



SOUTHERN DRIVING TOUR

GET OFF THE INTERSTATE

POINTS OF INTEREST

Lost Communities of Virginia Driving Tours are envisioned as loops through multi-county areas. Travelers can begin and end the tour anywhere along the route and travel in either direction. The main route connects many of the communities and points of interest featured on the tour. Alternate routes are side trips to other interesting locations. The route follows scenic roads with beautiful landscapes and vernacular buildings that may pique your curiosity as well. You can find more information about places highlighted on the map in the brochure. Depending on your curiosity, the route may take a single day or several days. Main highways are shown on the map to show easy access to and from the tour route.

For more information and an online version of the map visit the Community Design Assistance Center's website at cdac.arch.vt.edu. Use the following information and key to find suggested stops and hidden places along your driving tour. Refer to the icons to get the most out of each stop.

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| APPOMATTOX | LOST COMMUNITY | OVERNIGHT STAY |
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APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Named for the Appamatuck Indians when formed in 1845 from Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, and Prince Edward Counties. | historicappomattox.com

APPOMATTOX | F2

Known as Clover Hill when settled in 1815. Renamed Appomattox Court House when the county was formed. The Civil War ended here in 1865. The town's center moved closer to the railroad in the 1890s after the first courthouse burned. Be sure to explore downtown for restaurants, unique shops, and B&Bs. | appomattoxcountyva.gov

1. Appomattox County Historical Museum | F2

337 Court Street | (434)352-3910 | By appointment | Admission charged | appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org | History museum in old jail

2. Appomattox Court House National Historic Park | G1

111 National Park Drive | (434)352-8987 x 223 | Tours available | Open daily, except holidays | Admission charged | nps.gov/apco | Site of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865 ending the Civil War. Owned by the National Park Service since the 1930s, the site has been reconstructed and restored.

3. Carver-Price Legacy Museum | F2

On the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail | 102 Carver Lane | (434)352-7880 | Open Mon-Tues, Fri-Sat, 12-5pm | carver-price.com | Housed in the original 4 rooms of a 1928 Rosenwald school. Honors African American history and achievement including students from Prince Edward County who enrolled here when their schools were closed to oppose integration.

4. Clover Hill Village | G1

5747 River Ridge Road/Route 627 | (434)352-3910 | Open Apr-Oct, Fri-Sun | Admission charged | appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org | Living history village depicting life in 1840s-1920s created from buildings moved to the site and reconstructed period buildings.

5. Joel Sweeney Birthplace and Gravesite | G1

Route 24 east of Appomattox Court House National Historic Park | Popularized the African American 5-string banjo on the minstrel circuit in the 1800s. Historic marker and restored cabin.

6. Museum of the Confederacy—Appomattox | F1

159 Horseshoe Road (intersection of US 460 and Route 24) | (434)352-5791x201 | Open daily | Admission charged | acwm.org | This branch of the American Civil War Museum includes artifacts commemorating the end of the Civil War at Appomattox.

Turn of the Century Walking Tour | F2

214 Main Street | (434)352-8999 or (877)BLU- GREY | Open daily | historicappomattox.com | Self-guided walking tour of 50 stops, many pertaining to the Civil War. Begin at Appomattox Visitor Information Center.

Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail – Piedmont Trail – Appomattox Courthouse Loop | G1

deliv.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PAP | Driving trail through young pine

12. Red Hill Patrick Henry National Memorial | F4 🏠 🚶 🇺🇸

1250 Red Hill Rd/Route 617 | (434)376-2044 or (800)514-7463 | Open daily | Admission charged | patrickhenry.com | roadtorevolution.com | "To honor for the benefit of past and future generations the entire life of Patrick Henry." Patrick Henry's grave, law office, reconstructed house and other outbuildings, family artifacts, Museum Shop, and interpretive scenic trails. A site on the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail—Piedmont Trail—Staunton River Loop and the Road to Revolution Heritage Trail.

13. San Soucy Vineyards & Staunton River Brewing Co. | F4 🍷 🍷

1571 Mount Cavalry Road/Route 600 | (434)376-9463 | Open Thurs–Sat, Mar–Dec, or by appointment | Tasting fee | www.sanssoucyvineyards.com | www.stauntonriverbrewing.com | Winery, brewery, and tasting room in restored barn and schoolhouse.

14. Willie Hodges Booth Museum | F4 🏠

204 Lynchburg Avenue/Route 401 | (434)376-3046 | Open Tues–Thurs, Sat | townofbrookneal.com | In the public library. Local items of interest to the Brookneal area.

CONCORD | E2 🏠 🏠

Named for New Concord church. A railroad town for many years. The depot has been moved to private property with plans for future restoration.

15. Carson's Hardware & Market | E2 🏠

10060 Village Highway/Route 24 | Open daily | (434)993-2106 | Hardware, deli, lawn and garden.

16. DeVault Family Vineyards | F2 🍷 🍷

247 Station Lane/Route 741 | (434)993-0722 | Open Mon–Sat | Tasting fee | devaultvineyards.com | Tasting room, pool, tennis, and other family friendly activities. Saturday Summer concerts.

GLADYS | E3

Once called Pigeon Run for the flocks of now-extinct passenger pigeons roosting nearby. Later named Gladys for the daughter of a railroad executive.

HAT CREEK | F3

The oldest settlement in the county was established around 1742 when a church was built in the area. Named for the nearby creek. Settled by a colony of Presbyterians from Pennsylvania seeking religious freedom.



Campbell County
Sherwill, Uncle Glover's Store

LONG ISLAND | D4

Patrick Henry purchased Long Island in 1792 and lived here prior to making his home at Red Hill.

17. Long Island Park and Boat Landing | E4 🚶 🚶 🚶

801 Railroad Avenue | (434)332-9570 | dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PSR | Walking and bird watching trails, primitive camping, picnic area, and boat ramp on the Staunton River. On the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail—Staunton River Loop.

LYNCHBURG

18. Moore's Country Store | E1 🍷 🍷

6963 Richmond Highway/US 460 East | Open daily | (434)846-4815 | facebook.com/mooresmtathos | Since 1926. World famous hotdogs, hamburgers, barbecue, wraps, sandwiches, etc.

NARUNA | E4

A Native American name with unknown origins. The community was an early trade center, post office, and later a train stop. Hosted a large apiary in the 1920's when beekeeping was a growing industry in the county.

SHERWILL

1618 North Station Road, Sherwill, Campbell County, VA 22834 | (434)376-3046



Charlotte County
Amish buggy

KEYSVILLE | H4 🍷 🍷 🍷

townofkeysville.com | Named for John Key who owned a tavern and a relay station for exchanging tired horses on the King's Road, a stagecoach line from Fredericksburg to Augusta, GA named during the Revolutionary War. Business increased with railroad development. The town was rebuilt after Civil War damage.

26. Sheldon's Motel & Restaurant | H4 🍷 🍷

1450 Four Locust Highway (intersection of US 15 and US 360) | (434)736-8434 | Open daily | facebook.com/SheldonsHospitality | Family dining and 40 room motel since 1940. Baked Virginia Ham aged on site.

MADISONVILLE | G3 📷

Originally called Chickentown for the cockfights held in the front yard of Harvey's Tavern. Brick Tavern Farm was built in 1830 by Isham Harvey to service travelers on today's Route 47. Harvey's Store was across the street. The community was renamed in 1875 for prominent citizen Henry Madison.

OLD WELL | F3

A popular resting and watering point for travelers heading west. Used as the voting precinct for the Midway Magisterial District in the early to mid 1900s.

27. Old Well Grocery | F3 🏠

4617 Pillow Road/intersection of Routes 617 and 672 (Phenix) | (434)376-2479 | Open since 1907.

RANDOLPH | G5

Named Talcott in 1851 for Col. I.T.R. Talcott who helped bring the Richmond & Danville Railroad through the community. Also known as Roanoke Station, then Randolph in 1881 for land owner Richard Randolph. A Union battalion attempted to destroy the railroad tracks here and cut off supplies to Petersburg during the Civil War Battle of Staunton River Bridge.

