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EXPERIENCE

Ashland, Virginia

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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 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

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

Only 15 minutes north of Richmond on I-95, Ashland is located in the heart of Virginia. Drive along the beautiful scenic byways of Hanover County and discover rich history around every turn. 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 struggles with religious freedom and civil rights.

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. The Ashland Farmer's Market offers families the freshest fruits, vegetables, and homemade goodies.

Ashland is a vibrant, small town with big staying power that's been here since 1858. Here to woo your date and wow your fam with local restaurants and shops, a historic theatre and arts scene, and a craft brewery. Here for outdoor adventurers and history hounds, for porch sitters and railfans. Here then and here now, and ready whenever you are.

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SPECIAL events



Spring Secretariat Day

Secretariat For Virginia presents the annual Birthday Celebration for Secretariat. This family event takes place at the “Secretariat Racing Into History” monument in the Reynolds Family Plaza at Randolph-Macon College. Secretariat Day festivities include live music from several groups, local vendors, Secretariat merchandise, food trucks, kids’ activities, and more. Secretariat was born on March 30, 1970 at Meadow Stable, which was founded by Christopher Chenery, who grew up in Ashland.

Ashland Train Day

Train Day is a street festival and annual celebration of Ashland’s love for trains. The event takes place along the railroad tracks in the heart of Downtown

Ashland, with CSX freight and Amtrak passenger trains passing through. Come visit us for music, games, model trains, children’s train rides, history, arts and crafts, local food, and storytelling! The event appeals to train lovers young and old.

Ashland Railroad Run

For over 45 years, this run is a favorite spring ritual for runners near and far. Proceeds support the local Hanover Arts and Activities Center. With a 10k, 5k, and children’s fun run, this event is for everyone. The race courses wind along the tracks, historic roads, and through our parks.

Summer

Strawberry Faire

Since 1982, the Ashland Strawberry Faire has been a beloved tradition, drawing families, friends, and strawberry enthusiasts from far and wide. Grab a free trolley and visit vendors including arts & crafts, non-profits, food, and local businesses on the gorgeous tree-lined campus of Randolph-Macon College. It’s a “berry” good time!

Fourth of July Parade

A beloved tradition, join us each July Fourth for a day of fun celebrating our country’s independence! There old

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fashioned lawn games, a Patriotic Pet Contest, cold snow cones, hot dogs and hamburgers and of course our famous Apple Pie Baking Contest and Pie Auction!

Autumn

Harvest Run

For over 20 years, the GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club presents the annual Ashland Harvest Run/Walk. With both a 5k and a 10k course, the race is open to all- both competitive runners and those looking to take a brisk stroll while supporting charity.

Hanover Arts And Activities Off the Rails

Raise a glass in the Center of the Universe at the annual Off the Rails Craft Beer & Wine Festival!

Held on the lawn of the Hanover Arts & Activities Center, this Ashland favorite brings together local craft beer and wine, live music, great food, and plenty of community fun. It's the perfect way to spend a fall day with friends in the heart of Ashland.

Winter

Olde Time Holiday Parade

The Ashland Kiwanis Club presents its annual holiday parade through Ashland! You can expect over 100 units with well over 1500 individuals taking part, walking, riding, marching, and dancing!

Light Up The Tracks

Watch Ashland turn into a holiday village that individuals



of all ages will not want to miss. A mile-long light display and a series of special events will welcome visitors to enjoy a unique vintage holiday experience. Enjoy the grand tree lighting, live music, photo stations, food trucks, and more.

Untold Stories

This annual event features a panel of long time residents who talk about their and their family's experiences in Ashland during the Civil Rights movement and desegregation. It covers topics such as race, community, segregation, and history in our local community during the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. This event is great for adults and children 10+.



View a complete list of our special events at visitashlandva.com.



LOCAL dining

Around the Table

Offering soul food, catering, and a special event space, Around the Table is driven by owner Ammie Derricot's love of seeing people come together with friends and family. Everyone has a seat at Ammie's table!

- 155 Junction Dr, Ashland
(804) 798-7685
rvaaroundthetable.com

Andy's Restaurant & Lounge

The friendly atmosphere of Andy's Restaurant creates a fun experience for all who visit. Andy's offers beers, cocktails, bar food including pizza, pool tables, a jukebox, and a patio. Enjoy a drink or a meal here with friends and family!

- 412 England St, Ashland
(804) 752-2990

Anthony's Italian Pizza

Anthony's neighborhood pizza parlor has been a staple of the Ashland community for years serving fresh and delicious pizza made to order. Available for dine in and delivery during lunch and dinner hours.

