

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA



Offering quaint American Main Street communities, a distinctive local culinary scene and a plethora of outdoor activities, **SOUTHERN VIRGINIA** invites travelers to immerse themselves in the heart of the region's rich culture. Scenic byways and classic country roads connect beautiful State Parks and attractions, while three major speedways and numerous raceways bring high-speed thrills to "Virginia's Racing Region."

FLOAT

The **Southern Virginia Wild Blueway**, made up of the Dan, Staunton and Banister rivers, flows right into **Buggs Island Lake** - the state's largest - so you can indulge in your favorite water activities or join one of their many state and national fishing tournaments. Or head to **Occoneechee State Park**, offering waterfront access and a marina with year-round boat and kayak rentals. Be sure to save the date for **Clarksville's Virginia Lake Festival** in July, complete with music, hot air balloons and an incredible fireworks show on the water.



Buggs Island Lake—Clarksville

RACE

Get your adrenaline pumping in **Virginia's Racing Region** - boasting six speedways and raceways for super fans and families alike! The historic **Martinsville Speedway** has hosted the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series for 50 years and offers some of the most exciting races around. Also notable to NASCAR history, **South Boston Speedway**, "America's Hometown Track" since 1957, offers plenty of excitement and affordable family entertainment - right where racing greats like Ward and Jeff Burton got their start. While you're in the area, cruise on down to **VIRginia International Raceway (VIR)**, a "motorsport resort," where racing fans can also enjoy on-site lodging, plus fun activities like skeet shooting, off-road racing, go-karts and more.

BUGGS ISLAND LAKE (CLARKSVILLE); SAM DEAN / SOUTH BOSTON; SARAH HAUSER



South Boston

STROLL

From boutiques and restaurants to farmers markets and historic districts, designated **Main Street communities** are perfect for an easy day out and about. In Danville, the elegant **Millionaires Row** showcases gorgeous Victorian, Edwardian, Romanesque and Gothic Revival architecture, built by 19th-century tobacco and textile barons. Also shaped by its significant role in the tobacco industry, South Boston's downtown is best explored on foot via a **Historic District Walking Tour**. And when visiting Martinsville, be sure to explore the **Fayette Street Historic District**, one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, which developed as a vibrant cultural center for the African-American community from 1900 to the mid-20th century.

GAZE

The Milky Way has never looked more beautiful than when viewed from **Staunton River State Park!** Designated as an International Dark Sky Park, exceptionally dark evenings allow star gazers to be completely enveloped by nature as they take in the night sky.

LOVE

Put a little LOVE in your heart and hit the road to discover several **LOVEworks** throughout the region in Emporia, Brunswick, South Hill, Boydton, Chase City, Clarksville, South Boston, Danville, Chatham and Martinsville. Don't forget to hashtag **#LOVEVA** as you make memories and share the love!



ALTON

Virginia International Raceway
1245 Pine Tree Rd.,
434-822-7700; virnow.com.
America's motorsport resort,
3.27-mile road course. Country
club, hotel, restaurant. \$

AXTON

Lake Sugar Tree Motor Sports Park
400 Movie Mover E,
276-650-1158; lakesugartree.com.
Oldest professional motorcross
track in Virginia. Open to
public. \$

Smith River Sports Complex
1000 Irisburg Rd.,
276-638-5200;
smithriversportscomplex.com.
Tournaments, walking trails,
river access and events.

BASSETT

Bassett Historical Center
3964 Fairystone Park Hwy.,
276-629-9191;
bassetthistoricalcenter.com.
Genealogical facility with
collection of area artifacts,
family, local, regional and
Virginia history.

Philpott Lake and Dam
1058 Philpott Dr.,
276-629-2703;
visitmartinsville.com/lakes.
Scenic overlook, campgrounds
and history museum of pristine
3,000-acre lake.

Philpott Marina
300 Boat Dock Rd.,
276-340-0485;
philpottmarina.com. Fuel
slip, marina store, boat
launch, restroom, picnic area.

BLAIRS

Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce
8653 U.S. Hwy. 29,
434-836-6990;
experiencedpc.com. Offering
tourism information for Danville
and Pittsylvania County.

BOYDTON

Mecklenburg County Tourism Office
350 Washington St.,
434-738-6191;
visitmeckva.com. More of What
Matters - More Mecklenburg.
#moremeckva

Historic Boyd Tavern
449 Washington St.,
434-738-9800; boydtavern.net.
Historic stagecoach stopover
owned by Alexander Boyd.
Tavern open for tours 11am-
4pm, Wednesday-Friday.

