

Ashland/Hanover Visitors Center

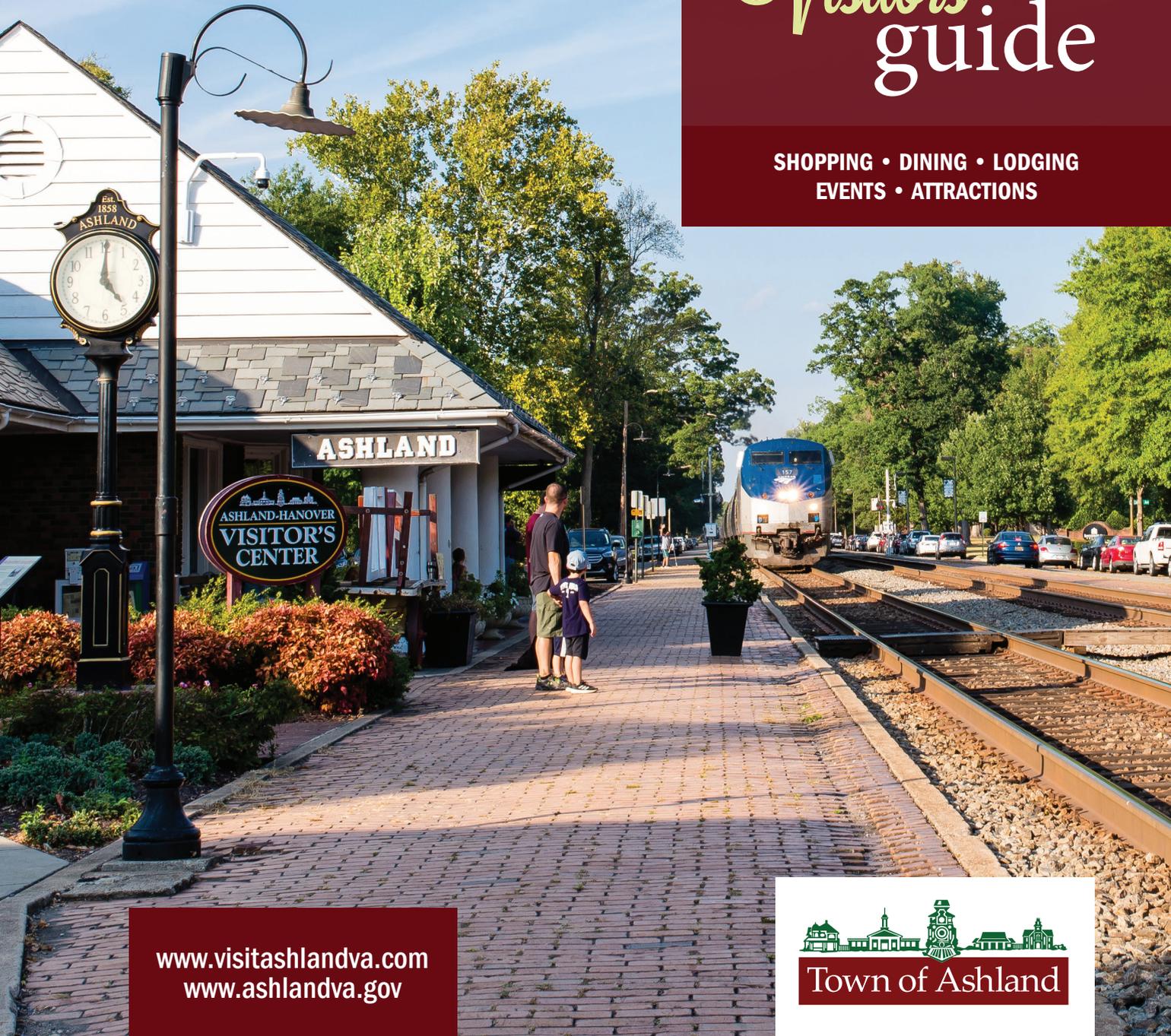
112 N. Railroad Ave.

Ashland, VA 23005

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Visitors guide

SHOPPING • DINING • LODGING
EVENTS • ATTRACTIONS

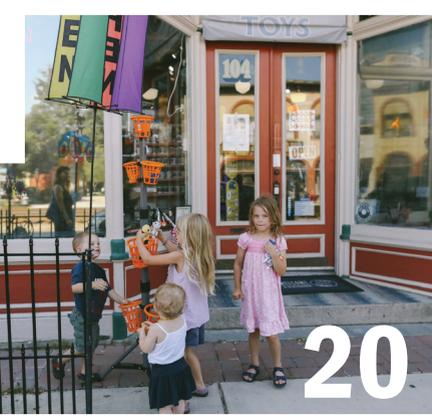


www.visitashlandva.com
www.ashlandva.gov



Town of Ashland

Welcome
to Ashland
and Hanover!



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Experience Ashland and Hanover Virginia

HOMETOWN HOSPITALITY, AMERICAN HISTORY, AND FUN

Drive along the beautiful, scenic byways of Hanover County and discover Hanover's rich history around every turn. Hanover's heritage is told through its neighborhoods, battlefields and its people. Travel along the same paths taken by Patrick Henry, Virginia's first-elected governor, as he sparked the American Revolution. Explore sites of this country's early religious freedom struggles.

Retrace the paths taken by Civil War generals, Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant, in their battle to control Hanover County, and the Confederate capital, Richmond.

Get your adrenaline pumping on one of the many roller coasters at Kings Dominion, a 400-acre amusement park. Enjoy a relaxing day of golf, fishing, or go cycling on many miles of country roads. Ashland and Hanover's festivities

and events provide travelers with an opportunity to enjoy down-home fun and hospitality. Don't miss Ashland strawberries in June and the famous Hanover tomatoes in July. The Ashland Farmer's Market offers families the freshest fruits and vegetables.

Don't miss the hospitality and charm of Ashland, a 19th century railroad town originally developed as a resort for Richmonders.



The Visitors Center

is located in downtown Ashland. The station was designed by well-known Virginia architect, W. Duncan Lee, and built in 1923. It is at the heart of two National Historic Register districts, which include the downtown and surrounding residential neighborhoods, and Randolph-Macon College.

