Welcome

In the heart of Virginia, where the Blue Ridge Mountains meet gently rolling hills, lies The Virginia Piedmont. Within the majestic mountains and pristine landscape of this region await quaint towns and villages, outdoor recreation, award-winning wineries, unique shops and restaurants, and the historic sites where much of American history was forged.

Explore the foothills, from James Madison’s Monticello in Orange County, to the arts & culture of Rappahannock County, the historic town and battlefields of Culpeper, the many wineries of Fauquier County, and the great outdoors of Madison County. Follow scenic roads through breathtaking countryside, bordered by centuries-old stone fences.

Walk the main streets of historic towns and villages, filled with one-of-a-kind shops and genuine hospitality. Enjoy cuisine for every taste, from quirky diners to fine dining known all over the world. From the comfort of your room in a romantic B & B, country inn, or hotel, enjoy the view as the sun sets over the Piedmont. Relax and reflect on tomorrow’s adventures because something special awaits you in The Virginia Piedmont...

The Virginia Piedmont
...something special in the foothills
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Fauquier | The heart of Virginia’s horse & wine country

Just 40 miles west of Washington, D.C., explore Virginia’s Horse & Wine Country. Steeped in equestrian tradition, today Fauquier County is also known for its twenty-plus wineries and award-winning wines. But there’s more to Fauquier County than majestic horses and great Virginia wine.

Fauquier County is traversed by wooden fences and old stone walls that speak of history and hide the quaint towns and villages that instill the special character of this unique place.

Outdoor lovers can enjoy bicycle trails, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing and fishing, and Fauquier’s breathtaking vistas. With numerous bed & breakfasts, spas, unique shops & restaurants, wineries & vineyards, farm tours & orchards, Civil War Trails, and easy accessibility, Fauquier is perfect for a get away.

We’re still making history...

Unique in all the world, there is no other town with the name Culpeper. With an amazing collection of unique shops, exceptional restaurants, and small-town charm, Culpeper lies at the heart of the Piedmont. Find gourmet chocolates, organic meats and produce, country ham, and fresh baked goods all within a few blocks. Take a Wine & Moonshine tour at our wineries or at the only legal moonshine distillery in the state - Belmont Farm! See how ‘shine is made and hear stories of the owner’s grandfather, whose secret family recipe is still used today.

Live the history that surrounds us here on the Civil War battlefields of Kelly’s Ford, Cedar Mountain, and Brandy Station, where the largest cavalry battle in the western hemisphere was fought in 1863. See the Graffiti House where the charcoal writings and drawings left by both Union & Confederate soldiers were hidden for more than a century. Follow in some very large footprints at the Museum of Culpeper History, where a set of 215 million year old dinosaur tracks found in a local quarry are displayed and an entire gallery interprets the Civil War in Culpeper. History of a more modern kind lives on at the Library of Congress National Audio-Visual Conservation Center. In addition to collecting, preserving and restoring all of America’s film & audio history, the NAVCC makes that history accessible by offering free screenings of classic movies and silent films with live music. It’s a unique chance to see these great films on the big screen - as they were meant to be seen!

Visit Culpeper soon, where you’ll see that we are Still Making History. With so much to see and do, you’ll make some history of your own.
They say you will travel back in time in Madison County... and you do.

Madison

www.Madison-VA.com

Walk in the footsteps of James Madison at Montpelier

Graced with rolling landscapes and breathtaking mountain vistas, Orange County invites you to escape and stay awhile. Savor the finest wines at Barboursville and Horton Vineyards and tour old world cellars where the smell of oak barrels and aged wines offer an unforgettable experience. Stay at a delightful bed and breakfast and indulge your senses at any of our fine restaurants. Search for treasures in the many antique stores and galleries of downtown Orange and along the quaint streets of Gordonsville.

