





EXPERIENCES THAT DEFINE THE REGION

The Raceways

They don't call Southern Virginia the racing capital for no reason. This region is home to a major NASCAR speedway, along with five other raceways to visit - all iconic stops along Virginia's Motorsports Heritage Trail, which highlights Virginia's rich and vibrant racing history.

The History

You can't talk about American history without mentioning Southern Virginia. It holds tales of our country's past - from Revolutionary War battles to iconic Civil War sites to the powerful fight for Civil Rights in Virginia and the nation.

The Waterways

Bodies of water large and small decorate this region's vibrant green landscape. That means plenty of possibilities to kayak, fish, boat and more.

WHAT WE RECOMMEND FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Martinsville Speedway

People travel near and far to visit this epic NASCAR track. It's the shortest track in the NASCAR Cup Series, with races happening year-round. Even if racing isn't in your heart, it's worth the visit for the thrill and the history, dating back to 1947.

Buggs Island Lake (John H. Kerr Reservoir)

Virginia's largest lake is found in this region, easily accessible by U.S. Route 58. When the sun is out, it's hard not to resist this water retreat, with all the water sports, sunbathing, fishing and fun at your disposal.

Rails to Trails

Southern Virginia brings a beautiful balance of nature and industry. Many of Virginia's old railroad grades have been converted into multi-use recreation trails perfect for outdoor lovers who prefer more moderate and leisurely outdoor experiences. Check out The Tobacco Heritage Trail, which pedestrians, hikers, bicyclists and even horseback riders can enjoy.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Springfield Distillery

A strong spirits tradition exists in Southern Virginia, and Springfield Distillery in Halifax pays homage to it, using only local materials to make their whiskeys. Pair your visit with cozy cabin rentals and to-go cocktails for the perfect trip.

Livy's Ice Cream Shop

Hidden in Collinsville is the ice cream shop everyone dreams of as a child. Livy's serves up funky ice cream flavors using local Virginia milk. But, want to know the local's favorite? Their milkshakes.

Cooper's Landing Inn & Traveler's Tavern

A little jewel in Lake Country, this Inn is a secret getaway for locals and visitors alike. Cooper's Landing extends warm hospitality year-round with its charming rooms, delicious dining experiences and historic charm.

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SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

Easily accessed via U.S. Route 58 and an easy ride down from Roanoke or Richmond, Southern Virginia offers opportunities to step back in time and embrace the moment. Its picturesque towns and country roads recount a fascinating story of Virginia's tobacco and textile past. Then, you can zoom your way into the present by embracing this region's racing heart and exciting outdoor adventures.

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What not to miss while you're in

DANVILLE



Located on the Dan River in the southern region of the state, the City of Danville is surrounded on the west, north and east by Pittsylvania County with the North Carolina state line forming the city's southern boundary. In less than five hours from Washington, DC via Amtrak or automobile, and three hours from Richmond, you will discover a city and county that is growing and becoming a sought-after destination for new industry and an attractive tourism destination.

In just a short drive, you can go from Danville's thriving Downtown River District to the rolling countryside of Pittsylvania County. While in the River District, you will find historic structures reborn into restaurants, shops and attractions creating a vibrant, walkable downtown.Our in-city trail system, The RiverWalk Trail, boasts excellent hiking and biking opportunities. Take a walk along Millionaires Row where wealthy citizens fueled construction of extraordinary buildings giving the Old West End of Main Street structures in a wide variety of architectural styles.

