



Charlottesville
ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Visitor Guide



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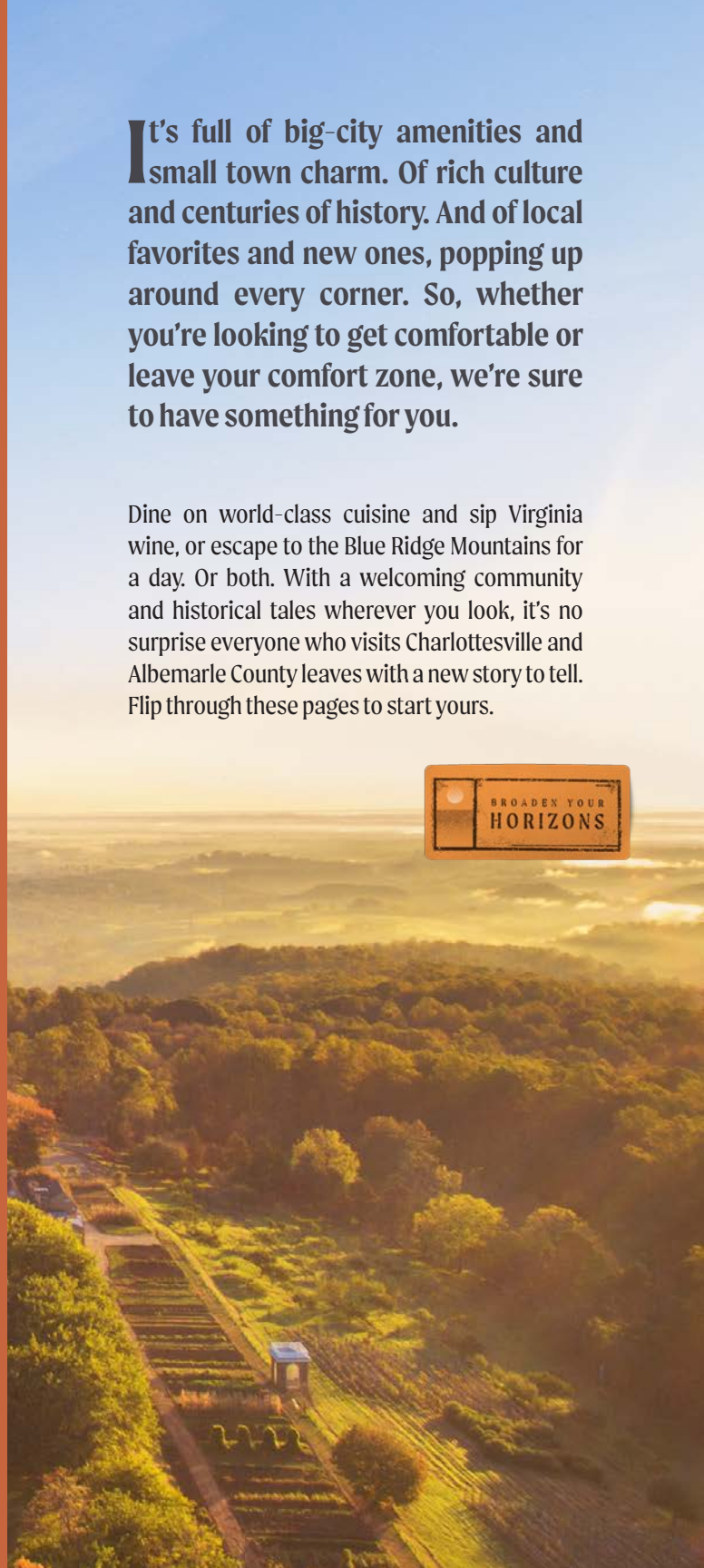
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Use these helpful emojis to see what types of activities await you at each of the featured attractions:

 ADA Accessible	 Hiking
 Agritourism	 Horseback Riding
 Bird & Wildlife Viewing	 Outfitters & Services
 Camping	 Rafting Tubing
 Canoeing Kayaking	 Rock Climbing
 Cycling	 Sprayground
 Disc Golfing	 Stand-Up Paddleboarding
 Fishing	 Swimming
 Golfing	 Hot Air Ballooning

It's full of big-city amenities and small town charm. Of rich culture and centuries of history. And of local favorites and new ones, popping up around every corner. So, whether you're looking to get comfortable or leave your comfort zone, we're sure to have something for you.

Dine on world-class cuisine and sip Virginia wine, or escape to the Blue Ridge Mountains for a day. Or both. With a welcoming community and historical tales wherever you look, it's no surprise everyone who visits Charlottesville and Albemarle County leaves with a new story to tell. Flip through these pages to start yours.



Wide open spaces await

Charlottesville and Albemarle County are surrounded by some of our country's most beautiful landscapes.

Hiking trails line the region like sidewalks, and a breathtaking view is rarely out of reach. Nearby, Shenandoah National Park features beautiful wilderness and camping. Skyline Drive runs right through the park along the Blue Ridge Mountains. And 500 miles of hiking trails, hidden waterfalls, and swimming holes await.

Outdoor activities around Charlottesville are infinite. Go up in a hot air balloon, float down a scenic river, or fish in the gentle James River. And with four distinct seasons, you can enjoy the great outdoors all year long.

visitcharlottesville.org/explore ~

Outdoor Recreation



Ravens Roost Overlook - Blue Ridge Parkway



Chris Greene Lake Park - Charlottesville, VA





From high peaks to gentle rolling foothills, the Blue Ridge Mountains are laced with legendary trails. Enjoy a leisurely stroll or push yourself on challenging climbs. Take to two wheels for a cycling tour, or saddle up on horseback for a different approach to the terrain. A variety of birds can be seen soaring high above the Charlottesville area. We've highlighted a few special locations for some of the best birdwatching around.*

Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP)



In addition to these notable hikes and overlooks (p.7), the Blue Ridge Parkway crosses the Appalachian Trail at Dripping Rock (Milepost 9.6), Three Ridges Parking Overlook (Milepost 13.1), Reeds Gap (Milepost 13.7) and Love Gap (Milepost 15.4). Entry points for the Parkway are at Rockfish Gap off Highway 250 and Interstate 64, Reeds Gap off Route 664, Tye River Gap off Route 56 and Humphreys Gap off Highway 60.

BRP — Humpback Rocks



Milepost 5.8 → Part of the Appalachian Trail, this historic rocky outcrop presents a stunning view over the Rockfish and Shenandoah Valleys. Trek a strenuous 1-mile hike to the top of the main trail, stretch your legs on the moderate 0.3-mile Catoclin Loop Trail, or take it easy on the 0.25-mile Mountain Farm Trail.

