

Discover Virginia Skyline



Patch Program

Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council, Inc.
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Fax: 540-387-3851; Website: www.gsvsc.org

DISCOVER VIRGINIA SKYLINE

Discover Virginia Skyline is a patch program to help you find out all about the special places within the council borders. So often we do not visit the places in our own backyards. Besides, trips are near the top of the list of activities girls like best!

This program is designed primarily for troops/groups and for girls to complete on their own. Each program level has different requirements which keep in mind the importance of progression in activities – especially planning and taking trips.

Girls earn the Discover Virginia Skyline patch by planning trips and visiting places in their own communities and beyond their communities. They record their visits on special passports. The girls use their creativity to fill in the space on the passport.

This booklet will give you all the information you need to earn the patch. This program is your troop's passport to discovering Virginia Skyline.



KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR TRAVELS

I. Passports and Passport Sheets

Passports and passport sheets can be used to keep a record of the places a troop/group/ individual visits. Each participant in the Discover Virginia Skyline program can have a passport. There are two choices of recording keeping with passports.

- A. The Discover Virginia Skyline passport is a passport size book with 44 pages. It can be used for travel records of other trips besides the Discover Virginia Skyline program. It is available for sale in the Skyline Shop. A picture of the passport cover and one of the inside pages is found on page 7 of this booklet.

Passports can be ordered from the Skyline Shop by phone: 800-542-5905 ext. 28 or by e-mail: SkylineShop@gsvsc.org. Call to find out price of passports.

- B. The official Discover Virginia Skyline Passport Sheet is an 8 1/2 X 11 page with 8 spaces for recording visits. It is free to any troop working on this program. See page 8 for a sample. Request form #2620 from the Central Office in Salem or email your request to Tkidd@gsvsc.org.

II. Leader Keeps Records

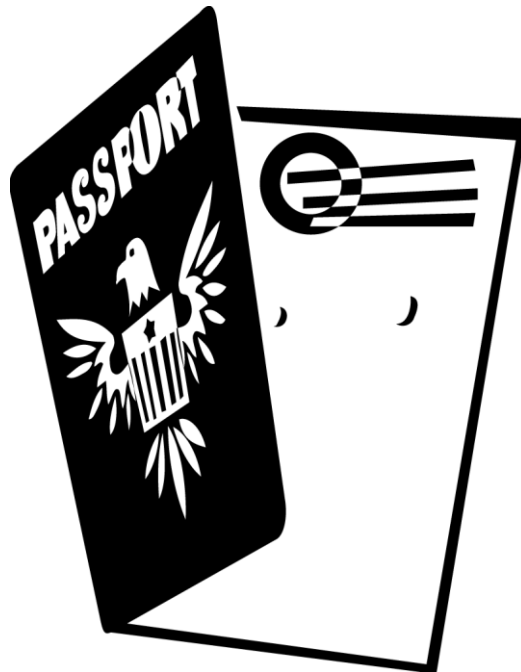
- A. The troop leader can keep a record of the places visited and the girls that attended.
- B. Records can be kept through pictures and the troop scrapbook. A list of the girls and adults participating in the trip can be kept with the pictures.



RECORDING YOUR VISIT

Places of interest in the Council are listed in this booklet. When a group visits one of these sites, they will record their visit by:

- Drawing a picture of something symbolic of the place visited (firefighter's hat for fire station, cat for SPCA);
- Having one of the tour guides for the place visited sign or initial passport;
- Putting a fingerprint in the stamp space noting date and place visited;
- If the place has an address stamp, ask if that could be stamped in passport;
- Visiting local post office, buy a commemorative stamp, and ask the post office to hand stamp the passport;
- Using a sticker that's symbolic of the site.



DISCOVER SITES

This book lists many Discovery Sites within the 37 1/3 counties that make up Virginia Skyline. To make it easy to locate sites they are divided into three sections: Discovery Sites in the North Service Area, Discovery Sites in the East Service Area, and Discovery Sites in the West Service Area. Each Discovery site gives a description of the site, it's location, a website address, and contact information. You and the girls will need to contact the site to find out the current admission fees and times the site is open. Most sites offer group tours and special rates for groups. Be sure to ask about these when setting up your visit.

You may know of a site that is not on the list of discovery sites. It is perfectly ok to add that site to the list. If you would like to have it shared with the rest of the council please call the director of program services at 800-542-5905 ext 37 or send the information by email to hrburch@gsvsc.org. Additions to the discovery sites will be published in Program Notes.

If you have questions about this program please contact the director of program services at the above phone number or e-mail address.



PATCH REQUIREMENTS

To complete the Discover Virginia Skyline patch, girls must complete the requirements for their program level.

Daisy Girl Scouts

1. Have a part in the planning for the trips.
2. Visit at least three places in your community.

Brownie Girl Scouts

1. Have a part in planning for the trips.
2. Visit at least two places in your community.
3. Visit at least one place outside your community.

Junior Girl Scouts

1. Have a part in planning for the trips.
2. Visit at least two places in your community.
3. Visit at least two places outside of your community.

Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts

1. Have a part in planning for the trips.
2. Visit at least three places outside of your community.

Adult Girl Scouts

Adults may purchase the patch or segment by accompanying the girls in their troop/group on their trips.

SEGMENT REQUIREMENTS

After the Discover Virginia Skyline patch is completed girls may earn segments by completing the requirements for the program level they are in. Visits must be made to different places.

For example:



A Brownie Girl Scout earns the patch her 3rd year in Brownies. She bridges to Juniors, and the troop is working on the Discover Virginia Skyline patch. She earns the segment by completing the Junior Girl Scout requirements (visiting different places than she did as a Brownie).

OR

A Junior Girl Scout earns the first year she is a Junior. The troop decides to work on the patch again. The segment is earned by completing the Junior requirements visiting different places than last year.

DISCOVER VIRGINIA SKYLINE PASSPORT

Name _____ Troop Number _____

Places I have visited

2620 – 1/88

Ash Lawn, Highlands

Home of Fifth President James Monroe

Near Charlottesville, VA

<http://monticello.avenue.org/ashlawn/>

SPECIAL NOTES: The Standard Tour begins with a visit to our Museum Shop. Visitors may then proceed through our landscaped grounds to Highland, the home of James Monroe. A guide will escort guests through the Monroes' house, furnished with original and period furniture, and through an 1880s Victorian addition that includes an exhibition room. The guided portion of the Standard Tour concludes with a visit to an authentic period kitchen and the Service Yard, where visitors can see James Monroe's Smokehouse, Slave Quarters, and Overseer's Cottage.

Educational Workshops: Ash Lawn-Highland offers a variety of educational workshops for all ages. Student workshops are available for things like candle making, cornhusk doll making, herbs and potpourri, paper quilling, Monroe presidency seminar, ornament making and an overnight Camp-In. These workshops give students an insight into the life of President James Monroe in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. All workshops include a house tour, and cost approximately \$6.00 a person.

Address: Ash Lawn Highlands
1000 James Monroe Parkway
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
804.293.9539
FAX 804.293.8000
email: AshlawnJM@aol.com

Bayly Museum of Arts, Charlottesville, VA

<http://www.virginia.edu/~bayly/exhib.html>

This museum is a part of the University of Virginia. It offers a diverse array of art including sculptures, tapestries, pottery, and paintings. Special exhibits continue to change the display emphasis. Each trip to the Bayly offers new and familiar examples of a wide variety of art.

Special tours are available call to make arrangements.

Address: Bayly Art Museum, University of Virginia
Rugby Road
P. O. Box 400119
Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4119
804/924-3592
FAX 804/924-6321

Blue Ridge Parkway

<http://www.nps.gov/blri/index.htm>

The Blue Ridge Parkway travels 217 miles through the Commonwealth of Virginia, allowing visitors to travel from its beginning at the southern end of the Shenandoah National Park to the North Carolina border, near Fisher's Peak. For those of you who like to take your time while traveling, there are four campgrounds, a lodge, housekeeping cabins, four restaurants, and gift shops. Picnic tables are available at many overlooks. In addition, there are four visitor centers conveniently located for information and restroom breaks.