ASHLAND/HANOVER VISITORS CENTER

112 North Railroad Avenue
Ashland, Virginia 23005
Intersection of Rt. 54 (England Street) and Railroad Avenue in the old Ashland Train Station

HOURS

Open Daily 9am - 5pm

CONTACT US

(800) 897-1479 Toll Free
(804) 752-6766

Stroll down Center Street, pass Randolph-Macon College, lovely historic homes, shops, unique eateries and two National Register of Historic Places districts.

Only 15 minutes north of Richmond on I-95, Ashland is located in the heart of Virginia, an hour's drive from Colonial Williamsburg and two hours from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, and George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Visitors can swim in the Atlantic Ocean at Virginia Beach; hike the Blue Ridge Mountains or journey through our nation's capital, all within a two hour drive. The affordable and inviting restaurants and hotels are great places to stay while you tour the County or visit the Richmond area.

One of the region's great attributes is the warmth and hospitality of the residents. You will be welcomed, and made to feel at home in Ashland and Hanover County, Virginia.





special events

View the complete events list at visitashlandva.com.

ASHLAND STRAWBERRY FAIRE



PHOTOS WITH EASTER BUNNY

JAN

8 History Talks 
The Center • 7pm
Dr. Stewart Roberson, The Value of a Strong Public Education System. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Ashland Museum and the Hanover Arts and Activities Center. (804) 368-7314 ashlandmuseum@comcast.net ashlandmuseum.org

17-19 Heart Of Virginia Wine Trail Chili Cook Off
James River Cellars
Annual chili cook off and competition between the six Heart of Virginia Trail (804) 550-7516 jamesrivercellars.com

FEB

1 Police Officers Ball
Randolph-Macon Brock Center
6pm
(804) 412-0603
dgoodman@ashlandpolice.us

5 History Talks 
The Center • 7pm
Cameron Patterson, Director, Moton Museum
(804) 368-7314
ashlandmuseum@comcast.net ashlandmuseum.org

9 Richmond Symphony Orchestra Metro Collection
Blackwell Auditorium • 3pm
(804) 788-1212
rmc.edu

23 Untold Stories – Growing Up in Ashland/Hanover, Black and White Experiences 
Patrick Henry High School • 4pm
(804) 368-7314
ashlandmuseum@comcast.net ashlandmuseum.org

MAR

7 Casino Night
ACCA Temple • 7-11pm
1712 Bellevue Ave., Richmond, VA
(804) 752-2728
hanoversafeplace.com



TRAIN DAY

MAY

1-30 Walking Tour of Woodland Cemetery
A guided walking tour of historic Woodland Cemetery founded in 1862. Days and start times TBD. (804) 368-7314 ashlandmuseum@comcast.net ashlandmuseum.org

16 Ashland Street Party
Richard S. Gillis Library
6:30-11pm
ashlandstreetparties.com

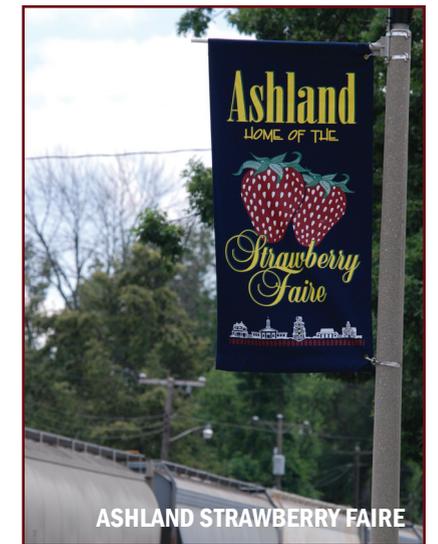
25 Memorial Day Ceremony
Hanover Wayside Park • 10am
(804) 365-7150  hanoverparksrec.com



FRIDAYS ON THE PATIO

JUN

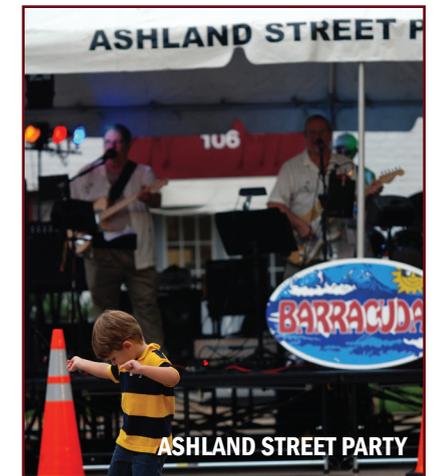
5 Fridays on the Patio
James River Cellars
6:30-9:30pm
Every Friday, June thru September
(804) 550-7516
jamesrivercellars.com



ASHLAND STRAWBERRY FAIRE

6 Ashland Strawberry Faire
Randolph Macon College
10am-5pm  
(804) 798-8289
ashlandstrawberryfaire.com

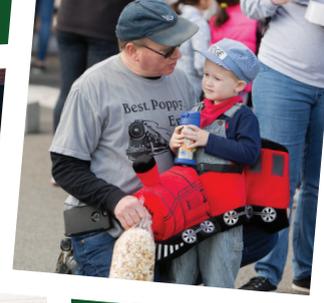
7 Sundays in the Shade
James River Cellars • 1-4pm
Every Sunday, June thru September
(804) 550-7516
jamesrivercellars.com



ASHLAND STREET PARTY

Ashland Train Day

Celebration of the Town's railroad heritage, family fun, along the railroad tracks in downtown Ashland
November 7 • 10am-5pm



JUL

4 Ashland Fourth of July Celebration 
 Hanover Arts & Activities Center
 11am - 2pm
 Parade & Celebration
 Hanover Arts & Activities Center
 (804) 798-2728
hanoverarts.org

44th Annual Beaverdam Independence Day Parade 
beaverdamruritan.com

11 Hanover Tomato Festival 
 Pole Green Park
 9am - 4pm
 (804) 365-7150
hanovertomatofestival.com



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

AUG

29 Patrick Henry Half Marathon
 N. Center Street and Henry Clay Road • 7am
 (804) 285-9495
sportsbackers.org



LIGHT UP THE TRACKS

SEP

12 8th Annual B'dam Brew JAM Craft Beer Festival
 Beaverdam Ruritan Club
 12-6pm
brewjam.org

