

OUTDOOR RECREATION GUIDE

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Welcome to the Piedmont region of Virginia — your gateway to the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains. Tucked among these distinctive peaks and rolling foothills, you'll find world-class vistas, a variety of birds and wildlife, and a wide range of outdoor activities for all ages and abilities.

About 120 miles south of Washington DC and 70 miles west of Richmond, Charlottesville and Albemarle County are a convenient day or weekend destination for getting close to nature. Hike and bike on our winding trails, paddle our rivers before dropping a line for catfish or trout, take a swing at a championship golf course, or venture into an orchard to pick fresh apples and peaches right off the tree. For an extra adrenaline rush, take to the slopes at local ski resorts or try your hand at skydiving or a ropes course. From a tranquil sunrise hot air balloon ride to sleeping under the stars at a local campground, you can fill your central Virginia getaway with fresh air and a sense of adventure morning, noon and night.



Cover Photograph: North Marshall Hiker. Courtesy of National Park Service. Above: Humpback Rocks. Courtesy of Brent McQuirt.

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

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Lending a hand....Photograph Courtesy of Katy Cain | National Park Service.

On the Trail

From the highest peaks to the gentle rolling foothills, the Blue Ridge Mountains are legendary and filled with countless opportunities to explore their winding 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. Birds can of course be found anywhere, but we've highlighted a few special locations favored by all bird lovers.

Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP)



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

BRP – Humpback Rocks ①



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 Catoctin Loop Trail, or take it easy on the 0.25-mile Mountain Farm Trail.

BRP – Ravens Roost Overlook ②



Milepost 10.7

This panoramic viewpoint over Torrey Ridge and Shenandoah Valley is a common place to spot not only ravens, but also large hawks soaring through the sky. 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.

BRP – White Rock Falls ③**Milepost 20**

A striking gorge with a cascading waterfall and natural wading pool forms the centerpiece of this moderate 2.5-mile trail. Parking is available at Slacks Overlook, about 300 feet from the trail entrance.

Blue Ridge School ④

273 Mayo Dr., St George VA 22935 | 434-985-2811

Over 15 miles of trails for hiking and mountain biking traverse varied terrain. Pass the area's unique flora and fauna, as well as historic houses and gravesites. The 1-mile loop Interpretive Trail includes educational signs on local history and ecological diversity.

**Brookhill Farm** ⑤

2067 Scottsville Rd., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-906-5049

This full-service equestrian center offers lessons in English riding, including hunters, jumpers and dressage. 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.

Crabtree Falls ⑥

11581 Crabtree Falls Hwy., Montebello VA 24464 | 540-291-2188

With five major cascades spanning over 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, but adventurous hikers can continue up a strenuous 2.5 miles for views over the falls and Tye River Valley. Venturing off the trail is very dangerous here! Paid parking is available onsite.

Fortune's Cove Preserve ⑦

Fortune's Cove Ln., Lovingson VA 22949 | 434-263-7015

Straddling the Piedmont and Blue Ridge regions, this 755-acre preserve showcases a unique collection of flora and fauna along a 5.5-mile loop trail. Plan six hours for this steep, challenging hike.

Grelen Trails ⑧

15091 Yager Rd., Somerset VA 22972 | 540-672-7268

Nearly 4 miles of trails wind through the grounds of The Market at Grelen and connect to the trails at James Madison's Montpelier. Leashed dogs are welcome on the trail. Horses, bikes, and outside food and drink are all prohibited.

Ivy Creek Natural Area ⑨

1780 Earlysville Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 | 434-973-7772

One of the area's prime locations for spotting wildlife, this 215-acre preserve features 7 miles of trails with varying difficulty, including a paved, ADA-accessible trail. Guided bird walks are held on the first Saturday of each month.

John W. Warner Parkway Trail ⑩

828 McIntire Rd., Charlottesville VA 22902

This urban paved trail runs 1.6 miles between East Rio Road and Route 250, passing a native pollinator garden and the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial. The provided address has onsite parking.

Massanutten Resort ⑪

1822 Resort Dr., McGaheysville VA 22840 | 540-289-9441

Access over 30 miles of hiking trails. Cyclists can enjoy the lift-serviced Mountain Bike Park April through October, or take two wheels to 30 miles of cross-country trails. Guided horseback trail rides are also offered. Open to the general public.

McIntire Park 12

U.S. Rt. 250 Byp., Charlottesville VA 22901 |
434-970-3589

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.



Ridge Trail — Old Rag Mountain. Photograph Courtesy of National Park Service.

Mint Springs Valley Park 13

6659 Mint Springs Park Rd., Crozet VA 22932 |
434-296-5844

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.

Montpelier's Trail System 14

11350 Constitution Hwy., Montpelier Station VA 22957 |
540-672-2728 ext 450

One of the area's premier historic sites, James Madison's Montpelier also gives visitors a closer look at nature with 8 miles of free trails winding through horse pastures, wildflower meadows, the impressive Old-Growth Landmark Forest, and the archaeological remains of a Civil War camp. Follow the connection to the Grelen Trails for a longer hike.