Historic Boydton Walking Tour
461 Madison St.,
boydton.org. An array of
different architectural styles
and vintage buildings.

John H. Kerr Lake and Reservoir/Buggs Island Lake
1930 Mays Chapel Rd.,
434-738-6143; clarksvilleva.com/recreation/on-the-lake.
50,000 acres of fresh water &
800 miles of shoreline.

Tanner Environmental Education Center
5164 Buggs Island Rd.,
434-738-6143;
tinyurl.com/jhkerr. Kerr Lake
wildlife and ecology exhibits,
including some live.

Tobacco Heritage Trail - Boydton
564 Washington St.,
434-447-7101;
tobaccoheritagetrail.org. New
1.1 mile scenic trail through
Boydton and surrounding
countryside.

Boydton Plank Road Historic Site
290 Hull St., 434-738-6344;
boydton.org. Site of failed
plank road that would have
connected Southern Va
tobacco fields to Richmond.

BROOKNEAL

Red Hill - Patrick Henry Memorial
1250 Red Hill Rd.,
434-376-2044; redhill.org. The
last home of patriot Patrick
Henry, Virginia's first governor.
\$

Red Hill-Patrick Henry National Memorial
1250 Red Hill Rd.,
434-376-2044; redhill.org.
Henry's home, grave, museum.
Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm,
Sunday 1-5pm, November-
March until 4pm. \$

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE

Charlotte County Visitors Center
125 David Bruce Ave.,
434-542-5117; charlotteva.com.
Visit beautiful Charlotte
County!

Central High Museum
515 Thomas Jefferson Hwy.,
434-542-4699; charlotteva.com.
Museum highlighting
African-American education
and achievement in Charlotte
County.

Charlotte County Courthouse
145 David Bruce Ave.,
434-542-5117; charlotteva.com.
1823 Thomas Jefferson
courthouse located in a
beautiful historic district.

Museum of Charlotte County
129 David Bruce Ave.,
434-542-5117; charlotteva.com.
Permanent exhibit highlights
statesmen Patrick Henry, John
Randolph and David Bruce.

CHASE CITY

MacCallum More Museum & Gardens
603 Hudgins St., 434-372-0502;
mmm.org. Botanical, imported
statues, Native American
artifacts, art, cultural events,
historical. \$

Thyne Institute Memorial
30935 Hwy. 49. Civil Rights
site memorializing influential
African-American boarding
school.

CHATHAM

Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex
1250 Red Hill Rd.,
434-376-2044; redhill.org.
Henry's home, grave, museum.
Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm,
Sunday 1-5pm, November-
March until 4pm. \$

Reid Street Gallery
24 Reid St., 434-433-2264;
reidstreetgallery.com. Art
gallery, representing local/
regional/southern artists and
gift shop.

Simpson Funeral Museum
16 South Main St.,
434-432-1085;
simpsonfuneralmuseum.com.
Antique hearse, coffin and
casket displays, murals and
regalia galore.

**Ascension Lutheran Church
Chrismons Tree**
314 West Main St.,
434-792-5795; chrismson.org.
Plan your visit via the web or
email, chrismson@gamewood.
net.

**Danville Museum of Fine Arts
and History**
975 Main St., 434-793-5644;
danvillemuseum.org. Tour
1859 Sutherland Mansion, Civil
War exhibits and art galleries.
\$

Danville Science Center
677 Craghead St.,
434-791-5160; dsc.smv.org.
Hands-on exhibits, digital dome
shows, butterfly garden and
special programs. \$

Danvillian Gallery
210 North Union St.,
434-792-1860. Monthly
showing of local, regional and
international visual artists'
work.

Green Hill Civil War Cemetery
761 Lee St., 434-793-
5644; danville-va.gov/
documentcenter/home/
view/2287. 1,158 Union and
400 Confederate soldiers
buried. Prominent Danville
citizens.

Prestwoud Plantation
429 Prestwoud Dr.,
434-374-8672; virginia.org/
listings/culturalheritage/
prestwoudplantation. Built
1794-1795 by Sir Peyton
Skipwith. Original furniture and
wallpaper. \$

Welcome Center at Bracey

Virginia Tourism Corporation
Mile Marker 1, I-85 Northbound
Bracey 23919
434-689-2295

Welcome Center at Skippers

Virginia Tourism Corporation
Mile Marker 0, I-95 Northbound
Skippers 23879
434-634-4113

DANVILLE

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

Danville Welcome Center
645 River Park Dr.,
434-793-4636;
playdanvilleva.com. Tourist
information, tickets, restrooms,
food/drink vending machines.
Open 8:30am-5:30pm
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm
Saturday-Sunday.