28. Mulberry Hill Plantation | G5 🏠 📷

Mulberry Hill Road/Route 641 | Open for special events only | stauntonriverbattlefield.org/mulberry.html | Union headquarters during the Battle of Staunton River Bridge. Homeowner Mrs. John Blair McPhail caused a Union retreat when she told them there were 10,000 Confederate soldiers on the bridge—there were only 900.

29. Staunton River Battlefield State Park | Roanoke Station | G5 🏠 🚶

5998 Roanoke Station Road/Route 607 | (434)454-4312 | Open by appointment | stauntonriverbattlefield.org | In the relocated 1910 former Southern Railway depot. Exhibit of Native American artifacts excavated from the park and Southern Railway memorabilia. Rail trail connects to #37 Clover Visitors Center via the Staunton River bridge.

Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail—Piedmont Trail—Staunton River Loop | G5 📷

dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PSR | Various sites includes trails, woodlands, open fields, pond, and creeks.

RED HOUSE | F3

Martin Hancock, a wagon train leader headed west, settled at the northwest corner of the junction and created a landmark by painting his tavern red. The tavern has since been split into 2 buildings with half moved across the road nearby.

RED OAK | H6

Originally called Red Oak Grove and named for the 12 oak trees that grew near the post office when it was established in 1839. There was once a soda bottling plant here; the water tank is all that remains.

30. CornerStone Farm | H6 🏠 🚶

525 Barnes Road/Route 602 | (434)735-0527 | cornerstonefarm.net | On 92 acres. Working farm, bed and breakfast, and trail head for the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail—Staunton River Loop.

37. Staunton River Battlefield State Park | Clover Visitors Center | G5

1035 Fort Hill Trail/Route 855 | (434)454-4312 | Open daily | stauntonriverbattlefield.org | Exhibits on the Clover Power Station, local Civil War actions and home life. Rail trail connects to #29 Staunton River Battlefield State Park | Roanoke Station at Randolph via the Staunton River bridge.

ELMO | D7

Settled in the 1700s and home of Melrose Academy, a private boarding school for boys which closed during the Civil War. The academy's main building became a store and post office in 1883. Since a Melrose existed elsewhere in Virginia, Elmo was named using letters from Melrose. The post office closed in 1910.

38. Carter's Tavern | D7

15125 River Road/Route 659 (South Boston) | Not open to the public | Built in the late 18th century to serve travelers on River Road, possibly including George Washington. Little changed over the years, the white clapboard tavern was restored in the 1970s to showcase its distinctive woodwork. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has a Virginia Historic Marker.

HALIFAX | F6

townofhalifax.com | Halifax County's seat since 1777. Originally named Banister for the local river; Banister Town during the Civil War; Houston in 1890 for the treasurer of the Penn Construction Company, builders of the Lynchburg & Durham Railroad; and, finally, Halifax after World War II. Visit downtown for restaurants and shops.

39. Banister Lake | F6

Boat landing on US 501, north of town | dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PDR | Dammed lake with birds and blooms on the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail–Dan River Loop.

40. Halifax County Courthouse | F6

Main Street/US 501 | Built in 1839 by Dabney Cosby, Sr. who is said to have worked with Thomas Jefferson on the University of Virginia campus. A true community building, it has been used for meeting rooms, dentists' offices, and a theater.

41. Halifax Farmers' Market | F6

209 South Main Street/US 501 | (434)476-2343 | Sat morning, May–Oct

42. L. E. Coleman African-American Museum | E6

3011 Mountain Road/Route 360 | (434)476-4085 | Sat 10am–2pm | oldhalifax.com/county/ColemanMuseum | In the 1919 Mountain Road #1 School. Featuring programming about the African Diaspora, the Halifax Story, and the Contemporary Narrative.

43. Mary M. Bethune Complex | F6

On the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail | 1030 Mary Bethune Street | www.aahistoricsitesva.org/items/show/268 | Opened in 1897, after consolidation in 1948 was the largest African American rural public school in Virginia. County schools were integrated in 1969. Now a county office building.

Mountain Road Historic District Walking Tour | F6

oldhalifax.com/county/HalifaxWalkingTour.htm | Begin at the courthouse to see 19th and early 20th century residences.

INGRAM | D6

Founded by the Jordan Ingram family. The community had a post office, general store, church, telephone operator, academy, and doctor.



50. Reese's Farm Fresh | F6

8125 James D. Hagood Highway/US 360 | (434)454-6808 | Open daily Feb–Dec | facebook.com/Reeses-Farm-Fresh-Produce-199279915364 | Farm stand, farm tours, pumpkin hayrides, plants, Christmas trees

51. Staunton River State Park | G7

1170 Staunton Trail/Route 344 | (434)572-4623 | dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PDR | dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/sta.shtml | On the National Register of Historic Places. Early 1930s cabins, pool-house, and picnic shelters built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Pool and campground. Nature trails on the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail–Dan River Loop feature woodlands, fields, and open water. An International Dark Sky Park ideal for stargazing.

SOUTH BOSTON | F7

southboston.com | Said to be named in 1796 by Boston Tea Party sympathizer Gen. Carrington who donated the land for the town. This stop on the Richmond & Danville Railroad in 1854 grew to be the second largest bright leaf tobacco market in the country by the early 1900s. Slate Seed Company, the largest producer of tobacco seed in the world was located here. Visit downtown for shops, restaurants, and B&Bs in this Virginia Main Street Community.

52. Bob Cage's Sculpture Farm | F7

Cage Trail/Route 854 | (434)572-2543 | oldhalifax.com/cage | Outdoor museum of Cage's modern scrap metal sculptures. Please respect the private property and view the sculptures from the road.

53. Crossing of the Dan Monument | F7

Site of Boyd's Ferry on the Dan River | crossingofthedan.org | Commemorating the Dan River crossing in 1781 of the American Southern Army troops led by Gen. Nathanael Greene. The crossing left Lord Cornwallis' English troops stranded on the southern side of the river without boats and away from their supply lines.

54. Downtown South Boston Farmers' Market | F7

300 Broad Street/US 501 Business | (434) 222-8012 | Sat morning, mid-Apr–Dec

55. Ernie's Restaurant | F7

1010 Randolph Blvd/US 360 | (434)572-3423 | Lunch and dinner. Closed Mon | erniesrestaurantsobo.com | Homemade country-style buffet and menu since 1958.

56. Halifax County Visitors' Center | F7

1180 Bill Tuck Highway/US 360 | (434)572-2543 | gohalifaxva.com

57. Historic District Walking Tour | F7

oldhalifax.com/county/SBWalkingTour.htm | Tobacco warehouses, factories, prize-ries, and Victorian architecture in the downtown area.

58. Mizpah Church | F7

On the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail | 308 Ragland Street | www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=30961 | Location of grade school and daycare center for African American children prior to integration.

59. The Prizery | F7

700 Bruce Street South | (434)572-8339 | prizery.com | In a early 20th century former R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company building where tobacco was prized, or layered, into barrels for shipment. Performing arts theatre, art gallery, and Crossing of the Dan Revolutionary War history exhibit.

60. Puryear Farms | F7

3191 Huell Matthews Highway/US 501 | (434)575-7307 | Open daily | Farm market with a stained glass studio. Produce, cut flowers, decorations.

61. South Boston-Halifax County Museum of Fine Arts & History | F7

1540 Wilborn Avenue/US 501 Business | (434)572-9200 | Open Wed–Sat | sbhcmuseum.org | History and art of Halifax County and Southside Virginia.

62. South Boston Speedway | F7

1188 James D. Hagood Highway/US 360 | (434)572-4947 | southbostonspeedway.com | Opened in 1957 as a dirt track, training track for many NASCAR drivers, and NASCAR-sanctioned short track.

CEDAR FOREST

69. Cedar Forest Mill | D4

7929 Straightstone Road/Route 761 | (434) 335-5136 | Open Mon-Sat | Built in the 1880's. Flour, corn meal, and livestock feed are sold here.

CHALK LEVEL | C5

Nearby Hickey's Road helped settle the frontier of Southern Virginia beginning in the mid-1700s. Early family plantation homes are still visible. The 1840s Chalk Level Road was the first paved road in the county. Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart often visited his mother's family in Chalk Level.

