UNIQUE Attractions

Visit three of the best children's museums in the entire mid-Atlantic in **Lynchburg**, **Harrisonburg** and **Winchester**. **Lynchburg's** Amazement Square Children's Museum boast the tallest indoor climbing structure in the U.S., Amazement Tower, which extends through all four floors of the museum and includes slides, ladders, tunnels and a zip line. **Harrisonburg's** Explore More Discovery Museum has a live news anchor desk with a green screen so you can host your own news show and a well-equipped garage, science lab and many other fun activities just for kids. **Winchester's** Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum recently reopened after moving to a newly-renovated, three-story, historic building with a whimsical roof deck with learning gardens. The museum is only a few blocks from **Winchester's** new pedestrian mall splash pad that welcomes children of all ages to frolic in the water.

Historic Inns and Hotels

The General Store and Inn in **Altavista** is a great place to spend a night. Walkable to all the unique downtown shopping and dining, the recently-renovated three-room inn is located on the second floor of the General Store.

The beautiful and historic *Battletown Inn* in **Berryville** offers fine accommodations, live music the first Thursday of every month and walkability to the many charming shops and restaurants along Berryville's Main Street. When you stay here, keep an eye out for the Grey Ghost!

Marion's *General Francis Marion Hotel* is located just steps from the historic *Lincoln Theatre* in the middle of downtown. This beautifully-restored 1920s-era hotel combines modern amenities with the spirited ambience of the roaring twenties, a delightful combination.

Just outside historic downtown **Orange**, you will find James Madison's Montpelier. This historic, completely-restored house will give you a glimpse into the lives of James and Dolly Madison. Close to 3,000 acres of gardens and trails, the Center for the Constitution and guided tours make Montpelier a must see. Ask about directions to three other presidential homes within an hour drive!

Take a walk down State Street in **Bristol** and cross back and forth from Virginia to Tennessee. Walk or drive under the 100-year-old iconic "A Good Place to Live" sign and experience all that the official Birthplace of Country Music has to offer, including the newly-opened Birthplace of Country Music Museum. As a special treat, get a burger, a shake or both at the Burger Bar, reported to be the last place Hank Williams ate.

Virginia's only presidential library, the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum, sits in the heart of downtown **Staunton**.

The awe-inspiring National D-Day Memorial honors the valor and sacrifice of the soldiers of the climactic battle on 88-acres overlooking downtown **Bedford**.

The largest and most popular caverns in the eastern U.S. sit just outside of downtown **Luray**. Tour Luray Caverns' breathtaking chambers and hear the world's only "stalacpipe" organ. The fried eggs are a Main Street favorite.

The *Craddock Terry Hotel* in **Lynchburg** is a beautifully repurposed former shoe factory that sports a large red pump on its exterior. This charming stopover in the heart of downtown offers views of the James River and the Blue Ridge Mountains, great dining and 44 unique rooms that were designed to fit the form of the former factory walls with no two rooms the same.

A recent multi-million dollar renovation makes **Luray's** *Mimslyn Inn* a must see. Opened in the 1930s, this historic inn boasts a top-notch restaurant, tavern and spa, and it is a great place to relax while taking in the beauty of the Shenandoah, just like Eleanor Roosevelt did.

Enjoy the spirit, history and charm of the recently-renovated 1924 *Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center* in downtown **Staunton**.

Abingdon's *Martha Washington Hotel and Spa* offers relaxation and comfort in a historic, pre-civil war building. Enjoy views of Virginia's highest peaks from your room, visit the wood-paneled library full of southern literature and remember to leave your shoes outside your door for a free overnight shine from hotel staff.

The *Joshua Wilton House*, a beautiful 1888-Victorian in downtown **Harrisonburg**, offers luxurious accommodations which are only outdone by its award-winning restaurant. The elegantly-restored 1885 *Stonewall Jackson Inn Bed and Breakfast* is also a favorite of travelers for their attentive service, knowledgeable staff and proximity to all of the wonderful shops and restaurants in downtown Harrisonburg.

The George Washington Hotel in **Winchester** has been ranked by Expedia.com in the top 1% of hotels worldwide. Built in 1924 and fully renovated in 2008, the *George Washington* offers fine dining, luxurious rooms and a great central location for exploring downtown Winchester and the surrounding Shenandoah Valley.

Craddock-Terry Hotel in Lynchburg is a must stay. Great rooms and location.

Abingdon's Barter Theatre was opened in 1933 at the height of the depression with the idea that patrons could pay with produce to enjoy the arts, hence its name. More than 160,000 people visit this historic year-round professional resident repertory theatre each year, and the annual Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights showcases the history and talents unique to Appalachia.