Oakland Heights Farm 15

17110 James Madison Hwy., Gordonsville VA 22942 |
540-222-6576

Guided trail rides through the foothills of the Blue Ridge are available daily by appointment. Pass Civil War campsites and battlegrounds as you learn about central Virginia's nature and history. Beginners can book lessons on the farm in English and Western riding.

Observatory Hill 16

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 17

1445 Darden Towe Park, Charlottesville VA 22911 |
434-296-5844

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.

Old Rag Mountain – Shenandoah National Park 18

Rt. 600, Etlan VA 22719 | 540-999-3500

Climb, crawl, shimmy and scramble your way through giant granite boulders on this very strenuous 9-mile circuit to an unmatched 360-degree view over Shenandoah National Park. Entrance fee required, but parking off Route 600 at Old Rag Fee Station is free. Plan seven to eight hours, bring lots of water, be prepared for big crowds on weekends and never attempt this hike in wet or icy conditions.

Patricia Ann Byrom Forest Preserve Park 19



6610 Blackwells Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932 | 434-296-5844

A number of steep and strenuous multi-use trails are open for hiking, running, mountain biking and horseback riding. Find beautiful views and lots of wildlife on the 4-mile Little Flat Mountain Loop or the shorter Blackwells Hollow Trail. Horses must have a negative Coggins report.

Pen Park Nature Trail 20



1400 Pen Park Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 | 434-970-3589

A 1.5-mile trail follows the Rivanna River at the end of an outdoor physical fitness course with ten exercise stations. Leashed dogs allowed.

Pleasant Grove Park 21



271 Pleasant Grove Dr., Palmyra VA 22963 | 434-589-2016

This large park in Fluvanna County features a tree identification trail and pollinator garden. Wildflowers, birds, river otters, eagles, ducks, hawks and rabbits all populate over 20 miles of trails. There is also an onsite dog park.

Preddy Creek Trail Park 22



3690 Burnley Station Rd., Charlottesville VA 22911 | 434-296-5844

Hiking, running, mountain biking and horseback riding are all welcome on these 10 miles of gently rolling trails, with easy to moderate difficulty. 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.

Quarry Gardens at Schuyler 23



1643 Salem Rd., Schuyler VA 22969

The botanical garden is reimagined to a natural woodland showcasing unique local ecosystems and native plants within an historic soapstone quarry. Carved rock stairs spanning the 2 miles of trail are not suitable for strollers or pets. Free 90-minute tours are available by appointment only Friday to Sunday, April to November.

Ragged Mountain Natural Area 24



1730 Reservoir Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 | 434-970-3589

Several miles of forested trails cover rugged terrain surrounding a lake offering shelter for abundant wildlife. Park at the upper lot, past Camp Holiday Trails.



Saunders-Monticello Trail. Photograph Courtesy of Sanjay Suchak.

Rivanna Trail



Charlottesville VA | 434-970-3589

This 20+ mile loop trail circles the City of Charlottesville 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 25**, **Quarry Park 26** and **Riverview Park 27**. The trail at Riverview Park is paved and ADA accessible.

Shenandoah Crossing 28



174 Horseshoe Cir., Gordonsville VA 22942 | 540-832-9400

Guests of this hidden gem resort get the fun of camping without having to rough it. They can access miles of trails for hiking, biking or horseback riding amid a 1000-acre wilderness.

Shenandoah National Park (SNP)



500 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. Entrance fee required for each vehicle.

SNP – White Oak Canyon Falls 29



Milepost 42.6 | Various | Moderate to strenuous | Waterfalls, stream, gorge, geology

SNP – Limberlost Trail 30



Milepost 43 | 1.3 miles | Easy | Forest, geology, no pets

SNP – Hawksbill Gap 31



Milepost 45.6 | 1.7 miles | Strenuous | Viewpoint, Appalachian Trail access

SNP – Rose River Loop 32



Milepost 49.4 | Park at the Fisher's Gap Overlook | 4 miles | Moderate | Waterfall, stream, cascades

SNP – Dark Hollow Falls 33



Milepost 50.7 | 1.4 miles | Moderate with steep sections | Waterfall, no pets



Poison Ivy — the Curse of the Trail

85% percent of people are allergic to urushiol oil, which causes the irritating rash on your skin when you touch poison ivy.

Leaves of Three, Let Them Be
Though there are a lot of plants with three leaves, this can be a good starting point.

The stem has a larger leaf at the end, and two smaller leaves shooting off the sides. The leaves can be notched or smooth on the edges, and they have pointed tips. The plant is reddish in the spring, green in summer and red, orange or yellow in the fall.



SNP – Story of the Forest Trail 34



Milepost 51 | 1.8 miles | Easy | Forest, no pets

SNP – Lewis Falls Trail - Circuit 35



Milepost 51.2 | 3.3 miles | Moderate with steep rocky areas and one stream crossing | Waterfall, Appalachian Trail access

SNP – Rapidan Camp 36



Milepost 52.8 | 4-7.4 miles | Moderate | Reservations are required – book 2.5 hour ranger-guided tour at 877-444-6777

SNP – Bearfence Rock Scramble 37



Milepost 56.4 | 1.2 miles | Strenuous | Viewpoint, no pets

SNP – South River Falls 38



Milepost 62.8 | Various | Moderate to strenuous | Waterfall

SNP – Frazier Discovery Trail 39



Milepost 79.5 | 1.3 miles | Moderate | Viewpoint, no pets

SNP – Doyles River Falls 40



Milepost 81.1 | Various | Moderately difficult | Waterfall

Photograph Courtesy of National Park Service.