BRP — Ravens Roost Overlook



Milepost 10.7 → Overlooks Torrey Ridge and the Shenandoah Valley. Raven and hawk sightings are common. Ruins of the 19th-century Torrey iron furnace can be found at the base of the ridge. Nearby are anchor points where climbers can rappel down the mountainside.

* The places, activities, and services listed in this guide are a sampling of the many adventures available in our region. Go to visitcharlottesville.org for more complete information. Please be sure to obtain necessary licenses and permits before engaging in outdoor activities. Always ask permission before using or crossing private property. Hours of operation and fees are subject to change.

Brookhill Farm



2067 Scottsville Rd., Charlottesville VA 22902 → This full-service equestrian center offers lessons throughout the year. Clients have access to miles of trails and a cross country jumping field outside the main riding facilities. Call ahead for a lesson schedule or a tour of the stables · 434-906-5049

Crabtree Falls



11581 Crabtree Falls Hwy., Montebello VA 24464 → With five major cascades spanning more than 1200 feet, this is the highest vertical drop waterfall east of the Mississippi River. An easy paved trail leads just a few hundred feet to an overlook. Adventurous hikers can continue up a strenuous 2.5 miles for views over the falls and Tye River Valley. Do not venture off the trail. Paid parking available onsite · 540-291-2188

Gren Trails



15091 Yager Rd., Somerset VA 22972 → Four miles of trails wind through the grounds of The Market at Gren adjacent to James Madison's Montpelier. Leashed dogs welcome on the trail. Horses, bikes, and outside food and drink prohibited · 540-672-7268

Highland Rustic Trails



2050 James Monroe Pkwy, Charlottesville, VA 22902 → Open to the public and free of charge, these scenic trails are well-maintained and adjacent to James Monroe's Highland · 434-293-8000

Ivy Creek Natural Area



1780 Earlysville Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 → A prime location for spotting wildlife, this 215-acre preserve features 7 miles of trails with varying difficulty · 434-973-7772



John W. Warner Parkway Trail



828 McIntire Rd., Charlottesville VA 22902 → This urban paved trail runs 1.6 miles between East Rio Road and Route 250. Provides connectivity to Schenk's Greenway, McIntire Park, and Rivanna Trail. The provided address has onsite parking.

McIntire Park



U.S. Rt. 250 Bypass, Charlottesville VA 22901 → This centrally-located park has nature trails on its western boundary, while the eastern boundary connects to the John W. Warner Parkway. Picnic shelter areas are available, and leashed dogs are allowed · 434-970-3260

Mint Springs Valley Park



6659 Mint Springs Park Rd., Crozet VA 22932 → Four trails wind through this park in western Albemarle County. The Hollow Trail and Lake Trail are both only 0.5 miles, while the Big Survey Trail and the Fire Trail are 1 mile and 2 miles respectively. An entrance fee is charged between Memorial Day and Labor Day · 434-296-5844



Montpelier's Trail System



11350 Constitution Hwy., Montpelier Station VA 22957 - Eight miles of trails winding through horse pastures, wildflower meadows, and the impressive Old-Growth Landmark Forest. Follow the connection to the Grelen Trails for a longer hike · 540-672-2728 ext 450

Observatory Hill



602 McCormick Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 - Owned by UVA, these intermediate to advanced mountain bike trails are riddled with steep, rocky climbs and descents. For a longer ride, connect to the Rivanna Trail network via access points at Ivy Road or Fontaine Avenue. The provided address has onsite parking.

Old Mills Trail



1445 Darden Towe Park, Charlottesville VA 22911 - Walkers, runners, hikers, and bikers can enjoy an urban escape on this 3-mile, multi-use trail connecting Darden Towe Park to Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital along the Rivanna River. Add a little local heritage flavor to your hike at the Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center in Darden Towe Park · 434-296-5844

Ivy Creek Natural Area - Charlottesville, VA



Patricia Ann Byrom Forest Preserve Park



6610 Blackwells Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932 - A number of steep and strenuous multi-use trails are open for hiking, running, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Try the 4-mile Little Flat Mountain Loop or the shorter Blackwells Hollow Trail. Horses must have a negative Coggins report · 434-296-5844

Pen Park Nature Trail



1400 Pen Park Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 - A 1.5-mile trail along the Rivanna River. Leashed dogs allowed · 434-970-3260

Preddy Creek Trail Park



3690 Burnley Station Rd., Charlottesville VA 22911 - Hiking, running, mountain biking, and horseback riding are all welcome on this 10-mile trail. Mountain bikers eager to push their limits can take to a new advanced bike trail. Onsite parking available. Horses must have a negative Coggins report · 434-296-5844

Ragged Mountain Natural Area



1730 Reservoir Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 - Several miles of forested trails form a loop around a small lake. Park at the upper lot, past Camp Holiday Trails. No dogs allowed · 434-970-3260



Rivanna Trail



Charlottesville VA → This 20+ mile loop trail circles the city with sections ranging from 0.5 miles to 2.5 miles, and with varying difficulty. Some sections are not suitable for cyclists. Best parking is at Fontaine Research Park, Quarry Park, and Riverview Park. The trail at Riverview Park is paved and ADA accessible · 434-970-3260

Shenandoah National Park (SNP)



Five hundred miles of trails with difficulties to suit novice and seasoned hikers alike populate the striking Shenandoah National Park. Leashed dogs are allowed except where noted. Cycling is permitted on Skyline Drive, but use extreme caution. There are four entry points: Front Royal off Route 340, Thornton Gap off Highway 211, Swift Run Gap off Spotswood Trail, and Rockfish Gap off Highway 250 and Interstate 64. Entrance fee required for each vehicle · 540-999-3500

SNP — Old Rag Mountain



Rt. 600, Etlan VA 22719 → Giant granite boulders line this very strenuous 9-mile circuit, which includes an unmatched 360-degree view over Shenandoah National Park. Entrance fee to the Park required. Plan seven to eight hours, bring lots of water, and never attempt this hike in wet or icy conditions · 540-999-3500

Saunders-Monticello Trail - Charlottesville, VA



Sugar Hollow Trail



Sugar Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932 → A beautiful 4.5-mile loop, which connects with North Fork Moormans River Trail, the Appalachian Trail on Skyline Drive, Turk Branch Trail, and South Fork Moormans River Road. Swimming allowed in Snake Hole and Blue Hole.