Unique Shopping and Dining

All of Virginia's Main Street communities offer great local fare and unique shopping experiences for visitors. Many restaurants and businesses have been staples of their communities for generations and provide a real sense of pride for local residents. Take a stroll down each of the main streets and be pleasantly surprised by all the unique offerings you find. You will discover multiple reasons to return to each of the historic and authentic communities.

Find unique products, expert customer service and one-of-a-kind meals only independent business owners can provide in **Staunton's** historic downtown. More than 100 shops, restaurants and galleries make this downtown a great destination.

East Davis Street in **Culpeper's** historic downtown is the perfect, quaint mixture of shopping and dining. Exquisite food, often highlighted in the pages of the Washington Post, coupled with unique boutiques and galleries makes downtown **Culpeper** one of a kind. Make sure to stop at one of the three exquisite dining options offered by award-winning Thyme In Culpeper: It's About Thyme, Thyme Market and The Copper Fish.

Escape from routine shopping and visit the 45-plus specialty shops and 25-plus restaurants in downtown **Harrisonburg.** Unique cuisine and expert customer service are to be expected in this thriving, downtown. Do not miss an opportunity to take some of the best ice cream at Kline's Dairy Bar or sample from more than 500 beers at Capital Ale House.

Enjoy a wonderful meal on the Walking Mall in Old Town **Winchester**. Eat at an outdoor cafe and watch people stroll by, or dine in a sumptuous dining room with a crackling fire. Stop at Snow White, and have a burger at Patsy Cline's favorite joint. No matter the season or your dining preference, Old Town Winchester has something for you. After your meal, visit the unique shops, enjoy a drink or an ice cream cone, and stroll down shady streets.

With more than 15 unique restaurants and dozens of one-of-a-kind shops, downtown **Lynchburg** is a great place to find the perfect gift and perfect meal.

Enjoy nightly and seasonal specials, fine wines and award-winning new American cuisine at **South Boston's** Bistro 1888 in the historic downtown district. This American Automobile Association (AAA) Three Diamond-rated restaurant is known as a destination for discerning diners from throughout the East Coast and is just steps from great shopping and many historic buildings.

Decorate your life with the help of the furniture and jewelry experts in downtown **Blackstone.** Locally-owned Watkins Jewelers has been serving customers from across the state since 1951.

Like enjoying a nice meal outdoors? The restaurants of downtown **Manassas** are the perfect place to eat great food in an outdoor setting.

Step out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary antique shops, galleries and up-cycled/re-funked specialty retailers in downtown **Ashland's** Arts and Culture district. Enjoy one of the most exciting meal experiences in Virginia watching the trains roll through town at one of the restaurants on Railroad Avenue.

Downtown **Fredericksburg** boasts more than 40 independent dining establishments ranging from quick service to elegant, with many of them award winning. Intermixed with a wide array of antique shops, almost 30 art galleries, fantastic museums, boutiques and more, **Fredericksburg's** downtown is a vibrant, truly unique place for great food, fun shopping and a one-of-a kind adventure.

Make Wine Virginia Wine

More than 190 family-owned wineries and vineyards dot the Virginia countryside, a true realization of Thomas Jefferson's goal to produce some of the best wines in the world right here in Virginia. Today, wines from the commonwealth are winning national and international awards for their elegant qualities. 18 Virginia Main Street communities are less than a half hour drive from a winery.

Several wineries surround **Warrenton**, making it a great starting point for any Virginia wine tour. **Waynesboro** is near seven wineries, and many downtown restaurants proudly serve local wines. **Bedford** and **Lynchburg** also are in the heart of Virginia wine country, with a total of eight wineries, within a close drive. **Ashland, Fredericksburg, Orange, Culpeper, Martinsville, St. Paul, South Boston, Marion, Harrisonburg, Abingdon, Farmville, Staunton, Winchester,** and **Manassas** are all within a short distance from wineries as well.

Farmers Markets

Virginia Main Street communities have strong ties to local agriculture and fresh foods. In fact, 24 of the 25 Main Street Communities have farmers markets in or near their historic downtown districts. All of these markets are open from April/May through October/November, and in some places, the markets are open year round. Make sure to stop in to get the best in local, fresh, Virginia-grown produce.

Established in 1783, the **Lynchburg** Community Market is the third oldest farmers market in the country. It is open year round Tuesday- Saturday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Warrenton boasts two farmers markets: one every Saturday from April-November at Lee and Fifth streets and one on Wednesdays from May-October outside of the Hospital Bistro at 500 Hospital Street.

The Clinch River Farmers Market in **St. Paul** is open on Saturdays from May-October and on Wednesdays from June-October in the historic downtown district. Bring your recipes and swap them with vendors and other shoppers.