AAF Tank Museum
3401 U.S. Hwy. 29B (at city
limits), 434-836-5323;
aaf tankmuseum.com. World's
largest international collection
of tank and cavalry artifacts.
\$

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Grove Street Cemetary

940 Grove St., 434-793-
5644; danville-va.gov/
documentcenter/home/
view/2286. Established in 1827.
Early Danville families and
slaves, some Confederates.

Historic North Theatre

629 North Main St.,
434-793-7469;
thenorththeatre.com. Main
theatre, balcony mini theatre,
restaurant/bar, gallery and gift
shop. \$

Holbrook-Ross Historic District

975 Main St., 434-793-5644;
danvillemuseum.org.
African-American professionals'
homes date back to 1880.
Walking tour.

Langhorne House

117 Broad St., 434-791-2256.
Home of the Langhorns, Astors
and Gibsons. "Gibson Girl."

Millionaire's Row

975 Main St., 434-793-5644;
danvillemuseum.org. Enjoy
viewing Victorian homes
as you walk down Main
Street.

River District of Danville

111 Main St., 434-791-0210;
danvillerverdistrict.com.
Historic downtown includes
riverwalk, shopping,
restaurants, breweries and
murals.

DRAKES BRANCH

Drakes Branch Museum
4849 Main St., 434-568-3091;
documentcenter/home/
view/2286. Established in 1827.
Early Danville families and
slaves, some Confederates.

EMPORIA

Emporia-Greenville Chamber of Commerce
400 Halifax St., 434-634-9441;
emporiagreenvillechamber.com. Offering tourism
information for the Emporia
and Greenville County area.

Village View Mansion

221 Briggs St., 434-594-6810;
discoverourtown.com. Historic
furnishings reflect the rural
family life of Southside Virginia
in the 1830s.

FIELDALE

Textile Heritage Trail
3251 South River Rd.,
276-632-8006;
visitmartinsville.com/trails.
Interpretive walking trail and
boardwalk highlights areas
history in textiles.

GRETNA

White Fall Farm
6135 Riceville Rd.,
434-221-4993;
whitefallfarm.com. Farm tours,
pick-your-own, pumpkin patch,
hay bale castle, farm animals.

Yates Tavern

U.S. Hwy 29 S, 434-432-2790;
pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety.org/sites_yates. Built around
1750, only dwelling in Virginia
with Elizabethan/Tudor
overhangs.

HALIFAX

L.E. Coleman African-American Museum
228 Main St., 434-848-2728;
brunswickco.com. Indian relics,
Fort Christianna items, open for
private tours.

KENBRIDGE

Civil War Wilson-Kautz Raid Tour
St. John's Church, corner of
Broad & Shade Sts.,
434-696-2546;
civilwartraveler.com. Part
of a self-guided driving
tour following the Raid's
locations.

Fifth Avenue Historic District

100-500 Blocks East Fifth Ave.,
434-696-2546;
lunenburgva.org. 1875-1975
buildings - visit town hall, park
and farmers market.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Brunswick Byways Visitor Center
13516 Christanna Hwy.,
434-848-2728;
brunswickco.com. Offering
information and directions to
area attractions and events.

Brunswick Chamber of Commerce

400 North Main St.,
434-848-3154;
brunswickchamber.com. Enjoy
natural surroundings, historical
sites, antique shopping and of
course, BRUNSWICK STEW!

Brunswick County Museum

228 Main St., 434-848-2728;
brunswickco.com. Indian relics,
Fort Christianna items, open for
private tours.

Brunswick Lake

County Pond Rd., 434-848-2728;
brunswickco.com. Call for more
information. 150-acre lake,
boat ramp, fishing.

James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum and Archives

219 North Main St.,
434-848-2173;
jsrspc1888@gmail.com. Open
by appointment. Artifacts,
photographs and records
pertaining to James Solomon
Russell, who was born into slavery.

Lake Gaston

I-85 and U.S. 1, 434-848-2728;
brunswickco.com. A
20,000-acre lake, 350 miles
of shoreline. Fishing, boating,
swimming.

Fort Christanna

Route 46/Christanna Hwy.
434-848-2728;
brunswickco.com.
Archeological site, first Indian
school founded by Governor
Spotswood.