16 Ashland Street Party
 Richard S. Gillis Library
 6:30-11pm
ashlandstreetparties.com

TBD Off the Rails Craft Beer Festival
 Hanover Arts & Activities Center
 1-7pm
 (804) 798-2728
hanoverarts.org



ASHLAND HARVEST RUN

OCT

1 Walking Tour of Woodland Cemetery
-30 A guided walking tour of historic Woodland Cemetery founded in 1862. Days and start times TBD.
 (804) 368-7314
ashlandmuseum@comcast.net
ashlandmuseum.org

17 Autumn Fest 
 Hanover Tavern • 10am
 (804) 537-5050
hanovertavern.org

Ashland Harvest Run 10k/5k run
 Carter Park • 8:00am
 (804) 647-8645
ashlandharvestrun.com

23 Taylor's SpookieFUN Fest
-24 Pole Green Park • 5-8pm
 (804) 365-7150
hanoverparksrec.com

30 Halloween Party on the Patio
 James River Cellars • 6-10pm
 (804) 550-7516
jamesrivercellars.com

31 Center Halloween Celebration 
 Hanover Arts & Activities Center
 6pm
 (804) 798-2728
hanoverarts.org

NOV

7 Ashland Train Day 
 10am-5pm
 (804) 412-7288
ashlandtrainday.com

11 Veterans Ceremony 
 Hanover Wayside Park • 2pm
 (804) 365-7150
hanoverparksrec.com

22 Ashland Olde Time Holiday Parade 
 Rt 54 & Henry Street • 2pm
ashlandkiwanis@gmail.com

Santa Train
 Ashland/Hanover Visitor Center
 Dates & Times TBD
 (804) 368-0063
trainandtoystore.com

DEC

1 Light Up the Tracks 
 Activities every weekend
lightupthetracks.com

5 Holiday Open House 
 Beaverdam Depot • 4-6pm
beaverdamdepot.org

6 Holiday Walking Tour
 Ashland Museum • 2-4pm
 (804) 368-7314
ashlandmuseum@comcast.net
ashlandmuseum.org

Mechanicsville Rotary Christmas Parade 
 2pm
 (804) 244-1700





MARCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

local dining

Andy's Restaurant & Lounge
412 England St.
(804) 752-2990 

Anthony's Italian Pizza
111 N. Washington Hwy.
(804) 798-3181

Ashland Coffee & Tea
100 N Railroad Ave.
(804) 299-3604

Ashland Meat Company @ Cross Bros.
107 S. Railroad Ave.
(804) 798-8311
www.ashlandmeatco.com

Ban Thai Restaurant
124 Thompson Street Ste B
(804) 299-3644

Brick Oven Pizza & Restaurant
139 Hill Carter Pkwy.
(804) 798-0495

The Broken Egg Diner
539 S. Washington Hwy.
(804) 752-2200

El Azteca
103 N. Washington Hwy.
(804) 798-4652

Greex Restaurant
115 N. Washington Hwy.
(804) 651-5691

Hanover Tavern
13181 Hanover Courthouse Rd.
(804) 537-5250

Homemades by Suzanne
102 N. Railroad Ave.
(804) 798-8331

Industrial Taphouse
10392 Leadbetter Rd.
(804) 299-2649 

Ironhorse Restaurant
100 S. Railroad Ave.
(804) 752-6410 

Jake's Place
511 Thompson Street
(804) 798-3287

Kreggers Tap and Table
9523 Kings Charter Dr.
(804) 299-2176 

 Live Music



CABOOSE CAFE

La Unica Latino Market
105 Arbor Oak Dr.
(804) 798-1200

Mario's Italian Restaurant
9551 Kings Charter Dr.
(804) 550-0819

Marco's Italian Restaurant
805 England Street
(804) 299-3454

Pepicelli's Pizza
114 S. Washington Hwy.
(804) 798-3005

Rock Fired Pizza
525 S. Washington Hwy.
(804) 798-9600

Southern Soul Cafe
105 Junction Dr.
(804) 299-3141

Sugar Fix Bakery
105B England Street.
(804) 368-7718

Thai Gourmet Restaurant
9555 Kings Charter Dr.
(804) 550-0055

The Caboose Cafe
108 S. Railroad Ave.
(804) 798-2933

Top's China
435 England Street
(804) 798-8077

Trackside Grill
301 S. Railroad Ave.
(804) 752-4688

Sportspage Bar & Grill
504 England Street
(804) 496-6700

Yokozuna Sushi
207 N. Washington Hwy.
(804) 496-6960



SUGAR FIX BAKERY



IRONHORSE



LA UNICA LATINO MARKET



HOMEMADES BY SUZANNE



farmer's markets

recreation & attractions



BALLOONS OVER VIRGINIA

Ashland Farmer's Market

Strawberries in June and Hanover tomatoes in July! The Ashland Farmer's Market is located in downtown Ashland and is a growers-only local market.

■ Located at Henry Clay Elementary School, 310 S James St, Ashland. Open every Saturday from May through October from 9am-12pm. (804) 798-9219. ashlandva.gov



Agriberry Farm

■ 6289 River Rd., Hanover (804) 537-0448. agriberry.com

Hanover Vegetable Farm

A small produce stand, and crops are also pick-your own. ■ 13580 Ashland Road, Ashland. (804) 752-2334.

Lloyd Family Farms

A genuine Virginia working farm. ■ 12204 Pinhook Rd, Rockville. (804) 387-0068.

Pole Green Market

■ Located at the intersection of Pole Green Road and Lee Davis Road. Open daily during the season. (804) 730-7732.

For more information about Hanover Vegetable Markets, call (804) 752-4310 or visit website.



AMF Hanover Lanes

The complex houses 56 lanes of automatically scored bowling, video games, a billiard room with a bar and a snack bar.

■ 7317 Bell Creek Rd., Mechanicsville. (804) 559-2600. Mon.-Thurs. 10am-11pm; Fri. & Sat. 10am-1am; Sun. 12-9pm. www.amf.com/hanoverlanes/

Ashland Museum

Visit the Museum and learn the story of Ashland, Virginia from its beginnings as Slash Cottage to the dawn of the 20th century. The Ashland landmark "Red Caboose" is next to the Museum and is available for tours during Museum hours.