Harrisonburg Farmers Market

The Downtown **South Boston** farmers market is open Monday-Saturday from April-December offering vegetables from many local organic growers, fresh meats, crafts and live music on Saturdays.

Harrisonburg's year-round downtown farmers market boasts more than 60 vendors and is the place to be seen on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from April through Thanksgiving and on Saturdays all year long. Do not miss the oldest growers-only farmers market in Virginia.

The downtown **Franklin** farmers market is open Monday-Saturday from March-December.

Stroll through the **Culpeper** farmers market in the middle of the historic downtown district for locally-grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, baked goods and farm fresh eggs from more than 40 vendors. The market is open Saturdays from April-November.

The **Ashland** Farmers Market is a producers-only market held every Saturday from May to October, with special holiday markets in November and December.

The **Fredericksburg** farmers market is located at Hurkamp Park and is a part of a long-standing tradition of local merchants selling their wares on the street. Fredericksburg's open-air commerce dates back earlier than the city's founding in 1728. The market opens daily in season with occasional winter market weekends.

Brewed in Virginia

Five Virginia Main Street communities boast local craft breweries. Stop by Wolf Hills Brewing in **Abingdon,** Jefferson Street Brewery in **Lynchburg,** Red Beard Brewing and Shenandoah Brewing Company in **Staunton,** Beer Hound Brewery in **Culpeper** and Three Brothers in **Harrisonburg.** Grab a mug of *Main Street Ale* at the Center of the Universe Brewery in Ashland, named in honor of the town's recent VMS designation.

Architectural Gems

Main Street is based on the tenet that our historic downtowns are architectural gems in their own right. All Virginia Main Street Communities have historic architecture in their downtowns, and many of the buildings have been restored to their original state or renovated to house new businesses and restaurants. Many downtowns have walking tours that highlight the unique architecture. The following architectural gems are just a few of the thousands of historic buildings that are located in Virginia Main Street communities:

Homes:

Harrisonburg – 1750 Thomas Harrison House; 1849 Hardesty-Higgins House
Lynchburg – 1791 Miller-Clayton House
Fredericksburg – 1785 Silversmith House
Berryville – 1820 Federal Hawthorne House
Radford – 1868 Halwick, 19th Century Home of VA Governor James Hoge Tyler

Courthouses:

Winchester – 1840 Greek Revival County Courthouse
Abingdon – 1869 Washington County Courthouse
Culpeper – 1874 Classical Revival Courthouse
Warrenton – 1890 Classical Revival Courthouse
Harrisonburg- 1890 Classic Revival Courthouse
Martinsville – 1929 Greek Revival Courthouse
Bedford – 1930 Georgian Revival Courthouse
Fredericksburg – 1852 Victorian Gothic Revival Courthouse

Churches:

Orange – 1833 Roman Revival St. Thomas Episcopal Church with Tiffany windows
Staunton – 1856 Gothic Revival Trinity Church with Tiffany windows
Luray – 1864 Main Street Baptist Church
Ashland – 1858 First Baptist Church
Fredericksburg - 1849 Romanesque Revival St. George's Episcopal with Tiffany windows; 1855 Gothic Revival Baptist Church; 1833 Greek Revival Presbyterian Church

Theatres:

Lynchburg – 1905 Academy of Music Theatre
Staunton – 1913 Italian Renaissance Revival Dixie Theatre
Hopewell – 1920 Art Deco Beacon Theatre
Waynesboro – 1920 Neo-Classical Revival Wayne Theatre
Marion – 1929 Mayan Revival Lincoln Theatre
Abingdon – 1930 Barter Theatre
Ashland – 1948 Art Deco Ashland Theatre

Train Stations:

Luray – 1899 Luray Train Depot
Franklin – 1900 Richardsonian Romanesque Train Station
Bristol – 1902 Bristol Train Station
Culpeper – 1904 Colonial Revival Depot
Bedford – 1905 Colonial Revival Depot
Orange – 1910 Colonial Revival Depot
Manassas – 1914 Manassas Train Station
Altavista – 1936 Altavista Train Station
Ashland – 1922 Dutch Colonial style Depot
Fredericksburg – 1910 Colonial Revival Train Station

Masonic Lodges:

Berryville – Mid-1800s cast-iron front Masonic Hall
Culpeper – 1902 Beaux Arts Fairfax Masonic Lodge
Martinsville – 1914 Classical Revival Masonic Temple

OUTDOOR Activities

Just outside every Virginia Main Street community offers recreational opportunities. From hiking and biking to canoeing and kayaking, do not miss out on seeing the beautiful natural environment while traveling through the commonwealth.