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Other: Telephone

Rocky Knob -MP 167.1

81 Tent Sites | 28 RV sites | 72 Picnic Sites

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For additional information contact: ***Email: Peter.Givens@nps.gov***

Write to:

199 Hemphill Knob Road
Asheville, NC 28801-3417

Fax: 828-271-4313

Phone: Visitor Information Recorded Message 828 298 0398

Headquarters 828-271-4779

Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper, VA

<http://www.summit.net/communities/culpeper/Cncem.htm>

Phone: (540) 825-0027

Address: Located on Business Route 29. Markers are posted on this road to the cemetery. It is located at 305 U. S. Avenue, Culpeper, VA

The Culpeper National Cemetery was established on April 13, 1867 consisting of more or less 6 acres. On October 21, 1975, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Burton Hammond Post 2524, were instrumental in arranging the donation of 10.51 acres of land from Joe H. Gardner, President of Bingham & Taylor Corp. as a memorial to all corporation employees who served in the armed forces. There are many monuments dedicated to the soldiers from the North and South who fought and died during the many battles and skirmishes of the Civil War. All war periods of our nations' history since the civil War are represented in this National Cemetery. A place of reverence and discovery, Culpeper National Cemetery is an active cemetery, which continues to serve veterans and their families.

Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton, VA

<http://www.frontiermuseum.org/>

The Frontier Culture Museum (a.k.a. Museum of American Frontier Culture) is a unique museum which offers 17th, 18th and 19th century European and American history as an experience, featuring appropriate furnishings, crops, animals, foods, and a knowledgeable staff of costumed interpreters that help create a living illustration of life in Europe before immigration to America and the culture they built on one of America's first frontiers. Three authentic farms have been brought over from Europe to share the story of how our ancestors lived before they came to America, they include: German farm, c. 1700-1750; Ulster (Scotch Irish) farm, c.1700-1830; English yeoman farm, c.1675-1700. The American Frontier Culture farm comes from the Valley and shares daily life c.1840-1860. An 18th century forge from Northern Ireland--the museums first trades building opened in 1995 and costumed blacksmiths demonstrate regularly.

Address: Frontier Culture Museum
P.O. Box 810
Staunton, VA 24402-0810

Reservations – (540) 332-7850 Ext. 159
Information – (540) 332-7850 Ext. 124
Fax: (540) 332-9989

e-mail: info@frontiermuseum.state.va.us

Guided tours require advance reservations of at least 3 weeks. There should be at least 1 guide for each group of 25-30 people. The historic farm guided tour averages two-hours in length (you may stay longer on your own if you wish.) Call for reservations and price information.

Grand Caverns, Grottoes, VA

<http://home.rica.net/uvrpa/>

One of Virginia's oldest and most spectacular caverns, much history surrounds the caverns. The caverns are located in the Grand Caverns Park and offer the following facilities—bicycle trails, picnic shelters, picnic tables, hiking trails, swimming pool, miniature golf, tennis courts and gift shop.

Address: Upper Valley Regional Park Authority
P. O. Box 478
Grottoes, VA 24441
Phone #: 1-888-430-CAVE (2283)

Lake Anna State Park

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/lakeanna.htm>

The land in Lake Anna State Park used to be known as "Gold Hill" and contained the Goodwin Gold Mine. Gold was first discovered in 1829 with mining reaching its peak in the 1880s. The last gold to be found was in a zinc mine during the 1940s. In 1971 Lake Anna was created to serve as a water coolant for Virginia Power's nuclear plant. In 1972 work began on the acquisition and development of a water-oriented state park. Lake Anna State Park opened in 1983.

While boating and fishing on this beautiful lake are major attractions, these are only some of the park's offerings. Lakefront picnic areas and wooded hiking trails are also popular. During the summer, interpretive programs on the nature and history of the area complement exhibits and displays in the visitor center.

Lake Anna State Park has more than 13 miles of hiking trails, lakeshore picnicking, a guarded swimming beach, a children's play area, a boat ramp, a food concession stand, a bathhouse and a children's and handicapped fishing pond.

For information contact:

Lake Anna State Park, 6800 Lawyers Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553-9645,
phone (540) 854-5503

Monterey, VA - Highland County, Virginia's Switzerland

Maple Festival - <http://personal.cfw.com/~highcc/maple.htm>

The Maple Festival, the southernmost in the United States, turns back the years to earlier days when tree sugar and tree lasses were found on every table, when part of each spring's works was opening the trees and boiling down the sugar water. Tour the maple sugar camps and farms, observe the actual process of syrup making, and visit the Maple Museum and the Virginia Trout Company. The Maple Festival is the 2nd and 3rd weekends of March.

Address: The Highland Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 223
The Highland Center
Spruce Street
Monterey VA 24465
(540) 468-2550

Fax: (540) 468-2551
Email: highcc@cfw.com

Virginia Trout Co. (540) 468-2280

Monticello The Home of Thomas Jefferson

Home Page - <http://www.monticello.org/index.html>

The House - <http://www.monticello.org/house/index.html>

The Plantation - <http://www.monticello.org/plantation/index.html>

The Grounds - <http://www.monticello.org/grounds/index.html>

Thomas Jefferson - <http://www.monticello.org/jefferson/index.html>

Resources - <http://www.monticello.org/resources/index.html>

Thomas Jefferson, our third president, author of the Declaration of Independence, founder of the University of Virginia, farmer and inventor, built Monticello.

Address: Public Affairs Dept. for Monticello
P. O. Box 316
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
(804) 984-9800 (recorded visitor information)
(804) 984-9822 (Public Affairs information about group tours)
(804) 984-9822 TDD
e-mail: publicaffairs@monticello.org

Montpelier The Home of James Madison

<http://www.nthp.org/main/sites/montpelier.htm>
www.montpelier.org

Montpelier was the home to three generations of James Madison's family. Madison, Father of the United States Constitution and fourth President of the United States lived at Montpelier until his death in 1836. The mansion is situated on 2700 acres of rolling pasturelands, formal gardens, and forested areas in Virginia's lush Piedmont in sight of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains. Purchased and expanded by the duPont family in 1900 the site is famed for thoroughbred horses and the annual Montpelier Hunt Races. Here visitors experience the evolution of an important historic site and the creation of a memorial to the Father of the Constitution.

Tours include an orientation video, a guided shuttle tour, an Acoustiguide audio tour system, the Discovering Madison exhibit in the main house, a visit to the formal garden, and an 11-stop historic landscape walking tour.

Address: MONTPELIER
11407 Constitution Highway
Montpelier Station, Virginia 22957
(540) 672-2728
email: pmahanes@montpelier.org

Museum of Culpeper History

<http://www.culpepermuseum.com/>

The museum of Culpeper history has a wonderful collection of artifacts, photos, & memorabilia from our historic county. Come and share the adventure!

Located at 803 S. Main St. (Corner of Main and Mason) Guided Tours By Appointment...call for Rates/Reservations. Burgandine House is located next to the Museum. Guided Tours By Appointment.

For information contact: Museum of Culpeper History
P.O. Box 951
Culpeper, VA 22701
Museum: (540) 829-1749
Office: (540) 829-6434

Natural Chimney's Park, Mt. Solon, VA

<http://www.marketplace.staunton.va.us/oldtur/ntlchmns.html>

It's hard to imagine, but the Shenandoah Valley was once the floor of a great inland sea. Centuries ago, as that sea receded, the forces of Nature carefully etched out the awe-inspiring Natural Chimneys, formations of solid rock towering as much as 120 feet above the pastoral terrain of the Shenandoah Valley and offering visitors a sight unrivaled in majesty.