The Saunders-Monticello Trail & Park System



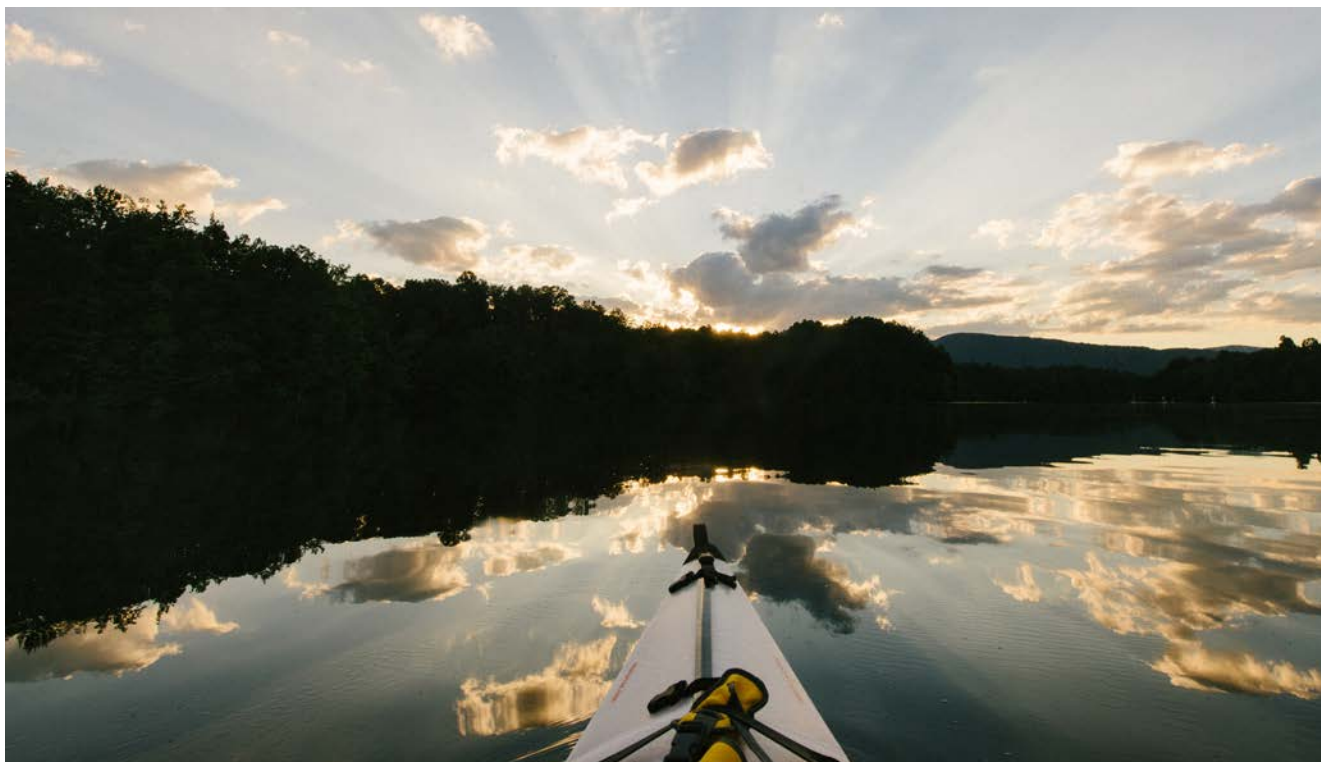
Rt. 53, Charlottesville VA 22902 → This 9+ mile trail system includes a range of hikes with varying difficulty. The easier, ADA-accessible Saunders-Monticello Trail runs 2 miles through Kemper Park to the visitor center at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, passing native hardwood forests, deep ravines, and views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Limited onsite parking is available on Route 53. Main parking lot is off of Route 20 · 434-984-9822

Walnut Creek Park



4520 Walnut Creek Park Rd., North Garden VA 22959 → Fifteen miles of interconnected trails. The Blue Wheel and Wilkins Way trails are longer, running alongside the shores of a lake · 434-296-5844





Whether you're after a tranquil afternoon getaway or a thrilling adventure, central Virginia's waterways are an ideal gateway to outdoor fun. When relaxation is your aim, angle for bass, catfish, or trout on one of the area's many lakes, or enjoy a lazy float down the river on a tubing excursion. To get your heart pumping, you can explore local rivers by kayak, canoe, raft, or paddleboard. And for those dog days of summer when it's just too hot to do anything else, take the family to one of the area's many lakes or swimming pools to cool off. State license is required for fishing unless otherwise noted.

Beaver Creek Reservoir



4365 Beaver Creek Park Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 → Stocked with sunfish, channel catfish, and largemouth bass. Picnic tables and restrooms available in the park. Gasoline motors and swimming prohibited · 434-296-5844

Belmont Park



725 Stonehenge Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 → Cool off at a free, colorful sprayground in this centrally-located city park. Open May through September · 434-970-3260

Chris Greene Lake



4748 Chris Greene Lake Rd., Charlottesville VA 22911 → Fish, swim, boat or simply relax at this Albemarle County park. Gasoline motors are prohibited. Swimming is allowed 11am to 7pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day. Entry fee for summer admittance · 434-296-5844

Forest Hills Park



1022 Forest Hills Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 → Splash into summer at this large sprayground, sure to please young children. Open May through September · 434-970-3260

Greenleaf Park



1598 Rose Hill Dr., Charlottesville VA 22902 → The touch sensitive sprayground at this park features a mushroom fountain and an interactive water pole. Open May through September · 434-970-3260

Hardware River



See **Outfitters & Services (p.28)** for rental and tour information → Anglers can find sunfish, channel catfish, smallmouth and largemouth bass along this river. Water birds flock here.

James River



See **Outfitters & Services (p.32)** for rental and tour information → Virginia's largest river is also one of the area's most popular destinations for fishing and boating. Anglers can catch smallmouth bass, catfish, and a wide variety of panfish. Canoes and kayaks are best for exploring the river, but small boats, such as john boats, can also be used at most of the river's access points. A variety of outfitters offer equipment and excursions on the James.

Lake Albemarle



Lakeside Dr., Charlottesville VA 22901 → Find largemouth bass, sunfish, black crappie, and catfish in this 35-acre impoundment. Boat ramp and loading pier located off Route 675. State fishing license or access permit required. Nets and gasoline motors are prohibited · 540-899-4169

Mint Springs Valley Park



6659 Mint Springs Park Rd., Crozet VA 22932 → The lakes here are stocked with sunfish, channel catfish, and largemouth bass. Swimming allowed in summer months. Picnic shelters and restrooms are available on site. An entrance fee is charged during summer swim season · 434-296-5844



Moormans River



Sugar Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932 → Head upstream from Sugar Hollow Reservoir to find trout fishing in the North Fork of the Moormans River. Special trout license required for the lower section's put-and-take trout fishery. Within the boundaries of Shenandoah National Park, no bait is allowed, and all fish must be immediately released unharmed · 540-899-4169 or 540-999-3500

Onesty Family Aquatic Center at Meade Park



300 Meade Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 → Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Features of this public water park include water slides, an obstacle course, a lazy river, and a snack bar. Restrooms and a family changing room on site. Day pass and summer pass fees vary · 434-295-7532

Ragged Mountain Reservoir



1730 Reservoir Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 → Largemouth bass and bluegill populate this 170-acre water supply for Charlottesville. Parking limited. Boats must be transported to the water. Gasoline motors prohibited. No dogs allowed · 434-970-3260

Rivanna River



See **Outfitters & Services (p.33)** for rental and tour information → There are many places throughout Charlottesville to access one of the city's most scenic rivers. Kayakers and canoeists favor the stretch from Darden Towe Park to Riverview Park, while rafters can find occasional rapids near other access points.