Paddlers, Floaters and Fishermen

Many Virginia Main Street communities are located near bodies of water that are great for recreation, but for those who love to kayak, canoe, tube and fish, there are some special places that definitely should not be missed.

St. Paul is built around the beautiful Clinch River, one of the most bio-diverse rivers in North America! Kayak, canoe, tube, fish, swim and enjoy the stunning scenery from the water or from the 15-mile Sugar Hill Loop and River trails accessible from downtown.

Canoe or kayak along the Dan River in **South Boston**, and head down to nearby Staunton River State Park at the confluence of the Staunton and Dan rivers for some of the best largemouth bass fishing on the East Coast at Buggs Island Lake.

English Park in downtown **Altavista** offers a boat launch for your canoe, kayak or fishing trip along the scenic Staunton River. Just outside of town, Leesville and Smith Mountain lakes offer boating, fishing, swimming and beautiful views of the Blue Ridge.

Enjoy the wharf and footbridge around the water's edge at Barrett's Landing, a short walk from the center of downtown **Franklin**. This popular park on the Blackwater River is the perfect place to try your hand at catching American and hickory shad in the springtime and channel catfish and the "prehistoric" bowfin in the summer. Stop in to Blackwater Outfitters and Nottoway River Guides to rent a kayak or canoe.

Visit the experts at Appomattox River Company in downtown **Farmville** to get the latest news and equipment for paddling and fishing the beautiful Appomattox River. Travel a few miles down Route 460 on the way to **Blackstone**, and stop at Twin Lakes State Park for more fishing, canoeing and camping opportunities.

Take in the scenery of gently rolling farmland and hardwood forest while you canoe and fish on Lake Orange, a few miles east of downtown **Orange**. This public fishing lake offers a pier, boat ramp and many shoreline access points.

Enjoy fishing, boating, canoeing and swimming at Hungry Mother State Park, just outside of **Marion**, where the hike up to Molly's Knob is just strenuous enough to be a good workout, but short enough to make the 100-mile views within reach for the whole family. Relax and throw out a line or go for a swim in the Middle Fork of the Holston River at charming Riverbend Park, near downtown.

Located along the pristine Rappahannock River, the Main Street district in **Fredericksburg** is the perfect place for outdoor lovers. Designated a runner-friendly community, its new Heritage Trail is a great destination for runners of all levels, while canoe trips or tubing at the Virginia Outdoor Center is an outstanding choice for family fun. Fredericksburg is even the home of the American Canoe Association.

Waynesboro

Waynesboro is a true crossroads for the best outdoor adventures Virginia has to offer. Located at the nexus of Skyline Drive and the Blue Ridge Parkway on the beautiful South River and only three miles from the entrance to Shenandoah National Park, this official Appalachian Trail Community is one of the most hiker-friendly cities in Virginia. Great outfitters and guides, the largest fly fishing festival in the eastern U.S. and the nearby Wildlife Center of Virginia, make Waynesboro a great base for your outdoor adventures. Stone Soup is a bookstore and café that serves as a supply drop point for hikers along the Appalachian Trail.

Hikers and Mountain Bikers

There is no place quite like the mountains of Virginia. Whether you are taking a short hike off Skyline Drive or the Blue Ridge Parkway, or taking on the Appalachian Trail, you are sure to see some amazing natural beauty. Do not miss the great offerings Virginia Main Street communities have for outdoor enthusiasts!

Harrisonburg is a designated Appalachian Trail Community that boasts many outdoor recreational opportunities. Head up to Massanutten and enjoy hiking, mountain biking year round, skiing in the winter and golf in the summer.

The Virginia Creeper Trail starts in downtown **Abingdon** and extends 34 miles south east to the North Carolina border. Known as the best mountain biking trail in the eastern U.S., this trail is also great for hikers, walkers and nature enthusiasts. Abingdon is also in close proximity to the Appalachian Trail.

Bike the Blackwater Creek Bikeway and and explore the many miles of walking and hiking trails that meander through the beautiful natural scenery surrounding downtown **Lynchburg**, or hop in a tube and take a float down the James River.

From downtown **Farmville**, you can access the High Bridge Trail State Park. This 30-mile trail is perfect for walking biking, hiking and horseback riding.

Augusta County has more acres of national forest than any other county in Virginia. From **Staunton**, you can explore miles of hiking and biking trails, and enjoy the beauty and wildlife of Crabtree Falls, Betsy Bell Wilderness Park, Humpback Rocks and Gypsy Hill Park.

Resting at the foot of the Peaks of Otter in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, **Bedford** has many outdoor recreational opportunities. Summit the Peaks of Otter for some of the best views in the state, and explore the Jefferson National Forest.