- 111 N. Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 798-3181
anthonypizza-va.com/ashland

Ash & Olive

Ash + Olive offers elevated Euro-American cuisine in a fine-casual setting. It combines the speed and convenience of a fast-casual dining experience with a chef-driven menu and elevated features of fine dining.

- 107 S Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 800-9096
ash-olive.com

Brick Oven Pizza & Restaurant

With fresh ingredients and dishes made from scratch, Brick Oven is a family-owned business offering pizza and Italian favorites in a homey atmosphere.

- 139 Hill Carter Pkwy, Ashland
(804) 798-0495
brickoventogo.com

The Caboose Market & Café

The Caboose Market & Café stocks the finest selection of wine, beer and local specialty foods since 1997. The Caboose offers a dine-in cafe with creative and locally sourced menu options, as well as wine dinners, weekly tastings, and other special events.

- 108 S. Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 798-2933
cabooseashland.com

Cafe 54/Studio 54

Studio 54 Event Space & Cafe 54 is a welcoming downtown Ashland destination located right along the railroad tracks. Stop by Cafe 54 for all-day breakfast, brunch favorites, fresh açai bowls, sandwiches, wraps, and more, or discover Studio 54, a versatile event space in the heart of the Center of the Universe.

- 100 N. Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 368-8671
studio54eventspace.com

Casa Herradura Mexican Restaurant

Casa Herradura is a family-owned and operated restaurant offering authentic Mexican cuisine. The menu features homemade specials, tacos and burritos, enchiladas, and a variety of beer and cocktails, including their margarita flights!

- 428 England St, Ashland
(804) 869-1742
casaherraduramex.com

Center Of The Universe Brewing Co.

A full production brewery, winery, and cidery, all of which are featured in our expansive tasting room and beer garden. The brewery frequently features food trucks and live music to go along with their arcade.

- 11293 Air Park Rd, Ashland
(804) 368-0299
cotubrewing.com

Center Street Market

Center Street Market is your neighborhood market in Ashland, dedicated to friendly service and exceptional food. From casual weeknight dinners to special gatherings, we provide everything you need—featuring premium meat and seafood provisions, chef-ready meals, locally sourced Virginia goods, and a curated selection of wine and craft beer.

- 107 S. Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 798-8311

Classic Coffee, Tea and Books

A tasty coffee shop featuring baked goods, ice cream, and books.

- 112 Thompson St, Ashland
(804) 847-8747

El Azteca

A Mexican restaurant offering an extensive menu dishes in a lively and friendly environment with a large outdoor patio.

- 103 N. Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 798-4652
facebook.com/elaztecaashlandva

Fire & Chicken

Fire & Chicken serves authentic flame fired Peruvian chicken and cuisine. Offering family meal combos, Peruvian tacos and bowls, and desserts, Fire & Chicken is ideal for dine-in or carryout any day of the week.

- 115 N. Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 800-5953
firechicken.business.site

Henry Clay Inn

The Henry Clay Inn has been part of the fabric of the Ashland community for over a century. This small inn and restaurant in downtown Ashland is open for brunch and dinner as well as porch dining, indoor private dining, small catered on-site events, and take-out.

- 114 N. Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 798-3100
henryclayinn.com

Homemades by Suzanne

Homemades by Suzanne offers a wide selection of bread, soups, deli sandwiches, salads, pies, and pastries. The cozy atmosphere of a country bake shop and restaurant comes with a trackside view of historic downtown Ashland.

- 102 N. Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 798-8331
homemadesbysuzanne.com/ashland

Huddle Up Sports Bar & Grill

If you're looking for a place to watch the game, grab a drink, or host a private event, Huddle Up Sports is the spot for you. We're a family-friendly restaurant and bar in downtown Ashland with over 45 large TVs & a wide variety of food and on-tap beers, pool tables, and dance floor.

- 407 England St, Ashland
(804) 798-5979
huddleupsportsbar.com

IL Forno Bar & Grill

At IL Forno, expect homemade, top-notch Italian flavors. We have gourmet pizzas, fresh salads, amazing pastas, tasty chicken, seafood, and awesome steaks on our menu. Our fam invites you to enjoy flavors we've been rockin' since 1976.

- 435 England St, Ashland
(804) 368-7204
ilfornobargrill.com

The Iron Horse Restaurant

Iron Horse specializes in featuring fresh regional seafood, hand-cut steaks, and chef specials. Offering fine dining in the dining room or more casual fare and cocktails at the wood-toned bar, we serve lunch, dinner, and late-night bar snacks. Live music is offered every weekend.