South Fork Rivanna River Reservoir



2494 Woodburn Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 → This 450-acre urban escape is stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, black and white crappie, redear sunfish, and channel catfish. Parking is limited. A boat ramp is located on Route 659 at the provided address. Gasoline motors are prohibited · 434-970-3260

Sugar Hollow Reservoir



Sugar Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932 → Rainbow and brook trout are stocked in this 47-acre city water supply. Boating not allowed. Swimming is not allowed in the reservoir itself, but visitors can hike one mile up from the reservoir to Blue Hole, a popular site for swimming.

Totier Creek Reservoir Park



9290 Totier Creek Rd., Scottsville VA 24590 → The water supply for Scottsville has a well-maintained boat ramp, fishing dock, restroom facilities, and picnic area. The lake is stocked with sunfish, channel catfish, and largemouth bass. Gasoline motors are prohibited · 434-296-5844

Van Clief Nature Area



253 Hardware St., Scottsville VA 24590 → East of downtown Scottsville, this 63-acre park features a large lake stocked with catfish and trout. Parking is available near a gated area at the provided address. Special trout license required in addition to state fishing license · 434-286-9267



Walnut Creek Park



4520 Walnut Creek Park Rd., North Garden VA 22959 → A large lake sits at the heart of this south Albemarle park, providing a favorite summertime setting for swimming, boating, and fishing. Swimming allowed 11am to 7pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day. Kayak and canoe rental available for a small fee during swimming hours in season. Entry fee for summer admittance · 434-296-5844

Washington Park Pool



1001 Preston Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 → Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, this city pool features water slides, a mushroom waterfall, zero-depth play area, and snack bar. Locker rooms and a family changing room are available onsite. Daily and summer pass fees vary · 434-977-2607



Resorts, country clubs, and public parks throughout the Greater Charlottesville area make the most of their picturesque settings with challenging and beautifully designed golf courses. Conquer courses with difficult hazards designed by renowned architects, or simply enjoy views of the Blue Ridge Mountains while you play a few holes. For an inexpensive and easy-to-learn alternative, disc golf has similar rules, but substitutes Frisbee throws for clubs and balls, with a basket serving as the hole. Tee time reservations are required, except where noted.

Birdwood Golf Course at Boar's Head Resort



410 Golf Course Dr., Charlottesville VA 22903 → The views of the Blue Ridge Mountains are anything but subpar at this nationally acclaimed 18-hole course, designed by famed golf pro Davis Love III. The practice facilities and driving range are one of the best places in the area to work on your game. The pro shop is fully stocked with equipment, apparel, and accessories. Fees vary by day and season · 434-293-4653

Full Cry at Keswick Hall



701 Club Dr., Keswick VA 22947 → Guests of the hotel can access this private award-winning, 18-hole course. The large fairways command impressive views not only of the surrounding foothills, but of the majestic hotel property itself · 434-979-3440

Meadowcreek Golf Course



1400 Pen Park Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 → Water hazards, high bunkers and oak, dogwood, and cherry trees all populate this centrally-located 18-hole course. Many holes follow the Rivanna River, offering unique views of the area. Fees vary by day · 434-977-0615

Meadow Creek Gardens Disc Golf Course



1900 Morton Dr., Charlottesville VA 22903 → This free disc golf course, accessed by a gravel road next to the English Inn, features nine holes offering both short and long targets. Tees are concrete and the terrain is moderately hilly with a mixture of fields and dense woods. One throw crosses a creek · 434-970-3589

Old Trail Golf Club



5494 Golf Dr., Crozet VA 22932 → Mixing both links and parkland styles, this 18-hole championship course at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains appeals to golfers of all skill levels. Views are particularly spectacular in the late afternoon. Old Trail also has an extensive practice area and a pro shop with regripping and club fitting services. Fees vary by day · 434-823-8101



Spring Creek Golf Club



109 Clubhouse Way, Zion Crossroads VA 22942 → The exceptionally maintained fairways, water hazards, and sand traps at this course will truly test your game. Inspired by the late Sam Snead, Spring Creek is often recognized by national publications for its affordability and superb maintenance · 540-832-0744

Walnut Creek Park Disc Golf Course



4250 Walnut Creek Park Rd., North Garden VA 22959 → The 18-hole disc golf course at this Albemarle County park is challenging with a range of uphill, downhill, open and wooded holes, and even some water hazards. No reservations required · 434-296-5844

Swannanoa Golf Course and Country Club



4506 Howardsville Turnpike, Afton VA 22920 → Perched atop Afton Mountain, this 18-hole course designed by PGA professional Pete Lang commands sweeping vistas over the Piedmont and Shenandoah Valley. Closed in the winter · 540-943-8864

Full Cry Golf Course - Keswick Hall





Orchards and farms throughout the Greater Charlottesville area grow apples, peaches, cherries, pumpkins, and a variety of berries. Some farms offer more in-depth agriculture tours where you can learn about beekeeping, organic gardening, and livestock care. Harvest seasons given in this section are just estimates. Find farmers markets where you can purchase fresh local produce, or go on a pick-your-own outing for outdoor family fun.

The BerryPatch



3035 Peavine Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932 ~ Pick your own blueberries with family and friends on the beautiful grounds of the BerryPatch. You'll find three acres of fresh and pesticide-free berries, ripe for the picking from late May to late June · 434-963-0659

Caromont Farm



9261 Old Green Mountain Rd., Esmont VA 22937 ~ The proudly woman-owned and -run farm is located 23 miles south of Charlottesville, in the heart of Virginia's Monticello Wine Region. Taste award-winning goat's milk and cow's milk cheeses, spend time with renowned chefs, and snuggle baby goats. What more could you ask for? · 434-831-1393

Carter Mountain Orchard



1435 Carters Mountain Trl., Charlottesville VA 22902 ~ Apples are the pride and joy of one of Charlottesville's most popular orchards, open March through December. Pick your own or stock up on cider, donuts, and apple butter at the country store. Prince Michel Winery and Bold Rock Hard Cider have tasting rooms on site. Live music on Thursday evenings May through September. Be prepared for very large crowds on weekends in September and October · 434-977-1833