From **Berryville**, you can visit the Appalachian Trail and Shenandoah River for numerous outdoor recreational opportunities. Sky Meadows State Park boasts rolling pastures, woodlands and beautiful vistas of the Blue Ridge.

Get on Skyline Drive, just outside of **Luray**, and enjoy the many hikes along the scenic roadway. Explore Shenandoah National Park or the nearby Appalachian Trail, and enjoy a romantic retreat or family get together in one the many mountain getaways in the "Cabin Capital of Virginia."

From its great location nestled between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, **Winchester** offers recreation enthusiasts numerous opportunities for hiking, biking, camping, fishing, canoeing and exploring the beautiful Shenandoah National Park. You can take a more leisurely and educational stroll through one of the many Civil War sites nearby.

Ashland's Poor Farm Park is packed with a 15-mile network of challenging, single-track bike trails. It has a little of everything including roots, log piles, tough climbs and tight twisting turns.

Beautiful Walks

Every downtown has ample opportunities for you to take a walk and enjoy historic architecture and unique charm only found in Virginia.

Take a 1.5-mile stroll down the **Warrenton** Branch Greenway from the center of downtown, and enjoy recreation and history at the same time.

Get your history and recreation in one large swoop in **Manassas** by walking the miles of trails at Manassas National Battlefield Park.

Take the Appomattox River Trailhead at City Park in downtown **Hopewell**, and enjoy a nice stroll or bike ride along the river. See the historic City Point, where the Appomattox and James rivers meet.

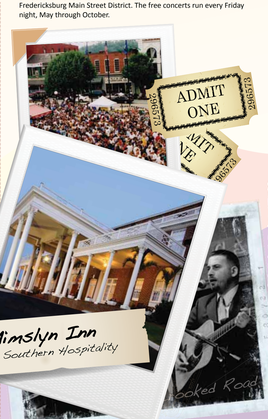
Walk or bike along the award-winning **Luray**-Hawksbill Greenway, and stop along the way to take in the abundant wildlife in an urban setting.

Visit the Sugar Hollow Recreation Area in **Bristol**, and enjoy the two miles of paved walking trails, the more than three miles of wilderness trails and the wetlands boardwalks.

Take a stroll through Yowell Meadow Park, just steps from great shops and restaurants in downtown **Culpeper**.

Located in the center of historic **Martinsville**, the Uptown Spur Trail is a paved trail perfect for walking, biking or running. The trail is 0.6 miles long and serves as an access point to the 4.5-mile Dick and Willie Passage Rail Trail.

"Romantic Spots" close to Skyline Drive and Appalachian Trail



Concert Series and Festivals

The annual, award-winning **Bristol** *Rhythm and Roots Reunion* is held the third weekend in September on historic State Street in the heart of downtown. This three-day musical extravaganza showcases more than 100 bands from across the country and highlights all of the unique sounds that make the "Birthplace of Country Music" such a special place to visit.

The Rives Theatre on Church Street in historic downtown **Martinsville** has two monthly events that showcase great musical talent. The longstanding *Bluegrass at the Rives Concert Series*, held the third Saturday of each month, highlights local and regional bluegrass acts. The new *First Fridays at the Rives*, held the first Friday of each month, brings in nationally-renowned artists.

In **St. Paul**, on the second Saturday of each month, *Pickin' in the Park* runs from 6-10 p.m. at A. R. Matthews Park (or the Oxbow Center in the winter months). Join local musicians in a jam session followed by a featured band.

Every summer from mid-May to July, *Friday Cheers* in **Lynchburg** brings in local and national musicians to Riverfront Park for an outdoor show overlooking the James River. The show runs from 5:30-9 p.m.

Franklin's *We Be Jammin'* concert series runs every Thursday evening from May-August on the banks of the Blackwater River.

The **Manassas** *Wine and Jazz Festival* is held annually on Father's Day at Harris Pavilion in the center of Old Town. Taste wine from more than 15 Virginia Wineries, watch live jazz performances, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

Consistently ranked a top-20 event in the Southeast, **Warrenton's** *Christmas in Old Town and Gum Drop Square* features children's activities, carolers and fresh roasted chestnuts, a must-see holiday tradition.

The week-long *Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival*, held each spring in downtown **Winchester**, is one of the oldest civic celebrations in the commonwealth. Join thousands of visitors for the parades, dances and special events, and stick around to watch the coronation of Queen Shenandoah.

Be a part of the largest fly fishing festival in the United States each spring on the banks of the South River in downtown **Waynesboro**. The *Virginia Fly Fishing Festival* draws visitors from across the country to the many exhibitions, lectures, classes and informational sessions.

For more than 40 years, **Blackstone's** *Arts and Crafts Festival* has been showcasing local, regional and statewide artists. This family-friendly event is held each September.

