

Hurkle-Durkling in the Laurel Highlands: Where Lounging Is a Lifestyle

Have you heard of *hurkle-durkling*? If not, you're in for a treat. It's a quirky little term from the Scots that means staying in bed long after you've woken up—stretching, snuggling, sipping coffee, maybe cracking a book or just doing absolutely nothing. Sound dreamy? That's because it is.

And here in the [Laurel Highlands](#), hurkle-durkling isn't just accepted—it's encouraged.

Just imagine a [long-weekend getaway](#) in this gorgeous southwestern Pennsylvania region, with its rolling mountains, peaceful forests, and cozy, off-the-grid vibes. It's the perfect escape when you're ready to slow down, breathe deeply, and give yourself permission to *just be*. Whether that means [a spa day](#), curling up in a [cozy cabin](#), or snoozing under the stars in a glamping tent, there's no better place to lean into the art of lounging.

Let's explore some of the best ways to hurkle-durkle to your heart's content in the [Laurel Highlands](#).

The Essence of Hurkle-Durkle: Spa Days

Let's start with the obvious: spas. Because nothing says “I'm not moving today” like slipping into a plush robe and letting someone else handle your stress.

Woodlands Spa at Nemacolin (Farmington)

This one's a showstopper. The Woodlands Spa is pure luxury—think 30+ treatment rooms, relaxing spa pools, and every kind of massage or facial you could dream up. Tucked into the sprawling grounds of ultra-luxurious [Nemacolin](#) resort, this spot is made for long weekends of total pampering. Bonus: there's a fireplace lounge, so yes, you can nap between treatments.

👉 [nemacolin.com](#)

Trillium Spa at Seven Springs (Champion)

If mountain serenity is your vibe, Trillium Spa hits the mark. Located at [Seven Springs Mountain Resort](#), it's the kind of place where time slows down. Picture yourself wrapped in a blanket, watching the snow or the leaves fall after a hot stone massage. Now *that's* how you hurkle-durkle.

👉 [7springs.com](#)

Whispering Woods Spa at Oak Lodge (Stahlstown)

This one's a hidden gem. Set in the woods at [Oak Lodge](#), the Whispering Woods Spa focuses on natural wellness—think Thai yoga massage, reiki, and deep-relaxation therapies. And the setting? Pure forest magic. After your treatment, you can stroll on a trail or curl up lakeside.

👉 [oaklodgspa.com](#) (Full disclosure, this author could not survive without the 90-minute deep tissue massage several times a year – ask for Morgan 😊)

Unique Lodging Where Lounging Comes Standard

If your goal is to stay in bed past 10 a.m., you need a serene place to do it—somewhere that practically begs you to wear slippers all day and cancel your plans. The Laurel Highlands has you covered from woodsy to ultra-luxury!

Oak Lodge (Stahlstown)

Rustic meets luxury at Oak Lodge. Nestled on 800 acres of private land, cozy timber cabins are built for unwinding. Enjoy fireplaces, soaking tubs, plush beds, and room service that brings breakfast straight to your door. There's even a spa on-site—so really, you don't have to go *anywhere*.

👉 oaklodgepa.com

Levi Deal Mansion B&B (Meyersdale)

Gilded Age charm? Yes, please. This restored mansion is like stepping back in time, but with all the modern comforts. Gas fireplaces in every room, cozy robes, and a front porch that was made for morning coffee or evening wine. It's a great spot for couples looking to truly unplug and reconnect.

👉 levidealmansion.com

Sylvania Mountain Lodge (Somerset)

This restored craftsman cottage is located along a peaceful mountain stream, and honestly, it's the definition of a retreat. With Wi-Fi and smart TVs, you can snuggle up with your favorite show or listen to the soothing sounds of the creek bubbling by. Your call.

👉 sylvaniamountainlodge.com

Camping (and Glamping) Made for Lazy Days

You don't have to rough it to enjoy the outdoors here. In fact, Laurel Highlands is home to some seriously comfortable glamping spots that combine nature with just the right amount of pampering.

Pine Creek Glamping Co.

These creekside glamping tents are *next level*. We're talking king-sized beds, electricity, heat, air conditioning, and a beautiful en-suite outdoor bathroom. Perfect for a solo getaway or romantic escape.

👉 [Cozy Creekside Tent](#)

Wander Ridge

Stay in a dome? Yes, you can. Wander Ridge offers comfy glamping domes with queen beds, wood

stoves, solar lighting, and big views. You're surrounded by forest but snug as can be.

👉 wanderridge.com

Campbell Farm Glamping

Minimalist and beautiful, this glamping retreat lets you truly disconnect while still enjoying a comfy bed, lovely décor, and quiet surroundings. It's just you, nature, and the occasional nap.

👉 acottageatcampbellfarm.com

Laurel Hill State Park

For a more classic camping experience, Laurel Hill offers tent sites, cabins, and even cottages—with easy access to trails, lakes, and picnic spots. If your idea of hurkle-durkling includes s'mores by a fire and waking to birdsong, this is the place.

👉 Laurel Hill State Park

Hurkle-Durkling: It's Not Lazy, It's Restorative

Look, life moves fast. Too fast. And sometimes, the most radical thing you can do is *nothing at all*. Hurkle-durkling is about giving yourself permission to rest. To sleep in. To read without checking your phone. To wander into the woods and not worry what time it is.

The Laurel Highlands is your invitation to unplug and reconnect.

With [peaceful lodges](#), [soul-soothing spas](#), and [cozy campsites](#) made for lounging, this region is built for travelers who want to recharge—not just check boxes.

Ready to Hurkle-Durkle?

Whether you're planning a long weekend or an extended stay, start your journey at [GO Laurel Highlands](#). Explore lodging, find your perfect spa day, and discover a slower, more intentional way to travel.

Because sometimes the best memories are made from the comfort of a cozy bed—with nowhere to be but exactly where you are.