Chiles Peach Orchard



1351 Greenwood Rd., Crozet VA 22932 → Sweet, juicy peaches flavor everything from pies to refreshing milkshakes at this Crozet orchard, open April through November. Pick your own in June and July. Strawberries are also available May to early June. Enjoy a pancake breakfast on weekends or mark your calendar for homemade peach ice cream the first weekend of August · 434-823-1583

Critzer Family Farm



9388 Critzer Shop Rd., Afton VA 22920 → Pick fresh fruit all summer at this Nelson County farm. Strawberries ripen in May and June, cherries are available in June and July, and blackberries and raspberries start harvesting in mid-July. The orchard also serves ice cream made with real fruit · 540-241-3305

Henley's Orchard



2192 Holly Hill Farm, Crozet VA 22932 → Pick a wide variety of peaches and nectarines June through August, or apples late June through mid-October. The annual HenleyFest takes place every Saturday in October, with hayrides, cider making, live music, and apple cider donuts · 434-823-7848

Liberty Mills Farm



9166 Liberty Mills Rd., Somerset VA 22972 → Adventure abounds at this Orange County farm, home to a number of family-friendly festivals. Strawberry Fest opens strawberry picking season in late May, while fall brings the largest corn maze in Virginia. A pick-your-own pumpkin patch opens in September · 434-882-6293



The Market at Greden



15091 Yager Rd., Somerset VA 22972 → This quaint destination garden shop opens its farm for pick-your-own fruit each summer. Blueberries start in late May, with raspberries and blackberries filling out the berry season through September. Peaches ripen in early June and apples are available September through November. Hop on a free hayride for extra fun in apple season · 540-672-7268

Open Gate Farm



548 Three Pond Ln., Earlysville VA 22936 → Get your hands dirty on an interactive farm tour. This small, sustainable farm introduces visiting families to life on a working farm in a one-of-a-kind day tour. Romp with the piglets, gather eggs from the hens, hold baby chicks, learn to milk a goat, gobble with the turkeys, and taste all manner of herbs, berries, and vegetables while you learn the science behind organic gardening. Tours are by appointment only · 434-978-7446

Spring Valley Orchard



3526 Spring Valley Rd., Afton VA 22920 → Keep your ear to the ground for the summer opening of this cherry orchard. Pick-your-own is available for just a few weeks in May and June each year. Despite the short season, this hidden gem of an orchard is worth seeking out, tucked against the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains · 434-960-9443



Make the most of your outdoor adventure with experienced guides and quality equipment. Ride on horseback through local vineyards, enjoy a tranquil hot air balloon ride at sunrise, paddle one of the area's waterways, or spot wildlife on a guided hike or fishing excursion. Touring with an outfitter is a great way to add local flavor to your experience.

Albemarle Angler



1129 Emmet St. N, Charlottesville VA 22903 ~ Get help finding trout and smallmouth bass in local waters on one of this fly-fishing shop's guided tours. Explore the James and Rivanna Rivers or Shenandoah National Park with an experienced guide. Classes and clinics in fly fishing are also offered · 434-977-6882

Boar's Head Ballooning



200 Ednam Dr., Charlottesville VA 22903 ~ Discover the magic of Virginia's historic countryside on an "aerial nature walk." Hour-long flights take off every morning at sunrise, weather permitting. After landing, you'll return to the Boar's Head Resort for a champagne toast. All guests receive a flight certificate and photographs taken by the crew chief · 434-960-2814

Blue Ridge Balloon Co.



540 S Boston Rd., Palmyra VA 22963 ~ Experience the splendor of Central Virginia on a scenic balloon ride. Sunrise flights operate daily March through November, weather permitting, while sunset flights are available on weekends in spring and fall. Private flights are also available, and all flights are followed by a traditional toast. Add more romance to your tour with a light picnic of pastries and seasonal fruit · 434-589-6213

Blue Ridge Bicycle Tours



Charlottesville VA → Get a taste of the city on two wheels with a casual tour of downtown, including historical sites, University of Virginia, and exciting new areas. Or, if there's a place you've been hoping to explore, design a custom tour and they'll show you the sites · blueridgebicycletours.com

Blue Ridge Cyclery



Downtown—722 Preston Ave. #104, Charlottesville VA 22902; **North Hollymead**—300 Connor Dr., Charlottesville VA 22911 → Explore Charlottesville on two wheels by renting a bike from either of this shop's locations. Both road and mountain bikes are available for daily rental · Downtown 434-529-6514; N. Hollymead 434-995-2453

Blue Ridge Hiking Adventures



Charlottesville, VA → Hike local foothills with an experienced guide on a half-day or full-day tour. Find wildflowers, waterfalls, and plenty of birds and wildlife among the beautiful vistas of the Blue Ridge. Bike rides and winery visits are available as add-ons to your tour. Special women-only tours available · 540-717-2821

Bonaire Charters



Charlottesville, VA → Fulfill the ultimate romantic fantasy as you drift above the tranquil Blue Ridge Mountains in a hot air balloon. Sunrise and sunset flights take off daily year-round, weather permitting. All flights include a champagne toast and professional photos · 434-981-5260

Carriage Hill Farm



870 Carriage Trail Pl., Keswick VA 22947 → Learn about horses and riding in a relaxed environment with certified trainers and instructors. This family-run farm offers a number of horses and ponies suitable for riders of all levels, ages 3 and up. Lessons are available by appointment only · 434-296-2672



Crozet Bicycle Shop



5755 The Square, Crozet VA 22932 → Discover the beauty of western Albemarle County by bicycle. A variety of bike packages for both kids and adults are available on a first come, first served basis. Fees vary between road bikes, front suspension mountain bikes, and full suspension mountain bikes · 434-996-7224

C'ville Tours



Charlottesville, VA → Get a taste of local luxury on one of the widely varied excursions offered by this local tour operator. Discover area wineries by bicycle or by horseback on a guided ride, with VIP tastings and remarkable scenic views. Enjoy a bird's-eye view of Virginia's majestic countryside on a balloon tour, followed by a champagne toast · 434-218-2416

Indian Summer Guide Service



Charlottesville, VA - Private, guided horseback rides past the Blue Ridge Mountains. Visit wineries, cideries, and orchards while your guide shares stories of local history - 434-531-9679

