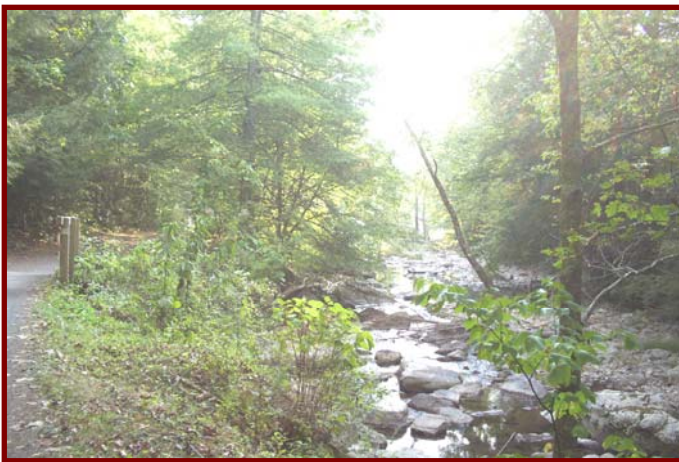


green way trails that have been developed within an easy drive from the Tri-Cities area. One of the most popular of the Rails-to-Trails green ways is the “Virginia Creeper” – the former Norfolk And Western’s Abingdon Branch made famous by Winston Link’s photos. One can rent mountain bike in either Abingdon or Damascus VA. Outfitters include a van ride to the top of the trail at White Top Station 1.5 miles from the North Carolina – Virginia Border. One can almost coast the 17 miles from White Top to Damascus along a 4% downhill grade. Another trip takes the biker from Abingdon to Damascus. Eight miles is downhill along a 2% grade to the Holston River bridge and back up a 2% grade to Damascus. The railfan is treated to bridges, trestles, cuts and beautiful scenery along the entire right of way – and a great cardiovascular workout. Ted and Mary have done two trips along the Creeper with the following photos as a result.



Top to Bottom: Damascus, Green Cove, Right-Of-Way, Bridge, Low-boy Trestle; Holston River Bridge