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SNP – Big Run Loop 41



Milepost 81.2 | 5.8 miles | Moderately strenuous | Viewpoint, wildflowers

SNP – Browns Gap 42



Milepost 83 | 6.5 miles | Moderately difficult | Waterfall

SNP – Jones River Falls 43



Milepost 84.1 | 3.4 miles | Moderate | Waterfall

SNP – Blackrock Summit 44



Milepost 84.8 | 1 mile | Easy | Viewpoint, geology, Appalachian Trail access

SNP – Riprap Loop 45



Milepost 90 | 9.8 miles | Strenuous | Viewpoint, stream, cascade, swimming hole, geology

SNP – Turk Mountain 46



Milepost 94.1 | 2.2 miles | Moderate | Viewpoint

Sugar Hollow Trail 47



Sugar Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932

This beautifully diverse loop, starting at 4.5 miles, connects with North Fork Moormans River Trail, the Appalachian Trail on Skyline Drive, Turk Branch Trail and South Fork Moormans River Road. Swimming is allowed only in Snake Hole and Blue Hole, but be prepared for several tricky river crossings.

The Trails at Monticello 48



Rt. 53, Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-984-9822

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.

Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail 49



3124 Patrick Henry Hwy., Piney River VA 22964 | 434-263-7130

Follow the Piney and Tye Rivers along this 7-mile packed gravel trail. The Piney River trailhead on Route 151 begins at a renovated train depot turned visitor center and historic railroad park, dating back to 1915. Your trip will be out-and-back as the trail ends at the Tye River Depot, which has no exit. Spot white-tailed deer and wildflowers between old rail cars and the charming covered bridge at Naked Creek.

Walnut Creek Park 50



4520 Walnut Creek Park Rd., North Garden VA 22959 | 434-296-5844

Cyclists, hikers and runners can all enjoy 15 miles of trails, most coming in under 1 mile. The Blue Wheel and Wilkins Way trails are longer, running alongside the shores of a lake.

Wintergreen Resort 51



39 Mountain Inn Loop, Nellysford VA 22958 | 434-325-2200

Unparalleled views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Rockfish and Shenandoah Valleys are the reward for hitting Wintergreen's 30 miles of marked trails, with varying difficulty. The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen offers guided hikes every Saturday. Maps for self-guided hikes are available for purchase. Open to the general public.

On the Water

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 Lake 1



4365 Beaver Creek Park Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 | 434-296-5844

This lake is stocked with sunfish, channel catfish and largemouth bass. Picnic tables and restrooms are available in the park. Gasoline motors and swimming are prohibited.

Belmont Park 2



725 Stonehenge Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-970-3589

Cool off at a free, colorful sprayground in this centrally located city park. Open May through September.

Chris Greene Lake 3



4748 Chris Greene Lake Rd., Charlottesville VA 22911 | 434-296-5844

Fish, swim, boat or simply relax at this Albemarle County park. Gasoline motors are prohibited. Swimming is allowed 11 am to 7 pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day. Kayak and canoe hourly rental is available during summer swim season. A fenced area is provided for dogs to go off leash. Entry fee for summer admittance.

Forest Hills Park 4



1022 Forest Hills Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-970-3589

Splash into summer at this large sprayground, sure to please young children. Open May through September.

Greenleaf Park 5



1598 Rose Hill Dr., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-970-3589

The touch sensitive sprayground at this park features a mushroom fountain and an interactive water pole. Open May through September.

Photograph Courtesy of
Massanutten Resort.



Hardware River



• Temperance Wayside, Rt. 6 6

• Hardware River State Wildlife Management Area Boat Ramp, Rt. 646 7

Anglers can find sunfish, channel catfish, and smallmouth and largemouth bass along this river. Rich in wildlife, this area is particularly good for spotting a variety of water birds, and rafters will enjoy occasional rapids.

James River



• James River State Park, Rt. 605 (next access 7 miles) 8

• Wingina, Rt. 56 (next access 2.2 miles) 9

• Midway Boat Ramp at James River Wildlife Management Area off Rt. 743 (next access 8.6 miles) 10

• Howardsville, Rt. 602 (next access 5.5 miles) 11

• Warren Ferry, Rt. 627 (Albemarle County bank access only; next access 7 miles) 12

• Scottsville, Ferry St. (next access 5.8 miles) 13

• Hardware River State Wildlife Management Area, Rt. 646 (next access 6.9 miles) 7

• New Canton, Rt. 687 14

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 access points listed above. A variety of outfitters offer equipment and excursions on the James. See Outfitters and Services for rental and tour information.

Lake Anna State Park 15

6800 Lawyers Rd., Spotsylvania Courthouse VA 22551 | 540-854-5503

Take a dip in one of Virginia's largest lakes. One of few lakes nearby that allow gas motors, this is a prime location for power boating, sailing, water skiing, wakeboarding and jet skiing. Anglers with a state fishing license can catch over 30 species of fish. Off the water, lounge on the beach or take to 15 miles of trails. Admission and parking fees vary.