James River Runners

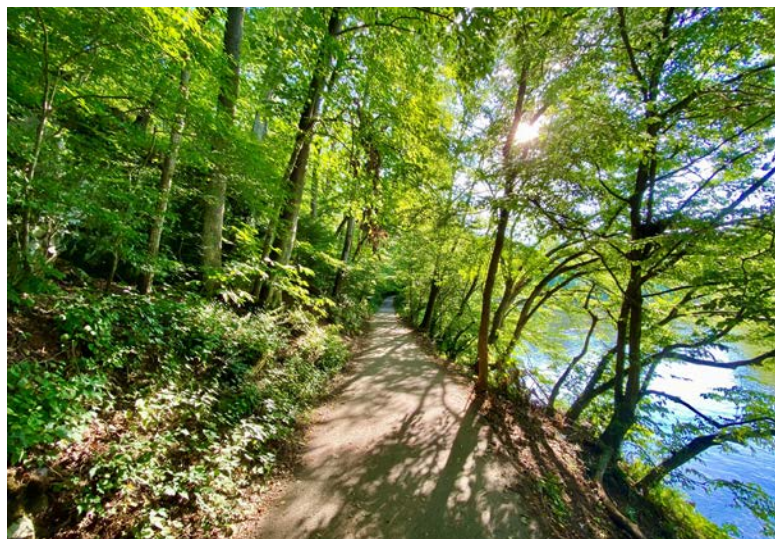


10092 Hatton Ferry Rd., Scottsville VA 24590 - Make the most of summer weather on an excursion down the scenic James River. Angle for catfish, smallmouth bass, and panfish on a self-guided fishing trip. Relax on a lazy river float down a 3-mile stretch through the countryside. Hop in a kayak, canoe, or raft for a part-day, full-day, or overnight paddling tour. Camping sites available for equipment rental customers. Open March 1 to October 1 - 434-286-2338

James River Reeling & Rafting



265 Ferry St., Scottsville VA 24590 - Tube, kayak, canoe, or raft on the James River. Tubing excursions depart several times a day. River trips in kayaks, canoes, and rafts range from 4- to 12-mile stretches. Private changing area with hot showers available. Riverfront campsites available for equipment rental customers. Open April through October - 434-286-4386



Monticello Country Ballooning



Charlottesville, VA - Admire country scenery from above on a hot air balloon ride. Sunrise and sunset flights take off daily, weather permitting. Private tours are also available. All flights include digital photography and a traditional champagne toast - 434-996-9008

Rivanna River Co.



1538 E High St., Charlottesville VA 22902 - Getting onto the water is easy with this outfitter located minutes from the Downtown Mall. Join guided or DIY excursions down the Rivanna River by kayak, canoe, stand-up paddleboard, or tube. Trips, ranging from one to four hours, depart several times a day on weekends April through September - 434-218-2052

Wild Virginia



108 Fifth St. SE, Charlottesville VA 22902 - Devoted to preserving and supporting diverse local ecosystems, this advocacy group offers educational guided hikes. Offerings vary greatly throughout the year and rely on volunteer guides - 434-971-1553

James River - Albemarle County, VA



Go back in time for a day

Once home to three Founding Fathers, the Charlottesville area is a living relic of neoclassical architecture and American history.

With presidential homes located in the heart of the region, Charlottesville and Albemarle County's history is sure to be an adventure in itself. Most famously, third president Thomas Jefferson built his Monticello estate and founded the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Stroll the grounds of each to walk through internationally acclaimed UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Presidents James Monroe and James Madison also built homes in the Charlottesville area, and Monroe's Highland sits less than two miles from Monticello. Each home is open for tours and a step back in time. Don't forget to grab a traditional Southern meal from servers in Colonial attire at historic Michie Tavern. Built around 1784, the tavern accommodated travelers more than 200 years ago. If you're looking for a different type of historical adventure, you can check out the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center - a hands-on center focusing on the historic expedition as a gateway for learning about history, exploration, the arts, science, and native cultures.

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James Monroe's Highland - Charlottesville, VA



James Madison's Montpelier - Montpelier Station, VA



History



A complete story

Charlottesville and Albemarle County have complicated histories to share and are actively working with local community members and descendants to elevate and ensure modern, historically accurate, and inclusive stories from early America to the present day are told.

Each historic home is openly addressing the complex nature of slavery in a variety of ways, acknowledging and sharing this vital piece of the nation's story. By working with the intertwined generational makeup of the descendent community for each location, this effort includes integrating the horrors of slavery into the main home tours and providing tours that go into greater depth for the attentive visitor.

The Jefferson School African-American Heritage Center (JSAAHC), located in the city center, archives and disseminates narratives that are locally relevant and add to the larger history of African-Americans in Virginia and the nation.



African-American History

Jefferson School African-American Heritage Center - Charlottesville, VA



The JSAAHC also serves as a permanent exhibit for art, theater, and various events while offering tours exploring African-American history from slavery to the civil rights movement to more recent events. Additionally, the JSAAHC offers walking tours of downtown Charlottesville to visit important historic sites.

The University of Virginia's Memorial to Enslaved Laborers, which opened in spring 2020, seeks to formally acknowledge the work and the individual lives of the enslaved African-Americans who built and sustained the everyday life and economic success of the University. This site is a place of quiet reflection, including names and, in many more cases, the unknown names of enslaved African-Americans who labored there.

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Local wines and brews that come with a view

The rolling hills and valleys of Albemarle County are home to some of the most renowned wineries in Virginia.

After all, Albemarle County is considered the birthplace of American wine, and has been named one of the top wine destinations in the country—and the world. Sip your way along the Monticello Wine Trail with nearly 40 wineries within 25 miles of Charlottesville. Each winery has unique flavors and unforgettable views.

Charlottesville and Albemarle County are also home to a booming brewing culture that doesn't include just beer. The area has nearly 20 craft breweries, artisanal cideries, and distilleries. If you're still thirsty and looking for a unique craft beverage experience, try the North American Sake Brewery at IX Art Park.

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Glass House Winery - Free Union, VA



The Wool Factory - Charlottesville, VA



Wineries & Breweries



Make sure you come hungry

Things just seem to grow here, whether it's grapes and hops for brewing or produce and crops for chewing.

Charlottesville is a locavore's dream come true. With more restaurants than most cities twice as big, the local restaurateurs depend on local ingredients to show off. Farm-to-table isn't just a fad here. It's part of the fabric of the region's culture.

You may have to look even harder for some of the best meals in town, since they can be on wheels, hiding in country stores, or even in gas stations! The food ranges from world-class dining experiences to more casual and rustic fare.

The Wool Factory (p.38) is a new food and craft beverage destination in a historic textile factory along the Rivanna River in the Woolen Mills neighborhood of Charlottesville.



Dining

1799 at The Clifton - Charlottesville, VA



Forbes Magazine called the city "The Locavore Capital of the World."

Dairy Market is central Virginia's first food hall concept, located in the historic Monticello Dairy Building in downtown Charlottesville and anchored by Starr Hill Brewery. Dairy Market will have up to 18 merchant stalls, hosting an array of Black- and minority-owned restaurants.

Unforgettable meals can truly come from anywhere in Charlottesville—you can find cuisine from around the world, right here. Inspired by the heritage of a diverse collective of chefs and restaurateurs, the food is as authentic as it comes, with atmospheres that provide local flare.