LUNENBURG

Lunenburg County Courthouse
11435 Courthouse Rd.,
434-696-2546; lunenburgva.org.
One of only four Jeffersonian
courthouses in Virginia.

MARTINSVILLE

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

Martinsville-Henry County Visitor Center
191 Fayette St., 276-632-8006;
visitmartinsville.com. Iconic
half-mile track is a NASCAR
classic for over 70 years. Gifts,
self-guided tours.

Beaver Creek Reservoir

600 Redskin Dr., 276-656-5179.
175 acres offers fishing, boating
and picnicking. Canoes
available for rent.

Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail

220 Doyle St., 276-634-4640;
visitmartinsville.com/trails.
4.5-miles paved historic rail
trail.

VC MEETS ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS OF THE VIRGINIA GREEN PROGRAM PROVIDES PRINTED MATERIAL IN BRAILLE PROVIDES DESCRIPTIONS BY A TRAINED AUDIO DESCRIBER PROVIDES SIGN LANGUAGE OFFERS ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR HAVE LOW VISION PROVIDES A DEVICE USED FOR COMMUNICATION WITH AND BETWEEN HEARING IMPAIRED PROVIDES ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEMS BUSES/GROUPS WELCOME PET-FRIENDLY FACILITY ADMISSION REQUIRED ADA-COMPLIANT



South Boston LOVEWork

Fayette Area Historical Initiative African-American Museum
211 West Fayette St., 276-732-3496; fahimuseumva.org. Local African-American history celebrated through exhibits, lectures and performances, by appointment. 🚗

The Little Post Office
207 Starling Ave., 276-632-3221; piedmontarts.org. Historic 1893 postal distribution center now houses exhibits and events. 🚗

Martinsville Speedway
340 Speedway Rd., 877-722-3849; martinsvillespeedway.com. Historic half-mile track is a NASCAR classic. Gifts, self-guided tours. 🚗

Martinsville-Henry County Heritage Center and Museum
1 East Main St., 276-403-5361; mhhistoricalsociety.org. This 1824 courthouse houses a museum and hosts special events. 🚗

Piedmont Arts
215 Starling Ave., 276-632-3221; piedmontarts.org. Galleries exhibiting acclaimed regional and national artists and performing arts. 🚗

Stonehaus Farms
59 Forsythia Dr., 276-957-4656; stonehausfarms.net. Farm tours, cheesemaking and fiber arts classes. Event venue available. By appointment. 🚗

Uptown Connection Trail & Park
101 Depot St., 276-634-2545; visitmartinsville.com/trails. Connects Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail to Historic Uptown. 🚗

Uptown Pinball
35 East Church St., 276-224-7139; facebook.com/uptownpinball. Arcade, Laser tag, Video Game Lounge and more! 🚗

Virginia Museum of Natural History
21 Starling Ave., 276-634-4141; vmnh.net. Exhibits, children's "Discovery Reef", research laboratories, educational programs and festivals. 🚗

RANDOLPH
Staunton River Battlefield State Park
1035 Fort Hill TrL, 800-933-7275; virginiateparks.gov. 🚗

RAWLINGS
Lake Phoenix
One Quarry Ln., 804-716-2199; lake-phoenix.com. "The clearest lake from Maine to Florida for scuba diving!" Featuring diving & camping. 🚗

RIDGEWAY
Infinity Acres Alpaca Farm & Petting Ranch VC
136 Joppa Rd., 276-358-2378; infinityacres.org. Alpaca farm, petting ranch, pony rides, gift shop, tours, camps, by appointment. 🚗

Lee Ford Camp
4248 Lee Ford Camp Rd., 276-634-2910. A 17-acre camp with a 1.5-acre lake, several picnic areas, lodging and a climbing/rappelling tower.

Mountain Laurel Trails
361 Mountain Laurel TrL, 276-340-9144; visitmartinsville.com/trails. Facility offers eight miles of scenic mountain biking trails. 🚗

Richard P. Gravely, Jr. Nature Preserve
2525 Eggleston Falls Rd., 276-634-4640; visitmartinsville.com/trails. Interpretive trail, historic buildings and cemetery dating back to 1800s. 🚗

The Sustainable Homestead Institute
190 Eastridge Rd., 276-226-9104. Learn what it takes to create self-enriching abundant agricultural systems through environmental connection and ancestral skill immersion.