Viewed from one angle, the formations resemble enormous chimneys standing in bleak contrast to the greenery of the Valley; from another they become the massive turrets of a forbidding medieval castle.

The park offers the following facilities: camping, bicycle trails, picnic shelters, hiking trails, swimming pool, and a camp store.

Natural Chimneys is located on Route 747 in Mt. Solon, VA

For information contact:	Address:	Upper Valley Regional Park Authority P. O. Box 478 Grottoes, VA 24441
	Phone #:	1-888-430-CAVE (2283)

The Natural Chimneys Joust takes place the 3rd Saturday in August each year at Natural Chimneys, Mt. Solon, Virginia.

North Anna Nuclear Power Station, Louisa County, VA

<http://www.dom.com/operations/station-nuc/northanna.html>

North Anna, Dominion 's second nuclear station, is located in the thickly wooded hills of central Virginia sixty miles northwest of Richmond. The facility was named after the North Anna River, the river dammed to form the huge lake that supplies cooling water for the station. Lake Anna, a 17-mile long, 13,000 acre lake, has become a popular outdoor recreational facility for the heavily populated Northern Virginia and Richmond areas. The lake's 200 miles of shoreline are dotted with cabins, marinas, campgrounds and a large state park. If you would like to learn more about nuclear energy, we invite you to visit the North Anna Nuclear information center. The center welcomes visitors including individuals having special needs. To assist us in accommodating any special requirements or needs, we ask that you contact us in advance of your visit. To arrange a visit or for other information, call (540) 894-4394.

Seneca Rocks Visitor Center, Monogahela National Forest, WV

<http://wwwweb.com/www/nra/services.html>

<http://www.gorp.com/dow/eastern/moninfo.htm>

The Monongahela National Forest is located in the eastern portion of West Virginia and is comprised of over 830,000 acres. The Forest stretches over the Allegheny Mountain Range.

A special point of interest is the Seneca Rocks located in the northeast section of the Forest. These towering shear rocks rise nearly 1,000 feet and are a favorite for rock climbers. When touring the Monongahela, traveling the back roads is a picturesque and challenging trek. These mostly forest roads are not in the best of condition, but the views from them can be breathtaking.

The Seneca Rocks Visitor Center is in the heart of the Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks a National Recreation Area of the Monogahela Nation Forest. The Visitor Center is located at the foot of Seneca Rocks and is the information source for forest visitors, providing information on sightseeing, camping, hiking, rock climbing, fishing, and whitewater canoeing.

Address: Seneca Rocks Visitor Center
P.O. Box 13
Seneca Rocks, WV 26884
(304) 567-2827 (daily, except winter)

Potomac Ranger Station
Rt. 3, Box 240
Petersburg, WV 26847
(304) 257-4488

Shenandoah National Park

<http://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm>

Shenandoah National Park lies astride a beautiful section of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which form the eastern rampart of the Appalachian Mountains between Pennsylvania and Georgia. The Shenandoah River flows through the valley to the west, with Massanutten Mountain, 40 miles long, standing between the river's north and south forks. The rolling Piedmont country lies to the east of the park. Skyline Drive, a 105-mile road that winds along the crest of the mountains through the length of the park, provides vistas of the spectacular landscape to east and west. The park holds more than 500 miles of trails, including 101 miles of the Appalachian Trail.

Camping is available in 5 Campgrounds—Mathews Arm, Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain, Loft Mountain and Dundo Group campground.

LOFT MOUNTAIN INFORMATION CENTER: Location - Mile 79.5 on Skyline Drive. Available Facilities - Restrooms, information desk, sales, publications, maps, backcountry permits, and first aid. Many ranger-led programs and hikes begin here.

HARRY F. BYRD, SR. VISITOR CENTER: Location - Milepost 51 on Skyline Drive Available Facilities - Restrooms, information desk, exhibits, videos, sales, publications, maps, backcountry permits, and first aid. Many ranger-led programs and hikes begin here

The seven picnic areas in the park, open year-round, are large and scenic, offering families a pleasant place for relaxing. There are picnic tables with grills nearby; accessible sites are available. Restrooms (open except in cold months) are accessible with assistance. The milepoints along Skyline Drive are listed.

- Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6)
- Elkwallow (mile 24.1)
- Pinnacles (mile 36.7)
- Big Meadows (mile 51.3)
- Lewis Mountain (mile 57.5)
- South River (mile 62.9)
- Loft Mountain (mile 78.5)

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: Shenandoah's award-winning Junior Ranger Explorer Notebook provides children age 7 and older with the opportunity to have fun learning about the park as they work toward becoming Junior Rangers. The 15 activities in the book guide children as they explore forest trails, streams, plants, and animals. Children draw, record observations, and answer questions. After completing a certain number of activities, and attending two ranger programs, children earn a sticker, badge, or patch. Families may rent Junior Ranger backpacks containing field guides, binoculars, and other supplies. They purchase the Junior Ranger Explorer Notebook for a small fee. For more information contact:

Email: SHEN_Superintendent@nps.gov

Write to: 3655 U.S. Highway 211 East
Luray, VA 22835-9036

Fax: 540-999-3601

Phone: Visitor Information Recorded Message 540-999-3500

Headquarters 540-999-3500

Sugar Hollow Program Center, Crozet, VA

www.gsvsc.org

Sugar Hollow is a 60-acre site nestled at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains near historic Charlottesville. It is within hiking distance of the Sugar Hollow Reservoir, Appalachian Trail, and Skyline Drive. The Linda Clark Hays Art Barn provides a place for troops to work on creative projects while the hard surface court gives girls a chance to use their energy for sports and games. Skippy's Haven, the primitive unit challenges the experienced camper. The Multipurpose Building is fully winterized for year-round use. For those who like to ski, Wintergreen is not far from camp. The Multipurpose Building and Running Creek unit have ramps for persons using wheelchairs.

For Reservations contact:

Address: Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council
P. O. Box 3000
Salem, VA 24153
Phone: 800-542-5905 or 540-387-0493
Email: lhale@gsvsc.org

Virginia Discovery Museum, Charlottesville, VA

<http://www.vadm.org/>

Located on the east end of the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville, Virginia, the Virginia Discovery Museum is a hands-on children's museum, with exhibits on the arts, sciences, humanities, history and nature. Families are encouraged to explore the Museum together -- visitors of all ages are free to touch, play and explore. Learning and fun are the goal. Creative play is the way! Our permanent exhibits appeal primarily to children of preschool age through fourth grade. Some special exhibits and some permanent exhibits may be appropriate for upper elementary students. Please ask for further information.

Address: East End of the Downtown Mall
P. O. Box 1128
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(804) 977-1025
FAX #804-977-9681
email: vdm@vadm.org

For information on group tours and programs contact the Gallery Manager at the Museum at (434) 977-1025 or e-mail to vdm@cstone.net .

Virginia Museum of Natural History—Charlottesville Branch

<http://minerva.acc.virginia.edu/~vmnh-uva/>

Focus/Mission Statement & History

The [Virginia Museum of Natural History \(VMNH\)](#) is the state museum of natural history, seeking to preserve, study, and interpret Virginia's natural heritage. Headquartered in Martinsville, Virginia, VMNH became the state museum of natural history in 1988. It serves the entire Commonwealth through its main facility and two branches: the University of Virginia Branch in Charlottesville and the Virginia Tech Branch in Blacksburg.

The VMNH-UVA offers natural history programming to the citizens of Central Virginia. Programs include children's activities, outreach education, a lending library of teaching materials, field trips, exhibits, summer programs, lectures, and more. Our programs provide children ages 3-93 with fun, educational experiences in the natural sciences. We have regularly scheduled activities for preschoolers and school-aged youngsters, lectures, exhibits, field trips, day camps and a hands-on discovery room. We also have a lending library of science teaching kits and offer outreach education programs to schools and community groups.