■ 105 Hanover Avenue, Ashland. Saturday 10am-2pm, Sunday 1-3pm, or by appointment (804) 368-7314. ashlandmuseum.org

Ashland Self-Guided Walking Tour

The Town of Ashland is known for its serene landscapes, historic architecture and a railroad with trains that rumble down the middle of its main street. The self-guided walking tour takes you on a one-mile trek through one of Virginia's most charming towns.

■ Pick up a copy of the Walking Tour Guide at the Ashland Visitors Center or Ashland Museum.

The Ashland Theatre

First-run movies, live entertainment, and special events.

■ 205 England St., Ashland (804) 401-7007 ashlandtheatre.org

Ashland Skateland

Rollerskating rink that offers a wide variety of activities for children and parents from skating lessons, hockey, family fun nights and even adult walking.

■ 516 N. Washington Hwy, Ashland. (804) 798-6550. Open daily. ashlandskateland.com

Balloons Over Virginia

Tour Hanover from the sky in a beautiful hot air balloon. Chartered flights are available mornings and late afternoons seven days a week, year round.

■ Leaves from Hanover Airport, 9988 unit 8 Lickinghole Road, Ashland. (804) 798-0080. balloonsovervirginia.com

Barksdale Theatre At Hanover Tavern

Barksdale Theatre originated at Hanover Tavern in 1953, founded by Pete and Nancy Kilgore and Muriel McAuley. Barksdale Theatre has been staging productions at Willow Lawn since 1996, but after a hiatus of nearly 10 years, Barksdale Theatre will be stage in four hilarious and heartwarming shows in their ancestral home, the historic Hanover Tavern.

■ 3181 Hanover Courthouse Road, Hanover. (804) 282-2620. Performances are Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. hanovertavern.org



Carter Park Pool

Call for visitor pool passes, hours of operation, lessons schedule and fees.

■ 1112 Maple Street Extension. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day. (804) 798-2520 or (804) 798-9219.



Center Of The Universe Brewing Co.

It all revolves around beer! What's on tap? Enjoy sampling Ray Ray's, Main Street, Chin Music, Scotchtown, and many other beer choices.

■ 11293 Air Park Rd., Ashland. (804) 368-0299. Open Tues.-Fri. 12-8pm, Sat. 12-10pm & Sun. 12-8pm

Cobblestone Park & Splash Zone

Everything a family could need for a relaxing day in the sun both in and out of the water. Five acres of sandy beach, one-acre pool, waterslides, basketball, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, snack bar, video games & pool tables.

■ 13131 Overhill Lake Lane, Glen Allen. (804) 798-6819. Open daily Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10am-5:30pm. cobblestonespark.com

Cross Mill Gallery

Cross Mill Gallery is situated on a mill pond, which served as a working grist mill through the 1950s. When the Witt family discovered the old mill, it had been abandoned and was sinking into decline. They realized their vision and turned it into an art gallery and studio.

■ 134505 Independence Rd., Ashland. Free. Please call for an appointment. (804) 798-8237. crossmillgallery.com



Flippo Gallery

Located in Pace-Armistead Hall, the gallery displays student art and special exhibitions by nationally known artists.

■ (804) 752-3018 or (800) 888-1762, open Mon.-Fri. 10am-4pm and weekends by appointment. Free. www.rmc.edu



Hanover Arts And Activities Center

Built in 1859 as the first ever Ashland Baptist Church, this building doubled as a hospital during the Civil War. Today it is used as a cultural and educational center for the community.

■ 500 South Center St., Ashland. (804) 798-2728. Mon.-Fri. 9:30am-3:30pm. Free.

Hanover Country Club

Facilities include an 18-hole golf course, eight tennis courts, pool, practice greens, pro shop, clubhouse with lounge.

■ 14314 Country Club Dr., Ashland. (804) 798-8381. hanovercountryclub.com

Hanover Sports Park

Activities include miniature golf; seven baseball and softball batting cages; driving range; a full-service pro shop; restaurant & game room; and a picnic area. Lessons are available.

■ 11000 Washington Highway, Ashland. (804) 550-2622. Winter: Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm, Sunday 10am-7pm. Summer: Daily 9am-9pm

The Hollows Golf Course

27-hole public golf course, club house, practice range, putting green, pro shop and restaurant.

■ 15401 Greenwood Church Rd., Montpelier (804) 883-5381. thehollows.com

Hunting Hawk Golf Club

18-hole public golf course, driving range, putting green, practice bunkers, practice green, restaurant, lounge, open-air pavilion and pro shop.

■ 15201 Ashland Rd. (804) 749-1900 huntinghawkgolf.com



James River Cellars Winery

Enjoy the tastes of their Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Gewurztraminer, Chardonnay and ChardoneL.

■ 11008 Washington Highway, Glen Allen. (804) 550-7516. Open Sun. & Mon. 11am-7pm; Tues. through Sat. 11am-7pm

Keeble Observatory

The only astronomical observatory in central Virginia, which is open to the general public, it houses a state of the art Ritchey-Chretien telescope with a 40 cm primary mirror.

■ (804) 752-3210 or (800) 888-1762. Open one evening per week during the school year, as weather and viewing conditions permit. Free www.rmc.edu



Kings Dominion

A 400-acre theme and water park that's home to twelve world-class roller coasters. The park features eight theme areas and more than 100 world-class thrills, family

attractions and live shows. The water-park is included with admission.

■ 1600 Theme Park Way, Doswell. (804) 876-5000. Open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, weekends only in April, May, Sept. & Oct, select days in Nov. & Dec. kingsdominion.com

Montpelier Center For Arts And Education

The center exhibits ten shows a year to spotlight national and local artists, and it offers classes and workshops in the fine arts.

■ 17205 Mountain Rd., Montpelier. (804) 883-7378. Mon. & Tues. 9am-8pm, Wed. & Thurs. 2-8pm; Fri. 9am-6pm, and Sat. 9am-3pm Free. montpeliercenter.org

Origin Beer Lab

Built for research, development, and teaching of all things beer, Origin Beer Lab is a sister company of Center of the Universe Brewing Company. There's always something new brewing at Origin!

