

Day & Half Day Trips

Booker T. Washington National Monument

www.nps.gov/bowa

540-721-2094

12130 Booker T. Washington Highway, Hardy, VA 24101

Franklin County near Smith Mountain Lake. Films, guided tours, and exhibits of the childhood home of former slave/internationally known educator, writer and orator Booker T. Washington.

On April 5, 1856, a child who later called himself Booker T. Washington, was born in slavery on this 207-acre tobacco farm. The realities of life as a slave in piedmont Virginia, the quest by African Americans for education and equality, and the post-war struggle over political participation all shaped his options and choices. Washington founded Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and later became an important and controversial leader. Visitors are invited to step back in time and experience firsthand the life and landscape of people who lived in an era when slavery was part of the fabric of American life.

National D-Day Memorial

www.dday.org

202 E. Main St., Bedford, VA 24523

540-586-DDAY (3329)

800-351-DDAY (3329)

Honors the Allied Armed Forces who invaded Normandy in 1944.

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

www.nps.gov/apco

Visitor Information 434-352-8987 x 26

Group Reservations 434-352-8987 x31

Special Programs, exhibits, theatre (2 programs)

2 miles NE of Appomattox on Rte 24

On April 9 (Palm Sunday), 1865 Gen. R.E. Lee surrendered to Lt. Gen. U.S. Grant signaling the end of the Southern States' attempt to create a separate nation setting the stage for an expanded and more powerful federal government and leading directly to the adoption of the 13th-15th amendments (ending slavery, providing citizenship and male suffrage).

Excellent guided tours – we take guests all the time!

Natural Bridge

www.naturalbridgeva.com

540-291-2121

15 Appledore Lane, POB 57, Natural Bridge, VA 24578

A National Historic Landmark, this bridge is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and it provides a unique, historic, picturesque, and natural experience. The bridge is over 100 million years old and it stands 215 feet tall, as well as 90 feet wide.

Surveyed by Gorge Washington and enjoyed so much by Thomas Jefferson that he purchased it from the king!

Peaks of Otter Lodge – Blue Ridge Parkway

www.peaksofotter.com

540-586-1081

Milepost 85.6 on the Blue Ridge Parkway

62-room Lodge, 141 site Campground with 53 RV/trailer sites, Visitor Center, Restaurant, Gift Shop, and 62-table Picnic Area.

24-acre Abbott Lake features a one-mile universal access loop trail with overlooks / fishing piers. Stocked with smallmouth bass, catfish, golden shiners, sunfish, and blue gill, fishing is permitted with the appropriate license. Lodge and Restaurant are open year-round.

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Area hikes include: Sharp Top, Elk Run, Harkening Hill and Johnson Farm Trails.

Historic buildings include: Johnson Farm and Polly Woods Ordinary.

The Virginia Horse Center

www.virginiahorsecenter.org

540-464-2950

Lexington, rte 11N, L on rte 39 (Goshen), 1 mile on R

A 600-acre facility hosting nearly 100 events each year. Eight barns, Olympic caliber event course and 4,000 seat indoor coliseum.

Stonewall Jackson Home in Lexington

www.stonewalljackson.org

At 8 East Washington Street in Lexington, Virginia is the only home that the famous Confederate General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson ever owned.

Robert E. Lee Chapel at W&L in Lexington

leechapel.wlu.edu

Visit and learn the story of the University, more than 250 years old, whose benefactor was George Washington and whose president was Robert E. Lee - two of America's most famous generals, who just happened to be related by marriage.

George C. Marshall Museum at VMI in Lexington

www.marshallfoundation.org/museum/index.html

Dedicated to educating visitors on the changing role of the US during the twentieth century in military and diplomatic affairs per the example of Gen. George C. Marshall.

Excellent presentation of the course of WWII with glass wall map illuminating along with the audio presentation.

VMI Museum at VMI in Lexington

www4.vmi.edu/museum

In Jackson Memorial Hall on VMI's campus, the Museum now has 13,000 square feet in a new facility with barrier free access. New exhibits in the museum will include the story of Alumni contribution to American history. In addition, the entire Henry M. Stewart Antique Firearms Collection will be exhibited for the first time. The lower level houses the VMI Visitor Center and snack bar.

This is an excellent presentation of the history of my alma mater.

Rocky Knob Campground – Blue Ridge Parkway

& Visitor Center with Picnic Area & Cabins

540-593-3503 for cabin reservations and information

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The cabins are on Route 758, accessed on the West Side of the Parkway at milepost 174.1 and leads to the Rocky Knob Housekeeping Cabins one mile away.