Lake Albemarle 16

Lakeside Dr., Charlottesville VA 22901 | 434-296-4731

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. Lake reopens September 2018 after renovations.

Lake Gordonsville (AKA Bowler's Mill Lake) 17

Bowlers Mill Rd., Gordonsville VA 22942 | 434-296-4731

This small warm water lake is home to largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, crappie and channel catfish. Enjoy easy angling from the shore or use the gravel boat ramp on site. Gasoline motors are prohibited.

Massanutten Resort 18

1822 Resort Dr., Massanutten VA 22840 | 540-289-9441

Fish for perch, smallmouth bass, bluegill and rainbow or brook trout at Hopkins and Painters Ponds. A one-day fishing pass is available for a small fee and the resort rents equipment and sells temporary state fishing licenses. The whole family can splash around at Massanutten Water Park, with a variety of heated indoor pools, tube and body slides, and, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, a large outdoor park. Day pass rates vary.

Mint Springs Valley Park 19

6659 Mint Springs Park, Crozet VA 22932 | 434-296-5844

The lakes in this western Albemarle park are stocked with sunfish, channel catfish and largemouth bass. Swimming is allowed between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Picnic shelters and restrooms are available on site. An entrance fee is charged during summer swim season.

Moormans River 20

Sugar Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932 | 804-305-8940

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. Once within the boundaries of Shenandoah National Park, no bait is allowed and all fish must be immediately released unharmed.

Onesty Family Aquatic Center at Meade Park 21

300 Meade Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-295-7532

Open between Memorial Day and Labor Day, this public water park near downtown Charlottesville features water slides, an obstacle course, a lazy river and a snack bar. Restrooms and a family changing room are on site. Day pass and summer pass fees vary.

Ragged Mountain Reservoir 22

1730 Reservoir Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 | 434-296-5844

Largemouth bass and bluegill populate this 170-acre water supply for Charlottesville. Parking is limited and boats must be transported to the water. Gasoline motors are prohibited.



Fishing on the James River. Photograph Courtesy of Virginia State Parks.

Rivanna River



- 1445 Darden Towe Park (next access 2 miles) **23**
- Riverview Park, Chesapeake St. (bank access only; class II-III rapids; next access 4.3 miles) **24**
- Milton Landing, Rt. 793 (class I-II rapids; next access 10 miles) **25**
- Crofton Boat Ramp, Rt. 600 (class I-II rapids; next access 6.5 miles) **26**
- Palmyra Boat Launch at Pleasant Grove Park, Rt. 53 (class I-II rapids; next access 16 miles) **27**
- Columbia Boat Ramp, Rt. 690 **28**

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. Fishing is enjoyable throughout the river with a diversity of species, including bass, bluegill, fallfish, sunfish, crappie and catfish. See Outfitters and Services for rental and tour information.

Rockfish River



- Nelson County Wayside, Rt. 29 **29**
- Rockfish River Rd./Rt. 617 **30**

Look for wood duck in summer and hooded merganser in the winter months and keep checking the skies for resident red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks, or the occasional osprey or bald eagle. The Nelson County Wayside on Route 29 is a nice spot to stop for a picnic, wander by the river or cast a line or two. Special trout license required in addition to state fishing license.

South Fork Rivanna River Reservoir **31**



2494 Woodburn Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 | 434-970-3268

This 450-acre urban escape is supplied 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.

Sugar Hollow Reservoir **32**



Sugar Hollow Rd., Crozet VA 22932

Rainbow and brook trout are stocked in this 47-acre city water supply. Boating is not allowed, so anglers must fish from the bank. 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 **33**



9290 Totier Creek Rd., Scottsville VA 24590 | 434-296-5844

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.

Van Clief Nature Area **34**



253 Hardware St., Scottsville VA 24590 | 434-286-9267

Just 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, but refrain from blocking the road or gate, and do not park in the gravel area near the cell towers. Special trout license required in addition to state fishing license.

Walnut Creek Park **35**



4250 Walnut Creek Park Rd., North Garden VA 22959 | 434-296-5844

A large lake sits at the heart of this south Albemarle park, providing a favorite summertime setting for swimming, boating and fishing for sunfish, catfish and bass. Swimming is allowed 11am to 7pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day. Kayak and canoe rental is available for a small fee during swimming hours in season. Entry fee for summer admittance.

Washington Park Pool **36**



1001 Preston Ave., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-977-2607

Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, this city pool features water slides, a mushroom waterfall, zero depth play area and a snack bar. Locker rooms and a family changing room are available onsite. Daily and summer pass fees vary.

Tubing at James River State Park. Photograph Courtesy of Virginia State Parks.





Meadowcreek Golf Course.

On the Course

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 to golf, 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 1



410 Golf Course Dr., Charlottesville VA 22903 | 434-293-4653

The views of the Blue Ridge Mountains are anything but subpar at this nationally acclaimed 18-hole championship course. 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.

Full Cry at Keswick Hall 2



701 Club Dr., Keswick VA 22947 | 434-979-3440

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.

