

OUTDOOR FUN

James River: The James River area offers a variety of outdoor activities, including canoeing, tubing, picnicking, rafting, and hiking. James River Basin Canoe Livery, Ltd. at 540-261-7334 is a company that coordinates different kinds of trips on the river. (You might want to call early for reservations.) They are located in Lexington, VA, about an hour away on I64 West

Humpback Rock: Take I64 West to exit 99, Blue Ridge Parkway South, and continue 9 miles, parking on the left. Moderately strenuous hike uphill to one of the oldest rocks in the country. Nice little homestead and visitor's center.

Sugar Hollow: Drive about half an hour west on Barracks Road for hiking trails that traverse through hardwood forest.

Ragged Mountain: Drive 15 minutes south on JPA, past signs for 250 By-pass, Rt.29, and I64, take a right just before you get to the church. Look for a sign saying 'Happy Trails' and go to the end of the road to do some great hiking. Three- and five-mile loops around a reservoir.

Ivy Creek: This natural wilderness area is good for easy hiking, picnics, or leisurely afternoons of relaxation in the open. Drive 29 north, turn left on Hydraulic Road. At the sixth traffic light turn left onto Rt. 743 (toward Earlysville Rd.). Look for the Ivy Creek sign a ½ mile past the Rock Store on the left. Be careful to slow down as you start down the hilly, the turn is just ahead.

HISTORIC SIGHTS

Monticello: Thomas Jefferson's historic home is open to visitors year round with tours of both the home and the grounds. Monticello is located just south of town with several city buses servicing the area. Call (434) 984-9800 for details.

Ashlawn: Home to James Monroe and his wife, Ashlawn is another showpiece home and gardens in the Charlottesville area. These beautiful grounds are just south of town and is currently a museum as well as a performing arts site. Call (434) 293-9539 for more details.

Colonial Williamsburg: a two-hour drive from Charlottesville on I-64 East. This is an area of Williamsburg that has been restored to colonial condition and used as a living history museum. Attractions include re-enactments, gift shops, and tours of old houses, including the Governor's Mansion. Modern Williamsburg is full of outlets for great shopping! Call 1-800-HISTORY for more information.

Washington D.C.: a two-hour drive from Charlottesville on Rt.29 North to I66 East to I-495, which goes around Washington. There are also metro stops (subway) along I-66 where you can park and avoid DC traffic. Washington is full of historic sites

and museums (several of which charge no admission), as well as tours of government buildings, great places to eat, and nightlife. Call the Chamber of Commerce at (202) 347-7201 for more information.

SHOPPING

Fashion Square Mall: The local mall in Charlottesville has many of your favorite stores including The GAP, J. Crew, Eddie Bauer, and Belk. The mall is located on 29 N. near the intersection of 29 and Rio Rd. The mall also houses a Red Robin restaurant.

Barrack's Road Shopping Center: This shopping center is just north of the UVa campus and has grocery stores, a Kinkos, and clothing stores like banana republic, Ann Taylor, and Old Navy. It is in a conveniently close location and on both Charlottesville City bus routes and University bus routes.

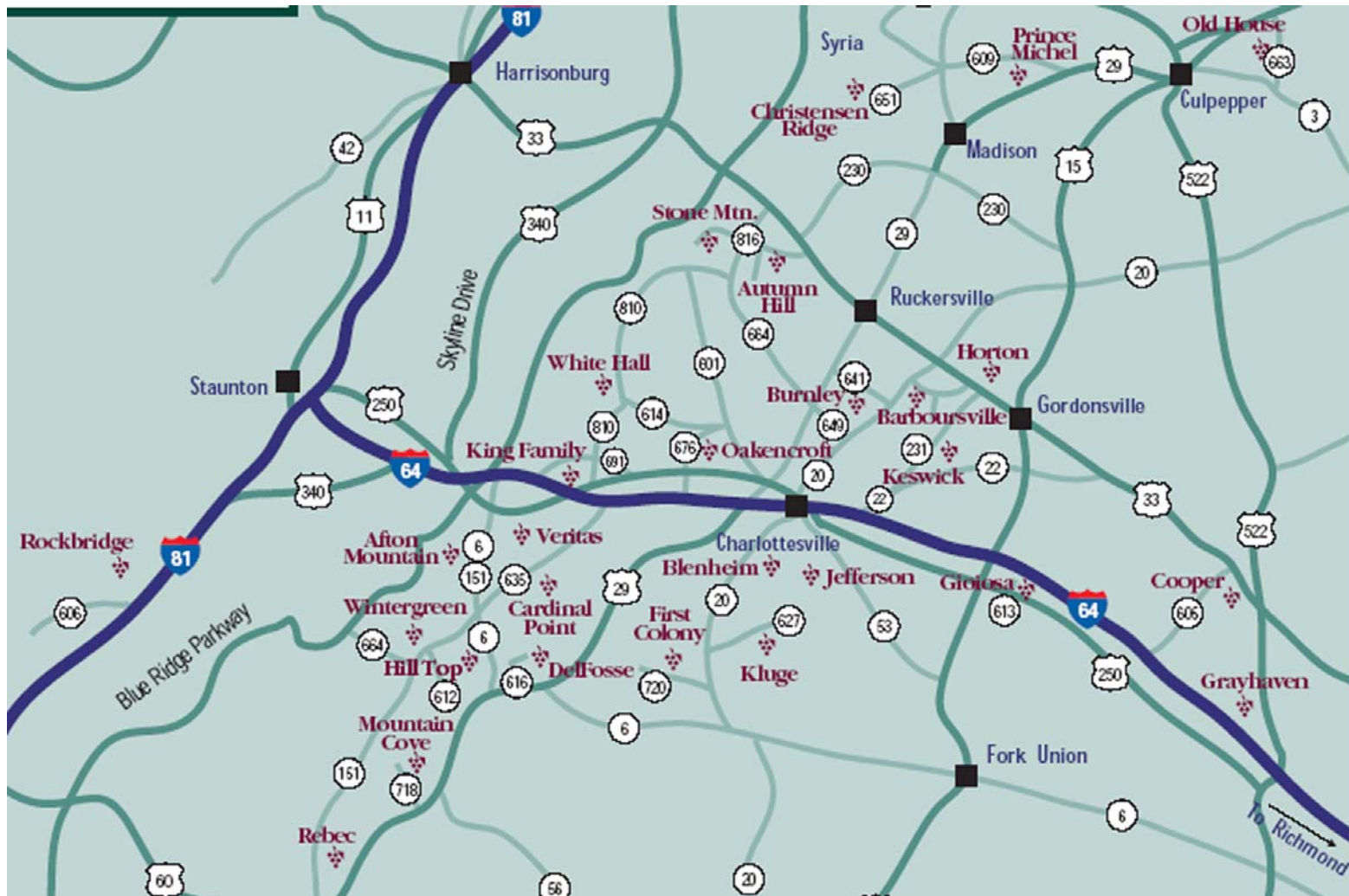
The Corner: Even though the corner is best known for its restaurants, there are several stores of interest. The most popular stores are the Corner Bookstore, Eljo's, Ragged Mountain Running Shop, and Plan 9 music. Elliewood Avenue also has a nice selection of use book stores and clothing stores.

