **OLDEST PRODUCING OIL WELL IN THE WORLD "RATHBONE WELL"**
- **OLDEST OIL FIELD BOOMTOWN IN THE WORLD "BURNING SPRINGS"**
- **FIRST OIL FIELD ATTACKED DURING WAR "CIVIL WAR"**
- **ANTIQUE OPERATING EQUIPMENT**

MONEY. POWER. POLITICS. WAR. PROSPERITY.

The history of Burning Springs includes intriguing stories of the beginning and incredible development of the Nation's oil and gas industry. The 15 - acre park, located along the Little Kanawha River and Rt. 5, is part of the original land owned by the legendary Rathbone Oil Company. The development of Burning Springs and other regional oil fields played a key role in the fascinating story of West Virginia's statehood. A hotbed of guerilla activity during the Civil War, Burning Springs was destroyed by a devastating fire set by a rebel raiding party in 1863. The above captivating tales and story are told through video, pictures, artifacts and displays in the setting of a real oil well and real oil field.

DIRECTIONS:

From I-77 North or South take Exit 170 at Mineral Wells, WV. Follow Rt. 14 South 13 miles to Elizabeth. Turn left on Rt. 5. Park located 7 miles.

PARK HOURS OF OPERATION

DAYLIGHT TO DUSK - SELF-GUIDED TOURS

MINI-MUSEUM OPEN WEEKENDS

VIDEO-DISPLAYS

\$2.00 ADULTS / \$1.00 CHILDREN

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Tours by appointment. Park developed and owned by the Oil & Gas Museum in Parkersburg, WV.