Area hikes include: Rockcastle Gorge, Black Ridge, Rocky Knob Picnic Area and Round Meadow Creek Trails.

Mabry Mill – Blue Ridge Parkway

www.floydcountyinview.com

276-952-2947 (May – Oct)

480-998-7199 x 4116 (Nov – Apr)

266 Mabry Mill Rd., SE, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120

Turn-of-the-century, operational grist mill made famous by artists and photographers worldwide is just a portion of sights available at Parkway milepost 176. Follow a trail to the mill, a sawmill, blacksmith shop and other outdoor exhibits. Demonstrations of these old skills are demonstrated throughout summer and fall. Restaurant, gift shop and public restrooms. Open May through October.

Historic Smithfield Plantation

www.smithfieldplantation.org

540-231-3947

Blacksburg. April – December. Tours by costumed interpreters through this colonial frontier home, which was the birthplace of two governors and home of a third.

Mountain Lake

www.mtnlakehotel.com

800-346-3334

Pembroke. Location of the movie “Dirty Dancing,” a grand-suite hotel and cottages set on a natural lake in 2,600 acres of forest. Swimming, boating, hiking and nature programs.

Appalachian Trail

www.southregion.fs.fed.us/gwj

540-265-5100

***George Washington National Forest
& Jefferson National Forest***

www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj

540-265-5100, 888-265-0019

5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, VA 24019

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Claytor Lake State Park

www.dcr.virginia.gov/parks

4400 State Park Rd., Dublin, VA 24084

800-933-PARK

540-643-2500

4,500-acre lake. Boating, fishing, swimming, camping, hiking and picnicking.

12 lakeside cabins

Interactive exhibits at the historic Howe House in beautiful peninsula setting.

Douthat State Park

www.dcr.virginia.gov/parks

800-933-PARK

50-acre lake in beautiful mountain scenery. Stocked with trout.

Lakeside restaurant, swimming beach, bathhouse, cabins, picnicking, tent & trailer campgrounds.

Two furnished lodges accommodating 15 & 17 guests.

Near Clifton Forge off I-64 at exit 27 to Rte 629 then N 7 miles.

Smith Mountain Lake

www.visitsmithmountainlake.com

540-721-1203, 800-676-8203

Boating, water-skiing, fishing, boat rentals, waterfront dining, 5 golf courses, 11 marinas (see Marinas listing below), many historic attractions, waterfront lodging, camping, shopping, 50 special events.

Smith Mountain Lake Community Park 540-483-9542

Located in Moneta, on the south side of the lake, off Rt. 616 (Scruggs Road), turn LEFT on Rt. 949 (Bluewater Drive), RIGHT on Saunders Farm Rd., RIGHT on Winding Waters Rd., and LEFT on Parkway Drive to Franklin County's Smith Mountain Lake Park.

This 37-acre park is family oriented and ADA equipped. Playground, hiking trail, picnic shelter, public beach, bath house, boat ramp, and a total of 100+ parking spaces. Its partly cover fishing pier is the largest on the lake and in an area known for stripped bass.

No park admission fee but VA Fishing License is required to fish anywhere in SML including this park.

AEP's Smith Mtn Dam Visitors' Center

www.smithmtn.com

540-985-2587

Located at the eastern edge of the lake, off Rt. 908 (at 2072 Ford Road). Follow Rt. 626 to Rt. 751, where you'll see a sign to Smith Mountain Dam Visitors Center. Call for detailed directions.

More than one million people have visited since its opening in May of 1967. At the Center, you can see an audio-visual presentation that shows how the dam was built. (If you have a high-speed Internet connection, you can [view the presentation online](#).) There's also a wall mural, showing Smith Mountain Gap -- now filled with water -- before construction of the dam

Models of the Smith Mountain Lake and Leesville dams describe the pumped storage principle used there. There are many more exhibits that show you how the dams produce electricity, offering an educational experience for people of all ages.

No admission fee. During Daylight Savings Time (including summer), it's open every day 10AM-6PM (closed on holidays). At other times of year, hours are 9AM-5PM Tuesday-Saturday (closed on Sunday, Monday, and holidays). Call to confirm hours. Reservations can be made for group tours.

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Swimming, paddle boat rental, boat ramp, univ accessible fishing pier, hiking trails, visitor center, amphitheater, special programs.

Primitive camping, 24 sites have water & power.

(1) 3-BR cabin, (19) 2-BR cabins built in 1998.

In Bedford County, from US 460, take Rte 122 to Rte 608 E to Rte 626 S.