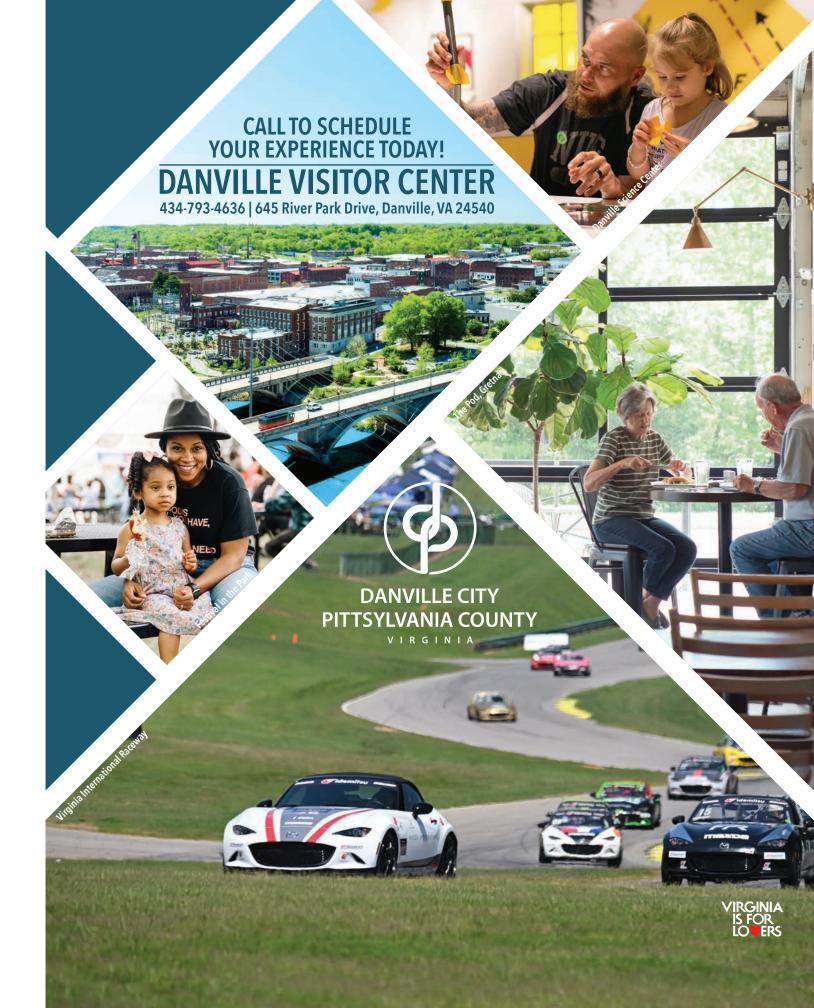
Experience places which influenced our nation's history including The Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History, a destination site on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail. Kids of all ages will enjoy the Danville Science Center, part of the Science Museum of Virginia, and attending an event at the Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex might include a National Rodeo, concert or heart-pumping Motorcross.

Danville and Pittsylvania County are the perfect place to stay while you explore this extraordinary region that includes Chatham Historic District, Chatham Hall Hargrave Military Academy, Averett University, picturesque Wayside Park, Virginia International Raceway, Martinsville Speedway and South Boston Speedway.

When you are ready to settle in for the night the area offers a wide range of lodging from budget friendly to upscale. And, coming in 2024, Danville will be home to Caesars Virginia, a luxury resort boasting a convention center, entertainment venue, gaming, multiple restaurants, spa, pool and much more.

If you haven't ventured to Danville and Pittsylvania County, now is the time to experience it for yourself.







Welcome Center Virginia Tourism Corporation Mile Marker 1, I-85 Northbound Bracey 23919 434-689-2295

Virginia Tourism Corporation Mile Marker 0, I-95 Northhound Skippers 23879 434-634-4113

THINGS TO DO

Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail

People's Community Center, 1021 Tidewater Ave Victoria: 434-696-2456; varetreat.com/ civilrights.asp. Second location at Matthew's Lutheran Church Christian Day School.

Civil War Wilson-Kautz Raid

St. John's Church, corner of Broad & Shade Sts Kenbridge 434-696-2546; civilwartraveler. com. Part of a self-guided driving tour following the Raid's locations.

BOYDTON

THINGS TO DO

Boydton Plank Road Historic

290 Hull St., Boydton; 434-738-6344; boydton.org. Site of failed plank road that would have connected Southern VA tobacco fields to Richmond.

Historic Boyd Tavern

449 Washington St., Boydton; 434-738-9800; boydtavern.net. Historic stagecoach stopover owned by Alexander Boyd Tavern open for tours 11am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

Tanner Environmental **Education Center**

5164 Buggs Island Rd., Boydton; 434-738-6143; tinyurl. com/ihkerr. Kerr Lake wildlife and ecology exhibits, including some live.

Boydton; 434-447-7101; tobaccoheritagetrail.org. New 1.1-mile scenic trail through Boydton and surrounding countryside

GASTON

Includes Lawrenceville, Valentines

Brunswick Byways Visitor Center

13516 Christanna Hwv.. Lawrenceville; 434-848-2728; brunswickco.com. Hub for Brunswick Stew, information gift shop, maps, events, and attractions.