For more information please contact us at:

Virginia Museum of Natural History-UVA
P.O. Box 400768
104 Emmet Street
Charlottesville, VA 22904
Tel: (804) 982-4605
Fax: (804) 982-4830
Email: vmnh-uva@virginia.edu

Woodrow Wilson Birthplace, Staunton, VA

<http://www.woodrowwilson.org/>

One of the few original Presidential birthplaces open to the public, Woodrow Wilson's first home offers an authentic picture of family life in the pre-Civil War Shenandoah Valley. From its kitchens to the children's room, the servants' room to the dining room, the home comes to life through period furnishings, the Wilsons' household belongings, and guided interpretation.

The house is nestled within the Gospel Hill District, one of Staunton's five National Historic Districts. A charming 1933 boxwood garden, a restoration project of the Garden Club of Virginia, complements the National Historic Landmark.

The Museum offers a look into Wilson's public life, from his Princeton study to his historic World War I peace efforts. Also, a computer archives presents 1850s newspapers, historic photographs, Civil War rosters, and more.

Length of Time for Tour: Approximately one and one half hours, includes Museum visit (self-guided), guided tour of Manse and garden visit.

Address: Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation
18-24 North Coalter Street
(P. O. Box 24)
Staunton, Virginia 24402-0024
Phone 540-885-0897
Fax 540-886-9874
E-Mail woodrow@woodrowwilson.org

Stuart Hall <http://www.stuart-hall.staunton.va.us/>

Address: Stuart Hall
P.O. Box 210
235 W. Frederick St.
Staunton, VA 24402
(School 540 885-0356)
(Fax 540 886-2275)
email: admissions@stuart-hall.staunton.va.us



Anne Spencer House and Garden

http://www.lynchburgbiz.com/anne_spencer/

Edankrall is the home of internationally known black poet Ann Spencer. The late poet, who wrote during the Harlem Renaissance period of the 1920's, did her reading and writing in the garden house built by her husband in the couple's backyard. That cottage, Edankraal, is filled with many of the poet's artifacts, memorabilia and gifts.

To schedule a tour of the Anne Spencer House and Garden, call (804) 845-1313

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

Appomattox, VA

<http://www.nps.gov/apco/>

Walk the old county lanes where Robert E. Lee, Commanding General of the Army of Northern Virginia, surrendered his men to Ulysses Grant, General-in-Chief of all United States forces, on April 9, 1865. Imagine the events that signaled the end of the Southern States' attempt to create a separate nation. The National Park encompasses approximately 1800 acres of rolling hills in rural central Virginia. The site includes the McLean home (surrender site) and the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia, the former county seat for Appomattox County. The site also has the home and burial place of Joel Sweeney who popularized the modern five-string banjo. There are twenty-seven original 19th century structures on the site.

Earn the Virginia Skyline Appomattox Court House Historical Trail Patch. Information and requirements may be requested from the Virginia Skyline central office.

Address: Appomattox Court House National Historical Park
Hwy. 24, P.O. Box 218
Appomattox, VA 24522
Phone: 804-352-8987
FAX: 804-352-8330
Email: joe_williams@nps.gov

Blue Ridge Institute and Museum

Ferrum College, Ferrum , VA

http://franklincountyva.org/frm_tour.htm

Explore Virginia's rich traditions of craft, music, art and lore in BRI Exhibits. The Farm Museum enables visitors to step back in time to a German-American Blue Ridge farm in the year 1800. The annual Folklife Festival is Virginia's largest celebration of regional folklife. The [museum](#) store includes distinctive crafts, books, recordings and numerous other items related to regional folklife.

For more information contact:

Phone: 540-365-4416

Mail: Ferrum College, P.O. Box 1000, Ferrum, VA 24088-9000.

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Rocky Knob -MP 167.1
81 Tent Sites | 28 RV sites | 72 Picnic Sites
Other: Telephone; Self-guiding trails; Fishing; Visitor Center

For additional information contact:

Email: Peter_Givens@nps.gov
Write to: 199 Hemphill Knob Road
Asheville, NC 28801-3417
Fax: 828-271-4313
Phone: Visitor Information Recorded Message 828 298 0398
Headquarters 828-271-4779

Booker T. Washington National Monument

Hardy, VA

<http://www.nps.gov/bowa/home.htm>

Booker T. Washington saw education as the true emancipator for himself and others. He rose from slavery and a childhood of manual labor to become a leading educator of African Americans at the end of the 19th century. As the first principal of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, he built an educational program that emphasized agricultural and industrial training.

His program reflected an understanding of the racism, violence, intimidation, and lack of economic opportunities that most African Americans faced in the South during this time. He believed that when African Americans proved themselves economically, civil rights for blacks would naturally follow.

From 1895 to 1915, he was the most powerful and influential African American in the United States.

The site is restored to its general appearance in the mid-19th century. All buildings standing today (kitchen cabin, smokehouse, blacksmith shed, tobacco barn, corn crib, horse barn, and chicken lot) are reconstructions. The original kitchen cabin site, which Booker T. Washington himself pointed out in 1908 as the location of his birthplace, and the site of the Burroughs house have been outlined with stone. A white oak tree by the spring, and a catalpa tree and a juniper tree north of the Burroughs home site were growing here during the 1850s

Our ancestors as food, meat, and medicine used the native plants, trees, animals, and aquatic life found along Jack-O-Lantern Branch Heritage Trail. The trail loops 1½ miles from the tobacco barn through many acres of the original Burroughs property.

Earn the Virginia Skyline Booker T. Washington Historical Trail Patch. Information and requirements may be requested from the Virginia Skyline central office.

Address: Booker T. Washington National Monument
12130 Booker T. Washington Highway
Hardy, Virginia 24101
Email: bowa_administration@nps.gov

Buggs Island Lake/John H. Kerr Reservoir

<http://www.kerrlake.com/chamber/attract.htm>

Buggs Island/Kerr Lake is the largest man-made lake in Virginia offering all types of water activities. The Corps of Engineers offer tours of the dam 804-738-6662. For more information about John H. Kerr Reservoir and Dam write to the John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir, 1930 Mays Chapel Road, Boydton, VA 23917-9801 or call them at (804)738-6143.

Danville Community College Museum of Natural History

<http://www.dc.cc.va.us/>

The Estelle Womack Museum of Natural History, administered by the DCC Educational Foundation, Inc., was officially opened April 1, 1987. Housed in a 5,000 square-foot building, the museum is located on Neathery Lane at Danville Community College.

Dedicated to increasing public awareness of the natural environment, both past and present, the museum collection includes mounted animals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects, as well as Indian artifacts, fossils and minerals.

Address: Danville Community College
Museum of Natural History
1008 South Main Street
Danville VA 24541
Phone: 804-797-2222* 1-800-560-4291* TDD: 804-797-8542

Fairystone State Park

Stuart, VA

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/fairyst.htm>

General Information: Fairy Stone State Park is home of the mysterious "fairy stones." It is one of the six original Virginia state parks to open on June 15, 1936. The treasured stone so prevalent in the region, beautiful scenery, rich history and ample recreational opportunities make Fairy Stone one of the favorites of park visitors. Junius B. Fishburn, who had been president of the Southwest Virginia Trust Company, donated the 4,868-acre site, making it the largest of the six original parks and one of the largest to this day.

Address: Fairy Stone State Park
907 Fairystone Lake Drive
Stuart, VA 24171-9588

Phone: (540) 930-2424

Overnight Facilities:

Cabins, camping and group camping. For information on availability of overnight accommodations, particular park amenities or to make a reservation, call 1-800-933-PARK (in Richmond, 225-3867).

BY PHONE: Reservations can be made by dialing the Virginia State Parks Reservation and Information line at 1-800-933-7275 (in the local Richmond area dial 225-3867).