18th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show

www.woodenbaots.net

Contact Lars Okeson 540-297-8451

Smith Mtn Lake at Mariners Landing, 1037 Whitetail Drive, Huddleston, VA

August 11, 2008 10 AM – 4:30 PM

While the event is free, donations will be accepted for this year's featured charity. The show includes cruisers, mahogany hulls, utilities, outboards, runabouts and canoes. Includes vendors with crafts and nautical items, food and drink, and activities for kids.

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest

www.poplarforest.org

434-534-8110

434-525-1806

Near Bedford. Open seasonally: ongoing archeology, restoration, exhibits and special events.

On of two homes designed and constructed by Thomas Jefferson of octagonal design.

Numerous celebrations occur there including Independence Day.

Goshen Pass Natural Area Preserve

I-81 N to I-64 W just above Lexington, take very first exit onto US 11 N (labeled Goshen), turn RIGHT immediately get in LEFT lane & turn LEFT onto Rte 39 N, go 12 miles to Goshen Pass. Approx. 75 min drive but very much worth it!

One of the most scenic locations in Virginia, 3 miles of rapids as the Maury River cuts through the Allegheny Mountains. TV personality, Willard Scott, calls Goshen Pass "*the most dramatic river/rock scenery east of the Mississippi.*" Hiking, rappelling, swimming, tubing, fishing, expert canoeing & kayaking, picnicking, picnic shelter and restrooms available. Swinging bridge and primitive camping at the far end. Good trail on side opposite the road.

One of my very favorite places to spend a leisurely day!

Roaring Run Furnace

www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/newcastle/cultural_history/roaring_run_furnace.shtml

Popular hiking along bold stream and picnicking spot 8 miles NW of Eagle Rock on US 220 N of Fincastle

Site of a pre-Civil War iron ore furnace

Roaring Run Iron Works was incorporated in the Acts of the general Assembly of Virginia in 1837. Currently, plans are being made for interpretation of the furnace site. The construction of a model collier's pit is planned in addition to interpretive signs.

Trails leading to Roaring Run Falls. Trout fishing.

The Cascades

gilescounty.org/cascades.html

540-552-4641

Cascades Recreation Area, Jefferson National Forest, Pembroke, VA

One of the most beautiful waterfalls in Virginia, the 69 ft. falls splash into a large pool surrounded by two hundred foot cliff walls. Large ice formations hang from them in winter and on occasion the entire falls is frozen. The scene of the falls is both breathtaking and peaceful as you observe its power and beauty. They are also quite easy to view, with wooden stairs and platforms near the pool allowing a visitor to get very close to the falls and photographers many different angles.

Be prepared for a hike, though not that strenuous it is long. The entire four-mile loop trail is appears as if it belonged there with interesting sights all along the way. Traditions dictates taking the lower trail along the creek going in and the upper along the rim leaving.

Very much worth the trip – the hike will keep you warm in winter and the stream cool in the summer.

Take I-81 exit 118 on US-460 N then make sure to use the bypasses around Christiansburg and Blacksburg. After travelling 26.6 miles turn right on Cascade Dr (Rte-T623) in Pembroke, then 3.3 miles to the entrance.

See Also Below:

- Vineyards & Wineries
- National Parks, Forests, & Monuments
- Virginia State Parks
- Water Sports
 - Smith Mtn Lake Marinas
- Ballooning
- Mountain Biking
- Horseback Riding

Vineyards & Wineries

Amrhein's Wine Cellar

540-929-4632

9243 Patterson Drive, Bent Mountain, VA

www.roanokewine.com

Chateau Morrisette

540-593-2865

Blue Ridge Parkway, Milepost 171.5, Meadows of Dan, VA

www.thedogs.com

Fincastle Vineyard & Winery

540-591-9000

203 Maple Ridge Lane, Fincastle, VA

www.fincastlewine.com

Hickory Hill Vineyard

540-296-1393

www.hickoryhillvineyards.com

1722 Hickory Cove Lane, Moneta, VA (SM Lake)

Peaks of Otter Winery

540-586-3707

2122 Sheep Creek Rd, Bedford, VA

www.peaksofotterwinery.com

Valhalla Vineyards

540-725-WINE

6500 Mt. Chestnut Road, Roanoke, VA

www.valhallawines.com

Villa Appalaccia Winery

540-593-3100

752 Rock Castle Gorge, Floyd, VA

www.villaappalaccia.com

Virginia Mountain Vineyards

540-473-2979

4204 Old Fincastle Rd., Fincastle, VA

www.vmvines.com

White Rock Vineyards & Winery

540-890-3359

Goodview, VA

www.whiterockwine.com

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www.dday.org

Blue Ridge Parkway

Roanoke Area: 540-767-2490

Vinton Rangers Station, 2551 Mountain View Rd., Vinton, VA 24179

540-857-2213, 540-767-2496

www.nps.gov/blri

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Virginia State Parks

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Virginia's Explore Park???????????