CHATHAM | B6, C6

chatham-va.gov/visit-chatham | Pittsylvania County Courthouse became the county seat in 1777, attracting professionals who built large residences. The town was named Competition after an 1806 dispute about the courthouse's location was settled by the General Assembly, then renamed Chatham in 1852, for the earlier county seat. Chatham Hall and Hargrave Military Academy are here. Visit downtown for shops, restaurants, and B&Bs.

70. 1813 Clerk's Office and Tobacco Barn | C6

16 Court Place | Open by appointment | pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety.org | Museum of local artifacts dating from the county's beginnings. 1900 log tobacco barn for flue curing tobacco. Buildings restored by Pittsylvania Historical Society.

Chatham Historic Walking Tours | C6

(434) 432-1650 | chatham-va.gov/visit-chatham/tours | Several self-guided walking tours of Chatham's historic downtown are available.

71. Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex | C5

19783 US 29 South | (434) 432-7993 | Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 8am-12pm | oldedominionagriculturecomplex.com | Self-guided Tobacco Museum exhibit. Saturday morning Virginia Grown Farmers' Market.

72. Pittsylvania County Courthouse | C6

3 North Main Street/US 29 Business | Built in 1853. In 1878, Judge J. D. Coles was arrested and charged with violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1875 after he tried to exclude African Americans from serving as jurors. The US Supreme Court ruled in the case of *Ex parte Virginia* that his actions violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. The courthouse is a National Historic Landmark.

73. Pittsylvania County Research Center | B6

340 Whitehead Street | (434) 432-8931 | Tues-Sat | pcplib.org/welcome-to-the-history-center | In the restored Chatham train depot. Includes historical displays, exhibits, and a genealogy research library.

CLIMAX | B5

After the Civil War, Rev. Chiswell Dabney helped organize community schools in the county. He announced the first school by saying, "We have reached the apex, but I guess we'll call it [the] climax [of our efforts]." Known as the Climax School, the community later took the same name.

74. The Homeplace Vineyard, Inc. | B5

568 Rigney Circle/Route 800 | (434) 432-WINE (9463) | Open Mar-Dec, Mon-Sat | thehomeplacevineyard.com | Family-owned and operated on a long-time tobacco farm. Tasting room. Music on Friday evenings in summer.

75. Tomahawk Mill Vineyard & Winery | B5

9221 Anderson Mill Road/Route 649 | (434) 432-1063 | Open Tues-Sun, Mar 15-Dec 15 | tomahawkmill.com | Confederate Sgt. James Anderson built Anderson's Mill on Tomahawk Creek in 1888. His brother operated a store here. The mill, family-operated until 1975, was renamed Tomahawk Mill for the creek. It became a winery in 1988. Tours of vineyard and mill. Wine tasting.

EMERY ROAD/ROUTE 795 | B5

An emery mine opened here in 1917. Corundum was mined for emery boards and metal cutting wheels, then transported to Indiana from nearby Whittles depot. The mine closed following the 1929 stock market crash.

GRETNA | C5

townofgretna.org | Located on old Sulphur Springs Plantation. Lynchburg & Danville Railroad was built through town 1874. In 1879, when Franklin & Pittsylvania Railroad was completed to Rocky Mount, the depot became known as Franklin Junction and the post office as Elba. Elba became Gretna in 1914, named for Scotland's Gretna Green. Visit downtown for restaurants and lodging.

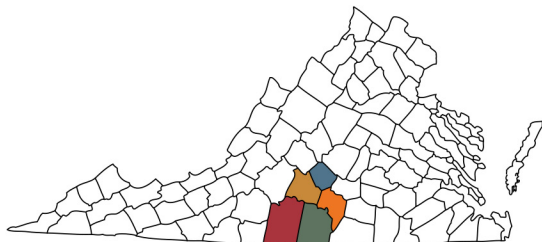
76. Gretna Theatre | C5

107 North Main Street/US 29 Business | (434) 656-3377 | thegretnatheatre.com | Built in mid-1900s as a movie theater. Later became a store. Reopened in 2006 as the theatre with movies, live concerts, and plays. "Disco" entertainment

GET OFF THE INTERSTATE

and really experience Virginia!

Lost Communities of Virginia Driving Tours guide you through communities that are off the beaten path. Discover forgotten main streets, general stores, train depots, schools, churches, banks, post offices, and farms. Visit local restaurants, family-owned businesses, small museums, and other interesting cultural sites. Experience the history, flavor, landscapes, and occasional lost communities of backroads Virginia.



The *Lost Communities of Virginia* book and continuing initiative strive to make a wide audience aware of the many small, once thriving communities in Virginia. Our back road driving tours through Virginia's small communities suggest historical points of interest, provide unique cultural experiences, and support local businesses that exemplify the ideals of the tour through their buildings, landscapes, or history.



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LostCommunitiesOfVirginia

The Community Design Assistance Center is an outreach center of Virginia Tech's College of Architecture & Urban Studies. Since 1988, CDAC has assisted communities, civic groups, and nonprofit organizations in improving their natural and built environments through research, engagement, and interdisciplinary design. Students engage with communities, connecting university knowledge with real world experience.



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Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail – Piedmont Trail – Appomattox

Courthouse Loop | G1

dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PAP | Driving trail through young pine plantations, wooded ponds, and rolling fields.

7. Camp Winonah/Mozella Price Home Place | F2

On the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail | US 460, East of Appomattox | Open by appointment | winonahcamp.com | Home of Mozella Jordan Price who was a teacher and Superintendent of Appomattox County Negro Schools from 1919-1963. She established Winonah Camp for the underprivileged here in 1933.



PAMPLIN CITY | G2

Residents made clay smoking pipes in their homes until a mechanized factory was built in 1879 increasing production to 25,000 pipes a day, shipped worldwide. The brick commercial district was built after a 1909 fire. The old factory, closed by 1951, is now a historic landmark and highways have been re-routed so that Main Street is nearly hidden from view. In the *Lost Communities of Virginia* book.

8. High Bridge Trail State Park | G2

Trail head at Heights School Road across from an old Kyanite Mineral storage building off Business US 460 | (434)315-0457 | dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/hig.shtml | Relatively flat, 30-mile long, multi-use trail from Burkeville to Pamplin City on the former South Side Railroad bed. Crosses 2,400 foot long High Bridge, built in 1853, 160 feet above the Appomattox River. Plans are to extend trail to Pamplin Depot.

9. Pamplin Pipe Factory | G2

US 460 Business | (434)248-6514 | Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and owned by the Archaeological Conservancy. Visible from the road, but not currently open to the public.

10. Pamplin Depot | G2

Main Street | (434)248-9857 | Town offices are located in the renovated train depot. Public restrooms available. Future trail head for High Bridge Trail State Park.

11. Steins Unlimited Museum | G2

616 Swan Road/Route 600 | (434)248-6114 | One of the most extensive collections of antique steins in the world.

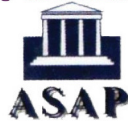
CAMPBELL COUNTY

Formed in 1782 and named for Revolutionary War hero Gen. William Campbell whose name was suggested by Patrick Henry in the spirit of patriotism and future community advancement. Early European settlers here were in search of land and religious freedom. | campbellvirginia.com

BROOKNEAL | F4

townofbrookneal.com

Founded during the Revolutionary War when Patrick Henry chose the area for a Staunton River ferry crossing to link Campbell, Halifax, and Charlotte Counties. A tobacco warehouse was built near the crossing in 1802. The Brooke and Neal families lent the town its name. The town's brick buildings were built after a fire in the early 1900's destroyed those built of wood. Brookneal is now the smallest incorporated town in the area. Follow historic downtown signs for restaurants and shops.