Madison County, formed in 1792, was named for the family of future president James Madison. In character and feeling, the County has changed little since the day it was created. With rolling hills and valleys producing beef, dairy products and grains, agriculture reigns supreme. Orchards climb the steeper slopes and the lush vineyards at Prince Michel, Sweely Estate, Castle Gruen and Brightwood Vineyard and Farm welcome visitors. Bounded on the west by the Shenandoah National Park, adventurers can hike along the Skyline Drive and the Appalachian Trail. Climb to the top of 3,268-foot-high Old Rag Mountain for breathtaking views of Virginia’s Piedmont!

Immerse yourself in American history as you walk in the footsteps of James Madison at his magnificently restored home, Montpelier. Envision the crimson fields of battle and feel the spirit of thousands of soldiers at Orange County’s Civil War sites.

As the beautiful rolling hills give rise to the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance, friendly people, award-winning wineries, historic sites and museums beckon you. In Orange County, serenity awaits.

The Civil War still echoes at the sites of the Battle of James City and the Battle of Jack’s Shop and throughout the countryside still dotted with antebellum homes along the old Blue Ridge Turnpike (Route 231). Every Labor Day weekend, enjoy a Taste of the Mountains, a heritage festival that celebrates 18th & 19th century life with vendors displaying handmade crafts, music, and entertainment for kids, too. Listen to the sounds of the mountains at a blue grass festival at Graves’ Mountain Lodge or take in a Music on the Lawn concert under the summer sky. No matter what time of year, there’s always something to look forward to in Madison.
The Virginia Piedmont is...

A quiet escape from the ordinary
Less than an hour from Northern Virginia, Washington D.C., Fredericksburg, Charlottesville, and Shenandoah National Park

Rural beauty, farms, breathtaking views, and wineries

History from dinosaurs to presidents, the Revolution to the Civil War, and the rich culture of the Piedmont

Quaint towns, unique shops & galleries filled with friendly people

A culinary mecca for every taste with great traditional diners, ethnic cuisine, casual restaurants, and exceptional fine dining

Fox hunts, horseback riding and world-class horse shows

Wine & Moonshine

Accommodations for everyone: romantic B & B’s, country inns, and full service hotels

Known for its scenic beauty, agriculture and cultural delights, Rappahannock County lies in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains adjoining Shenandoah National Park. With a population of only 7,000 people, Rappahannock is a rural oasis with no traffic lights, fast food or "big box" stores. While cell phone service may be sparse, the lifestyle enjoyed by County residents is both modern and connected.

Historically agricultural and with a strong commitment to land conservation, Rappahannock County has remained pristine and is described by many as "a scenic masterpiece made perfect by nature." The landscape of Rappahannock is speckled with award-winning wineries and a distillery, orchards and farms, cozy country inns, B&Bs and cottages, and art and antique galleries. Visitors may enjoy the performing arts at The Theatre at Washington and at the RAAC Community Theatre in the Town of Washington, and at the Theatre House at Castleton Farms, home of Maestro Lorin and Dierlinde Maazel. For over five decades, Maestro Maazel has been one of the world’s most esteemed and sought-after conductors.

The Town of Washington, with a population of fewer than 200 people, has never outgrown the five-block-by-two-block grid that George Washington laid out when he surveyed the town in 1749 at the age of 17. It is home to the world famous, five-star The Inn at Little Washington with renowned Chef Patrick O’Connell. The village of Sperryville offers art and antique galleries, restaurants, a distillery, and even a coffee roaster, all at the gateway to Shenandoah National Park. The village of Flint Hill is a favorite among bikers, hikers and runners. The ideal terrain and spectacular views make for a great starting point for the annual Fodderstack 10K race. Along with its neighboring counties, Rappahannock offers "Something Special in the Foothills."

Rappahannock
www.VisitRappahannockVA.com
Farms, Orchards, & Farmers’ Markets

Farms and orchards throughout the Piedmont provide good things to eat, peaceful vistas and a sense of tranquility. Experience life on the farm first-hand and see where food comes from. The area’s many farmers’ markets sell fresh locally-grown fruits, vegetables, cheeses and other natural products. Spend a day or a weekend visiting farms. Learn how they operate during annual harvest and farm tours that you’ll find listed on our website. Come and enjoy the special things that grow in the foothills!