- 100 S. Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 752-6410
ironhorserestaurant.com

Jake's Place

This Southern comfort restaurant specializes in barbecue, brisket, and smoked chicken freshly prepared on the premises. A large covered deck with outdoor seating is the ideal spot to enjoy Jake's Southern cuisine.

- 511 Thompson St, Ashland
(804) 798-3287
jakesplaceashland.com

Los Regios Dulceria y Neveria

Food market and candy store specializing in Mexican candies, pinatas, fresh (warm!) tortillas, pastries, and party supplies.

- 109 S. Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 299-3667
facebook.com/LosRegiosenelcentrodeluniverso

Marco's Italian Restaurant

This family restaurant brings traditional Italian dishes with a contemporary twist. Marco's Italian guarantees great food and a rustic dining atmosphere.

- 805 England St, Ashland
(804) 299-3454
marcositaliantogo.com

Origin Beer Lab

Built for research and development, Origin Beer Lab is a sister company of Center of the Universe Brewing Company. Stop by their beer garden in downtown Ashland or enjoy a craft beer with views of the trains rolling by on the patio.

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



Pepicelli's Pizza

Pepicelli's offers a variety of Italian dishes and pizzas with Gluten Free options available.

- 208 S. Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 798-3005
pepicellis.com

Sportspage Bar & Grill

Sports Page Bar & Grill is a casual restaurant offering great food and service. With live games always playing on the tvs, Sports Page is the perfect place to bring your friends and family.

- 504 England St, Ashland
(804) 496-6700
sportspageashland.com

Taqueria Los Altos

Authentic Mexican taqueria in a casual atmosphere ideal for a quick lunch or dinner for the entire family.

- 539 S Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 299-3483
taquerialosaltoesua.com

Thompson Street Tavern

Tavern brings a fresh take on the modern tavern to downtown Ashland, serving upscale Southern comfort food and refined classics made with seasonal ingredients. Settle into the dining room, grab a seat at the bar, or relax on the porch for a welcoming taste of the Center of the Universe.

- 125 Thompson St, Ashland
(804) 459-8777
thompsonsttavern.com

ACTIVITIES & attractions



Ashland Branch Library

As a part of the Pamunkey Regional Library system, the Ashland Branch Public Library has digital and print collections, public computers, programs for all ages, and free Wi-Fi access.

- 201 S Railroad Ave, Ashland (804) 798-4072

pamunkeylibrary.org

Ashland Museum

Visit the Museum and learn the story of Ashland, VA from its beginnings. The Ashland landmark “Red Caboose” is next to the Museum and is available for tours during Museum hours.

- 105 Hanover Ave, Ashland (804) 368-7314

ashlandmuseum.org

Ashland Self-Guided Tour

The Town of Ashland is known for its serene landscapes, historic architecture and 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

Movies, live entertainment, and events for people of all ages.

- 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

ashlandskateland.com





Barksdale Theatre At Hanover Tavern

Barksdale Theatre originated at Hanover Tavern in 1953. They have staged productions since 1996.

- 3181 Hanover Courthouse Rd, Hanover
(804) 537-5050
hanovertavern.org

Carter Park Pool

Ashland's public pool with a slide, splash pad, and toddler pool along with lap lanes. Call for visitor pool passes, hours of operation, lessons, and schedule.

- 1112 Maple St, Ashland
Open Memorial Day to Labor Day
(804) 798-2520
ashlandva.gov



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
hanoverarts.org

The Hanover County Black Heritage Society

Uncovering and preserving the history of African Americans in Hanover County and the Town of Ashland. They enrich and promote stronger community unity through historical findings. The Society' educates the public by increasing awareness and appreciation of Hanover's legacy. Please call for an appointment.

- (804) 496-6350
hanoverbhs.org

Hanover Sports Park

Activities include mini golf, baseball and softball batting cages, a driving range, game area, restaurant, and picnic space.

- 11000 Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 550-2622.
hanoversportspark.com

Keeble Observatory

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

- 202 Henry St, Ashland
(804) 752-3210
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, more than 100 thrills, family attractions, and live shows.

- 16000 Theme Park Way, Doswell
(804) 876-5000
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
montpeliercenter.org

Patrick Henry YMCA

Location serves Ashland families.
Guest passes are available.

- 217 Ashcake Rd, Ashland.
(804) 798-0057
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) 752-7218
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.

- Make a reservation by calling the Drama Guild Box Office at (804) 752-7316 or visit rmc.edu

Randolph-Macon College Sports

RMC supports 15 varsity sports.

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

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) 620-7892

Secretariat Racing Into History

The "Secretariat Racing Into History" monument, sculpted by Jocelyn Russell, stands as a tribute to the Triple Crown champion. The legendary racehorse was born at Meadow Farm and raised by Ashland native and Randolph-Macon College alumnus Chris Chenery.