SHERWILL

19. Uncle Glover's Sherwill Center for Rural Heritage | E2

Intersection of New Chapel (Route 606) and Spring Mill (Route 646) Roads | facebook.com/pages/Uncleglovers/161547230526202 | Newly reopened in a 1928 general store after being closed for 38 years. A community center featuring local vegetables, handmade goods, and a general sense of well-being.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Formed in 1764 from Brunswick County. Named for Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III. Archaeological evidence of Saponi Indian life prior to European settlement includes burial grounds and fish weirs on the Staunton River. Europeans settled on the same creeks and rivers, the county's early highways. Major crops included tobacco, corn, wheat, and hay. | charlotteva.com

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE | G4, H4

Called "The Magazine" for its French and Indian War era arms storage depot, then Dalstonburgh in 1759 for Lt. Gov. Fauquier's wife. Charlotte Court House post office opened in 1794, but the town was known as Marysville for the wife of the town's founder, then Smithville in 1874 for a tavern owner and, finally, Charlotte Court House in 1901. George Washington passed through in 1791, Patrick Henry's last speech was made here in 1799, and the 1823 courthouse is the only known to be designed by Thomas Jefferson. The courthouse was the setting for the 1992 motion picture, *Sommersby*. Visit downtown for unique shops, restaurants, and B&Bs.

20. Central High Museum | G4

401 Thomas Jefferson Highway/Route 47 | (434)542-4699 | Open Sat 11:30am–2pm (and when Early Learning center is open) | charlotteva.com/museum/Central-museum-online/central-index.html | Highlights the education and achievements of the African American school's graduates including school memorabilia and reference materials.

Charlotte Court House Historic District Walking Tour | G4

(434)542-5117 | charlotteva.com/museum/walking_tour.html | Begin at the courthouse and look for historic markers downtown that describe sites on the tour.

21. Museum of Charlotte County | G4

Courthouse Square/125 David Bruce Avenue | Open daily | charlotteva.com/museum | Exhibits about Charlotte County residents Patrick Henry, John Randolph, and David K. E. Bruce in the old jail.

22. Thomas Read's Clerk's Office | G4

David Bruce Avenue/Route 40 | (434)454-6238 | Appointment only | A Preservation Virginia property that is a reproduction of the clerk's office built in 1810. Contains early maps and Charlotte County history.

23. Greenfield | H4

1 mile from Route 40 on Greenfield Road/Route 656 | (434)542-5956 | dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PRM | Trail circling wetlands and a beaver pond on the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail on the Roanoke-Meherrin Summit Loop. Stay on trail and respect landowner's privacy.

CULLEN | G3

A railroad community once served by the Virginian Railway. A post office was established here in 1890. Mica was mined nearby. Amish families from Lancaster County, PA formed a community here in 1997 and run small businesses such as a sawmill and dairy farms. Watch for horses and buggies and please do not photograph the residents.

24. Mrs. Esh's Baked Goods and Quilts | G3

4489 Germantown Road/Route 649 | Open Fri–Sat. If the sign is not out, Mrs. Esh's is not open. | No photographs of the Amish please. Watch for Amish buggies. | Amish breads, pies, cookies, jams, pickles, quilts, baskets, etc.

DRAKES BRANCH | H5

towndrakesbranch.com | A depot for the Richmond and Danville Railroad was built here in the 1850s then destroyed in the Civil War. Named for the small creek named for the local Drakes family. A plank road once connected the town to Charlotte Court House. The town grew with the dark tobacco market in the 1890s and early 1900s, but declined when dark tobacco lost favor.

25. Drakes Branch Museum | H4

4849 Main Street/Route 47 | (434)568-3091 | Open 2nd & 4th Sat, 10am–12pm | charlotteva.com/museum/drakesmuseumonline/drakes-index.html | Exhibits about the railroad, industries, churches, schools, and farms of the area.

acres. Working farm, bed and breakfast, and trail head for the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail–Staunton River Loop.

31. Salem School | G6

On the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail | 4050 Salem School Road/Route 608 | Not open to the public | charlotteva.com/museum/salemschoolonline/index-salem.html | An African American Rosenwald school built in 1921 on land donated by the Salem Baptist Church across the street. Used by African American students until 1959, the school had 3 classrooms and a cafeteria and was also used for weekly devotional services, celebrations, and community events.

32. Weston's Grocery | G6

9342 Barnesville Highway/US 15 | (434)735-8106

WYLLIESBURG | H6

Named for Hugh Wyllie, store and tavern keeper in the late 1700s and first postmaster in 1800. During the Civil War, Federal troops marched through Wylliesburg on their retreat from the Battle at Staunton River Bridge.

33. Jackson's Hardware and General Store | H6

725 Jackson Vaughn Road/Route 607 | (434)735-8134 | Established 1908. General hardware, groceries, Amish bacon.

HALIFAX COUNTY

Formed in 1752 from Lunenburg County and named for the Earl of Halifax. Court was held in many locations including people's homes prior to 1755 when a centrally-located brick courthouse was constructed at Punch Creek. When Pittsylvania County emerged from Halifax County in 1766, the courthouse was moved to a new centralized location in the now smaller county. | gohalifaxva.com | Experience Halifax County from the Dan, Staunton (Roanoke), or Banister Rivers via the Southern Virginia Wild Blueway. | sovawildblueway.com

BERRY HILL | F7

34. Berry Hill Resort and Conference Center | F7

3105 River Road/Route 659 (South Boston) | (434) 517-7000 | Reservations recommended | berryhillresort.com | Plantation owner James Coles Bruce's 1844 National Historic Landmark Greek Revival mansion encompassing a 1770 brick home. On 650 acres of a 105,000 acre tract granted to William Byrd II in 1728 by the King of England. Period interiors. Slave quarters, cemetery, and slave-built outbuildings. Now the Berry Hill Resort and Conference Center including 92 guest rooms and 3 full service restaurants.

BROOKLYN | D7

Settled in the late 1700s. By 1834, Brooklyn had 60 residents, stores, a post office, tanyard, shoe factory, wagon maker, and blacksmith shops. The 1855 tobacco factory produced plug tobacco, smoking tobacco and snuff until the 1880s. Brooklyn Tobacco Factory retains some original workrooms and machinery. The 1850 store and post office have been restored, but are not open to the public.

CLARKTON | F4

Named for the Clark family, owners of one of the largest bright leaf tobacco plantations in the county, with fields flanking the Staunton River. In 1889, Thomas Clark granted the Lynchburg & Durham Railroad right-of-way through the plantation in exchange for construction of Clarkton Depot which brought a general store and post office to the village.

35. Clarkton Bridge and Boat Landing | F4

Clarkton Road/Route 626 | dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PSR | Built in 1901 by Virginia Iron and Bridge Works to cross the Staunton River, but repaired and tinkered with numerous times before being considered structurally sound in the 1920s. Boat landing and scenic stop on the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail–Staunton River Loop where you can view water birds and butterflies.

CLOVER | G6

Clover Baptist Church was built in the early 1800s at the headwaters of Clover Creek. An 1825 map shows the town of Bentleyville at this crossroads. The 1854 depot serviced the new Richmond & Danville Railroad. Tobacco created a boom town in the early 1900s with two tobacco warehouses, a hotel, bank, and stores. The subject of the book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* lived here. (Note that Route 92 is closed at the Staunton River crossing.)

36. Clover Rosenwald School | G6

South of town on Clover Road/Route 92 | African American Rosenwald school constructed around 1920.



LENNIG | F5

Named for Charles Lennig, president of Penn Construction Company, builder of the Lynchburg & Durham Railroad, completed in 1890. The third train stop in the county. Scheduled stops were eliminated here by 1893. One of only two remaining depots from the railroad in the county. Old order Amish families from Dover, DE formed a community here in 2005. Visit businesses including furniture stores, a bake shop, and a harness shop, but watch for horses and buggies and please do not photograph the residents.

MOUNT LAUREL | F5

A crossroads community that once had a church, tannery, stores, and post office. Several private historic homes are still located in the area.

NATHALIE | E5

Site of Nathaniel Barksdale's plantation in the 1700s and known as Barksdale Corner and Catawba before being named for the daughter of Peter Johnston Otey, president of the Lynchburg & Durham Railroad in 1890. This second railroad stop in the county supported the hickory lumber industry with warehouses, stores, a mill, and lumber yard. The post office opened in 1828 and once had the largest rural mail route in America.

44. Bright Meadows Farm Vineyard & Winery | E5

1181 Nathalie Road/Route 644 | (434) 349-9463 | Open Wed-Sun, mid-Mar-Dec, or by appointment | brightmeadowsfarm.com | On a 19th century tobacco plantation. Tasting room, gift shop, and winery.