Alpaca Full Moon Farm 9247 Ramey Road, Marshall, 540-364-4720, www.alpacafullmoon.com
Archwood Green Barns Farmers’ Market 4557 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, 540-253-5289
Belle Meade Farm 353 F. T. Valley Road, Sperryville, 540-987-9748, www.bellemeadeinn.com
Brightwood Vineyard and Farm, LLC 1202 Lillard’s Ford Road, Brightwood, 540-948-6845, www.brightwoodvineyardandfarm.com
Buckland Farm Market 4484 Lee Hwy, Warrenton, 540-341-4739, www.bucklandfarmmarket.com
Cows-N-Corn 5225 Catlett Road, Midland, 540-439-4806, www.cows-n-corn.com
Culpeper Farmers’ Market (Saturday, April – October) Downtown at the Corner of Davis & Commerce Streets, Culpeper, 540-825-4416
Elysium Tree Farm 21041 Clark Mountain Road, Rapidan, 540-672-4512
Farm at Sunny Side 27 Sweetwater Lane, Washington, 540-675-9946, thefarmatsunnyside.com
Graves Mountain Lodge Route 670, Syria, 540-923-4231, www.gravesmountain.com
Hartland Institute Farm 444 Hartland Oaks Drive, Rapidan, 540-672-3100
Hartland Orchards 3054 Hartland Lane, Markham, 540-364-2316, www.hartlandorchard.com
Heartline Alpaca Farm 7424 Leeds Manor Road, Marshall, 540-364-7377, www.heartlinealpaca.com
Hollih Farms 11324 Pearlstone Lane, Delaplane, 540-592-3701
Honey Hill Orchards Routes 606 & 608, Mine Run, 540-854-5941
Local Flavor Farm Buyers Club Amisville, 540-937-7977, www.farmbuyersclub.com
Madison County Farmers’ Market Hoover Ridge Park – Fairground Road, 540-948-6889
Morning Moon Alpacas 11763 Remington Road, Remington, 540-439-6172 or 888-667-5432, www.morningmoonalpacas.com
Mount Vernon Farm 206 Mount Vernon Lane, Sperryville, 540-987-9559, www.mountvernonfarm.com
Orange County Farmers’ Market 122 E. Main Street, Orange, 540-672-2540
Roy’s Orchard & Fruit Market 64 Old Hollow Road, Sperryville, 540-987-8636
Striling Orchard 11587 Poverty Hollow Lane, Markham, 540-364-3040
Valley View Farm & Orchard 1562 Leeds Manor Road, Delaplane, www.valleyviewfarmva.com
Warrenton Farmers’ Market 5th & Lee Street (Saturday, April – November) Branch Street (Wednesday, May – October) Warrenton, 540-347-2405
Waterpeny Farm 53 Waterpeny Lane, Sperryville, 540-987-8567, www.waterpenyfarm.com

Arts & Theater

Arts and culture are alive here in the Piedmont. The beauty and history of the place stir the souls of the nationally recognized artists who call the region home. Visit them in their galleries, studios, theatres, and concert halls and take home some of the inspired beauty of the Piedmont.

Arts Center in Orange 129 E. Main Street, Orange, 540-672-7311
Berkeley Gallery I & II 40 & 31 Main Street, Warrenton, 540-341-7367, www.berkeleygallery.com
Fauquier Community Theater 4260 Sigler Road, Warrenton, 540-349-8760, www.fctstage.org
Four County Players 5256 Gov Barbour Street, Barbourville, 540-832-5355
Highland Center for the Arts 597 Broadview Avenue, Warrenton, 540-878-2700, www.highlandcenterforthearts.org
Library of Congress Packard Campus Theater 19053 Mount Pony Road, Culpeper, 540-827-1079, ext. 79994
MAD Arts 117 N Main Street, Madison, 301-639-1789 or 540-948-4455, www.madarts.org
RAAC Community Theatre 310 Gay Street, Washington, 540-675-3193
Regal Culpeper Movies 4 210 South Main Street, Culpeper, 540-825-7000
ZIGZAG 6477 Main Street, The Plains, 540-253-5364, www.zigzagtheplains.com