OVER THE INTERNET: It is now possible to check availability and to make reservations for some facilities on the Internet. This service is operated by ReserveAmerica, a private company.

Historic Fincastle

<http://www.co.botetourt.va.us/>

Fincastle's Historic District is on the Virginia Register of Historic Landmarks. Fincastle was founded in 1772 and named after Lord Fincastle, son of Lord Dunmore, Virginia's last royal governor. Antebellum churches, tree-lined street, a courthouse designed by Thomas Jefferson, restored homes and a quaint village atmosphere make it a wonderful place to visit. A walking tour is available. There is a Girl Scout Historical Trail Patch available from the Girl Scout central office in Salem. Request form #2448.

Botetourt County Historical Society maintains the Botetourt County History Museum in Fincastle. It is located behind the courthouse.

For information contact the Historical Society, P.O. Box 468, Fincastle, VA 24090 or call 540-473-8394.

Holy Land USA

Bedford, VA

<http://holyland.pleasevisit.com/>

Holy Land is a 250-acre replica of the Holy Land and Bible Lands in Israel, Syria and Jordan. It includes a nature sanctuary open all year round. The sight can be seen by a wagon tour or by hiking tours.

Address: Holy Land USA
1060 Jericho Road
Bedford, VA 24523

Phone: (540) 586-2823

Earn the Virginia Skyline Holy Land USA Patch. Information and requirements may be requested from the Virginia Skyline central office.

James River State Park

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/jamesriv.htm>

James River State Park is open for day use and overnight camping. The park has hiking trails, picnic shelters, comfort stations and boat launch. James River State Park is one of the state's newest parks. The park offers access to nearly 20 miles of hiking/biking/horseback riding trails. There are restrooms in major day use areas. The park is located in Buckingham County. From U.S. 60 West, turn right onto Route 605 at the James River Bridge. Travel seven miles, then turn left onto Route 606.

Guided canoe floats down two miles of the scenic, historical James River are offered each weekend from May through September (fee). Wagon rides (fee), campfire programs and much more give the family plenty to do during the weekend. The park can also accommodate special requests with prior arrangement.

For more information contact:

James River State Park
Route 1, Box 787
Gladstone, VA 24553
Phone: (804) 933-4355

Lynchburg Museum

<http://www.lynchburgmuseum.org/>

Journey into Lynchburg's past and see history unfold right before your eyes. Through the doors of the Lynchburg Museum you can relive our city's past rich with tales of Monocan tribes, early Quaker settlers, the reign of King Tobacco, the bloody struggle of the Civil War, the New South and the drama of change in the 20th Century. Historic artifacts, rare early photographs and nostalgic relics are assembled into exhibits illuminating Lynchburg's 200 year history.

The Old Court House (built 1855) is the Hill City's most famous historic landmark. Fashioned as a Greek temple high above the James River, it is now the home of Central Virginia's best collection of memorabilia, fine furnishings, costumes and industrial history. Each year new treasures are added to the collection and changing exhibits re-tell stories from bygone days.

Address: The Lynchburg Museum System
901 Court Street
P.O. Box 60
Lynchburg, Virginia 24505

Telephone: (804) 847-1459

Fax: (804) 528-0162

National D-Day Memorial

Bedford, VA

<http://www.dday.org/home.html>

Purpose: To memorialize the valor, fidelity, and sacrifices of the Allied Forces on D-Day, June 6, 1944

Self-guided tours of the memorial are available to all visitors. Visitors can stroll the grounds with site-brochures that offer information on the architecture and various representations of the memorial. Visitors can also direct questions to docents (tour guides) stationed at specific points throughout the monument.

Guided tours are also available. These educational tours are more in-depth than self-guided tours and last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. There is a fee for guided tours. A minimum of ten people is required to reserve a guide. All guided tours must be scheduled at least three weeks in advance. Please call ahead for more information. To book a guided tour, call the Coordinator of Educational Resources and Outreach at 540-587-3619. For questions about the site itself contact the Site Coordinator at 540-587-3620.

Occoneechee State Park Visitor Center

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/occoneec.htm>

Occoneechee State Park is on Virginia's largest lake, Buggs Island Lake, also known as John H. Kerr Reservoir. The park features 18.1 miles of trails that allow the guest to experience the history of the Occoneechee Indians and plantation life in the 1800s.. About 3.1 miles of walking trails wind through woodlands and past scenic lake views. A one-mile interpretive trail takes visitors to the terraced gardens of the Old Plantation grounds. The park also features a 15-mile multi-purpose trail for hiking, biking and horseback riding. No swimming or wading from the shoreline is permitted because of hazardous drop-offs and heavy boating traffic. The Park is located on Route 58 one mile east of Clarksville.

Address: 1192 Occoneechee Park Road
Clarksville VA 23927

Phone: 804-374-2210, fax: 804-374-9243

Email: ocopark@kerrlake.com.

Point of Honor

Lynchburg, VA

<http://www.pointofhonor.org/>

Your journey through history will take you to Point of Honor, the Federal-era mansion of Dr. George Cabell, Sr., friend and physician of the patriot Patrick Henry. The Cabell home has been carefully restored and completely furnished to re-create the bold designs and elegant details of an era when gentlemen duelled on fog-shrouded lawns and hands toiled in fields of tobacco under the yoke of slavery.

Point of Honor is one of Central Virginia's most remarkable architectural landmarks, combining fine craftsmanship with the Adam-style designs by Owen Biddle of Philadelphia and England's William Paine. With the addition of an authentically re-created plantation kitchen, the Bertha Green Webster Carriage House and historical landscape sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia, Point of Honor provides every visitor with a truly unique look back at one of Virginia's most exciting historical eras.

It's an historical experience that highlights two centuries of Lynchburg growth, heritage and pride. So get to know our city—past and present. There's more to Lynchburg than meets the eye.

Address: The Lynchburg Museum System
901 Court Street
P.O. Box 60
Lynchburg, Virginia 24505

Telephone: (804) 847-1459

Fax: (804) 528-0162

Prestwoud Plantation

Clarksville, VA

<http://www.kerrlake.com/chamber/history.htm>

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/va/photo/mecklenburg/f-95.htm>

Prestwoud Plantation was the seat of one of the principle Cavalier families of Virginia. It was built 1794-95 by Sir Peyton Skipwith, Baronet & Lady Jean Skipwith. Prestwoud features the layout of Lady Jean Skipwith's gardens as restored by the Garden Club of Virginia.

Address: 429 Prestwoud Drive
Clarksville, VA 23927

Phone: (804) 374 - 8672 (Voice)

Red Hill: Patrick Henry National Memorial

Brookneal, VA

<http://www.patrickhenry.org/redhill.htm>

<http://www.redhill.org/>

Just a short walk from Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation, is Red Hill, the last home and burial place of Patrick Henry. The favorite of his many homes, Henry called Red Hill "one of the garden spots of the world." The Plantation consisted of 2,920 acres, a modest frame home, and several dependencies, including an overseer's cottage that Henry used as his law office. Two of Patrick Henry's seventeen children were born here, and two of his daughters were married here. Patrick Henry died at Red Hill on June 6, 1799, and is buried in the family cemetery on the property.

Address: Red Hill, Patrick Henry National Memorial
1250 Red Hill Road
Brookneal, VA 24528

Phone: (804) 376-2044

FAX: (804) 376-2647

Sacajawea Program Center

Lynchburg, Va.

www.gsvsc.org

Discover Sacajawea! It is located near the James River on a beautifully wooded site, only minutes from Lynchburg. Hike through 119 acres on the many well marked trails that provide campers with information about animals and their tracks, trees, birds, flowers and a chance to learn animal names in American Sign Language. Judith Creek beckons campers to wade on a hot day, while the playing field provides a place to enjoy sports and games. Learn about nature while earning the SUNSPOT patch or build teamwork skills on the Ann Leslie Memorial Challenge Course. For those troops anxious to try a winter overnight, Gay Lodge has winterized facilities for twenty.