■ 106 S. Railroad Ave., Ashland. (804) 299-2389. www.originbeerlab.com

Patrick Henry YMCA

■ 207 Ashcake Road, Ashland.
(804) 798-5770. Mon.-Fri. 5:30am to 8:30pm, Saturday 7a-5 pm;
Sunday 12-5pm.
www.ymcarichmond.org

Randolph-Macon College Arts Center



A rich line-up of cultural arts and entertainment events ranging from symphony performances to lectures and drama. Visitors are welcome to attend these events, most of which are free.

■ (804) 752-3712. www.rmc.edu

Randolph-Macon College Drama Guild



The Drama Guild stages productions throughout the year, including its popular adaptation of A Christmas Carol, at the Cobb Theater in the Randolph-Macon College Center for Performing Arts.

■ Reservations can be made by calling the Drama Guild Box Office at (804) 752-7316. www.rmc.edu

Randolph-Macon College Sports



Randolph-Macon College supports 15 varsity sports.

■ For scheduling information, call Randolph-Macon College Sports information hotline at (804) 752-3142 or visit the Athletics page at www.rmc.edu.



Randolph-Macon College Welcome Center



Located at the corner of England and Henry Streets, the Randolph-Macon College Welcome Center is the gateway to the campus. All are welcome to stop by and pick up information about the college.

■ Open Mon.-Fri. (804) 752-7200 or (800) 888-1762.
www.rmc.edu

Red Vein Escape Room

Hunt for the legendary Richmond Vampire in the train tunnels of Ashland.
■ 108 Robinson St, Ashland.
(804) 752-1081.

RF&P Model Railroad Exhibit

The Richmond Freelance and Prototype Model Railroaders, one of the oldest model railroading organizations on the east coast, holds an open house each month to display their elaborate, award-winning model train exhibits.

■ Ashland Hanover Shopping Center, #233, N. Washington Hwy, Ashland. (804) 798-0250. Open the second Saturday of every month from 12-5pm. Free.

Scotchtown

Patrick Henry, orator of the American Revolution and first elected governor of Virginia, made his home at Scotchtown from 1771 to 1778. It is from Scotchtown that he rode to Richmond's St. John's church to give his famous "Liberty or Death" speech.

■ 16120 Chiswell Ln, Beaverdam.
(804) 227-3500. scotchtown@preservationvirginia.org
www.preservationvirginia.org

The Village Disc Golf Course

■ 11197 Washington Hwy., Glen Allen. (804) 798-6689.

Windemere Art Gallery

Art classes for all ages and levels.
■ 6162 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville. (804) 730-0384.

Woodland Cemetery Walking Tour

A guided walking tour of historic Woodland Cemetery founded in 1862. Days and start times TBD.
■ Available April/May and September/October. For more info, contact ashlandmuseum@comcast.net or (804) 368-7314. AshlandMuseum.org

boat ramps & trails

Ashland Trolley Line

The Ashland Trolley Line is located at the intersection of Gwathmey Church Rd. and the Ashland-Richmond Trolley Line, in Ashland. Hanover County has designated approximately a one-mile section of the historic Ashland-Richmond Trolley Line as a greenway. The corridor has been cleared and maintained as a natural surface trail and a greenway to be used by the local citizens, school groups and the public at large.

Railside Trail

As the name indicates, this segment of the Ashland Trail System parallels the railroad tracks. The marked trail can accommodate bicycles, as well as walkers and joggers. The trail runs from West Vaughan Road on the north, along the west side of the train tracks to the northern end of Center Street

Stoney Run Trail

Walking/jogging trails have been constructed along the eight-acre tract following Stoney Run Creek. Signs designate the ends of the trail at the southern end of James Street and at Ashcake Road.

Bike Routes

Enjoy Hanover by bicycle – its historic homes, rolling countryside and its friendly people. Stop by the Ashland/Hanover Visitor Center for routes ranging from 10 miles to 100 miles. Mountain bikers can use the rougher terrain like the paths at Poor Farm Park.



Ashland is home of the intersection of the two longest bike routes in the United States – Route 1 and Route 76.



Launch here

Rt. 1/North Anna Ramp
Located at the Hanover County / Caroline County line on Rt. 1.

Ground Squirrel Ramp
Located at the intersection of the South Anna River and Mountain Rd. (Rt. 33).

Rt. 54/South Anna Ramp
Located off of West Patrick Henry Rd. (Rt. 54) on the South Anna River, approximately 1 mile west of Patrick Henry High School.

Pamunkey Ramp/ Littlepage Ramp
Located approximately 2 miles north of Hanover Courthouse on Rt. 301.



Randolph-Macon College Activities



THE HENRY CLAY INN



Inns, Bed & Breakfasts, and Campgrounds

Tinder Guest House

106 S. Railroad Ave.
(804) 937-9148
www.tinderguesthouse.com

Shady Acres Bed & Breakfast

33124 Discovery Lane, Hanover
(804) 994-5940
shadyacresbedbreakfast.com

The Henry Clay Inn

114 N. Railroad Avenue
(804) 798-3100
www.henryclayinn.com

Americamps Richmond-North Campground

11322 Air Park Road, Ashland
(804) 798-5298

Kings Dominion KOA Campground

16000 Theme Park Way, Doswell
(804) 876-5355

Whether you're passing through or staying awhile, we welcome all visitors to The Center of the Universe!



Hotels

Cadillac Motel

11418 Washington Hwy., Ashland
(804) 798-4049

Country Inn by Radisson

11600 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland
(804) 798-7378
www.countryinn.com/ashlandva

Days Inn of Ashland

806 England St.
(804) 798-4262
www.daysinn.com

Fairfield Inn & Suites

11625 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland
(804) 412-4800 or (804) 412-9730

Hampton Inn by Hilton

705 England St., Ashland
(804) 752-8444 or (800) 426-7866

Hampton Inn by Hilton

7433 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville
(804) 559-7001 or (800) 426-7866

Holiday Inn Express Ashland

107 South Carter Road, Ashland
(804) 752-7889
www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress

Holiday Inn Express

7441 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville
(804) 559-0022 or (800) 465-4329
www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress

Quality Inn

107 North Carter Road, Ashland
(804) 521-2377
www.choicehotels.com

Motel 6

101 N. Cottage Green Dr., Ashland
(804) 752-7777

Palm Leaf Motel, Ashland

306 S. Washington Hwy.
(804) 798-7194

Red Roof

103 N. Carter Road, Ashland
(804) 800-5167
www.redroof.com

Shady Grove Motel

650 N. Washington Hwy., Ashland
(804) 798-8055

Sleep Inn & Suites

80 S. Cottage Green Dr., Ashland
(804) 752-2355 or (800) 4CHOICE
www.sleepinn.com

Super 8 Motel

806-B England St., Ashland
(804) 752-7000

Travelodge by Wyndham

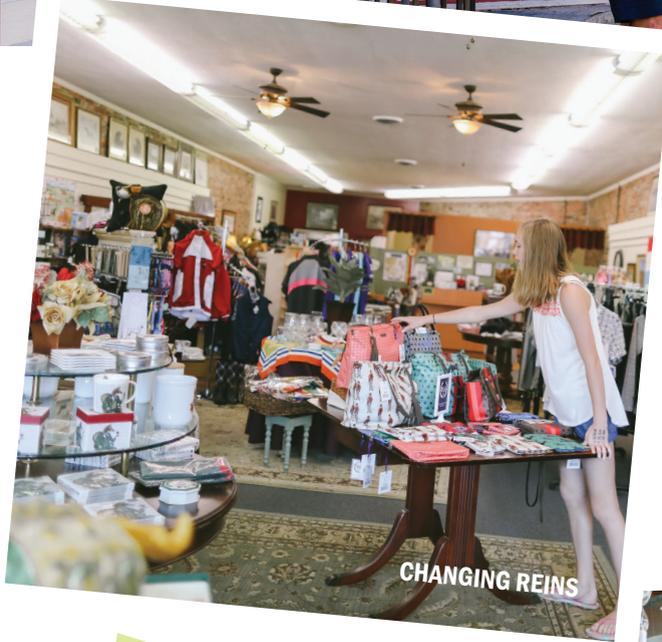
16102 Theme Park Way, Doswell
(804) 876-3321 or (800) 528-1234
www.wyndhamhotels.com

Tru by Hilton

Coming Spring 2020
101 N Carter Rd., Ashland
hilton.com/en/tru/

Twin Oaks Motel

304 S. Washington Hwy., Ashland
(804) 798-8423



shop local

Visit the many antique and specialty stores as you stroll along the railroad tracks in downtown Ashland.



Small Business Saturday is November 28, but we appreciate your support all year-round!



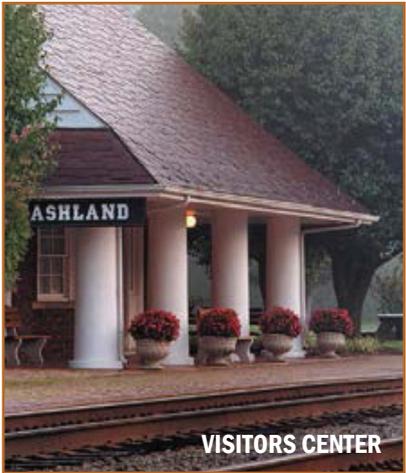
local parks



heritage & history

To rent park facilities or information on closings, call Parks & Recreation:
 Ashland: (804) 798-8650
 Hanover: (804) 365-4698

	Amphitheater	Baseball/Softball Fields	Basketball Courts	Civil War Info/Signage	Community Center	Concession Building	Dog Park	Football Fields	Horseback Riding Ring	Horseshoe Pits	Jogging/Walking Trails	Mountain Bike Trails	Nature Trails	Picnic Shelters	Picnic Tables	Playground	Pond	Pool	Public Fishing	Rsetrooms	Roller Hockey Rink	Skateboard Park	Soccer Fields	Volleyball Courts
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Ashland Visitors Center
 Designed by W. Duncan Lee, a well-known architect and Ashland native, this railroad station was built in 1923, replacing the original 1866 station. Its symmetrical floor plan reflects the segregation of the South

at the time with a “White” waiting room on the north end and a “Colored” on the south, each with its own window to the central ticket office. The RF&P Railroad gave the building to the town in 1983. Today, the depot houses the Ashland/Hanover Visitors Center.
 ■ 112 N. Railroad Ave., Ashland. (804) 752-6766 or (800) 897-1479. Open daily, 9am to 5pm.

Beaverdam Depot
 Originally built in 1837, the depot was a key communication and transportation resource for Confederate troops during the Civil War. The depot itself was a constant target for union raids, and it was burned several times. It had to be rebuilt in 1866.

■ 16152 Beaverdam School Rd., Beaverdam. (804) 449-6158. Interior tours available by appointment only.

Church Quarter
 Built in about 1843, Church Quarter is known as the best-preserved antebellum log dwelling anywhere in the county.
 ■ 12432 Old Ridge Rd., Doswell (804) 365-6464. Tours available by appointment only.

Eaglepoint Farm
 Built in 1840, Eagle Point Farm is now used as a thoroughbred racehorse training and breeding facility and is still occupied by descendants of the original owner.
 ■ (804) 798-7216. Tours are available by appointment only. eaglepointfarm.com

Admission Fee

Fork Episcopal Church

Originally built of wood in 1721, the “Chapel of the Fork or Squirrel Fork” was burned and rebuilt of brick in 1735 for the upper part of St. Paul’s Parish Episcopal worshippers. This site is home to one of the only two remaining rare tracker organs built in 1855 by Henry F. Bergera, a German immigrant.

■ 12566 Old Ridge Rd. (804) 227-3413. Open Tues.-Thurs., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Interior tours available by appointment only.

Hanover Courthouse

The Historic Hanover Courthouse was built in the late 1730s. It was the second courthouse built for Hanover County, which was established in 1720. On Dec. 1, 1763, Patrick Henry earned his reputation as a great orator when addressing the jury assembled for the damages phase of a case called “The Parson’s Cause.” Henry’s bold attacks on the tyranny of the King of England were of far-reaching influence and presaged the American Revolution. Built in the 1830s the Old Stone Jail was in use until the 1930s, it currently houses the historic artifacts of the Hanover County Historical Society.

■ 7530 County Complex Road Hanover. hanoverhistorical.org.

Scotchtown

Built in 1719 by Charles Chiswell, Scotchtown is one of the oldest plantations in Virginia, and it was home to Patrick Henry, Virginia’s

first elected governor from 1771 to 1777. In 1776, Patrick Henry rode from here to Richmond where he made his famous, “give me liberty or give me death” speech at St. John’s Church.