Downtown Mall: For the more discerning shoppers, the downtown mall has many rare gems. Clothing stores on the downtown mall feature one of a kind clothing and hard to find items. The downtown mall is also home to several good antique and knick-knack stores.

Tyson's Corner: About 2 hours from Charlottesville, this is a huge shopping area, including Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, and any other kind of store you could want! Take Rt.29 North to I-66 East to Rt.7 West and look for signs. Call 1-888-2TYSONS for more information.

Short Pump Town Center: Outdoor shopping one hour east of Charlottesville. Department stores include Nordstrom, Dillard's, and Hecht's. The Cheesecake Factory, Maggiano's Little Italy, and Firebird's are just a few of the mall's 13 restaurants. Take I-64 East to exit 178A, Short Pump Broad Street West. Go approximately 1 1/8 mile. Mall is on the right. Call (804) 360-1700 for more information.

WINE TASTING



Afton Mountain Vineyards
Afton, Virginia
540-456-8667

Autumn Hill Vineyards
Stanardsville, Virginia
434-985-6100

Barboursville Vineyards
Barboursville, Virginia
540-832-3824

Blenheim Vineyards
Charlottesville, Virginia
Phone: 434-293-5366

Burnley Vineyards
Barboursville, Virginia
540-832-2828

Cardinal Point Vineyard & Winery
Afton, Virginia
540-456-8400

Christensen Ridge
Madison, Virginia
540-923-4800

Cooper Vineyards
Louisa, Virginia
540-894-5253

DelFosse Vineyards & Winery
Faber, Virginia
434-263-6100

First Colony Winery
Charlottesville, Virginia
434-979-7105 or 877-979-7105

Gabriele Rausse Winery
Not open to the public
Charlottesville, VA 22903
800-568-2746 or 434-296-5328

Gioiosa Winery
Louisa, Virginia
540-967-3584

Grayhaven Winery
Gum Spring, Virginia
804-556-3917

Hill Top Berry Farm & Winery
Nellysford, Virginia
434-361-1266
Horton Cellars Winery
Gordonsville, Virginia
540-832-7440 or 800-VAWINEE

Jefferson Vineyards
Charlottesville, Virginia
434-977-3042 or 800-272-3042

Keswick Vineyards
Keswick, Virginia
434-244-3341 or 888-244-3341

King Family Vineyards
Crozet, Virginia
434-823-7800

Kluge Estate Winery & Vineyard
Charlottesville, Virginia
434-984-3895

Mountain Cove Vineyards & Wine
Garden
Lovingson, Virginia
434-263-5392

Oakencroft Vineyard & Winery
Charlottesville, Virginia
434-296-4188

Old House Vineyards
Culpeper, Virginia
540-423-1032

Prince Michel
Leon, Virginia

540-547-3707 or 800-800-WINE
800-800-WINE

Rebec Vineyards
Amherst, Virginia
434-946-5168

Rockbridge Vineyard
Raphine, Virginia
540-377-6204
Toll Free: 888-511-9463

Rose River Vineyards
Syria, Virginia
540-923-4050

Stone Mountain Vineyards
Dyke, Virginia
434-990-WINE

Stonewall Vineyards & Winery
Concord, Virginia
434-993-2185

Veritas Winery
Afton, Virginia
540-456-8000

White Hall Vineyards
White Hall, Virginia
434-823-8615

Wintergreen Winery
Nellysford, Virginia
434-361-2519

Woodland Vineyard
Midlothian, Virginia
804-739-2774

*Wineries listed in bold are near
Charlottesville.