For Reservations contact:

Address: Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council
P. O. Box 3000
Salem, VA 24153
Phone: 800-542-5905 or 540-387-0493
Email: lhale@gsvsc.org

Shawnee Program Center

Ringgold, Pittsylvania County, VA

<http://www.gsvsc.org>

Enjoy troop camping at beautiful Camp Shawnee Program Center, located 8 miles east of Danville. This 182-acre site was once a farm and now provides Girl Scouts a place to camp. Girls can find signs of the site's early history in a one-room cabin, cemeteries and old farm house. There are trails to hike, the Environmental Education Center to explore to earn the EEC patch and blue birds to count on the Bluebird Trail to earn the special Bluebird patch. The 16-acre lake at Shawnee is a major attraction and can be the site of nature studies, swimming, fishing, canoeing, and paddle boating. For winter camping troops can choose the winterized Multipurpose Building that is built to be accessible for persons using wheelchairs.

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P. O. Box 3000
Salem, VA 24153
Phone: 800-542-5905 or 540-387-0493
Email: lhale@gsvsc.org

Smith Mountain Lake State Park

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/smithmtn.htm>

Although situated on the second largest body of freshwater in the state, Smith Mountain Lake State Park is not just for water enthusiasts. In addition to a full range of water related activities, including swimming, fishing and boating, the park offers miles of hiking trails, housekeeping cabins, primitive camping, picnicking, a visitor center and interpretive programs.

The park is on the north shore of Smith Mountain Lake in Bedford County, approximately 40 miles from both Lynchburg and Roanoke and 140 miles from Richmond.

The park's visitor center features exhibits on the history and folklore of the area and the lake's aquatic environment. Call the park at (540) 297-6066 for dates and hours of operation. The Friends of Smith Mountain Lake State Park Inc. assists in the operation of the visitor center. A small gift shop is operated by the group.

Many interpretive programs take place here or at the newly refurbished amphitheater located nearby. The amphitheater can be reserved for weddings or family reunions at the same price of the large shelter (see above). However, no grills for cooking or picnic tables are in this vicinity, and the area may be used for interpretive events. The location is reserved on first-come first-served basis. Call the park directly at (540) 297-6066 for availability. A small playground is nearby. The Smith Mountain Dam Visitor Center is open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; call (540) 985-2587

For information contact: Smith Mountain Lake State Park, 1235 State Park Road,
Huddleston, VA 24104-9547 (540) 297-6066

South Boston Halifax Museum of Fine Arts and History

<http://www.cstone.net/~sbhcm/>

In response to a challenge from local businessman, Lowell Strickland and the Tuesday Woman's Club founded the South Boston Historical Museum in 1981. The museum officially opened with a ribbon cutting on July 11, 1982. The museum features the history and artifacts from the Halifax area. Many Native American items are on loan by Chief John Jeffries Blackfeather, an Occaneechee Indian and part of the Saponi Tribe.

For information contact:

South Boston/Halifax County Museum of Fine Arts and History
1540 Wilborn Avenue - Box 383
South Boston, Virginia 24592
(804) 572-9200
Email:sbhcm@halifax.com

Staunton River State Park

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/staunton.htm>

Staunton River State Park is one of the six original state parks that opened in June 1936. It is located on 1,597 acres along the shoreline of the John H. Kerr Reservoir (also known as Buggs Island Lake), as well as the Dan and Staunton rivers. The largest lake in Virginia is only one of the park's many attractions, which include a swimming pool, camping, cabins, picnic shelters and nature trails. Staunton River State Park is 18 miles east of South Boston.

For information contact:

Staunton River State Park
1170 Staunton Trail
Scottsburg, Va. 24589-9636
(804) 572-4623

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest

<http://www.ace-lynchburg.com/business/tourism/tourist.htm>

Jefferson enjoyed "the solitude of a hermit" at his year-round retreat near Lynchburg, Virginia. At the heart of this 4800-acre plantation in beautiful Bedford County, Jefferson built his final, personal architectural masterpiece -- an octagonal house surrounded by an elaborate villa landscape. The rescue of this National Historic Landmark began in 1984, and today you can watch the state-of-the-art restoration under way. Come discover the private, contemplative side of Thomas Jefferson.

House tours also include the hands-on history tent. The tent features activities from Jefferson's era, including brick making, building a bucket, and writing with a quill pen. There is also a toddler's corner with puzzles and coloring pages. The adults must accompany children to the tent.

Group tours are available year-round by appointment at a discounted rate.

Address: The Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest
P.O. Box 419 • Forest, VA 24551-0419

Phone: Voice (434) 525-1806 • Fax (434) 525-7252

The Andrew Johnston House
Giles County's Oldest Brick Home

<http://personal.picusnet.com/gileschs/>

The Andrew Johnston House serves as the hub of the Historical Museum Complex. The home, built in 1829 of hand-formed brick, is a well-preserved Federal-style home, with fine details and pleasing proportions. It is an outstanding example of homes from it's period. The Museum has two levels, each being fully handicap accessible. The lower level houses large objects and displays. The upper level contains both permanent and rotating exhibits, as well as the museum gift shop.

For information contact:

The Giles County Historical Society
208 North Main Street
P.O. Box 404
Pearisburg, VA 24134
Phone: (540) 921-1050
Email: gileschs@i-plus.net

Blue Ridge Parkway

<http://www.nps.gov/blri/index.htm>

The Blue Ridge Parkway travels 217 miles through the Commonwealth of Virginia, allowing visitors to travel from its beginning at the southern end of the Shenandoah National Park to the North Carolina border, near Fisher's Peak. For those of you who like to take your time while traveling, there are four campgrounds, a lodge, housekeeping cabins, four restaurants, and gift shops. Picnic tables are available at many overlooks. In addition, there are four visitor centers conveniently located for information and restroom breaks.

Of all the points of interest on the Parkway, perhaps Mabry Mill (milepost 176.2) is the best known. The Mabry Mill Trail features a black smith shop, wheel wright's shop, and whiskey still, as well as the most photographed Structure on the Parkway, Mabry Mill itself.

Virginia Campgrounds

Otter Creek-MP 60.9
45 Tent Sites | 24 RV sites | 0 Picnic Sites
Other: Telephone; Self-guiding trails; Fishing; Visitor Center

Peaks of Otter -MP 86.0
82 Tent Sites | 59 RV sites | 62 Picnic Sites
Other: Camping Supplies; Telephone; Self-guiding trails; Fishing; Visitor Center

Roanoke Mountain -MP 120.5
74 Tent Sites | 30 RV sites | 0 Picnic Sites
Other: Telephone

Rocky Knob -MP 167.1
81 Tent Sites | 28 RV sites | 72 Picnic Sites
Other: Telephone; Self-guiding trails; Fishing; Visitor Center

For additional information contact:

Email: Peter_Givens@nps.gov

Write to:

199 Hemphill Knob Road
Asheville, NC 28801-3417

Fax: 828-271-4313

Phone: Visitor Information Recorded Message 828-298-0398

Headquarters 828-271-4779

Center in the Square, Roanoke, VA

<http://www.centerinthesquare.org/>

Center in the Square is home to museums of art, history and science, live professional theatre, dance, and opera, and the region's arts council, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Three museums and the theatre are located at Center in the Square in downtown Roanoke at the Historic Farmers' Market. Nationally recognized as a Great American Public Place, the Market area is brimming year-round with restaurants, shops, and locally grown produce and flowers.

The Art Museum

<http://www.artmuseumroanoke.org/>

The focus of the Art Museum collection is on American art including nineteenth and twentieth-century painting, sculpture, prints and photographs, and decorative arts. Art Venture is an interactive, hands-on gallery that is fun for everyone! Each of eight interactive stations at Art Venture has a theme and an atmosphere all its own, inspired by works from the Art Museum's permanent collection.