■ 16120 Chiswell Lane, Beaverdam. (804) 227-3500. Open March to December, Friday & Saturday, 10am-5pm. & Sunday 1-5pm. preservationvirginia.org.

Slash Church

Built in 1729 by authorization of the Vestry of St. Paul’s Parish as a new upper Church, Slash is the only surviving frame colonial church out of six in Hanover County. Slash is on the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places. During the Civil War, the church was used as a camp by Confederate troops in 1862.

■ 11353 Mt. Hermon Rd., Ashland. Office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; (804) 798-4520. Interior tours available by appointment only. slashcc.org

St. Paul’s Parish

In 1786 the Episcopal worshippers of St. Paul’s Parish at Slash Church left and formed a new congregation, holding services at Hanover Courthouse. Their first church of brick was constructed in 1840 but burned in 1893. A new frame church was built and dedicated in 1895. At the time of the fire and rebuilding, the Rev. Sewell S. Hepburn, grandfather of Katherine Hepburn, was rector of the church.

■ 8050 St. Paul’s Church Rd., Hanover. (804) 537-5516.

Sycamore Tavern

Built in 1732, the tavern served as the fourth stagecoach stop on the road to Charlottesville. Currently it houses the Page Memorial Library, and the Historical and Genealogical Library which specializes in local history and genealogy.

■ 17193 Mountain Rd., Montpelier. (804) 883-5355. Open Wed. & Fri., 9am-3pm, & Sat. 9am-1pm.

Trinity Church

Built in 1830, this church has a unique semicircular altar, original heart-pine wood floors and hand-hewn oak beams. Trinity is only open for services once a year in May. At the junction of Rts. 658 & 738. Call the Fork Episcopal Church for more information,

■ (804) 227-3413.

Randolph-Macon College

Founded in 1830 in Boydton, Va. and the oldest Methodist-affiliated college in the U.S., Randolph-Macon College moved to Ashland in 1868. The campus has a National Register of Historic Places district which includes a number of important 19th century college buildings.

■ 114 College Ave, Ashland. (804) 752-7200. rmc.edu



Because of its location, Hanover was one of the most fought-over counties in the country.

Not only was Hanover well positioned between Washington and Richmond, but it had two vital rail lines that crossed through it. Control of the railroads changed hands several times, and from 1861-1865, evidence of the war was seen throughout the county. Although skirmishes and raids were continuous, the county saw action in two major campaigns during the Civil War. In the Peninsula Campaign of 1862, Robert E. Lee faced George B. McClellan at Beaver Dam Creek and Gaines’ Mill.

Beaver Dam Creek National Battlefield

The first large battle of the Seven Days battle in 1862 when Robert E. Lee successfully kept the Union Army under General McClellan away from Richmond.

■ Off Cold Harbor Rd. (Rt. 156), Mechanicsville. (804) 226-1981. Open daily from dawn to dusk. Park rangers available 9am-5pm.

Gaines’ Mill National Battlefield

On June 27, 1862, Confederate infantry repeatedly assaulted the fortified union line along Boatswain’s

Creek, about one mile from the mill. The third of the Seven Days Battles of 1862, Gaines’ Mill was Robert E. Lee’s first victory as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. In less than nine hours of fighting at Gaines’ Mill, the two armies suffered more than 15,000 casualties.

■ (804) 226-1981. Open daily from dawn to dusk.

Watt House

This site is located on the Gaines’ Mill National Battlefield. Prior to the Civil War, the house was owned by Hugh Watt, a Scottish immigrant. Exterior exhibit only.

■ Tours available daily at 2 & 4 p.m. (Summer months only) Located off Cold Harbor Rd. (Rt. 156), near Mechanicsville. (804) 226-1981. Open daily from dawn to dusk.

Grant’s Overland Campaign of 1864 pitted Grant vs. Lee at North Anna River, Totopotomoy Creek, Haw’s Shop, and at the bloody Battle of Cold Harbor. During this campaign, Grant and Lee battled for six weeks across central Virginia. At North Anna and Totopotomoy Creek, Lee repeatedly stalled, but he ultimately failed to stop Grant’s southward progress toward Richmond.

Ashland and Hanover are members of the Virginia Civil War Trails program. For more information on Virginia Civil War Trails, call (888) 248-4592. www.civilwartrails.org

North Anna Battlefield Park

Between May 23 and May 26, 1864, more than 150,000 union and Confederate soldiers occupied fortifications along the North Anna River. The heaviest fighting occurred on the first two days.

■ North of Ashland on Verdon Road in Doswell. (804) 365-4695. Open daily from dawn to dusk.

Other points of interest pertaining to North Anna include: The Junction of the RF&P and C&O railroads, and Ox Ford Battlefield.

By the time the war had ended, much of Hanover was in ruin. The citizens were confronted with widespread devastation, but they were eager to rebuild. The national cemetery at Cold Harbor and the Confederate section of the Ashland Cemetery mark the cost of the war. A Confederate Monument was erected in 1914 at the Hanover Courthouse in honor of those who served.



Cold Harbor National Battlefield

The Battle of Cold Harbor was fought on May 31 through June 12, 1864 as part of General Grant's strategy to destroy the Army of Northern Virginia.

■ "Grant's Greatest Regret," 45-minute ranger-guided tour, available daily at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Summer months only) Off Cold Harbor Rd. near Mechanicsville. (804) 226-1981. Visitor Center open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park open daily from dawn to dusk. Free.

Cold Harbor National Cemetery

The final resting place for 675 known and 1313 unknown Union dead from the military action at Cold Harbor and the surrounding areas.

■ Rt. 156, Mechanicsville. (804) 795-2031. Open daily from dawn to dusk.

Garthright House

After June 3, the Garthright house was behind the line of Wright's Federal VI Corps. For 10 days union surgeons used the house as a field hospital. During the battle, members of the Garthright family sought shelter in the basement. Exterior exhibit only.

■ Off Cold Harbor Rd. (Rt. 156), Mechanicsville. (804) 226-1981 Open daily from dawn to dusk.