Ashland Train Day, on the first Saturday in November, is a can't-miss celebration of the town's unique railroad heritage. Free to the public, Train Day features multiple model railroads, kiddie train rides, live music, great food and fun.

The **Fredericksburg** Area Museum and Cultural Center hosts an annual Summer Concert Series in Market Square in the heart of the Fredericksburg Main Street District. The free concerts run every Friday night, May through October.

Arts and Culture

Arts and cultural attractions are ever present in Virginia Main Street communities. The first arts and cultural district in the state was established in downtown **Harrisonburg**. **Fredericksburg**, **Lynchburg** and **Bristol** also have thriving arts and cultural districts housing many unique attractions.

The *Virginia Museum of Natural History* in **Martinsville** has award-winning exhibits, groundbreaking scientific research and collections and innovative educational programs for all ages that put Virginia's natural heritage in a global context. Also, in Martinsville, the *Southern Virginia Artisan Center* is a great place to view, experience and purchase local and regional art.

In **Marion,** make sure to stop by the historic *Lincoln Theatre*, one of only three Art Deco Mayan Revival Theatres in the US. Catch a monthly performance of "Song of the Mountains," a nationally-televised bluegrass program that celebrates the music of the Appalachian Mountains.

Stroll through historic downtown **Winchester** on the first Friday of each month for the *First Friday Art Walk* to catch special gallery events and musicians playing in restaurants and cafes. For cultural and historic attractions, be sure to visit *George Washington's Office Museum*, *the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum*, *Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters* and the *Patsy Cline Historic House*.

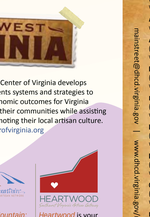
Blackfriar's Playhouse at the American Shakespeare Center in **Staunton** is the world's only recreation of Shakespeare's original indoor theatre. See a play Wednesday-Sunday of each week.

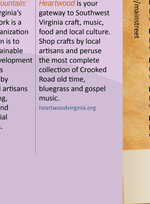
Want to see the beauty that the Shenandoah can inspire? Visit the many art galleries in the downtown historic district of **Luray,** and do not forget to take notice of all the commissioned murals and public art.

Abingdon, **Orange** and **Waynesboro** boast nonprofit, community-driven art centers that highlight local, regional and national art through year-round rotating exhibits. Abingdon's *Holston Mountain Artisans* located on Park Street is one of the oldest artisan cooperatives in the country. The *William King Museum* and *The Arts Depot* in Abingdon, *The Arts Center* in Orange and the *Shenandoah Valley Arts Center* in Waynesboro are a must-see for art lovers.

Almost 30 galleries and studios dot **Fredericksburg's** Main Street district, with a broad range of artists working in oils, pastels, watercolors, silver, gold, pewter and copper, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, glassware, tiles and more! The First Friday of every month highlights exhibit openings and artist receptions while restaurants, shops and museums host displays and performances.

Whether your passion is music, dance, theater, history, trains or visual or culinary arts, you will find lots to love in **Ashland's** downtown Arts and Culture district.





The Artisans Center of Virginia develops and implements systems and strategies to improve economic outcomes for Virginia artisans and their communities while assisting them in promoting their local artisan culture. artisancenterofvirginia.org

The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, winds through the mountains of Southwest Virginia. Here, the bluegrass, old time and traditional country music is as beautiful and rugged as the landscape itself. crookedroad.com

'Round the Mountain: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote sustainable economic development of the region's communities by assisting local artisans with marketing, educational and entrepreneurial opportunities. myswva.org/rtm

Heartwood is your gateway to Southwest Virginia craft, music, food and local culture. Shop crafts by local artisans and peruse the most complete collection of Crooked Road old time, bluegrass and gospel music. heartwoodvirginia.org

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES

Looking for hometown charm and a warm welcome? Want to experience authentic Virginia downtowns? Visit Virginia's 25 historic and distinctive Main Street communities and experience the best of what the commonwealth has to offer.

Virginia Main Street communities are thriving centers of business, history, culture, dining and recreation. In each of the singular downtowns, you will witness first-hand what happens when local businesses, governments and citizens work together to make a place special and unforgettable.

Unique old architecture, unique shopping and dining, authentic festivals and outdoor recreational opportunities can all be found in the heart of downtown in Virginia's Main Street communities.

Each informational section of this brochure highlights potential hot spots unique to each town but can be the start of your own adventure through the many opportunities afforded also provide you with information to create your own adventure through the many opportunities afforded exclusively by Virginia Main Street communities.

Contact Information
If you would like information about the Main Street program in a community, please call the number listed. For visitor information, visit the community's Web site.