History Museum and Historical Society of Western Virginia

<http://www.history-museum.org/>

The permanent exhibit, A Crossroads of History, traces the history of mankind in the region from Prehistoric times to World War II. From a Native American wigwam, to a land grant deed signed by Thomas Jefferson, to the surgical implements of Colonial surgeon Colonel William Fleming, to Civil War sabers, to a railroad maintenance car, to a Victorian parlor, to a working 1925 Marshall & Wendell baby grand player piano, there is something for everyone in A Crossroads of History.

Archaeology is one of many educational programs offered by the History Museum. The experience teaches students the careful use of the scientific method, and how it can be utilized to instruct us about our past. Objects used can include Native American, Civil War, or other artifacts. Cooperation and teamwork are encouraged at the Museum's dig site through assigning jobs typical to area archaeology projects. Afterwards, students are instructed as to how they may interpret the data collected during the simulation.

Science Museum of Western Virginia and Hopkins Planetarium

<http://www.smwv.org/>

Permanent exhibits in the Science Museum allow visitors to get hands-on with ecosystems, geology, and more. In Science Arcade, explore light, color and sound by interacting with more than 40 state-of-the-art exhibits. In the Weather Gallery, televise your own forecast on a ChromaKey green screen, view the eye of a hurricane or jump through a tornado! Get personal at Body Tech, only one of three exhibits in the country that focus on the science behind medicine.

Be dazzled under the 40-foot dome of the MegaDome Theatre. The huge wrap-around screen, large-format films, and surround sound makes you feel as if you're right there swimming with whales, exploring distant lands, or orbiting the Earth. The theater is equipped with a MegaSystems 8/70 film projector, a state of the art digital surround sound system, and all new speakers. Prefer space travel amongst thousands of stars, planets and galaxies? Launch yourself on an interstellar journey in Hopkins Planetarium for traditional star shows.

Mill Mountain Theatre

Mill Mountain Theatre is nationally known for the technical and artistic quality of its dramas and musicals. Guest artists and designers and a skilled and talented staff bring extravagant productions like The Music Man (July 2000) to delighted audiences each season.

Address:	Center in the Square One Market Square SE Roanoke, Virginia 24011-1434	Phone:	(540) 342-5700
		FAX:	(540) 224-1238
		Email:	center@centerinthesquare.org

Claytor Lake State Park

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/claytor.htm>

Located on the 4,500 acre, 21-mile long Claytor Lake (from which the park was named) in the New River Valley of southwestern Virginia, Claytor Lake State Park offers a wide variety of activities for water and land enthusiasts. Easily accessible from Interstate 81, the park features the only full service marina in the state park system. In addition, there are miles of hiking trails, swimming, camping facilities, cabins and a visitor center. The visitor center is located in the historic Howe House. The lake and the park are named after Graham Claytor (1886-1971), who was vice president of Appalachian Power and supervised construction of the dam.

For information contact:

Claytor Lake State Park
4400 State Park Rd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Phone: (540) 643-2500

Dark Hollow Program Center

Salem, VA

www.gsvsc.org

Ready for an adventure? Dark Hollow is ready for you. Its rustic cabins are deep in the woods, yet it's only minutes away from Salem and Roanoke.

Hike through 400 acres of age-old wooded mountains with towering pines, hemlocks, oaks and rare wild flowers. Dark Hollow has hiking trails that vary in length and difficulty, including an old fire road traveling to the top of a mountain. Learn to use a compass and earn the Blueberry Hill Orienteering patch. The creek that runs through Dark Hollow features interesting and unique glimpses of nature. The wild flowers that bloom throughout camp are beautiful and provide campers with an opportunity to see rare wild flowers seldom seen anywhere else. Hike to the top of the mountain on the old fire road to enjoy a splendid view of the Roanoke Valley as the reward.

For Reservations contact:

Address: Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council
P. O. Box 3000
Salem, VA 24153
Phone: 800-542-5905 or 540-387-0493
Email: lhale@gsvsc.org

Douthat State Park

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/douthat.htm>

Editors of the *1999 Outside Family Vacation Guide*, a summer planner, have named Virginia's very own Douthat State Park one of the nation's 10 best. It's on the National Register of Historic Places and straddles Bath and Alleghany counties. Douthat was one of the original six Virginia State Parks to open on June 15, 1936. Douthat is nestled in the Allegheny Mountains and features some of Virginia's most outstanding scenery. In addition, a 50-acre lake offers swimming, boating and seasonal trout fishing.

For more information contact:

Douthat State Park, Route 1, Box 212, Millboro, VA 24460, Phone: (540) 862-8100

Grayson Highlands State Park

Mouth of Wilson, VA

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/graysonh.htm>

The park is adjacent to the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, a part of Jefferson National Forest. Grayson Highlands State Park was originally named Mount Rogers State Park and was established in 1965. While pets are allowed in the park, they are not allowed inside public facilities including the bathhouses, visitor center and office.

Guided hikes day and evening (includes some after dark); evening amphitheater programs - bluegrass and old time music, storytelling, etc.; cultural demonstrations - basket weaving, spinning, clogging, etc.; flora and fauna programs; the Junior Ranger Program.

This park has a horse campground and excellent horse trails. Horse rentals are available by reservation only through ***Hopes and Dreams Unlimited***, 1-800-899-6554.

Address: Grayson Highlands State Park
829 Grayson Highland Lane
Mouth of Wilson, Va. 24363
Phone: (540) 579-7092

Harrison Museum of African Culture

<http://www.roanokechamber.org/>

Art and local history exhibit reflecting African American Culture. Advance notice required for groups over 10. Guides available upon request.

For information contact: 523 Harrison Ave., Roanoke, VA 24016 (540)345-4818

Historic Fincastle

Fincastle, Va.

<http://www.co.botetourt.va.us/>

Fincastle's Historic District is on the Virginia Register of Historic Landmarks. Fincastle was founded in 1772 and named after Lord Fincastle, son of Lord Dunmore, Virginia's last royal governor. Antebellum churches, tree-lined street, a courthouse designed by Thomas Jefferson, restored homes and a quaint village atmosphere make it a wonderful place to visit. A walking tour is available. There is a Girl Scout Historical Trail Patch available from the Girl Scout central office in Salem. Request form # 2448.

Botetourt County Historical Society maintains the Botetourt County History Museum in Fincastle. It is located behind the courthouse.

For information contact:

The Historical Society
P.O. Box 468
Fincastle, VA 24090
Phone: 540/473-8394.

Massawomee Program Center

Rockbridge Baths, VA

www.gsvsc.org

At the foot of Jump Mountain in Rockbridge County, Massawomee Program Center provides campers with 154 acres to enjoy and explore. Campers can imagine Indians camping in the woods and fields of this site because it was on the traveling route of the Massawomee Indians. Troops exploring the campsite will find hiking trails, a pond for nature study, an observation tower to climb and a swimming pool for cooling off on those hot days. At night the observation tower is a perfect place for stargazing. Troops can visit historic Lexington and the Virginia Horse Center, which are nearby.

For Reservations contact:

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P. O. Box 3000
Salem, VA 24153
Phone: 800-542-5905 or 540-387-0493
Email: lhale@gsvsc.org

Mill Mountain Zoo

<http://www.mmzoo.org/>

An important part of the mission of the Mill Mountain Zoo is education. A visit to the zoo can be not only a fun, but you can learn a little about animals, habitats and conservation while you are here. Throughout the zoo, visitors will find informational signs marked "What Can I Do" as well as conservation demonstration areas, which give guests suggestions of things they can do at home that will have a positive impact on the environment.