Brunswick Chamber of

Commerce 400 North Main St. Lawrenceville; 434-848-3154; thebrunswickchamber.com. Enjoy natural surroundings, historical sites, antique shopping and of course.

Tobacco Heritage Trail -**Boydton** 564 Washington St.,

Governor Spotswood.

BRUNSWICK/LAKE Archives

100 Athletic Field Rd., Lawrenceville; 434-848-2173; isrussell.org. Artifacts. photographs and records pertaining to Saint Paul's College and its founder James Solomon Russell. 🖚

Lake Gaston

I-85 and U.S. 1, Lawrenceville; 434-848-2728; brunswickco. com. A 20.000-acre lake, 350 miles of shoreline. Fishing, boating, swimming.

Brunswick County Museum 228 Main St., Lawrenceville; 434-848-2728: brunswickco. com. Indian relics, Fort Christanna items, open for private tours.

Brunswick Lake

THINGS TO DO

County Pond Rd., Rt. 638, Lawrenceville; 434-848-2728; dgif.virginia.gov; brunswickco. com Call for more information. 150-acre lake, boat ramp, fishing.

Fort Christanna

Route 46/Christanna Hwy. on Fort Hill Rd., Lawrenceville; 434-848-2728; fortchristanna com. Archeological site, first Indian school founded by

James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul's College Museum and

4849 Drakes Main St., Drakes Branch: 434-568-3091: charlotteva.com Museum showcasing railroad, industry and tobacco markets of centuries past.

Tobacco Heritage Trail

200 S. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill; 434-447-7101; tobaccoheritagetrail.org. This Southern Virginia rail to trail can be traveled on horse. bicycle or foot. 📽

Valentines Post Office

23 Manning Dr., Valentines; 434-577-2456; brunswickco. com. Established 1887. Famous for annual "Valentines" postmark. Closed Sunday.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Includes Brookneal, Charlotte Court House, Drakes Branch, Randolph

THINGS TO DO

Central High Museum 515 Thomas Jefferson Hwy Charlotte Court House; 434-542-4699; charlotteva.com. Museum highlighting local African American education &

achievement; CRIEHT Site. **Charlotte County Courthouse**

145 David Bruce Ave., Charlotte Court House: 434-542-5117; charlotteva. com. 1823 Thomas Jefferson courthouse located in a beautiful historic district.

Drakes Branch Museum

Museum of Charlotte County

129 David Bruce Hwy., Charlotte Court House; 434-542-5117: charlotteva.com Permanent exhibit highlights statesmen Patrick Henry, John Randolph, David Bruce

Red Hill-Patrick Henry National Memorial

1250 Red Hill Rd., Brookneal; 434-376-2044; redhill.org. Henry's home, grave, museum and quarter place Open Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm Sunday 1-5pm. \$ -----

Staunton River Battlefield State Park

1035 Fort Hill Trail, Randolph; 434-454-4312; virginiastateparks.gov/ staunton-river-battlefield

CLARKSVILLE Includes Buffalo Junction

Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce

105 Second St. Clarksville: 434-374-2436: clarksvilleva com. Offering information and directions to area attractions and events. 🖚 📽

THINGS TO DO

Buffalo Lithia Springs 311 Buffalo Springs Rd., Buffalo Junction. Active. drinkable lithia mineral springs memorializing the popular 1800s resort.

Clarksville Regional Museum

801 West St., Clarksville; 434-374-4434; clarksvilleregionalmuseum.org. Tobacco room, a Buffalo Lithia Springs room, arrowheads and antique agricultural implements.

Occoneechee State Park

1192 Occoneechee Park Rd., Clarksville; 434-374-2210; virginiastateparks.gov/occoneechee. 🖚 📽 🖔

Prestwould Plantation

429 Prestwould Dr., Clarksville; 434-374-8672. Built 1794-1795 by Sir Peyton Skipwith. Original furniture and wallpaper \$

DANVILLE/PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNIT

Includes Chatham, Gretna, Ringgold

Danville Welcome Center

645 River Park Dr., Danville; 434-793-4636; playdanvilleva.com. Tourist information, tickets. restrooms, food/drink vending machines. Open 8:30am-5:30pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday-Sunday. 🖚 📽

THINGS TO DO

AAF Tank Museum

3401 U.S. Hwy. 29B, Danville; 434-836-5323; aaftankmuseum.com. World's largest international collection of tank and cavalry artifacts.\$

