

Carr China  
Grafton, W.V.

As part of a website devoted to the patterns and topmarks of Carr China, we posted a little info from a few trips we made to Carr and to other American china manufacturers, long closed, but whose grounds we wanted to find: to get a feel for where they were located and also always hoping to find a shard or two.

Because we included a map and GPS coordinates for them, we're sharing them here for anyone else who wants to go on a similar journey but apologize for all the extraneous, chatty remarks and dog photos.

-Susan and Ed Phillips

Note: You will see links referencing external pages that will not work. They are an artifact of how long it took to transfer most of the pages of the Carr site and that some things seemed to be too time consuming to try to repair.



## Mountain Hopping 2016: Carr

In the five times we've been to the Carr site, there hasn't been a single time that we didn't have company of one sort or another. Mind you, that's not a complaint!

This time when we pulled into the driveway, we barely had time for a photo of the dogs and a short walk down to the river before George Cassell pulled in behind us. George is a Grafton native, and now that the site has been cleaned up by the EPA, he seems to be in charge of keeping the weeds mowed inside the chain-link enclosure that is now the remnants of the site.

That meant that rather than walking the perimeter we could go inside and check out what's left. Most interesting were the slabs of concrete with pieces of broken pottery embedded in them.

It's easy to find lots of pottery shards on the grounds, just not the whole pieces of ware (mostly bisque) that we found on our first trip in 2010.

While we were shard hunting, George fired up his motor-assisted hang glider and took off over the trees, making for one more fun and memorable trip to the Carr site for us.



Zephyr, Tilde and Ed in front of the steps – outside the plant fence – that we believe is part of a monitoring system for the Tygart River (in the background).



A bit of the Dayton pattern, along with fragments of Glo-Tan and blue and pink Rhodendra and lots of white-bodied shards.



The site is located at the end of Freemont Street and Pottery Lane in Grafton, with the address shown as 230 Newcombe Avenue, which apparently *is* Pottery Lane. Latitude and longitude: 39.319663, -80.025006.













Below, George Cassell prepares his motor-assisted hang glider for takeoff from the Carr site, and below that, George in flight.









Getting ready for Memorial Day in Grafton, these banners were hung in several locations around town.