Historical Sites & Attractions

Historical sites are everywhere with many museums and historic buildings, battlefields, and interpretive markers throughout the region. From Revolutionary War, through Civil War, to the present day, the Virginia Piedmont lies at the crossroads of history.
Visitor Centers

Culpeper Visitors Center  109 S. Commerce St., Culpeper, 540-825-8628, www.visitculpeperva.com
Madison Visitor Center  110 A N Main Street, Madison, 540-948-4455, www.madison-va.com
Orange County Visitor Center  122 E Main Street, (Train Depot), Orange, 540-672-1653, www.visitororangevirginia.com
Rappahannock County Visitors Center  3 Library Road, Washington, Opening June, 2010
Warrenton-Fauquier County Visitor Center  33 N. Calhoun Street, Warrenton, 800-820-1021, www.VisitFauquier.com

Parks & Recreation

Whatever your passion, it awaits you in the foothills. Natural beauty surrounds you. Whether you prefer a leisurely stroll on a quiet trail, bicycling on country roads, or flying above it all, nature is yours to enjoy. Relax with a few rounds of golf, bowl a few frames, or cast a line into a pristine stream or lake.

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK offers a panoramic view of the Virginia Piedmont from above. With outstanding trails for hiking in the serenity of the woods or more challenging hikes, Shenandoah has something for everyone. 540-999-3500, www.nps.gov/shen

Equestrian

Equestrian tradition runs deep in the foothills. From fox hunting and point-to-point races, to horse shows and horse farms where you can ride, you'll find yourself in the heart of horse country.

Commonwealth Park/HITS Showground  13246 Commonwealth Parkway, Culpeper, 540-825-7469
Conyers House Inn & Stables, The  3131 Slate Mills Road, Sperryville, 540-987-8025, www.conyershouse.com
Graves Mountain Lodge Stables  Route 670, Syria, 540-923-4231, www.gravesmountain.com
Great Meadow Events Center  5089 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, 540-253-5001, www.greatmeadow.org
Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center  16589 Edward's Shop Road, Remington, 540-399-1800
Marriott Ranch  5305 Marriott Lane, Hume, 540-364-2627 or toll free 877-324-7344, www.marriottranch.com
Turkey Hill Stables  285 Fletcher's Mill Road, Woodville, 540-987-9778, rappmoon66@yahoo.com

THE VIRGINIA BIRIDING & WILDLIFE TRAIL links some of Virginia’s best wildlife-watching areas with walking and biking trails, including loops in the Piedmont. For a copy of the guide, visit http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/
Wineries & Distilleries

More than two dozen wineries and two distilleries offer the perfect way to drink in the beauty of the Piedmont! The award-winning wines and warm hospitality of our vineyards and wineries welcome you to sit back and sip. Truly unique experiences await you at our local distilleries. Take a rare look at the art of “moonshine,” from the cornstalk to the final bottling and visit the only distillery in North America making its own barley. With special events and beautiful views, our wineries and distilleries will lure you back again and again. Come and share our good taste!