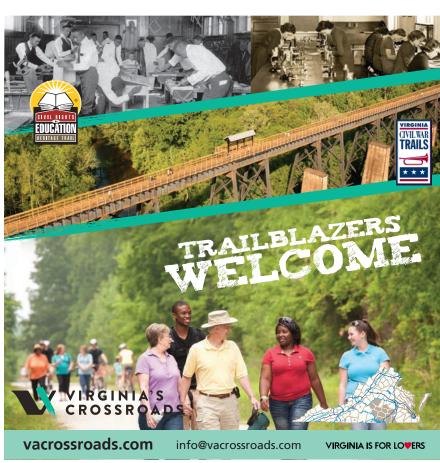
Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History

975 Main St., Danville; 434-793-5644; danvillemuseum.org. Tour 1859 Sutherlin Mansion, Civil War exhibits and art galleries. \$

Danville Science Center

677 Craghead St., Danville; 434-791-5160; dsc.smv. org. Hands-on exhibits, digital dome shows, butterfly garden and special programs. \$-





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L.E. Coleman African American

3011 Mountain Rd Halifax

American history in Halifax

South Boston-Halifax County

sbhcmuseum.org. Exhibits of

antiques, works of art and

South Boston: 434-572-2543:

Amazing scenery, world-class

history significant to the region.

Southern Virginia Wild

sovawildblueway.com.

paddling adventure.

1170 Staunton Trl

Sky park. \$₹\$\$

Tobacco Heritage Trail

Boston; 434-572-2543;

160 miles of recreation

197 Railroad Ave South

tobaccoheritagetrail.org.

fishing and miles of pure

Staunton River State Park

Scottsburg; 434-572-3694;

virginiastateparks.gov/ staunton-river. Certified Dark

Museum of Fine Arts and

1540 Wilhorn Ave South

Boston; 434-572-9200;

434-476-5000; gohalifaxva.

com. Preserving African

County ===

History

Blueway

Green Hill Civil War Cemetery

761 Lee St., Danville; 434-793-5644: danville-va gov/documentcenter/home. view/2287. 1,158 Union and 400 Confederate soldiers buried. Prominent Danville citizens. 🖚 📽

Grove Street Cemetery

940 Grove St., Danville; 434-793-5644: danville-va. gov/documentcenter/home/ view/2286. Established in 1827. Early Danville families and slaves, some Confederates.

Historic North Theatre

629 North Main St., Danville; 434-793-7469 thenorththeatre com. Main theatre, balcony mini theatre, restaurant/bar, gallery and gift shop. \$ ===

Holbrook-Ross Historic District

975 Main St., Danville; 434-793-5644; danvillemuseum.org. African American professionals homes date back to 1880 Walking tour.

Langhorne House

117 Broad St., Danville; 434-791-2256 Birthplace of Nancy Langhorne and her sister Irene known as the "Gibson Girl." 🚐

Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex

19783 U.S. Hwy. 29 South, Chatham; 434-432-8026; oldedominionagriculture complex com. Home to the Tobacco Museum, Farmers Market and agricultural offices. Ringgold Rail Trail & Depot 155 Ringgold Depot Rd. Ringgold; 434-432-7736: pittsylvaniacountyva.gov/479 trail following the historic Richmond and Danville

BUSES/GROUPS WELCOME 🐕 PET-FRIENDLY FACILITY 💲 ADMISSION REQUIRED 👃 ADA-COMPLIANT

Simpson Funeral Museum

railroad. 💳 📽

16 South Main St. Chatham: 434-432-1085: simpsonfuneralmuseum.com Antique hearse, coffin and casket displays, murals and regalia galore. 🖚

Yates Tavern

U.S. Hwy 29 5 Gretna: 434-432-2790: pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety org/sites yates.html. Built around 1750, only dwelling in Virginia with Elizabethan, Tudor overhangs. 🖚

EMPORIA

Emporia-Greensville Chamber of Commerce

400 Halifax St. Emporia; 434-634-9441; emporiagreensvillechamber. com. Offering tourism information for the Emporia and Greenville County area.