Greene County Community Park 3



512 Jeri Allen Way, Ruckersville VA 22968 | 434-985-5226

This public park near Ruckersville features a disc golf course with artificial turf tees and 13 baskets with different approaches, forming a full 18 holes. The terrain is moderately hilly with a mix of open and wooded holes. No admission fee, no reservations required.

Greene Hills Club 4



3858 Dundee Rd., Stanardsville VA 22973 | 434-985-7328

Nestled against the Blue Ridge Mountains, this well laid-out 18-hole course boasts a relaxed atmosphere. Public tee times are limited on weekends. Fees vary by day and season.

Lake Monticello Golf Club 5



51 Bunker Blvd., Palmyra VA 22963 | 434-589-3075

Designed by Buddy Loving, this 18-hole course takes advantage of the Piedmont's naturally rolling landscape. Fairways are open, but all holes feature some woods or water. Fees vary by tee time.

Meadowcreek Golf Course 6



1400 Pen Park Rd., Charlottesville VA 22901 | 434-977-0615

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.

Meadow Creek Gardens Disc Golf Course 7**1900 Morton Dr., Charlottesville VA 22903 | 434-970-3589**

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 and one throw crossing a creek.

Mountain Greens Golf Course at Massanutten Resort 8**1822 Resort Dr., Massanutten VA 22840 | 540-289-4941**

Steeply terraced tees and fairways are the defining mark of this 18-hole course. The higher elevation allows you to cool off while mastering fairway speed and tight angles. Fees vary between resort guests and gold card holders. Club rental is available. Course is closed in winter season.

Old Trail Golf Club 9**5494 Golf Dr., Crozet VA 22932 | 434-823-8101**

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.

Spring Creek Golf Club 10**109 Clubhouse Way, Zion Crossroads VA 22942 | 540-832-0744**

The exceptionally maintained fairways, water hazards and sand traps at this Louisa County country club will test your game. Inspired by the late Sam Snead, Spring Creek is often recognized by national publications for its affordability and superb maintenance. Fees vary by day and season.

Stoney Creek Golf Course at Wintergreen Resort 11**1354 Stoney Creek Way, Nellysford VA 22958 | 434-325-8250**

Located in the heart of the Rockfish Valley, this course has been tapped as one of the 50 best golf resorts in the world by Conde Nast Traveler. Designed by renowned architect Rees Jones, the course's 27 holes boast surprising elevation changes and contoured greens.

Swannanoa Golf Course and Country Club 12**4506 Howardsville Tpke., Afton VA 22920 | 540-943-8864**

Perched atop Afton Mountain, this 18-hole course designed by PGA professional Pete Lang commands sweeping vistas over the Piedmont and the Shenandoah Valley. Cool off in the summer and enjoy the club's casual atmosphere. Fees vary by day, but are among the most affordable in the area. Credit cards are not accepted. Closed in the winter.

Walnut Creek Park 13**4250 Walnut Creek Park Rd., North Garden VA 22959 | 434-296-5844**

The 18-hole disc golf course at this Albemarle County park is particularly challenging with a range of uphill, downhill, open and wooded holes, some water hazards, and both professional and amateur SportsTurf tees. Park user fee charged between Memorial Day and Labor Day. No reservations required.

Woodstone Meadows Golf Course at Massanutten Resort 14**1822 Resort Dr., Massanutten VA 22840 | 540-289-4919**

Play with picturesque views from the base of the mountain on this 18-hole executive course, suitable for beginners and experts alike. Walk or ride through the generous fairways and sloping greens. Fees vary between guests and gold card holders. Club rental is available. Course is closed in winter season.

Birdwood Golf Course at Boar's Head Resort.





Photograph Courtesy of Massanutten Resort.

On the Slopes

There is no shortage of outdoor fun in central Virginia during the winter season! Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Charlottesville area is the perfect destination for squeezing a day of skiing into a winter getaway. Two resorts within an hour's drive of Charlottesville offer all variety of mountainside fun, including downhill skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing and even ice skating. Ski season dates vary slightly from year to year, but typically fall between mid-December and mid-March.

Massanutten Resort ①



1822 Resort Dr., Massanutten VA 22840 | 540-289-9441

The wide groomed trails cover 14 runs over 70 skiable acres at 2922 feet of elevation, with a dedicated learner's area and terrain parks. Four- and eight-hour sessions are available, with fees varying by day and time within the season. Full ski equipment available for rental. The snow tubing park, open in January and February, features 16 lanes up to 900 feet in length with a 120-foot elevation drop. Two-hour session tubing fees vary by day. Off the slopes, you can enjoy the outdoor ice rink for \$10 per 90-minute session, including skate rental.

Wintergreen Resort ②



39 Mountain Inn Loop, Nellysford VA 22958 | 434-325-2100

Winter is prime time for this Nelson County resort with 130 acres of terrain at 3600 feet of elevation. Zip down one of 24 slopes and trails by ski or snowboard during a four- or eight-hour session. Late afternoon and evening sessions are also available. If you're still learning, you can stick to the terrain park or take a break in the outdoor ice rink. Full ski equipment and skates are available for rental. For an extra thrill, take The Plunge, Virginia's largest tubing park where tubes can reach speeds of up to 30 miles per hour. Fees vary by day.