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45. DeJarnette's Tavern | E4

4080 Stagecoach Road/Route 40 | Not open to the public | Built in the 1780s. Possibly the oldest building in the county. A rare surviving example of vernacular tavern architecture. A stagecoach stop, Civil War mustering place, and meeting site for an aborted 1802 slave revolt. Legend says that the tavern was won in a wrestling match by Daniel DeJarnette and remained in the family until 2001.

PROVIDENCE | F5

Grew as a commercial hub in the early 1800s due to its location at the crossroads of two principal ferry crossings, Cole's and Morton's, over the Staunton River to Charlotte County.

46. Hunting Creek Vineyards | G5

2000 Addie Williams Trail (Clover) | Note: gravel road | (434)454-9219 | Open Sat, Apr 15-Dec 15 or by appointment | hcvwines.com | Tasting room.

47. Lake Conner | F5

Lake Conner Road/Route 624 | dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/piedmont-trail/PSR | dgif.virginia.gov/waterbody/lake-conner | 100-acre wooded Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries lake on Hunting Creek. Fishing and bird, butterfly, and dragonfly viewing on the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail's Piedmont Trail-Staunton River Loop. A state record largemouth bass was caught here.

48. Noland Village | F5

5021 Mortons Ferry Road/Route 623 (Nathalie) | (434)454-2210 | Grounds are open daily | facebook.com/nolandvillage | A 19th century crossroads community created from historic buildings moved to the site including the Noland Post Office/Lacks Store, a tavern, houses, and a tobacco prizing barn.

49. Old Providence Presbyterian Church | F5

8221 Coles Ferry Road/Route 624 (Nathalie) | Also known as Halifax Church, this is the oldest Presbyterian church in Halifax County, built in 1830. After the new church was dedicated in 1924, the old church was used for tobacco drying and storage until the 1980s when it was restored.

RIVER ROAD/ROUTE 659 | E7

oldhalifax.com/county/RiverRoadTour.htm

Follows the Dan River. Once the county's busiest road as the main stagecoach route from New York to New Orleans in the 1700s and the connection from the Halifax County Courthouse to Danville. Tobacco grown in the rich bottomlands was exported to Europe in the 1800s, creating fortunes for plantation owners who built mansions here prior to the Civil War.

SCOTTSBURG | G6

Located at the intersection of old Kings Road and the road to Halifax County Courthouse. Named for local Revolutionary War officer and Virginia legislator Gen. John Baytop Scott, who owned a mill on Difficult Creek. A tobacco market and factories led to prosperity in the late 1800s and decline in the early 1900s.

1188 James D. Hagood Highway/US 360 | (434)572-4947 | southbostonspeedway.com | Opened in 1957 as a dirt track, training track for many NASCAR drivers, and NASCAR-sanctioned short track.

63. Tobacco Heritage Trail | F7

Railroad Avenue | Access behind the Prizery at Cotton Mill Park | tobaccoheritagetrail.org | Plan is for a 150 mile trail using abandoned railroad corridors. Currently in segments. The 2.6 mile segment from South Boston to Berry Hill Resort passes a sluice gate, slave cemetery, and views of the Dan River.

64. Washington-Coleman Elementary School | F7

On the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail | 1927 Jeffress Boulevard | www.hmdb.org/Marker.asp?Marker=30970 | Has its roots in the M. H. Coleman Grammar School begun for African American children in 1875 and the Booker T. Washington High School, built in 1932. Since integration in 1969, the building has remained within the school system, today as an elementary school.



TERRYS CORNER | E7

65. Springfield Distillery | E7

9040 River Road | (434) 575-9317 | Open Thurs-Sun | springfielddistillery.com | On the grounds of 1842 Springfield. Whiskey and rum tastings in an 1800s log cabin.

VOLENS | E5

Originally named "Nolen Volen", meaning wishy washy, by a lover of Latin. Nolen was later dropped. There is an old school here.

66. Hazelwood Antiques | E5

11235 L. P. Bailey Highway/US 501 | (434)349-3947 | Antiques and hand-made folk art birdhouses using reclaimed wood and tin.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

CLARKSVILLE

67. Staunton View Park | G7

2299 Staunton River Road/Route 699 | Note: gravel road | (434)738-6143 | Part of the US Army Corps of Engineers John H. Kerr Reservoir/Buggs Island Lake recreation area. Public boat launch, short trail, bird watching, and picnic area with a spectacular view of the confluence of the Roanoke (Staunton) and Dan Rivers.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Named for William Pitt, First Earl of Chatham, and Prime Minister of Great Britain when the county was formed from Halifax County in 1767. Pitt denounced the Stamp Act in Parliament, proving himself a friend of the colonies. Pittsylvania County is the largest county in Virginia. | dpchamber.org/visitor-information

CALLANDS | A6

Known as Chatham in 1767 when this was Pittsylvania County's first seat. In 1777 the county seat was moved to present-day Chatham. Samuel Calland and James Smith bought the courthouse in 1788 to open Callands post office and store.

68. First Clerk's Office and Courthouse | A6

Sago Road/Route 969 | pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety.org | The first clerk's office was built around 1770. Circles of evergreens in the yard create cool, shady rooms or "summer houses". The building across the street is thought to be the courthouse and gaol, built in 1773. Owned and restored by the Pittsylvania Historical Society.

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107 North Main Street/US 29 Business | (434)656-3377 | thegretnatheatre.com
| Built in mid-1900s as a movie theater. Later became a store. Reopened in 2006 as a theatre with movies, live concerts, and plays. "Big city entertainment with a small town atmosphere."

77. Motley's Strawberries | C5 🍓

240 Steele Road/Route 1313 | (434)656-2838 | Open Mon-Sat, May-early Jun | facebook.com/Motleys-Strawberry-Farm-114406841929055 | Family owned since 1992. Bring your own containers.

78. Yates Tavern | C5 🏠📷

US 29 Business, South of Gretna | pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety.org | Built c. 1750. May be the only historic building in Virginia with second story Tudor overhangs. The English basement has 2-foot thick walls and a huge fireplace where meals were prepared. On the National Register of Historic Places. Restored by the Pittsylvania Historical Society.

MT. AIRY | D5

St. John's Episcopal Church, Pittsylvania County's oldest continuous congregation, is located here.

79. Mt. Airy Roller Mill or Johnson Mill | D5 🏠📷

4425 Johnson Mill Road/Route 683 | (434)335-5576 | Built in 1830. Billy Johnson began operating the mill in 1948. Flour was ground here until 1968. The water wheel was damaged by Hurricane Fran in 1996, but the mill still grinds some livestock feed for local buyers.

MUSEVILLE | B5

A small village with tobacco factory, stores, and tannery. Called Oak Shop, then Museville, for the Muse family, beginning in 1857.

RENAN | D5

A farming community that developed around Mt. Airy Store. The post office was named for the French philosopher, J. E. Renan, known for his theories on early Christianity and nationalism.

SANDY LEVEL | B5

A post office opened in 1843 in this crossroads farming community. A Franklin & Pittsylvania Railroad depot was built in the late 1870s. Barite mining in nearby Toshes in the late 19th to early 20th century improved the economy. A CCC Camp built during the Depression was later converted into a World War II prisoner of war camp. Heavy lobbying by residents kept the post office open in 1995.

STRAIGHTSTONE | D4

An early Quaker community established along Straightstone Creek was home to many grist mills.

WHITTLES | C5

A railroad community named for James Whittle, a Chatham resident active in a number of business enterprises, notably the promotion and finance of the Lynchburg & Danville Railroad.