THINGS TO DO

Village View Mansion 221 Briggs St., Emporia; 434-594-6810; discoverourtown. com. Historic furnishings

ringgold-rail-trail. Scenic rail

THINGS TO DO

Lunenburg County Courthouse 11435 Courthouse Rd. Lunenburg; 434-696-2546; lunenburgva.org. One of only four Jeffersonian courthouses in Virginia. 🖚

LUNENBURG COUNTY

MARTINSVILLE/ **HENRY COUNTY**

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY Includes Axton, Bassett, Collinsville, Fieldale, Ridaeway, Spencer

THINGS TO DO

Rassett Historical Center 3964 Fairystone Park Hwy., Bassett; 276-629-9191; bassetthistoricalcenter.com Genealogical facility with collection of area artifacts family, local, regional and Virginia history.

The Big Chair

100 E. Church St., Martinsville; 276-632-8006; visitmartinsville com/things-to-do/heritagehistory Renlica of Bassett Furniture's 100th Anniversary Big Chair.

Dick & Willie Passage Rail Trail 220 Doyle St., Martinsville; 276-634-4640; visitmartinsville

com/things-to-do/hikingclimbing. Almost seven (soon to be 10) miles of paved trail with six access points. reflect the rural family life of Southside Virginia in 1790.

Fayette Area Historical Initiative African American

211 West Fayette St. Martinsville; 276-732-3496; fahimuseum.org. Local African American history celebrated through exhibits lectures and performances, by appointment

Hamlet Vineyards

405 Riverside Dr., Bassett; 276-629-2121; hamletvineyards. com. Tasting room open Sundays 1-5pm. Enjoy awardwinning wines 📽

Imagination Lavender Farm

3590 Green Hill Dr., Martinsville: 276-734-2828: imagination laven derfarm. com. 1200 English and French lavender plants and a gift

Infinity Acres Alpaca Farm & Petting Ranch

136 Joppa Rd., Ridgeway; 276-358-2378: infinityacres. org. Alpaca farm, petting ranch, pony rides, gift shop, tours, camps, by appointment.

Lake Sugar Tree Motor Sports

400 Movie Movers East, Axton; 276-650-1158; lakesugartree. com. Oldest professional motorcross track in Virginia. Open to public.\$ === **

Lee Ford Camp

42748 Lee Ford Rd. Martinsville: 276-634-2910 visitmartinsville.com/places to-stay/camping. A 17-acre camp with a 1.5-acre lake, several picnic areas, lodging and a climbing/rappelling tower. \$

The Little Post Office

207 Starling Ave., Martinsville; 276-632-3221; piedmontarts. org. Historic 1893 postal distribution center now houses exhibits and events.

Martinsville Speedway 340 Speedway Rd

Martinsville: 877-722-3849 martinsvillespeedway.com Historic half-mile track is a NASCAR classic. Gifts, selfguided tours. \$ ====

Martinsville-Henry County Heritage Center and Museum

Martinsville; 276-403-5361; mhchistoricalsociety.org. This 1824 courthouse houses a museum and hosts special events.

Mountain Laurel Trails

411 Mountain Laurel Trl. Ridgeway; 276-340-9144; mountainlaureltrails.com Facility offers 10 miles of scenic mountain biking trails **_**"





Mountain Valley Artisan Barn

1215 Collins Rd. Martinsville: 276-220-6591: mtnvallevartisanbarn.com. A venue for Artist & Community Offering a 7.500-square foot event venue and monthly crafts/musicians. \$

Mountain Valley Brewing

4220 Mountain Valley Rd., Axton: 276-833-2171: mountainvallevbrewing.com Taproom open Thursday-Sunday. Enjoy our brews and views.

Philpott Lake and Dam

1058 Philpott Dam Rd., Bassett; 276-629-2703: visitmartinsville com/things-to-do/lakes-rivers Scenic overlook, campgrounds and historic exhibits of pristine 3,000-acre lake. 🖚 📽

Philpott Marina

300 Boat Dock Rd., Bassett; 276-340-0485; philpottmarina. com. Fueling station, marina store hoat launch restroom picnic area. 🖚 📽

Piedmont Arts

Preserve

215 Starling Ave., Martinsville; 276-632-3221: piedmontarts. org. Galleries exhibiting acclaimed regional and national artists and performing arts 📟

Richard P. Gravely, Jr. Nature

2525 Eggleston Falls Rd.. Ridgeway; 276-634-4640; visitmartinsville.com/ things-to-do/hiking-climbing. Interpretive trail, historic buildings and cemetery dating back to 1800s. ==

Roosterwalk Music Festival

Pop's Farm, 675 Hobson Rd., Martinsville: roosterwalk.com/ info. May 25-28th. Music. art. food, camping, disc golf, kids activities.