RINGGOLD
Ringgold Rail Trail & Depot
155 Ringgold Depot Rd., 434-432-7736; pittsylvaniacountyva.gov/479/ringgold-rail-trail. Scenic rail trail following the historic Richmond and Danville railroad. 🚗

SCOTTSBURG
Staunton River State Park VC
U.S. 360 to Rt.344, 10 miles to park, 800-933-7275; virginiateparks.gov. 🚗

SOUTH BOSTON
VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY
South Boston-Halifax County Visitor Center
1180 Bill Tuck Hwy., 434-572-2543; discoverhalifaxva.com. Motorsports, rivers, antiques, recreation, state parks, history, birding trail and art. 🚗

Cage's Sculpture Farm
Hwy. 854, Cage TrL, 434-572-2543; discoverhalifaxva.com/cage. An outdoor museum of Bob Cage's internationally recognized modern sculpture. 🚗

Crossing of the Dan
700 Bruce St., 434-572-2543; discoverhalifaxva.com. Exhibit masterful military maneuver hastening the defeat of the British. 🚗

The Prizery
700 Bruce St., 434-572-8339; prizery.com. Community fine and performing arts theater. 🚗

South Boston Speedway
1188 James D. Hagood Hwy., 434-572-4947; southbostonspeedway.com. NASCAR short track action, with modern facilities and family fun. 🚗

South Boston-Halifax County Museum of Fine Art and History
1540 Wilborn Ave., 434-572-9200; sbhcmuseum.org. Exhibits of antiques, works of arts significant to the region. 🚗

Southern Virginia Wild Blueway
434-572-2543; sovawildblueway.com. Amazing scenery, world-class fishing and miles of pure paddling adventure.

Tobacco Heritage Trail
Railroad Ave., 434-572-2543; oldhalifax.com/county/railstotrails. 160 miles of recreation corridors for hiking, biking, horseback riding. 🚗

SOUTH HILL
South Hill Tourist Information Center
201 South Mecklenburg Ave., 434-447-4547; southhillchamber.com. Open daily 9am-4pm. 🚗

Lake Gordon
Boat Dock Rd., 434-447-4547. 157-acre public fishing lake with shore and unpowered boat access.

Tobacco Farm Life Museum of Virginia
306 West Main St., 434-447-2551; southhillchamber.com. Offers displays on the production of tobacco from seed to market. 🚗



Ballad Brewing—Danville

The Colonial Center
220 South Mecklenburg Ave., 434-262-4170. One of the few remaining vaudeville theatres of its era in Virginia. Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

South Hill Model Railroad Museum
201 South Mecklenburg Ave., 434-447-4547; southhillchamber.com. Daily 9am-4pm. Replica Atlantic and Danville Railroad circa 1955. 🚗

Tobacco Heritage Trail
200 South Mecklenburg Ave., 434-448-7101; tobaccoheritagetrail.org. This Southern Virginia rail-trail can be traveled on horse, bicycle or foot.

SPENCER
Spencer-Penn Centre
475 Spencer-Penn Rd., 276-957-5757; thecentreatspencerpenn.com. Fun seasonal events, monthly bluegrass music, meeting space, historic building. 🚗

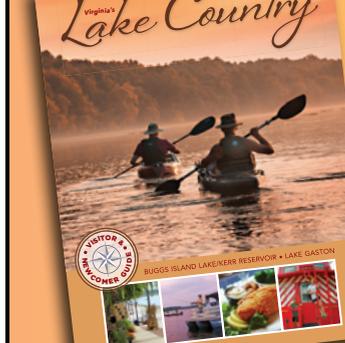
VALENTINES
Valentines Post Office
23 Manning Dr., 434-848-2728; brunswickco.com. Established 1887. Famous for annual "Valentines" post mark. Closed Sunday. 🚗

VICTORIA
Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail
People's Community Center, 1021 Tidewater Ave., 434-696-2456; varetreat.com/civilrights.asp. Second location at Matthew's Lutheran Church Christian Day School. 🚗

Victoria Railroad Park and Trail
6th St. and Firehouse Rd., 434-696-2343; victoriava.net. Walking, biking and equestrian trail, restored Virginian caboose/equipment, geocaching. 🚗

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Whatever busy highway life has you traveling down, take the time to stop in Mecklenburg County. Discover our charming towns, splash around in over 50,000 acres of fresh water, enjoy a craft brew, a gourmet meal, a live concert, or a take a stroll through our historic gardens and wineries. You'll find more of what matters here.
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