Pole Green Church Site

Once the center of the struggle for religious and civil liberty in the middle of the 18th century in Virginia, the church was destroyed by Confederate artillery fire in 1864 and was never rebuilt.

■ Located on Rural Point Rd. near Mechanicsville. (804) 730-3837. Open daily from dawn to dusk. www.historicpolegreen.com

Other points of interest at Cold Harbor include: Old Church, and The Monument to the 36th Wisconsin.

Today, Hanoverians celebrate their rich heritage, and they want to share it with others so all might learn from the devastating war that divided the nation.



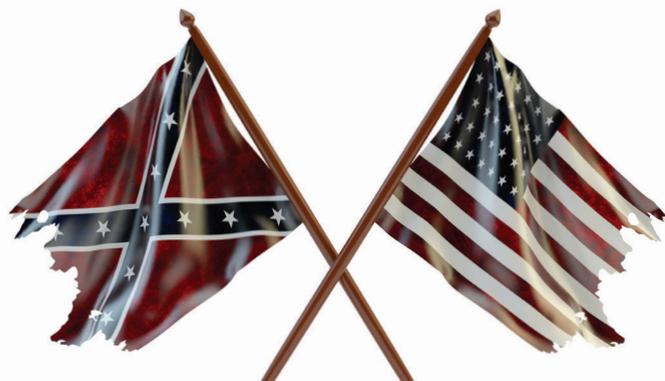
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- Ashland Museum** www.ashlandmuseum.org ■ (804) 368-7314
- Downtown Ashland Association** www.ashlandvirginia.com
- Market Ashland Partnership** www.shopashlandfirst.com
- Hanover Arts & Activities Center** www.hanoverarts.org ■ (804) 798-2728
- Beaverdam Depot** www.beaverdamdepot.org
- Civil War Trails** www.civilwartrails.org ■ (757) 378-5462
- Hanover Chamber of Commerce** www.hanoverchamberva.com ■ (804) 442-2093
- Hanover County Parks & Recreation** www.hanoverparksrec.com ■ (804) 365-7150
- Hanover Tavern** www.hanovertavern.org ■ (804) 537-5050
- The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education** www.montpeliercenter.org ■ (804) 883-7378
- Ashland/Hanover Visitors Center** www.visitashlandva.com ■ ((800) 897-1479
- National Park Service** www.nps.gov
(Cold Harbor Battlefield)

Learn more about Richmond's Civil War history at civilwartrails.org or nps.gov.

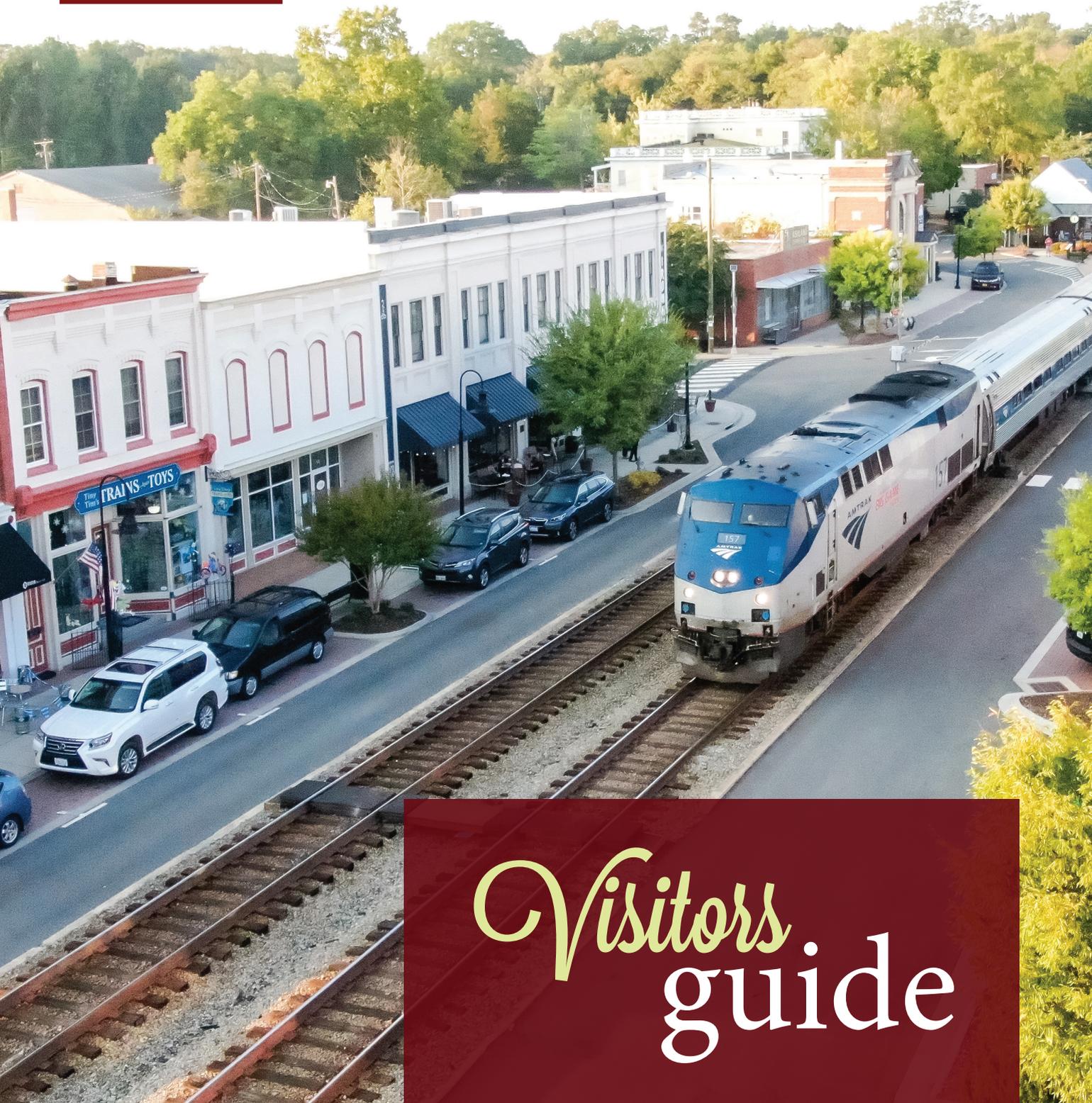
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