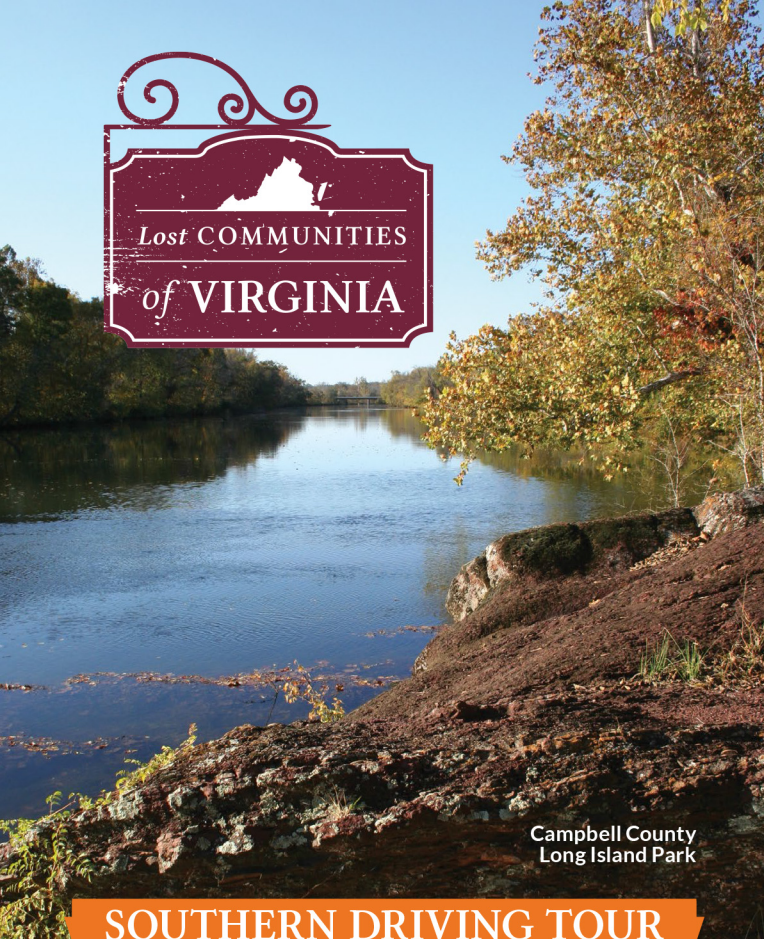
WORLDS | A6

80. Scenic View of Smith Mountains | A5 📷

Intersection of Sago (Route 969) and Museville (Route 626) Roads, looking northwest | View of the Piedmont Province on the eastern rim of the Appalachian mountains.

Pittsylvania County





Campbell County
Long Island Park

SOUTHERN DRIVING TOUR

The tour is a large loop over back roads in the counties of Appomattox, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax, and Pittsylvania.



Pittsylvania County
Mt. Airy Roller Mill

You'll see pastoral landscapes of an area once-vibrant with the tobacco trade. You'll crisscross railroads and rivers that were once transportation highways of the region,

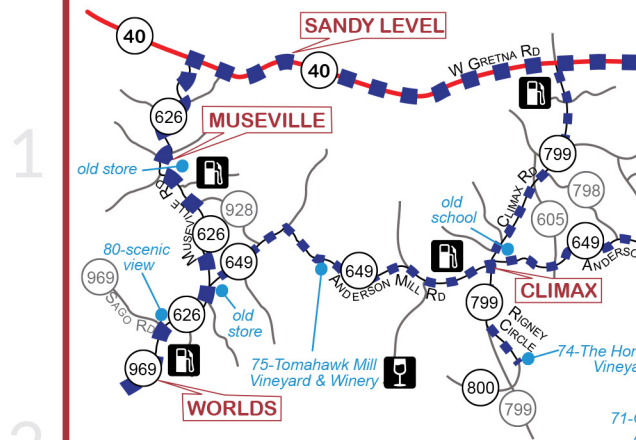
carrying tobacco, cotton, and other crops to market. You'll follow roads traveled by George Washington and Patrick Henry and, later, Confederate and Union troops.

Watch for the remnants of communities:

an old store at a crossroads, an African American Rosenwald



CENTRAL PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY ROUTE

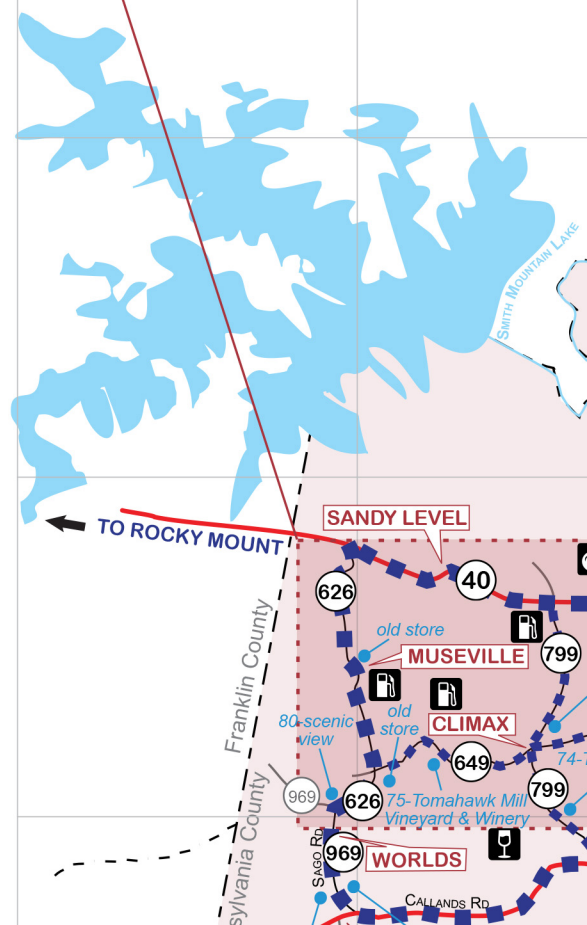


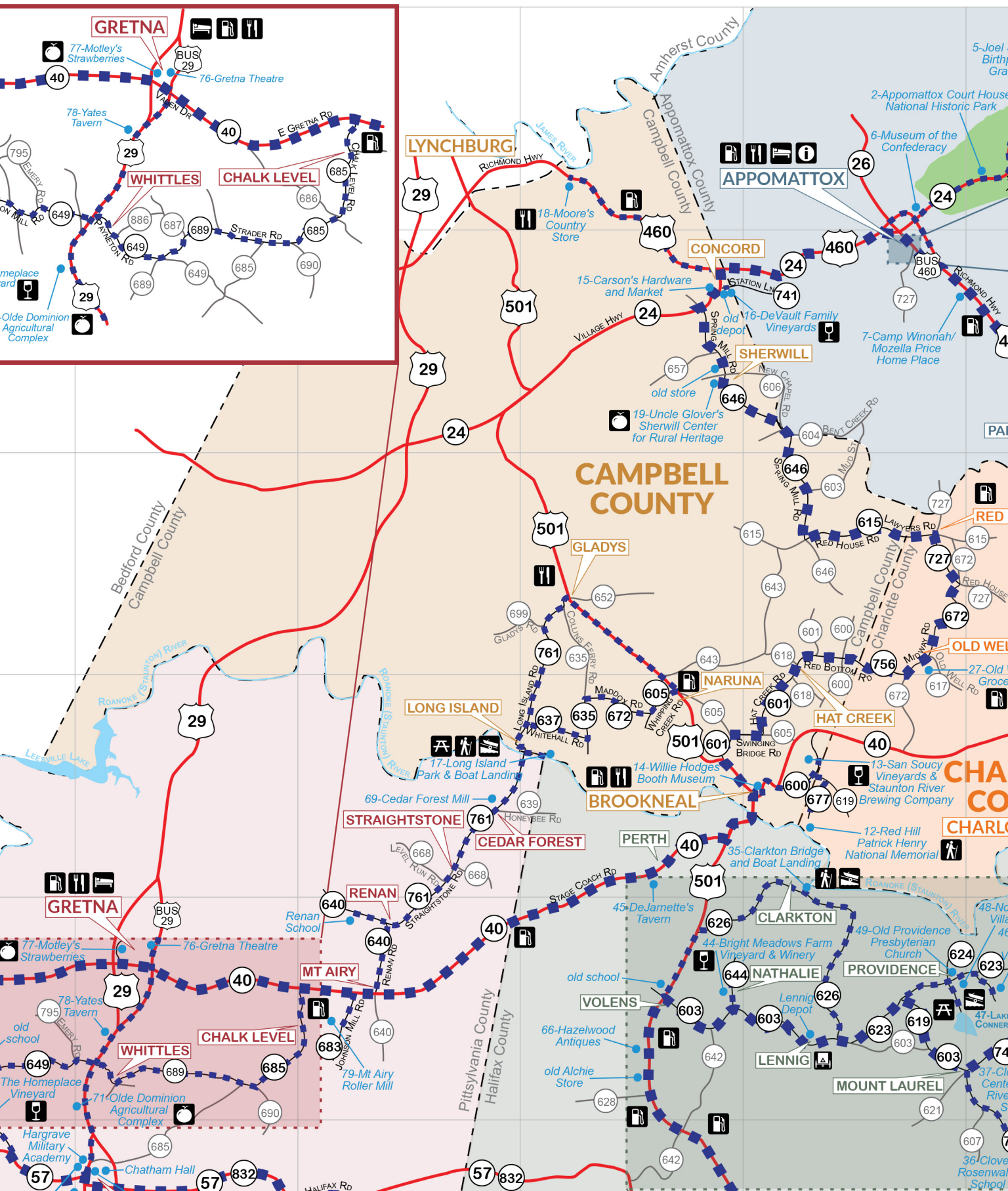
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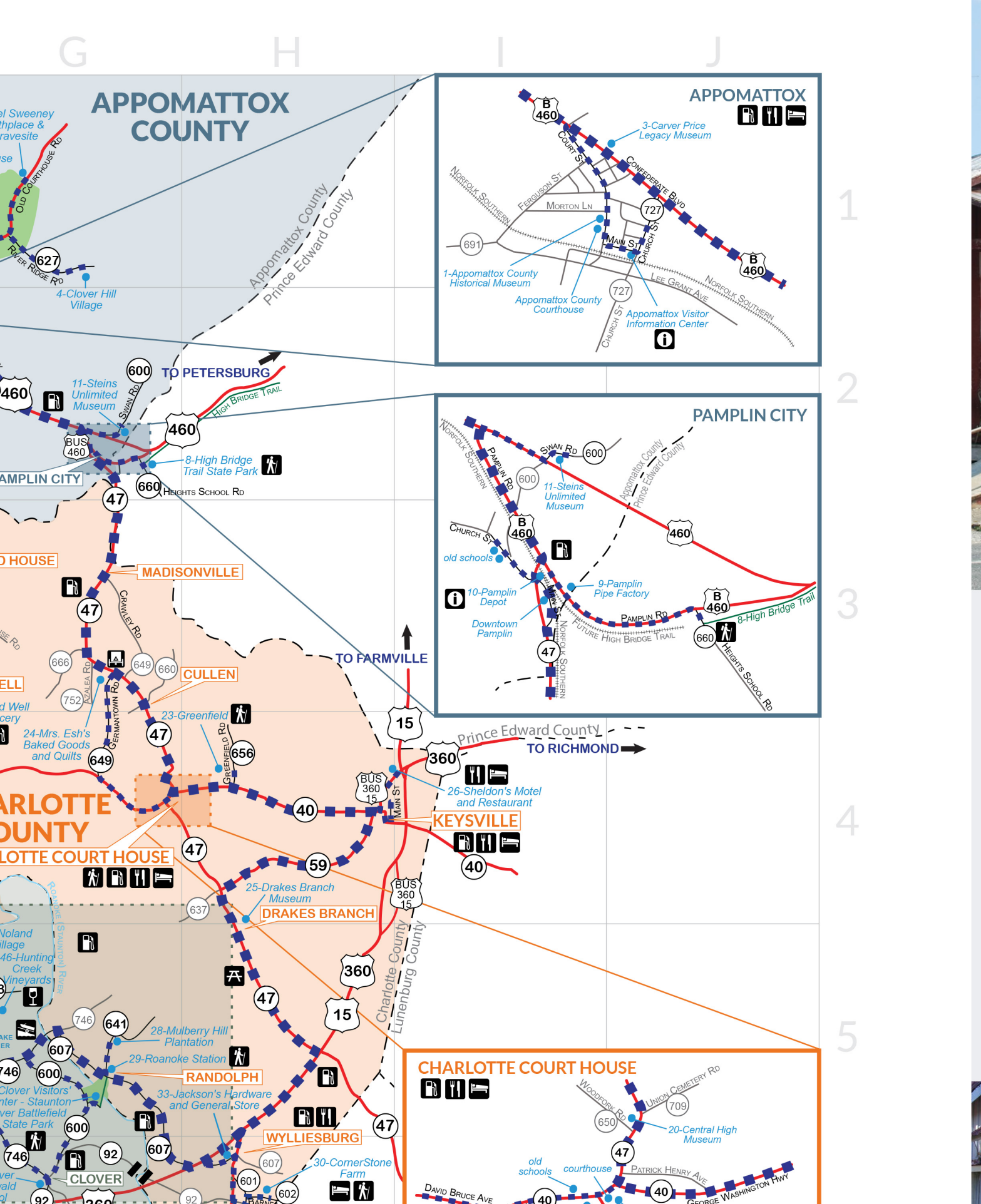
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Charlotte County
Old Well Grocery

CAUTION WHEN DRIVING

Tips & Tricks for a Safe Trip

- Many roads are scenic and only 2 lanes. Unless otherwise noted, all roads were paved and passable when we visited, but be alert to changes and obey speed limits.
- Watch for animals and slow vehicles like farm machinery and Amish buggies and respect their speed. Remember, many people live here because they cherish the peace and quiet and slower pace.
- The entire route will likely take more than one day to travel. There are bed and breakfasts and hotels in the area if you'd like to make this a multi-day adventure.
- Local businesses included in the brochure tell stories of the community's past, provide unique cultural experiences, or are located in a historic building. Due to space constraints, just a sampling of these businesses are included here. You're encouraged to be curious and sample the local flavors.
- There are a few places listed in the brochure that are not open to the public, but are identifiable landmarks along the route. Please respect the privacy of the property owners.
- Cell phone signal is likely to be spotty.



American Rosenwald school, a train depot, a row of tobacco barns, a plantation house grown over in a field, a lone church. Visit historic downtowns like Appomattox, Chatham, Halifax, Gretna, Charlotte Court House, South Boston, and Brookneal.



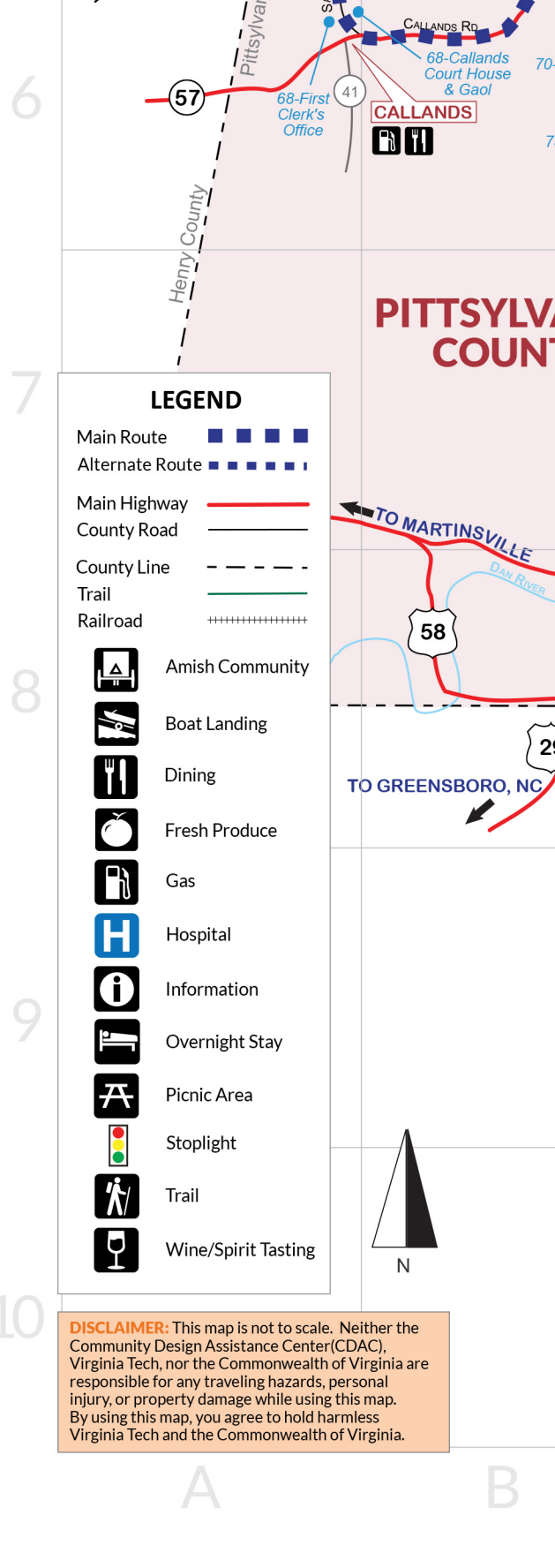
Pittsylvania County
Mt. Airy Roller Mill