- 111 S Railroad Ave, Ashland

Scotchtown

Patrick Henry, orator during the American Revolution and first governor of Virginia, made his home at Scotchtown from 1771 to 1778. It's 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
preservationvirginia.org

Woodland Cemetery Tour

A guided walking tour of the historic Woodland Cemetery, founded in 1862. Call the Ashland Museum to schedule.

- (804) 368-7314
ashlandmuseum.org



SHOP local

Visit our antique & specialty stores as you stroll along the tracks.

Ashland Feed Store

Garden supplies, animal feed, and lawn care equipment. Don't miss Ashland Feed Store's Spring baby chick days, Christmas tree market, or Autumn pumpkins!

- 120 Thompson St, Ashland
(804) 798-8431
ashlandfeedstore.com

Center Street Market

Your neighborhood market in Ashland, dedicated to friendly service and exceptional food. From casual weeknight dinners to special gatherings, we provide everything you need—featuring premium meat and seafood provisions, chef-ready meals, locally sourced Virginia goods, and a curated selection of wine and craft beer.

- 107 S Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 798-8311

Caravati's Architectural Salvage

Serving customers in historic home renovation and remodeling since 1939! Caravati's caters to the homeowner, contractors, designers, artists and the everyday passerby.

- 203 England St, Ashland
(804) 232-4175
caravatis.com

Center of the Yarniverse

Come in and find beautiful yarns in a variety of fibers and textures to knit and crochet, as well as patterns, kits, accessories and classes.

- 112 England St, Ashland
(804) 362-7800
centeroftheyarniverse.com

Changing Reins

Changing Reins specializes in high-end, gently used equestrian equipment, apparel, accessories, home décor, art, jewelry, and vintage/antique items.

- 102 S Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 752-6782
changingreinsinc.com

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Colesville Nursery

A full-service wholesale-retail nursery and garden center and gift shop dedicated to helping build a greener tomorrow.

- 14011 Nursery Rd, Ashland
(804) 798-5472
colesvillennursery.com

Fin & Feather Pet Center

Fin and Feather Pet Center of Ashland is a locally-owned and operated pet store that carries a wide range of foods and supplies, as well as small animals, reptiles, and fish.

- 307 Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 798-2228
finandfeatherofashland.com

Hickory Creek Antiques

One of Metro Richmond's largest and newest antiques and collectibles malls. Offering vintage, antique, and collectible items from 40+ vendors that are unique and affordable.

- 427 England St, Ashland
(804) 798-0202
hickorycreekantiques.com

refunkit

Carefully chosen funky, handcrafted art and gifts created by artists from Virginia and beyond.

- 120 Hanover Ave, Ashland
(804) 822-5758
refunkit.com

Thrill of the Hunt

Thrill of the Hunt showcases a quality blend of stylish one-of-a-kind furniture, unique gifts, and home décor. Stop in for an ever-evolving selection of goods featuring: Furniture by Lyden Home, local artists, custom lighting, vintage finds, and the full line of Chalk Paint® by Annie Sloan.

- 315 England St, Ashland
(804) 368-0184
thrillofthehuntva.com

Tiny Tim's Toys & Trains

A unique toy and hobby store featuring model trains, cars, learning toys, science kits, crafts, gags, and family games.

- 104 S Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 368-0063
trainandtoystore.com

Tompkins Jewelers

A local jewelry store operating in Ashland since 1959. This family-owned business prides itself on customer service and satisfaction as well as its wide selection of new, estate, and custom jewelry pieces and jewelry repairs.

- 266 N Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 798-7307
tompkinsjewelers.com

Wagner Jewellers

A small shop where the goldsmith's workbenches are visible from the showroom, setting the tone for a shop that specializes in custom jewelry design. Registered British Goldsmiths specializing in refurbishing or remaking heirloom pieces into something new and stunning.

- 107 Hanover Ave, Ashland
(804) 798-5864
wagnerjewellers.com

Crimson & Clover

If you're looking to score some thrifted gems or add a little vintage vibe to your style, this shop's got your new favorite finds. From clothes to home decor, it's thrift-y business at its finest!

- 305 England St, Ashland
(804) 508-1099

Los Regios Tienda Latina

Treat yourself to their mouthwatering fresh, warm tortillas, delightful international candies, and heavenly pastries. Make every day a party when you stock up on groceries, colorful piñatas and festive party supplies!