In the Sky

The area's gently sloping mountains and rolling vine-clad hills are ideal for admiring from above. Hop in a hot air balloon for a magical sunrise view (see Outfitters and Services for balloon operators) or get an adrenaline rush from skydiving or zip lining.

Discovery Ridge Adventure Center at Wintergreen Resort ①



39 Mountain Inn Loop, Nellysford VA 22958 | 434-325-8180

Fill up on thrills at the Discovery Ridge Adventure Center. Jump up to 25 feet on the Bungee Trampoline or scramble up the 25-foot Climbing Tower. Reach speeds up to 30 miles per hour at The Plunge tubing park, or soar 900 feet on the Zip, reaching up to 40 miles per hour. All activities open to the public in spring, summer and fall. Fees vary by activity.

Family Adventure Park at Massanutten Resort ②



1822 Resort Dr., Massanutten VA 22840 | 540-289-4042

Get your heart pumping on the 800-foot Mega Zip, with speeds up to 30 miles per hour. Tackle the Climbing Wall, free fall from the Quick Jump, or conquer the Burma bridge, hanging vines and four zip lines on the Canopy Tour. Climbing Wall, Quick Jump and Canopy Tour open March through October. Fees vary by activity. All activities are open to the public.

Skydive Orange ③



11339 Bloomsbury Rd., Orange VA 22960 | 703-759-3483

Get a true birds-eye view of central Virginia from this world-class skydiving center with friendly, experienced instructors and state-of-the-art parachute equipment. Take it easy your first time with a tandem skydive, earn your license with quality training, or join a group event. Jump times available Saturdays and Sundays year-round, weather permitting. Fees vary.



Photograph Courtesy of Wintergreen Resort.

On the Farm

Central Virginia abounds with produce and pick-your-own outings that are a popular source of outdoor fun for the whole family. Orchards and farms throughout the Greater Charlottesville - Albemarle 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.



Carter Mountain Orchard. Photograph Courtesy of Aaron Watson Photography & Chiles Family Orchards.

Carter Mountain Orchard 1



1435 Carters Mountain Trl., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-977-1833

Apples are the pride and joy of Charlottesville's most popular orchard, open April through November. 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.

Chiles Peach Orchard 2



1351 Greenwood Rd., Crozet VA 22932 | 434-823-1583

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.

Critzler Family Farm 3



9388 Critzler Shop Rd., Afton VA 22920 | 540-456-4772

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.

Dickie Bros. Orchard 4



2552 Dickie Rd., Roseland VA 22967 | 434-277-5516

Family owned since the 1700s, this Nelson County farm has pick-your-own apples from late July through mid-October. A new bar area offers tastings of fresh pressed apple cider. Harvest also includes peaches, nectarines, blackberries, plums, pears, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, corn and more.

Henley's Orchard 5



2192 Holly Hill Farm, Crozet VA 22932 | 434-823-7848

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.

Hungry Hill Farm 6



89 Williamstown Rd., Shipman VA 22971 | 434-263-5366

The produce at this Nelson County farm is the bee's knees. Visit year-round to learn about beekeeping or growing your own mushrooms. The honey house sells beekeeping supplies and local raw honey. Tours by appointment only.

Liberty Mills Farm 7



9166 Liberty Mills Rd., Somerset VA 22972 | 434-882-6293

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.

The Market at Grelen 8



15091 Yager Rd., Somerset VA 22972 | 540-672-7268

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.

Open Gate Farm 9**548 Three Pond Ln., Earlysville VA 22936 | 434-978-7446**

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.

Seamans' Orchard 10**415 Dark Hollow Rd., Lovingson VA 22949 | 434-277-8130**

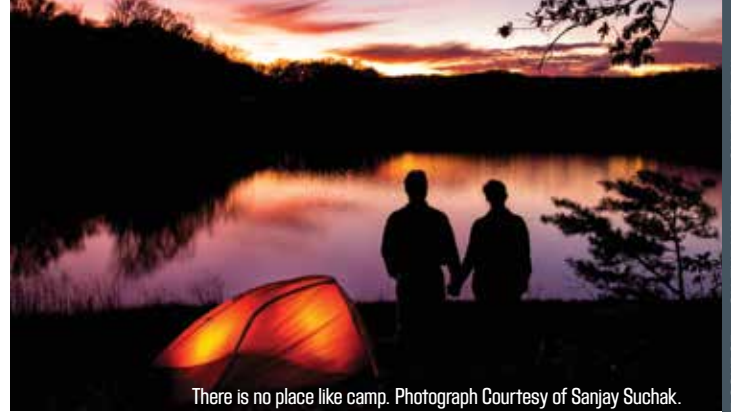
Get close to Mother Nature on this fourth generation farm in Nelson County. Pick your own strawberries in May or cherries and blueberries in June. Apple picking is available the third weekend of September.



Spring Valley Orchard. Photograph Courtesy of Aaron Watson Photography & Chiles Family Orchards.

Spring Valley Orchard 11**3526 Spring Valley Rd., Afton VA 22920 | 434-960-9443**

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.



There is no place like camp. Photograph Courtesy of Sanjay Suchak.