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(276) 698-5667
www.abingdon.com

Ashland
www.mainstreetashland.com

Altavista
(434) 401-9729
www.altavistaontrack.com

Bedford
(540) 586-2148
www.centertownbedford.com

Berryville
(540) 955-4001
www.berrywillemainstreet.org

Blackstone
(434) 292-3041
www.downtownblackstone.org

Bristol
(276) 644-9700
www.believeinbristol.org

Culpeper
(540) 825-4416
www.culpeperdowntown.com

Farmville
(434) 392-3060
www.farmvilledowntown.com

Fredericksburg
(540) 479-1595
www.visitfred.com

Franklin
(757) 562-6900
www.downtownfranklinva.org

Harrisonburg
(540) 432-8922
www.downtownharrisonburg.org

Hopewell
(804) 446-4847
www.hopewelldowntown.com

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(540) 743-7700
www.luraydowntown.com

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(434) 528-3950
www.downtownlynchburg.com

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www.visitmanassas.org

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(276) 783-4190
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(276) 632-5688
www.martinsvilleuptown.net

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(540) 672-2540
www.orangedowntownalliance.org

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(276) 762-5297
www.stpauliva.org

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(434) 575-4200
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(540) 332-3867
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www.partnershipforwarrenton.org

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- State Route
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Skyline Drive

Abingdon
Don't Miss: Virginia Creeper Trail, Barter Theatre, William King Museum, Star Museum, Arts Depot, Heartwood, the Tavern Restaurant, Martha Washington Inn, Holston Mountain Artisans and Crooked Road Heritage Music Trail

Altavista
Don't Miss: Avoca Museum, English Park, Staunton River, Altavista Arts and Antiques Store, the General Store and Inn, the Main Street Café and Gift Shop, Garden Gate Quilt Shop, Vintage on Broad and Smith Mountain Lake

Ashland
Don't Miss: Visitor's Center/Train Station, Ashland Museum and Red Caboose, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland Theater, Cross Brothers Grocery, Arts and Culture District, Ashland Coffee and Tea (live music Tuesday- Saturday), Hanover Arts and Activities Center, Ashland Chalk Walk (first Saturday in May), Strawberry Faire (first Saturday in June), 4th of July Celebration, Ashland Train Day (first Saturday in Nov.), Center of the Universe Brewing Company and more than 50 CSX and Amtrak trains rumbling through the Main Street district every day.

Bedford
Don't Miss: Bedford City/County Museum, Bower Center for the Performing Arts, Peaks of Otter, Bedford Wine Trail, National D-Day Memorial, Jefferson's Poplar Forest and Smith Mountain Lake

Berryville
Don't Miss: Berryville Main Street Fire House Gallery, Clarke County Historical Association Museum, Josephine School Community Museum 1882 Schoolhouse, Burwell-Morgan Mill, Historic Long Branch, the Barns at Rose Hill Cultural and Visitors Center, Holy Cross Abbey, State Arboretum of Virginia, Historic Rosemont Manor Bed and Breakfast, award-winning Veramar Vineyards and the former home of former Governor and U.S. Sen. Harry Byrd

Blackstone
Don't Miss: 18th Century Schwartz Tavern, Carriage Museum, Blackstone College (Virginia Methodist Assembly Center), Hometown Jams (fourth Thursdays May-Sept.), Cruise-ins (fourth Saturdays April-Sept.), Running of the Trains at Bevell's Hardware (last Friday in Nov.–first week of Jan.) and Twin Lakes State Park

Bristol
Don't Miss: State Street, Bristol Slogan Sign, Birthplace of Country Music Museum, Arts and Entertainment District, Paramount Center, Veterans War Memorial at Cumberland Square Park, Historic Bristol Train Station, Famous Burger Bar and Country Music Mural

Culpeper
Don't Miss: A.P. Hill Boyhood Home, Museum of Culpeper History, National Cemetery, East Davis Street shops, galleries and restaurants, Brandy Station, Library of Congress Packard Campus, Chancellorsville, Cedar Mountain, Kelly's Ford and Wilderness Battlefields and multiple wineries

Farmville
Don't Miss: Virginia's Heartland Regional Visitor Center and Transportation Heritage Museum, Longwood Center for the Visual Arts, Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail, Wilck's Lake Park, High Bridge Trail State Park, Robert Russa Moton Museum and Farmville Historic District

Franklin
Don't Miss: Barrett's Landing Riverfront Park, 1900 Richardsonian Romanesque Train Station, We Be Jammin' Festival (Oct.), Franklin Fall Festival (first weekend in Oct.), Rawls Museum of the Arts, The Elms, Fred's Restaurant, Pam's Tea Room and Simply Divine