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Great art, music, and live entertainment

Regardless of what you're into—in Charlottesville, there is always something to inspire your creative mind.

The visual arts scene stretches from the artist studios at McGuffey Art Center to cutting-edge contemporary shows at Second Street Gallery and the University of Virginia's Fralin Museum of Art. The Kluge-Ruhe Collection is the only museum in the United States dedicated to Australian Aboriginal art. IX Art Park, known for popular festivals and concerts, also hosts "The Looking Glass" exhibit, Virginia's first immersive art exhibit offering a whimsical vibe for both new and seasoned admirers.

The historic Paramount Theater, a landmark at the city's center since 1931, is a staple for entertainment of all varieties. As a non-profit venue for the performing arts, film, and community events, this theater is both vibrant and versatile, and a must-see on your visit to the Downtown Mall.

Downtown Mall - Charlottesville, VA



Arts & Entertainment

Take in the world's biggest superstars at venues like the Sprint Pavilion or John Paul Jones Arena or enjoy more intimate acts at the Jefferson Theater or The Front Porch.

Along with great music, the fine arts are alive and well in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Touring dance, music, theater, and comedy acts perform in town, but local acts know how to put on a show too. Local companies—Charlottesville Opera, the Heritage Theatre Festival, the Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia, Live Arts, and the Oratorio Society of Virginia—have been wowing crowds for decades.

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You're going to need a bigger suitcase

Take a stroll along the Downtown Mall or the producers-only City Market to find unique gifts and artisanal treats.

The historic pedestrian Downtown Mall is an eight-block, tree-lined shopping center with places to eat, shop, and be entertained. Other independent retailers fill out areas along West Main Street and "The Corner" at the University of Virginia, with antiques, fashion, and other eclectic finds.

You'll find dozens of locally-owned boutiques, galleries, and shops. At the other end of the spectrum, Charlottesville is home to great retail shopping at the Barracks Road Shopping Center, The Shops at Stonefield, and 5th Street Station.



Shopping

Sidetracks Records - Charlottesville, VA



The "buy local" movement isn't just about food. Charlottesville features a variety of locally-owned boutiques, galleries, and antiques shops.

In addition to local shop owners, many makers and artisans call this region home. You can find truly one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts while shopping downtown, or along the Monticello Artisan Trail. This regional railway connects artisan studios, galleries, agri-artisan farms, markets, local restaurants, and more.

Venture out into the countryside for hidden gems in neighboring towns like Crozet, Ivy, and Scottsville. The drive is half the fun.

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Here, it's festival season all year

Year-round, Charlottesville and Albemarle County host big-time festivals that celebrate the arts, culture, cuisine, and craft beverages.

The Virginia Festival of the Book is a book lover's dream with readings and lectures from best-selling authors.

The Tom Tom Foundation brings together music, art, design, and technology to celebrate innovation and progress.

The Virginia Film Festival celebrates new and classic film with screenings, engaging discussions, and workshops about moving picture shows.

This just scratches the surface of our festivals and events scene.

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Festivals








Sprint Pavilion - Charlottesville, VA



Paramount Theater - Charlottesville, VA



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-  VA Green Certified
-  Pet Friendly
-  Meeting Space

HOTELS

Affordable Suites of America

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The Clifton

1296 Clifton Inn Drive, Charlottesville · 434-971-1800



Comfort Inn Monticello

2097 Inn Drive, Charlottesville · 434-977-3300



Country Inn & Suites

1600 Emmet Street, Charlottesville · 434-326-4133



Courtyard by Marriott - Charlottesville North

638 Hillsdale Drive, Charlottesville · 434-973-7100



Courtyard by Marriott - U.Va./Medical Center

1201 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-977-1700



Days Inn North University Area

1610 North Emmet Street, Charlottesville · 434-293-9111



DoubleTree by Hilton

990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville · 434-973-2121



The Draftsman, Autograph Collection

1106 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-984-8000



Econo Lodge North

2014 Holiday Drive, Charlottesville · 434-295-3185



The English Inn of Charlottesville

2000 Morton Drive, Charlottesville · 434-971-9900



Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown

401 Cherry Avenue, Charlottesville · 434-295-0100



Fairfield Inn & Suites North

577 Branchlands Boulevard, Charlottesville · 434-964-9411



Graduate Charlottesville

1309 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-295-4333



Hampton Inn and Suites at the University

900 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-923-8600



Hampton Inn Charlottesville

2035 India Road, Charlottesville · 434-978-7888



Hilton Garden Inn Charlottesville

1793 Richmond Road, Charlottesville · 434-979-4442



Holiday Inn Monticello

1200 5th Street S.W., Charlottesville · 434-977-5100



Holiday Inn University Area

1901 Emmet Street, Charlottesville · 434-977-7700



Home2 Suites by Hilton Downtown Charlottesville

201 Monticello Avenue, Charlottesville · 434-295-0003



Homewood Suites by Hilton

2036 India Road, Charlottesville · 434-244-6200



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2100 Bond Street, Charlottesville · 434-995-5200



The Jeff Hotel

110 East Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-979-7264



Keswick Hall

701 Club Drive, Keswick · 434-979-3440



La Quinta Inn & Suites

1803 Emmet Street, Charlottesville · 434-446-1839



Oakhurst Inn

122 Oakhurst Circle, Charlottesville · 434-872-0100



Omni Charlottesville Hotel

212 Ridge McIntire Road, Charlottesville · 434-971-5500



Piedmont Place Suites

2025 Library Avenue, Crozet · 434-979-7264



Quirk Hotel

499 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-729-1234



Red Roof Inn

2011 Holiday Drive, Charlottesville · 434-971-3746



Residence Inn by Marriott Charlottesville - Downtown

315 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-220-0075



Sleep Inn & Suites Monticello

1185 5th Street S.W., Charlottesville · 434-244-9969



Sonesta ES Suites Charlottesville University

1111 Millmont Street, Charlottesville · 434-923-0300



Staybridge Suites Charlottesville Airport

3060 Laurel Park Lane, Charlottesville · 434-956-4375



Super 8 Motel

390 Greenbrier Drive, Charlottesville · 434-270-7761



The Townsman

211 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-260-7145



BED & BREAKFASTS

200 South Street Inn

200 West South Street, Charlottesville · 434-979-0200



Arcady Vineyard Bed and Breakfast

1495 Milton Road, Charlottesville · 434-872-9475



Chester Bed & Breakfast

243 James River Road, Scottsville · 434-286-3960



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1211 West Main Street, Charlottesville · 434-974-4663