Camping

Sleeping under the stars is one of the best ways to enjoy Central Virginia's nature. There are several campgrounds within Shenandoah National Park, and other private campgrounds throughout the area. Many enjoy close proximity to hiking trails and fishing ponds. Pitch a tent, rent a cabin or hook up your RV.

Big Meadows Campground 1**Mile 51.2 Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park | 540-999-3500 | Reservations 877-444-8777**

One of multiple campgrounds in Shenandoah National Park, Big Meadows is close to major facilities, popular hiking trails and three waterfalls. Group sites can be reserved up to a year in advance. Generator use limited to certain sites. Amenities include laundry and bathhouse facilities, wood and ice sales, phone service and ADA-accessible sites. Park entrance fee charged per vehicle, plus nightly camping fee. Open March through November.

Charlottesville KOA 2**3825 Red Hill Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 | 434-296-9881**

Tents, teepees, cabins and RV pull-throughs populate the 70 sites of this centrally located campground. All units have a picnic table and fire ring. Amenities include bathrooms with showers, laundry and free WiFi. Camping open March through November, swimming pool open between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Horseshoe Flats Campground 3**152 Snowden Rd., Scottsville VA 24590 | 434-286-4401**

Within walking distance of historic Scottsville, this waterfront campground on the James River is an ideal gateway between town and country. Amenities include electric and water, restrooms with hot showers and laundromat service. RV sites are open year-round, while tent sites are open April through November.

James River State Park 4

104 Green Hill Dr., Gladstone VA 24553 | 434-933-4355 |
Reservations 800-933-7275

Access over 15 miles of trails from one of the hundred campsites in this state park. Available sites include tent pitches, RV hookups and a range of cabins, as well as one large group site and a number of horse-friendly sites. Amenities include water, electricity and a full-service bathhouse with laundry facilities. Three miles of river frontage provide beautiful views and boat launches for adding a jaunt on the James River to your camping adventure. Campgrounds open March through November, reservations recommended. Cabins and lodges open Memorial Day through Labor Day, reservations required.

Lake Anna State Park 5

6800 Lawyers Rd., Spotsylvania Courthouse VA 22551 |
540-854-5503

Once the site of a 19th-century gold mine, this state park is now a treasure trove of outdoor adventures. Traditional campsites, lodges and cabins surround one of Virginia's largest lakes. Amenities include a concession stand, restrooms, hot showers and picnic shelters. Camping fees vary. Cabins require seven-night minimum stay between Memorial Day and Labor Day, two-night minimum in off season.

Lewis Mountain Campground 6

Mile 57.5 Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park |
540-999-3500

The smallest of several campgrounds in Shenandoah National Park, sites here are available on a first come, first served basis. Each campsite has a picnic table, fire grate and parking area. No RV hookups available. Park entrance fee charged per vehicle, plus nightly camping fee.

Loft Mountain Campground 7

Mile 79.5 of Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park |
Reservations 877-444-6777

Perched atop Big Flat Mountain, this campground boasts some of the most spectacular views in Shenandoah National Park. The grounds have 200 campsites, some of which can accommodate large groups. Camp in comfort with flush toilets, showers and dump stations. Park entrance fee charged per vehicle, plus nightly camping fee.

Misty Mountain Camp Resort 8

56 Misty Mountain Rd., Crozet VA 22943 | 540-456-6409

Enjoy a private getaway at this 50 acre park with nature trails, a pool, fishing pond, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes and several playgrounds. Rent a tent site, a water and electric site for your RV, or one of many cabins. Amenities include camp store, WiFi internet and cable TV. Coffee and donuts offered on Sundays, and a wide range of special events are held on weekends, from bonfires with live music to cook-offs and luaus.

Shenandoah Crossing 9

174 Horseshoe Cir., Gordonsville VA 22942 | 540-832-9400

Book a cabin, yurt or RV pad at this gated resort. Guests have access to a lake and pool, as well as several miles of cycling, hiking and horseback riding trails, all amid a hidden gem 1000-acre wilderness.

Shenandoah Hills Campground 10

110 Campground Ln., Madison, VA 22727 | 540-948-4186

Tucked away into a forest setting, the 67 sites of this cozy campground all have water and electric, and many can accommodate large RVs. Cabins are also available. Catch and release at the fishing pond or take a dip in the swimming pool. Amenities include cable TV, WiFi, laundry, groceries, recreation hall and picnic shelter. Rates vary by season.

Small Country Campground 11

4400 Byrd Mill Rd., Louisa, VA 23093 | 540-967-2431

Rent a cabin, camper, RV site or tent site at this extensive campground. Rental boats and large lake toys are available for taking out on Lake Ruth Ann. Gasoline motors prohibited. Other on site recreation includes a miniature golf course, swimming pool, hiking trails and playgrounds. Special events take place several times a month. Open April through October.

Grilling in the great outdoors.





Cycling in the Charlottesville area. Photograph Courtesy of N. Lewis and National Park Service.

Outfitters & Services

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 | 434-977-6882

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.

Anna Point Marina



13721 Anna Point Ln., Mineral, VA 23117 | 540-895-5900

Make the most of your time on Lake Anna at this full-service marina, offering boat storage and parking, service and repair, plus rentals and sales. Restrooms, showers, a pavilion with picnic tables and a waterfront tackle and convenience store are all available on site.