Fredricksburg
Don't Miss: Historic Half Marathon, Kids Great Train Race, Market Square, 40-block National Historic District, University of Mary Washington, Rising Sun Tavern, Kenmore Plantation, James Monroe Museum, the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center and National Park Service Visitor's Center telling Fredericksburg's Civil War story

Harrisonburg
Don't Miss: Visitor's Center, farmers market, Court Square Theater, Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, Fire Department Museum, Civil War Orientation Center, Explore More Discovery Museum, 1750 Thomas Harrison House, Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, Virginia Quilt Museum, Valley Turnpike Museum, Grand Caverns, three wineries and Wine on the Water Tasting Room

Hopewell
Don't Miss: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, City Point Open Air Museum, Weston Plantation, Sears Catalog Homes, The Hopewell Mural, the Appomattox River Trailhead at City Park and Beacon Theatre

Luray
Don't Miss: Mimslyn Inn, art murals, Luray Caverns, Shenandoah National Park, Skyline Drive, Luray/Hawksbill Greenway, art galleries and Appalachian Trail

Lynchburg
Don't Miss: Amazement Square Children's Museum, Blackwater Creek Trail, Historic Courthouse Museum, Lynchburg Community Market, Legacy Museum of African American History, Old City Cemetery, Craddock Terry Hotel, Academy of Fine Arts Music Theatre, Get! Downtown (Sept.), James River Arts and Cultural District, Batteau Festival (June) and Friday Cheers (May-July)

Manassas
Don't Miss: Jennie Dean Memorial, the Loy E. Harris Pavilion, the Manassas Museum, 1914 Victorian Train Depot, Manassas National Battlefield Park, Freedom Museum at the Manassas Regional Airport, Old Rose Garden at Ben Lomond Manor House, the Candy Factory, year-round farmers market (Saturdays and Thursdays) and monthly special events in Old Town

Marion
Don't Miss: Lincoln Theatre, the General Francis Marion Hotel, Hungry Mother State Park, the Appalachian Spirit Gallery and Model Train Museum, Marion Regional Farmers Market and Concert Stage, the Settler's Museum of Southwest Virginia and the Smyth County Historical Museum

Martinsville
Don't Miss: Piedmont Arts Association, The Virginia Museum of Natural History, the Historic Henry County Courthouse and Heritage Museum, the Southern Virginia Artisan Center, historic Rives Theatre, Studio 107, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville Farmers Market, TGIF Concerts (fourth Fridays April-Sept.) and Oktoberfest (first Saturday in Oct.)

Orange
Don't Miss: The Arts Center in Orange, James Madison Museum, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange County Historical Society, Exchange Hotel Civil War Museum, Barboursville Vineyards, the Light Well Tavern, Horton Cellars and the Big Woods at Montpelier

South Boston
Don't Miss: The Priizery, South Boston-Halifax County Museum, the Crossing of the Dan, South Boston Speedway, Virginia International Raceway, Staunton River State Park and Historic Downtown Walking Tour featuring Victorian Architecture

St. Paul
Don't Miss: The scenic Clinch River, Hillman House, the Railroad Museum, farmers market, four locations on the VA Birding and Wildlife Trails, the Clinch River Sprint (second Saturday in May), Clinch River Festival (first weekend in June), the Appalachian Arts Festival (last Saturday in Sept.), Santa Train (Saturday before Thanksgiving) and the Sugar Hill Loop and River Trails

Staunton
Don't Miss: Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Antique Fire Engine "Jumbo" Museum, Blackfriar's Playhouse at the American Shakespeare Center, R.R. Smith Center for History and Art, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, farmers market (Wednesdays and Saturdays April-Nov.), Victorian downtown and Museum of American Frontier Culture

Warrenton
Don't Miss: Circa 1808 Old Jail Museum, monument to Chief Justice John Marshall, Civil War Memorial, Mosby Museum, Warrenton Branch Greenway, two farmers markets, nearly two dozen wineries, Sky Meadows State Park and award-winning restaurants and art galleries

Waynesboro
Don't Miss: Plumb House Museum, Waynesboro Heritage Museum, Shenandoah Valley Art Center, the Wayne Theatre Alliance's Gateway Theatre, Grand Caverns Regional Park, the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival (April), the Downtown Motorsports Show (May), the Virginia Chili, Blues and Brews Festival (Sept.), Wildlife Center of Virginia and seven wineries

Winchester
Don't Miss: Loudoun Street Pedestrian Mall, Winchester Little Theatre, George Washington's Office Museum, Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum, Old Courthouse Civil War Museum, George Washington Hotel, Shenandoah University, Patsy Cline Historic House, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival (May)

Antique jewelry

Classic Car Show

Food on a bus! Great spot!
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