Pittsylvania County
Callands, Clerk's Office



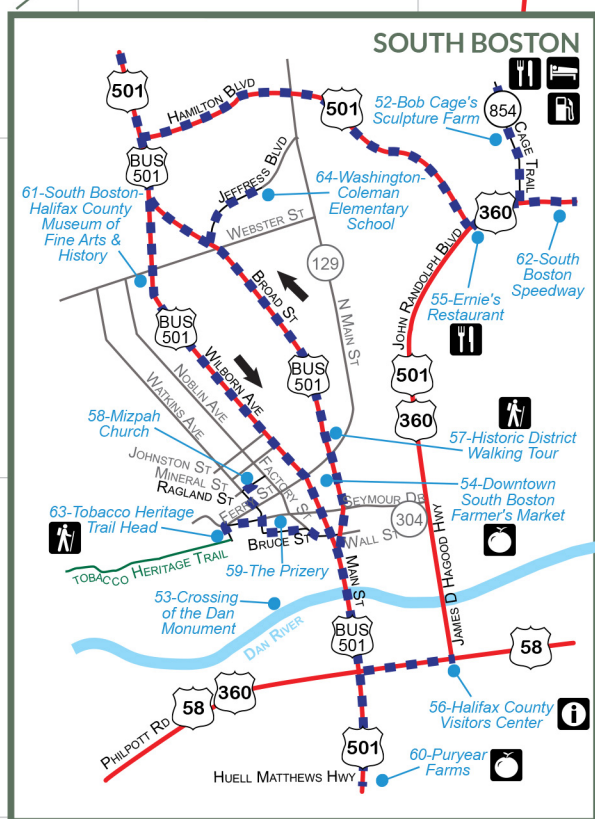
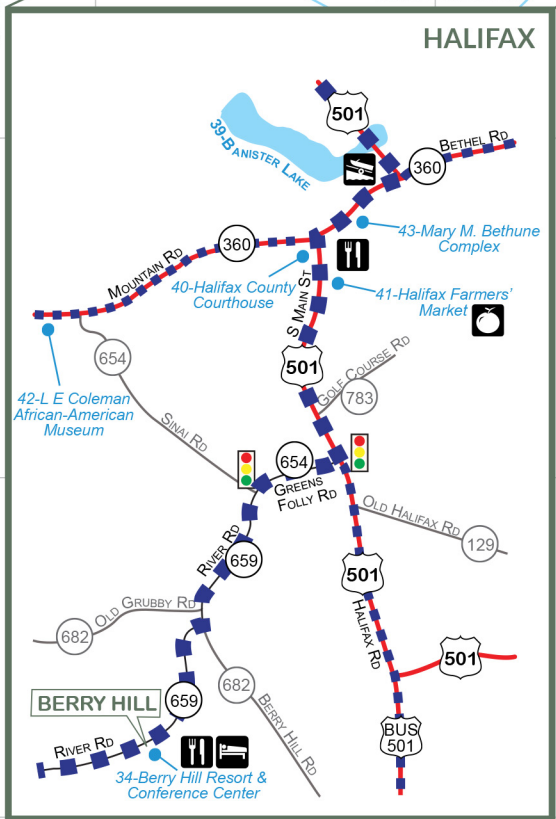
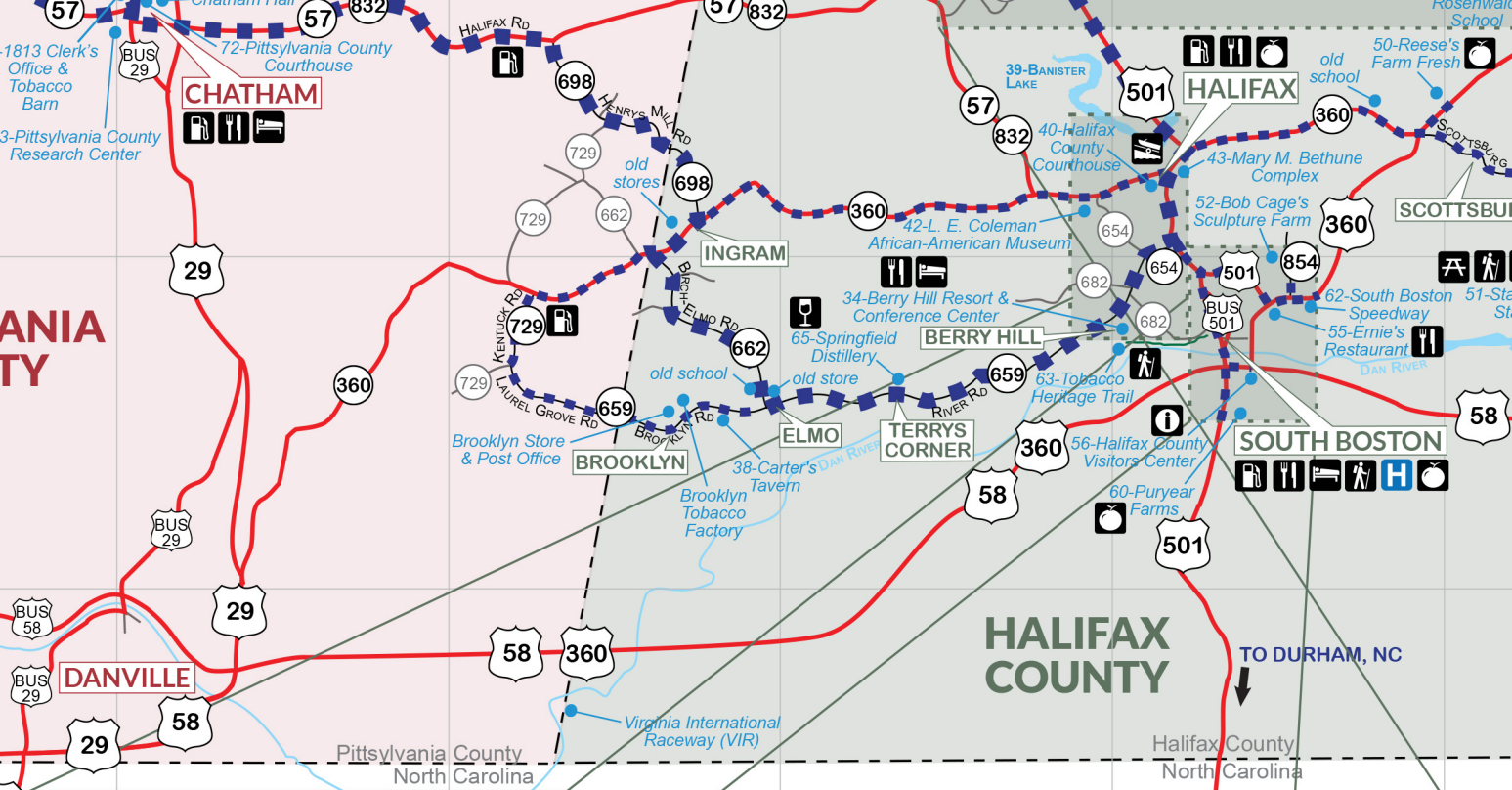
Halifax County
Volens, Hazelwood Antiques



LEGEND

- Main Route
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- Stoplight
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- Wine/Spirit Tasting

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Halifax County
Old Alchie Store



Appomattox County
Pamplin City



Campbell County



Halifax County
Providence, Lake Conner Road

While all efforts have been made to create a map that is easy to follow and correct, roads can change or not look quite the same on a map as they do when you are on them. Consider bringing a copy of *DeLorme's Virginia Atlas and Gazetteer* or a GPS device to help get you out of tight spots!