Boar's Head Ballooning



231 Turkey Ridge Rd., Charlottesville VA 22903 | 434-971-1757

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.

Blue Ridge Balloon Co.





540 S Boston Rd., Palmyra VA 22963 | 434-589-6213

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.

Blue Ridge Cyclery



**Downtown – 722 Preston Ave. #104,
Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-529-6521 **

**North Hollymead – 257-B Connor Dr.,
Charlottesville VA 22911 | 434-995-2453 **

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.

Blue Ridge Hiking Adventures



Charlottesville, VA | 540-717-2821

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.

Bonaire Charters



Charlottesville VA | 434-981-5260

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.

Carriage Hill Farm



870 Carriage Trail Pl., Keswick VA 22947 | 434-296-2672

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.

Crozet Bicycle Shop **5755 The Square, Crozet VA 22932 | 434-996-7224**

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.

Cville Tours**1934 Asheville Dr., Charlottesville VA 22911 | 434-218-2416**

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.

Indian Summer Guide Service**Charlottesville VA | 434-531-9679**

The rolling vine-clad hills of the Blue Ridge unfold before you on a private, guided horseback ride. Visit wineries, cideries and orchards while your guide shares stories of local history. Hour-long rides can accommodate groups of two to six people and riders of all skill levels.

James River Runners **10092 Hatton Ferry Rd., Scottsville VA 24590 | 434-286-2338**

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.

James River Reeling & Rafting **265 Ferry St., Scottsville VA 24590 | 434-286-4386**

Pack a picnic for a leisurely float down the James River by tube, kayak, canoe or raft. Two- to four-hour tubing excursions depart several times a day. River trips in kayaks, canoes and rafts range from 4- to 12-mile stretches departing once daily for longer trips, and two to four times per day for shorter distances. Private changing area with hot showers available. Riverfront campsites available for equipment rental customers. Open April through October.

**James River State Park's
Outdoor Adventures Canoe Livery** **104 Green Hill Dr., Gladstone VA 24553 | 434-933-8682**

Rent a kayak or canoe to explore a two-, four- or six-mile stretch of the James River, or tube between the landings at James River State Park. The camp store also sells fishing tackle and a variety of camp equipment. Trip fees vary. Open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Mango SUP & Yoga Adventures**Charlottesville VA | 434-960-0681**

Embark on a one-of-a-kind tour that will help you harness balance, core strength and serenity while you explore local lakes. Learn how to stand-up paddleboard and practice yoga on water during these 90-minute classes. Most sessions take place at Beaver Creek Lake, but classes at Montfair Resort Farm, Walnut Creek Park and Chris Greene Lake are available on request.

Monticello Country Ballooning**1900 Pepsi Pl., Charlottesville VA 22901 | 434-996-9008**

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.

Oakland Heights Farm **17110 James Madison Hwy., Gordonsville, VA 22942 |****540-222-6576**

Explore central Virginia's nature and history on a guided trail ride past Civil War campsites and battlegrounds and through the foothills of the Blue Ridge. Tours are available daily by appointment.

Beaver Creek Reservoir. Photograph Courtesy of Brantley Ussery.





Ballooning over the Virginia countryside.

Rebel's Run @ Afton Mountain



374 Mountain Rd., Afton VA 22920 | 703-623-5243

Hit the trail on a family-friendly guided ride through Nelson County. Get breathtaking views of the Rockfish Valley on a summit ride, or traverse woods and creeks on your way to local vineyards, wrapping up with a wine tasting on a beautiful lake at the foot of the mountain.

Rivanna River Co.



1538 E High St., Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-218-2052

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.

Sturgeon Creek Marina, Inc



5107 Courthouse Rd., Spotsylvania Courthouse VA 22551 | 540-895-5095

Right in the heart of Lake Anna's action, this marina offers boat storage and rental with five launch ramps. Restrooms and a shaded picnic area are available on site. The facility's tackle shop provides live and artificial bait, fishing guides and licenses.

Wild Virginia



108 Fifth St. SE, Charlottesville VA 22902 | 434-971-1553

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.

Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau

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610 E Main Street

Charlottesville, VA 22902

On the Historic Downtown Mall



Albemarle Tourism & Adventure Center

5791 Three Notch'd Road

Crozet, VA 22932

Phone: 434.293.6789

Additional Contact Information

Blue Ridge Parkway

Mailing Address: 199 Hemphill Knob Road

Asheville NC 28803

828.348-3400 | nps.gov/blri

Greene County Visitor Center

8315 Seminole Trail Suite 2, Ruckersville VA 22968

434.985.6663 | exploregreene.com

Nelson County Visitor Information Center

8519 Thomas Nelson Highway (Route 29)

Lovingson VA 22949

434.263.7015 | nelsoncounty.com

Orange County Tourism and Visitors Bureau

122 E. Main Street, Orange VA 22960

540.672.1653 | 877.222.8072 | visitorangevirginia.com

Shenandoah National Park

Mailing Address: 3655 U.S. Highway 211 East

Luray VA 22835

540.999.3500 | nps.gov/shen

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