Scuffle Hill Brewing Company 2620 Virginia Ave.,

Collinsville: 276-352-5183 scufflehillbrewing.com. Taproom open Wednesday Sunday. Enjoy a cold brew

Smith River

1058 Philnott Dam Rd Bassett: 276-634-4640: smithriverblueway.com. 11 Access Points for kayaking, canoeing, tubing and fishing.

Smith River Spirits

1317 Eggleston Falls Rd., Ridgway; 888-215-0607; smithriverspirits com Small batch distilling of many Brandy products and wine

Smith River Sports Complex 1000 Irisburg Rd.,

Axton; 276-638-5200; smithriversportscomplex.com Multi-use sports facility with five fields with Musco sports lighting. 🖚 📽 Spencer-Penn Centre vo

475 Spencer-Penn Rd., Spencer 276-957-5757; facebook. com/spencerpenncentre. Fun seasonal events, monthly bluegrass music, meeting space, historic building.

Stonehaus Farms

59 Forsythia Dr., Martinsville; 276-957-4048; facebook.com/ stonehausfarmsfarmtours. Farm tours, cheesemaking and fiber arts classes. Event venue available. By appointment.

The Sustainable Homestead Institute

190 Eastridge Rd. Ridgeway; 276-226-9104; sustainablehomestead. com. Learn how to create self-enriching, abundant agricultural systems through environmental connection.

Textile Heritage Trail

3251 South River Rd., Fieldale; 276-632-8006; visitmartinsville. com/things-to-do/hikingclimbing. Interpretive walking trail and boardwalk highlight areas history in textiles.

Uptown Pinball

35 Fast Church St. Martinsville 276-224-7139: facebook.com/ uptownpinball. Arcade, mini golf, video game lounge & more! \$

Virginia Museum of Natural History vg

21 Starling Ave., Martinsville; 276-634-4141: vmnh.net. Exhibits children's "Discovery Reef", research laboratories, educational programs and festivals. \$ ===

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Includes Boydton, Chase City, South Hill

Mecklenburg County Tourism

350 Washington St, Boydton; 434-738-6191: visitmeckva. com. More of What Matters - More Mecklenburg. #moremeck 💳 📽

Commerce

Chase City Chamber of

316 N. Main St., Chase City 434-372-0379: chasecitychamber. com. Information about local businesses and events.

THINGS TO DO

Lake Gordon

Boat Dock Rd., South Hill 434-447-4547; dwr.virginia gov/waterbody/lake-gordon 157-acre public fishing lake with shore and unpowered boat access

MacCallum More Museum & Gardens

603 Hudgins St., Chase City 434-372-0502; maccallummore org Escape to more than 200 hotanical species as you stroll through 6 acres of hand-laid stone paths. Museum, Wedding Venue, Visitors Center

Thyne Institute Memorial

30935 Hwy. 49, Chase City. influential African American boarding school.

SOUTH BOSTON/

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

goods and local wine.
#LoveHalifaxVA ****

Hwy 854 Cage Trl South Boston; 434-572-2543; gohalifaxva.com. An outdoor museum of Bob Cage's

700 Bruce St., South Boston: 434-572-2543: gohalifaxva. com. Historical marker where military maneuver hastened

HALIFAX COUNTY

Includes Scottsburg

South Boston-Halifax County Visitor Center

Boston; 434-572-2543; gohalifaxva.com. Offering local insight directions mans expert recommendations and a gift shop with locally-crafted

THINGS TO DO

1180 Bill Tuck Hwy., South

Cage Sculpture Farm

the defeat of the British

South Hill Chamber of

internationally recognized modern sculpture.

Crossing of the Dan

corridors for hiking, biking and horseback riding, 3.9 miles in Halifax County. **SOUTH HILL**

Commerce 201 S. Mecklenburg Ave

South Hill: 434-447-4547: southhillchamber.com. Open 8:30am-5pm. 🖚 📽

THINGS TO DO

The Colonial Center

220 South Mecklenburg Ave. South Hill: 434-262-4170. One of the few remaining vaudeville theatres of its era in Virginia. Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

South Hill Model Railroad Museum

201 S. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill: 434-447-4547: southhillchamher.com Daily 9am-4pm. Replica Atlantic and Danville Railroad circa 1955.



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