www.explorepark.org

540-427-1800, 800-842-9163

An 1,100-acre outdoor living history museum and park off the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 115 in Roanoke. See historically attired interpreters and authentic and replica structures from the periods of 1671, 1757, and 1850.

Mountain biking, hiking, picnicking, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking.

Water Sports

Carvins Cove

540-563-9170

Rte 648, Reservoir Rd., Roanoke

This 12,700 acre recreation area surrounds Roanoke's 640 acre emerald green reservoir and offers an abundance of recreational activities including public fishing, picnicking, hiking, biking, and rowboat rental.

Claytor Lake

www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/claytor.htm

540-674-6000 or 540-643-2500

Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking, swimming, sailing (no rentals).

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Canoe the James & Maury Rivers

www.lexingtonvirginia.com/canoeing.htm

Tubing, fishing, river running, canoe and kayak trips available through:

Twin River Outfitters, 917 Rockbridge Rd, Glasgow, VA 540-261-7334

tro@canoeverginia.net

www.canoeverginia.com

Wilderness Canoe Company, 631 James River Rd, Natural Bridge Station, VA 540-291-2295

www.wildernesscanoecampground.com

Float the New River

www.newrivertrail.com

Fishing, tubing, river running.

New River Canoe Livery in Pembroke (540-626-7189)

Tangent Outfitters and New River Guides (540-626-4567)

Mountain Lake

www.mtnlakehotel.com

May-Oct (540-626-7121) or 800-346-3334

A 52 acre lake with canoes, kayaks, rowboats and paddle boats

Boat rentals, mountain bike rentals, hiking, lawn games, playground, swimming pool, beach.

Smith Mountain Lake

www.visitsmithmountainlake.com

540-721-1203 or 800-676-8203

Camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking, sailing, vacation and boat rentals. *See SML Marinas below.*

Smith Mountain Lake State Park

www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/smithmtn.htm

540-297-6066

Though situated on one of Virginia's larger bodies of water, there is much to do for those not inclined to the water as well. In addition to a full range of water related activities, including

swimming, fishing and boating, the park offers miles of hiking trails, housekeeping cabins, camping, picnicking, a visitor center and interpretive programs.

Located on the north shore of Smith Mountain Lake in Bedford County, approximately 40 miles from Roanoke, to get there, take U.S. 460 to Route 122 South to Moneta, then go east on Route 608 to White House. Next go south on Route 626 for two miles to park entrance.

WE Skelton 4-H Center

www.skelton4hcenter.org

540-721-2759

Consider for family reunions, administrative workshops, corporate meetings, retirement dinners, company picnics, professional seminars, holiday parties, anniversary celebrations, weddings, receptions, retreats, challenge & high ropes courses. Open all year.

Smith Mtn Lake - Virginia Dare Cruis

www.vadarecruises.com

540-297-7100, 1-800-721-DARE (3273)

Virginia Dare Marina – See SML Marinas below for directions

April through December you may cruise on a 19th century side paddlewheeler, the Virginia Dare, to observe lakefront scenery from the water. A two-hour cruise starts near SML State Park and covers some 10 miles of the eastern portion of the lake including the dam. The sightseeing only option is fairly inexpensive though lunch or dinner service is available onboard (extra). Note the 25 passenger minimum except for private charters – verify beforehand.

Smith Mtn Lake - Southern Belle Cruise

www.southernbellecruises.com

540-482-0320

Sunset Cay Marina – See SML Marinas below for directions

Two-hour sightseeing cruises are also available with or without breakfast, lunch or dinner on this 50 passenger excursion boat which boards for day or evening cruises at Campers Paradise off Rt. 122, one mile north of Halesford Bridge. Other boarding locations are available – see website for details.

SML Marinas

[Bay Roc Marina](#), 540-890-2194

8360 Hardy Rd., Hardy, VA 24101

On water - East of Marker R-87 (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: RunABOUTs, Pontoon boats, Houseboats

[Indian Point Marina](#), 540-721-1159

Near the WestLake Water Inn on Smith Mountain Lake between Franklin County and Bedford, VA on US Route 122. Left on Route 616 traveling from Rocky Mount.