For information Contact:

Education Coordinator
P.O. Box 13484
Roanoke, VA 24034
540) 343-3241 ext. 23
Education@mmzoo.org
540-343-8111 Fax
info@mmzoo.org

Natural Bridge

Natural Bridge, VA

<http://www.naturalbridgeva.com/>

A National Historic Landmark. Enjoy our beautiful Nature Trail, experience the "Living History" of an 18th Century Virginia Monocan Indian Village; view our dramatic sound and light show conducted beneath the Bridge. The Wax Museum takes you on a special three-dimensional trip through Shenandoah Valley history. The Caverns feature hanging garden, streams, cascades and totem poles. A special Girl Scout rate and patch are available.

For more information contact:

Address: Natural Bridge of Virginia
P.O. Box 57
Natural Bridge, VA 24578
Phone: 800-533-1410
Email: natbrg@aol.com

New River Trail State Park

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/newriver.htm>

New River Trail State Park parallels 39 miles of the New River, the second oldest river in the world and one of the few flowing north. It has two tunnels: 135 feet and 193 feet long, three Major Bridges: Hiwasee - 951 feet; Ivanhoe - 670 feet; Fries Junction - 1,089 feet, and nearly 30 smaller bridges and trestles. This is a 57-mile long state park that follows an abandoned railroad right-of-way. There are several entrances into this park. The park meanders through Grayson, Carroll, Wythe and Pulaski counties in southwestern Virginia and parallels the scenic and historic New River for 39 miles. This park is part of the Rails to Trails Program as it was donated to the state by Norfolk Southern Railroad when the railroad discontinued the line and removed the tracks. This park also serves as a link to numerous other outdoor recreational areas, including a town park in Fries, Mt. Rogers National Recreational Area, four Department of Game and Inland Fisheries boat launches and Shot Tower Historical State Park. New River Trail is just minutes from Claytor Lake State Park and Grayson Highlands State Park. This unique park features 57 miles of continuous trail.

For information contact:

New River Trail State Park
176 Orphanage Dr.
Foster Falls, VA 24360
(540) 699-6778

Salem Museum and Historical Society

Salem, Va.

http://www.roanokechamber.org/frm_info.htm

An 1840's building moved and restored as a local history museum; exhibits range from Native American History to present. Group tours are available as well as historic walking or bus tours of Salem. Admission to the museum is free; for a guided tour of Salem there is an hourly rate.

For information contact:

801 E. Main Street
Salem, VA 24153
Phone: (540) 389-6760
Fax: (540) 387-3724
Email: salemmuseum@intrlink.com

Shot Tower Historical State Park

Wythe County, VA

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/shottowr.htm>

Overlooking the New River, Shot Tower was built more than 150 years ago to make ammunition for the firearms of the early settlers. Lead from the nearby Austinville Mines was melted in a kettle atop the 75-foot tower and poured through a sieve, falling through the tower and an additional 75-foot shaft beneath the tower into a kettle of water. For a small fee, guests may ascend the tower, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For information contact:

Shot Tower Historical State Park

Route 1, Box 81X

Austinville, VA 24312-9801

Phone (540) 699-1791 or (540) 699-6778

Smithfield Plantation

Blacksburg, VA

<http://civic.bev.net/smithfield/>

Smithfield Plantation is a living history exhibit of a period plantation. Included are all the accoutrements and furnishings that would have been in use during the time the plantation was a thriving homestead. Tours include a history of the plantation, biographies of the owners, a gift shop, and a kitchen garden that is recreated to show the various flora of the period.

For information:

Call (540) 231-3947 or email: Smithfield.plantation@vt.edu

Smith Mountain Lake State Park

Bedford, Va.

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/smithmtn.htm>

Although situated on the second largest body of freshwater in the state, Smith Mountain Lake State Park is not just for water enthusiasts. In addition to a full range of water related activities, including swimming, fishing and boating, the park offers miles of hiking trails, housekeeping cabins, primitive camping, picnicking, a visitor center and interpretive programs. The park is on the north shore of Smith Mountain Lake in Bedford County.

For information contact:

Smith Mountain Lake State Park
1235 State Park Road
Huddleston, VA 24104-9547 (540) 297-6066

Stonewall Jackson House

Lexington, Va.

<http://www.stonewalljackson.org/>

The Stonewall Jackson House at 8 East Washington Street in Lexington, Virginia is the only home that the famous Confederate General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson ever owned. Jackson and his wife, Mary Anna Morrison, lived in the house while he taught at the Virginia Military Institute before the Civil War. The house, a Registered National Landmark, is owned and operated by the Stonewall Jackson Foundation.

For information on Educational Programs contact:

Education Coordinator
Stonewall Jackson House
8 East Washington Street
Lexington, VA 24450
(540) 463-2552
FAX: (540) 463-4088
Email: sol@stonewalljackson.org

Virginia Museum of Transportation

Roanoke, Va.

<http://www.vmt.org/>

Address: Virginia Museum of Transportation
8303 Norfolk Avenue
Roanoke, VA 24016
Phone: 540-342-5670
Email: info@vmt.org

See, touch, and explore old trains, cars and other forms of transportation. Educational programs and programs to meet Girl Scout badge requirements are available. For special programs reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Call the Director of Education in person or leave a voicemail message at (540) 767-4644. You may also e-mail education@vmt.org. See the website for descriptions of programs.

Virginia Tech Geological Sciences Museum

Blacksburg, Va.

<http://www.geol.vt.edu/outreach/museum.html>

The geological sciences department maintains and operates the Virginia Tech Geological Sciences Museum, which is located in the center section on the second floor of Derring Hall. On display is an extensive mineral collection, fossils, and area mining history exhibits. Admission to the museum is free, and citizens, visitors, students, and teachers regularly visit it.

For information contact:

4044 Derring Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0420
Phone: (540) 231-6521
Fax: (540) 231-3386
E-mail: geosciences@vt.edu

Virginia's Explore Park

Roanoke, Va.

<http://www.explorepark.org>

Virginia's Explore Park is located at milepost 115 on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Roanoke County, Va. It is a unique public-private partnership between Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority (VRFA), which is managed by a 13 member board of directors appointed by the governor.

Virginia's Explore Park has 1,100 acres, 800 acres designated as natural areas and will not be developed. Virginia's Explore Park is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. General admission to Virginia's Explore Park includes all Special Event activities (with the exception of the June Blue Ridge Garden Festival) as well as entrance to the Outdoor Living History Museum.

For More Information:

Address: P.O. Box 8508
Roanoke, Va. 24014-0508
Phone: 540-427-1800
Fax: 540-427-1880
Toll Free: 800-842-9163

Wilderness Road Regional Museum

Newbern, Va.

<http://www.ohwy.com/va/w/wioremu.htm>

Olde Newbern is a linear neighborhood originally planned in 1810. Nineteen of the original buildings are still standing. The walking tour includes the old jail (build ca. 1839), rose gardens water works, flagstone sidewalk, first mayor's log house, pre-Civil War church, holly garden and community center. The Wilderness Road Regional Museum is housed in a 12-room house with log sections dating to 1810. Te museum complex also contains five of the early outbuildings.

For information contact:
Wilderness Road Regional Museum
Wilderness Road-Route 611
Newbern, Va.
(540) 674-4835

Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum

Bastian, VA

<http://www.indianvillage.org/>

Step back over 500 years in time and visit the Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum in Bastian, Virginia. Located within 2 minutes of Interstate 77 this educational experience is situated in the beautiful mountains of Southwest Virginia. The recreated village is near the site of the original McCord excavations. The Village has in costume reinactors of the original crafts of the Eastern Woodland Indians. The museum has many artifacts and Indian related objects. Beautiful nature trails through rhododendron thickets and ample picnic facilities make this a must stop for families and all those interested in the history of the American Indian. School groups are welcome.

For more information contact:

Address: Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum
Rt. 1 Box 1530
Bastian, VA 24314

Phone: 540-688-3438

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