**Aspen Dale Winery at the Barn** 3180 Aspen Dale Lane, Delaplane, 540-364-6178, www.aspendalewinery.com

**Barboursville Vineyards** 17655 Winery Road, Barboursville, 540-832-3824

**Barrel Oak Winery** 3623 Grove Lane, Delaplane, 540-364-6402 www.barroleoak.com

**Boxwood Winery** 2042 Burland Road, Middleburg, 540-687-8778 www.boxwoodwinery.com

**Belmont Farm Distillery** 13490 Cedar Run Rd., Culpeper, 540-825-3207

**Brightwood Vineyard and Farm** 1202 Lizard's Ford Road, Brightwood, 540-948-6845, www.brightwoodvineyardandfarm.com

**Castle Gruen Vineyards and Winery** 1272 Meander Run Road, Locust Dale, 540-229-2498, www.castlegruenwinery.com

**Chateau O'Brien at Northpoint Winery & Vineyard** 3238 Rail Stop Road, Markham, 540-364-6441, www.chateaubobrien.com

**Chester Gap Cellars** 4615 Remount Road, Front Royal, 540-636-8086 www.chestergapcellars.com

**Copper Fox Distillery** 9 River Lane, Sperryville, 540-987-8554, www.copperfox.biz

**Delaplane Cellars** 2187 Winchester Road, Delaplane, 540-592-7210 www.delaplancecellars.com

**Fox Meadow Winery** 3310 Freezeland Road, Linden, 540-636-6777 www.foxmeadowwinery.com

**Gadino Cellars** 92 Schoolhouse Road, Washington, 540-987-9292, www.gadino-cellars.com

**Gray Ghost Vineyards** 14706 Lee Highway, Amisville, 540-937-4869 www.grayghostvineyards.com

**Horton Vineyards** 6399 Spotswood Trail, Gordonsville, 540-832-7440

**Linden Vineyards** 3708 Harrels Corner Road, Linden, 540-364-1997, www.lindenvineyards.com

**Marterella Winery & Vineyard** 8278 Falcon Glen Road, Warrenton, 540-347-1119, www.marterellawines.com

**Mediterranean Cellars** 8295 Falcon Glen Road, Warrenton, 540-428-1984 www.mediterranean-cellars.com

**Miracle Valley Vineyard** 3661 Double J Lane, Delaplane, 540-364-0228 www.miraclevalleyvineyard.com

**Molon Lave Vineyards** 10075 Lees Mill Road, Warrenton, 540-439-5460, www.molonlavineyards.com

**Naked Mountain Vineyard** 2747 Leeds Manor Road, Markham, 540-364-1609, www.nakedmountainwinery.com

**Narmada Winery** 43 Narmada Lane (off Lee Highway), Amisville, 540-937-8215, www.narmada-winery.com

**Oasis Vineyards** 14141 Hume Road, Hume, 540-635-3103, www.oasiswines.net

**Old House Vineyards** 18351 Corky's Lane, Culpeper, 540-423-1032, www.oldhousevinyards.com

**Pearnund Cellars** 6190 Georgetown Road, Broad Run, 540-347-3475 www.pear rundowncellars.com

**Philip Carter Winery** 4366 Stillhouse Road, Hume, 540-364-1203 www.pcpwinery.com

**Piedmont Vineyards & Winery** 2546-D Highway Road, The Plains, 540-887-5528, www.piedmontwines.com

**Prince Michel Vineyard & Winery** 154 Winery Lane, Leon, 800-800-WINE, www.princentmichel.com

**Rappahannock Cellars** 14437 Hume Road, Huntly, 540-635-9398, www.rappahannockcellars.com

**Rogers Ford Farm Winery** 14674 Rogers Ford Road, Sumerduck, 540-439-3707, www.rogersfordwine.com

**Sharp Rock Vineyard** 5 Sharp Rock Road, Sperryville, 540-987-9700, www.sharprockvineyards.com

**Sweely Estate Winery** 6109 Wolfstone-Hood Road Madison, 540-948-9005, www.sweelyestatewinery.com

**Three Fox Vineyards** 10100 Three Fox Lane, Delaplane, 540-364-6073, www.threefoxvinyards.com

**Unicorn Winery** 489 Old Bridge Road, Amisville, 540-349-5885, www.unicornwinery.com

**Vintage Ridge Vineyards** 8517 Maidstone Road, Rectortown, 540-364-3371 www.vintageridgewine.com

**Vint Hill Craft Winery** 7150 Lineweaver Road, Vint Hill, 703-991-0191 www.vinthillcraftwinery.com