On water - Southwest of Marker R-37 (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: Ski boats, Pontoon boats

Also – “Pullin’ Drag” Striper Guide Service with Capt. Wendell Dudley

USCG Licensed Chartering Service 540-493-8790

[Sunset Cay Marina](#), 540-297-6109

From Roanoke, take US220 South to a LEFT onto Rt. 697 (Wirtz) then LEFT at the intersection with Rt. 122 (Booker T. Washington Hwy), cross Halesford Bridge. See Campers Paradise sign within 1 mile after bridge.

On water - North of Marker R-28, near Halesford Bridge (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: None

[Webster Marine](#), 540-297-5228

Off Rte 122 at Hales Ford Bridge.

On water - Northwest of Marker R-28, at Halesford Bridge (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: None

[Parrot Cove](#), 540-721-4717

On Rte 122 at Hales Ford Bridge – near Bridgewater Plaza

On water - Northwest of Marker R-28, at Halesford Bridge (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: Kayak, Wave Runners, Fishing Boats, Run Abouts, Pontoon Boats, Houseboats

[Bridgewater Marina](#), 540-721-1639

On Rte 122 at Hales Ford Bridge – at Bridgewater Plaza

Northwest of Marker R-28, at Halesford Bridge (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: Wave Runners, Run Abouts, Deck Boats, Pontoon Boats

[Smith Mountain Yacht Club](#), 540-297-4484

1617 Yacht Club Road

Moneta, VA 24121

On water - Northeast of Marker R-27 (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: None

[Shoreline Marina](#), 540-721-3664

On water - West of Marker R-26 in Becky's Creek (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: None

[Virginia Dare Marina](#), 540-297-7100

From Roanoke, take US220 South to a LEFT onto Rt. 697 (Wirtz) then LEFT at the intersection with Rt. 122 (Booker T. Washington Hwy), cross Halesford Bridge, the RIGHT onto Rt. 608 (White House Road) for 5.8 miles to a RIGHT onto Rt. 853 (Airport Road) for 2.75 miles to the end.

On water - Northwest of Marker R-21 (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: None

[Sportsman Marina](#), 540-297-2020

Huddleston, VA

On water - East of Marker R-11 (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: Jet Skis

[Parkway Marina](#), 540-297-4412

16918 Smith Mtn Lake Pkwy

Huddleston, VA

located on the main body of Smith Mountain Lake at the end of Smith Mountain Lake Parkway.

On water - North of Markers R-8 & R-6 (Roanoke River)

Boat rentals: Jet Skis, Pontoon Boats

[Smith Mountain Dock](#), 434-927-5100

From Roacky Mount, Rte 40 E 14 miles to Penhook, LEFT on Rte 645, LEFT on Rte 626, 2 miles to sign on RIGHT.

On water - South of Markers R-8 & R-6 (Roanoke River Channel)

Boat rentals: None

[Mitchell's Point Marina](#), 540-297-7174

3553 Trading Post Road

Huddleston, VA

On water - Southeast of Marker C-3A (Craddock Creek)

Boat rentals: Kayaks, Canoes, RunABOUTs, Deck Boats, Pontoon Boats

[Crazy Horse Marina](#), 540-721-1587

400 Crazy Horse Drive, Moneta

On water - Northwest of Marker B-10 (Blackwater River)

Boat rentals: Jet Skis, Ski Boats, Pontoon Boats

FoxSport XIV Marina, 540-721-2451

On water - West of Marker G-2 (Gills Creek)

Magnum Point Marina, 540-576-4486

On water - Southwest of Marker B-37 (Blackwater River)

Ballooning

Enjoy scenic balloon rides in Roanoke County and Botetourt County balloon rides with this company that provides 45 minute to an hour and 15 minute balloon rides with flight altitudes ranging between 200 feet to 2,500 feet above the ground.

Endeavor Ballooning

Troutville

540-992-0359

www.endeavorballoon.com

Fly Roanoke

www.flyroanoke.com

Valley Ballooning

540-975-0192

www.valleyballooning.com

Mountain Biking

Carvin's Cove

540-853-2236, 540-563-9170

More than 30 miles of trails of trails, fire roads, and single track. Trail permits at the ranger station at the boat dock parking lot off Reservoir Road.

Franklin County – Wade Recreation Area

540-483-9293

7+ miles of IMBA-designed trails

Annual bike race.

www.franklincountyva.org/parks

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540-473-3778

6857 Roanoke Road

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