- 109 S Washington Hwy, Ashland
(804) 299-3667
facebook.com/LosRegiosenelcentrodeluniverso/

TRAILS AND parks



Berkleytown Heritage Park

A picturesque park honoring the rich history of the Berkleytown Historic District, which features trails, benches, and interpretive signage, providing a serene space to enjoy nature while learning about the legacy of this historic African American neighborhood. It serves as a peaceful retreat for locals and visitors with a blend of recreation and cultural heritage.

- *Intersection of Berkley St and N. Center St*



DeJarnette Park

Tucked along Stony Run Creek, DeJarnette Park offers a peaceful retreat surrounded by nature. This quiet oasis is easily accessible from 400 Race Course Street, with an alternate entrance (but no parking) at the end of Beverly Road. At the heart of the park lies a one-acre pond, regularly stocked with sunfish and catfish, making it a perfect spot for a relaxing day of fishing. Beyond the water, the park remains largely untouched wilderness, making it an ideal spot for trail running, mountain biking, dog walking, and bird watching. Plus, adventure seekers can connect directly to the Stony Run Trail via a scenic spur trail.

- *400 Race Course St*

Carter Park and Pool

Nestled between South Center Street and Maple Street, Carter Park is the heart of Ashland's park system. This vibrant space offers something for everyone! Take a dip in the junior Olympic-size swimming pool, ride down the slide, or splash in the kiddie pool. Year-round, shoot some hoops on the half basketball court, enjoy a meal at the picnic shelter area, let the kids explore the playground, or venture along the scenic gravel trails winding through the woods. This park serves as the northern trailhead for the future Fall Line Trail.

- *1112 Maple St*



Fall Line Trail

A hidden gem waiting to be explored, this .85-mile trail follows the old trolley line that once connected Ashland to Richmond. The paved, non-motorized path marks the beginning of the Fall Line Trail and connects to the existing 4-mile trail in Hanover County. Together, they create almost 5 miles of continuous finished trail.

- *Parking at Carter Park, trail begins at intersection of Walder Rd and Maple St*

Railside Park and Trail

Located at the northern end of North Center Street, this charming pocket park offers a peaceful escape with a front-row seat to passing trains. A 1/3-mile path along the rail tracks connects the park to Vaughan Road, making it a great stop for walkers and cyclists.

While the space remains largely open and natural, visitors can relax at the picnic tables and benches, perfect for unwinding and enjoying the rhythmic rumble of trains as they roll by. Whether you're a rail enthusiast, a casual explorer, or just looking for a quiet spot to relax, this park is a hidden retreat worth visiting!

- 600 N. Center St

South Taylor Street Park

This neighborhood park is a perfect spot for families and neighbors to gather, featuring a picnic shelter, new playground, and basketball court. Exciting updates are in progress as the park is expanded and revitalized to include a new basketball and futsal court, parking, a walking loop, and additional play features.

- 725 S. Taylor St



Kiwanis Pufferbelly Park

Situated behind the Ashland Police Department, this lively park is great for all ages. Kids can enjoy two playgrounds, while nature lovers can explore the community garden or enjoy a meal at the picnic tables. A skatepark, perfect for all level riders, provides the perfect spot to practice tricks and ride. This park also features a Little Free Library and Free Pantry.

- 601 England St

Stony Run Trail

This natural trail follows a beautiful creek as it meanders through quiet woodlands. The scenic spur trail features boardwalks and a large private pond connecting Stony Run Trail to DeJarnette Park and the Lankford Crossing neighborhood. Whether you're out for a leisurely stroll or an energizing bike ride, Stony Run Trail is a must-visit for outdoor enthusiasts!

- *Intersection of Ashcake Rd and S. Center St*



A photograph of two men in historical military uniforms, including blue jackets and caps, sitting on a wooden train car. They are looking at each other and talking. The background is a blurred green field.

HERITAGE & history

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

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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. Today, the depot houses the Ashland Visitors Center.

- 112 N. Railroad Ave, Ashland
(804) 752-6766

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
beaverdamdepot.org

Church Quarter

Built in 1843, Church Quarter is known as the best-preserved antebellum log dwelling anywhere in the county.

- 12432 Old Ridge Rd, Doswell
(804) 365-6464

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, Doswell
(804) 227-3413
forkchurch.com



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 Rd, Hanover (804) 365-6151 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 Ln, Beaverdam (804) 227-3500 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 (804) 798-4520 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 stpaulshanover.org

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

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

North Anna Battlefield Park

Between May 23 and May 26, 1864, more than 150,000 soldiers occupied fortifications along the North Anna River.

- 11576 Verdon Rd, Doswell (804) 365-4695

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.

- 5515 Anderson-Wright Dr, Mechanicsville (804) 226-1981
Park open daily, dawn to dusk



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- 121 Thompson St.
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