Fairhaven Guesthouse

413 Fairway Avenue, Charlottesville · 434-933-2471



Foxfield Inn

2280 Garth Road, Charlottesville · 434-923-8892



Glass House Winery B&B

5898 Free Union Road, Free Union · 434-964-2190



The Inn at 400 West High

400 West High Street, Charlottesville · 434-981-0458



Inn at Court Square

410 East Jefferson Street, Charlottesville · 434-295-2800



Inn at the Crossroads

5010 Plank Road, North Garden · 434-979-6452



Inn at Monticello

1188 Scottsville Road, Charlottesville · 434-979-3593



Inn at Stinson Vineyards

4744 Sugar Hollow Road, Crozet · 434-823-4350



The Inn at Sugar Hollow Farm

6051 Sugar Hollow Road, Crozet · 434-260-7234



The James River Inn

3057 White Rock Road, Scottsville · 434-286-2100



Lake House at Adventure Farm

1135 Clan Chisholm Lane, Earlysville · 434-971-8796



Meriwether Springs B&B

1040 Owensville Road, Charlottesville · 434-409-1435



Montfair Resort Farm

2500 Bezaleel Drive, Crozet · 434-823-5202



The Tenth Street Bed and Breakfast

339 10th Street N.W., Charlottesville · 434-981-8570



Woodville Bed and Breakfast

6634 Porters Road, Esmont · 434-286-4226



CAMPGROUNDS

Charlottesville KOA Campground & RV Park

3825 Red Hill Road, Charlottesville · 434-296-9881



Misty Mountain Camp Resort

56 Misty Mountain Road, Greenwood · 540-456-6409



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Getting Here

Charlottesville Albemarle Airport

100 Bowen Loop Suite 200 Charlottesville, VA 22911 → Served by Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, American Airlines, and charter services. Non-stop flights to six major hubs; Chicago, Atlanta, Dulles, LaGuardia, Philadelphia, and Charlotte · 434-933-8682 · gocho.com

Amtrak

810 West Main Street Charlottesville, VA 22903 → The station is an easy walk to both downtown and the UVA grounds
434-296-4559 · 800-872-7245 · amtrak.com

Megabus

The bus stops at Arlington Blvd. at Barracks Road Shopping Center, 1935 Arlington Blvd, Charlottesville, VA 22903 · us.megabus.com

Greyhound Bus Lines

310 West Main Street Charlottesville, VA 22903 →
434-295-5131 · 800-231-2222 · greyhound.com

Downtown Transit Station → Charlottesville, VA



Getting Around

Charlottesville Area Transit

615 East Water Street Charlottesville, VA 22902 → Pick up a free System Info booklet on any CAT bus
· 434-970-3649 · charlottesville.gov/transit

Charlottesville Free Trolley Service

Free rides between downtown, “The Corner,” and UVA grounds. Times may vary · 434-970-3649
· charlottesville.gov/transit

Craft Beverage / Wine Tours

Find a variety of options for craft beverage tours on wheels · visitcharlottesville.org/plan/transportation

For those relying on rideshare apps to get around, note that internet and telephone service may be limited in rural areas.

Visitor Centers

Mobile Visitor Centers

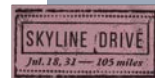
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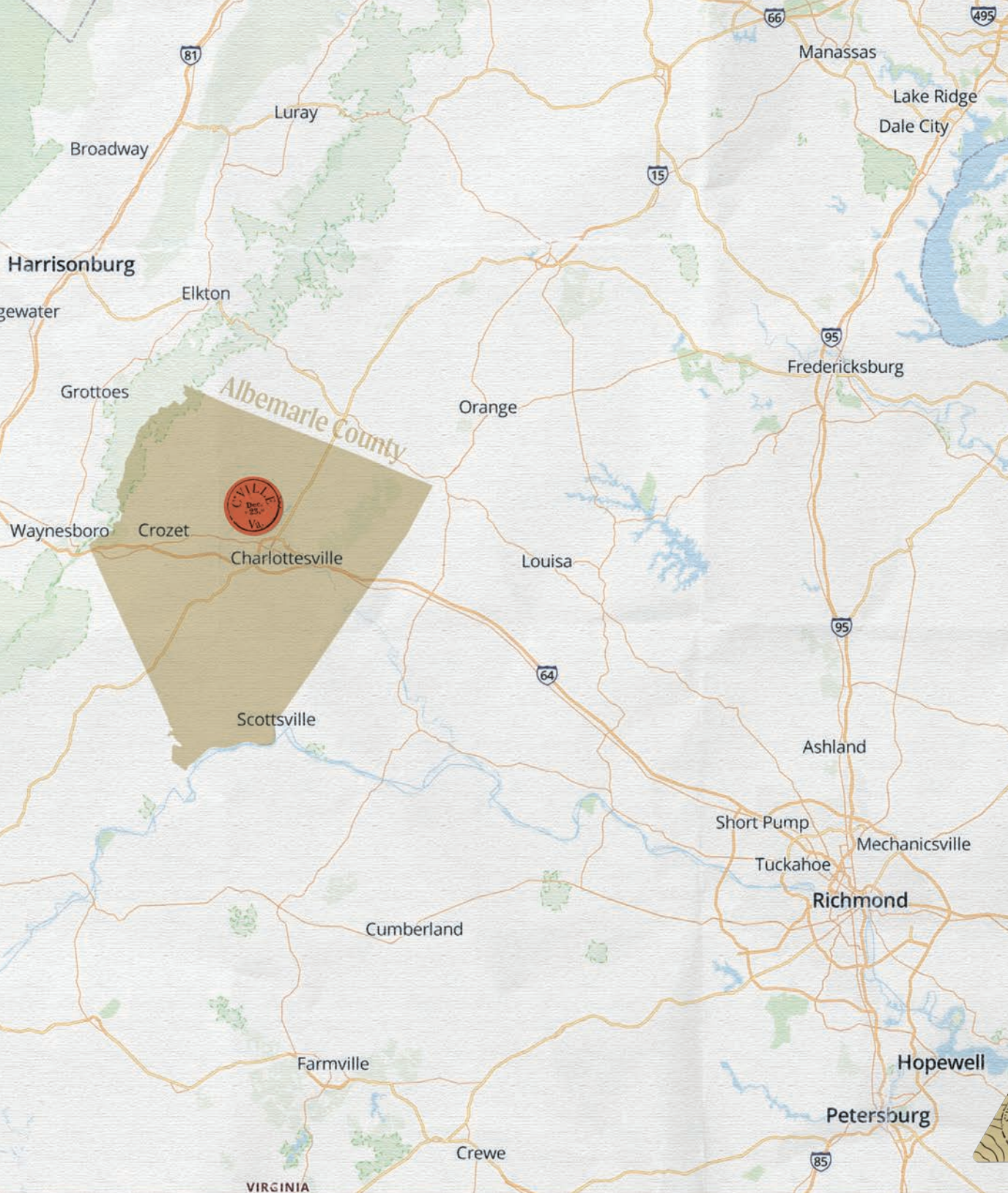
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