

FOR MORE INFORMATION

This map highlights Virginia roads with state or federal scenic designations. Virginia's Official State Highway Map contains more detail.

Call 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or visit www.virginiadot.org to request a free Virginia road map.

VDOT's free 511 smartphone application offers real-time information about traffic, incidents and congestion. It can be downloaded at www.virginiadot.org/travel/511.asp.

The contacts below can also assist you with your journeys along Virginia's scenic roads.

24-Hour Traffic Information



511 or 866-MY511VA (866-695-1182) 511Virginia.org

Trail Information



Appalachian Trail 304-535-6278 www.nps.gov/appa



Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail 304-535-6278 www.nps.gov/pohr



Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail 804-367-1000 www.dgfl.virginia.gov/bwt



Virginia Capital Trail 804-788-6453 www.virginiacapitaltrail.org



Virginia State Parks - Trails 800-933-PARK (7275) www.dcvirginia.gov/state-parks/explore-trails.shtml



Virginia Civil War Trails 888-CIVIL-WAR (888-248-4592) 800-VISIT VA www.civilwartraveler.com/EASTVA

Bicycling Information

Virginia Capital Trail 804-788-6453 www.virginiacapitaltrail.org

Virginia Department of Transportation 800-367-7623 www.virginiadot.org/bkemap

Virginia Tourism 800-VISIT VA www.virginia.org/bicycling

Virginia Creeper Trail 800-755-2453 www.aacvapepatrial.org

U.S. Bike Route System 800-755-2453 www.adventurercycling.org

Other Resources

Virginia State Police 804-674-2000 (toll phone #77 or #11) www.srp.state.va.us

Virginia Department of Transportation 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) www.virginiadot.org

Virginia Tourism 800-VISIT VA (800-847-4882) www.virginia.org

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation 804-786-6124 www.dcvirginia.gov

Virginia State Parks 800-933-PARK (7275) www.dcvirginia.gov/state_parks

Virginia Department of Forestry - State Forests 434-977-6555 www.dof.virginia.gov

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Wildlife Management Areas 804-367-1000 www.dgfl.virginia.gov/wma

U.S. Forest Service - National Forests 800-832-1355 www.fs.fed.us

Blue Ridge Parkway 828-348-3400 www.nps.gov/blu

Shenandoah National Park/Skyline Drive 540-999-3500 www.nps.gov/shen

Colonial National Historical Park Yorktown Battlefield, Historic Jamestown, Colonial Parkway 757-898-2410 www.nps.gov/colo

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground 540-882-4929 www.hallowedground.org www.dnr.gov/transportation/journey www.hva.dot.gov/byways/byways/2343

George Washington Memorial Parkway 703-289-2500 www.nps.gov/gomp

America's Byways 800-489VAWS (800-429-6287) www.dtrips.org

National Scenic Byways Program www.hva.dot.gov/nap/scenic_byways www.hva.dot.gov/byways

Virginia's Music Heritage Trail - The Crooked Road 276-492-2409 www.thecrookedroad.org

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel 757-331-2960 www.cbtt.com

Jamestown-Scotland Ferry 800-VA1897 (800-633-3776) 877-762-7624 www.virginiadot.org/travel/ferry.asp

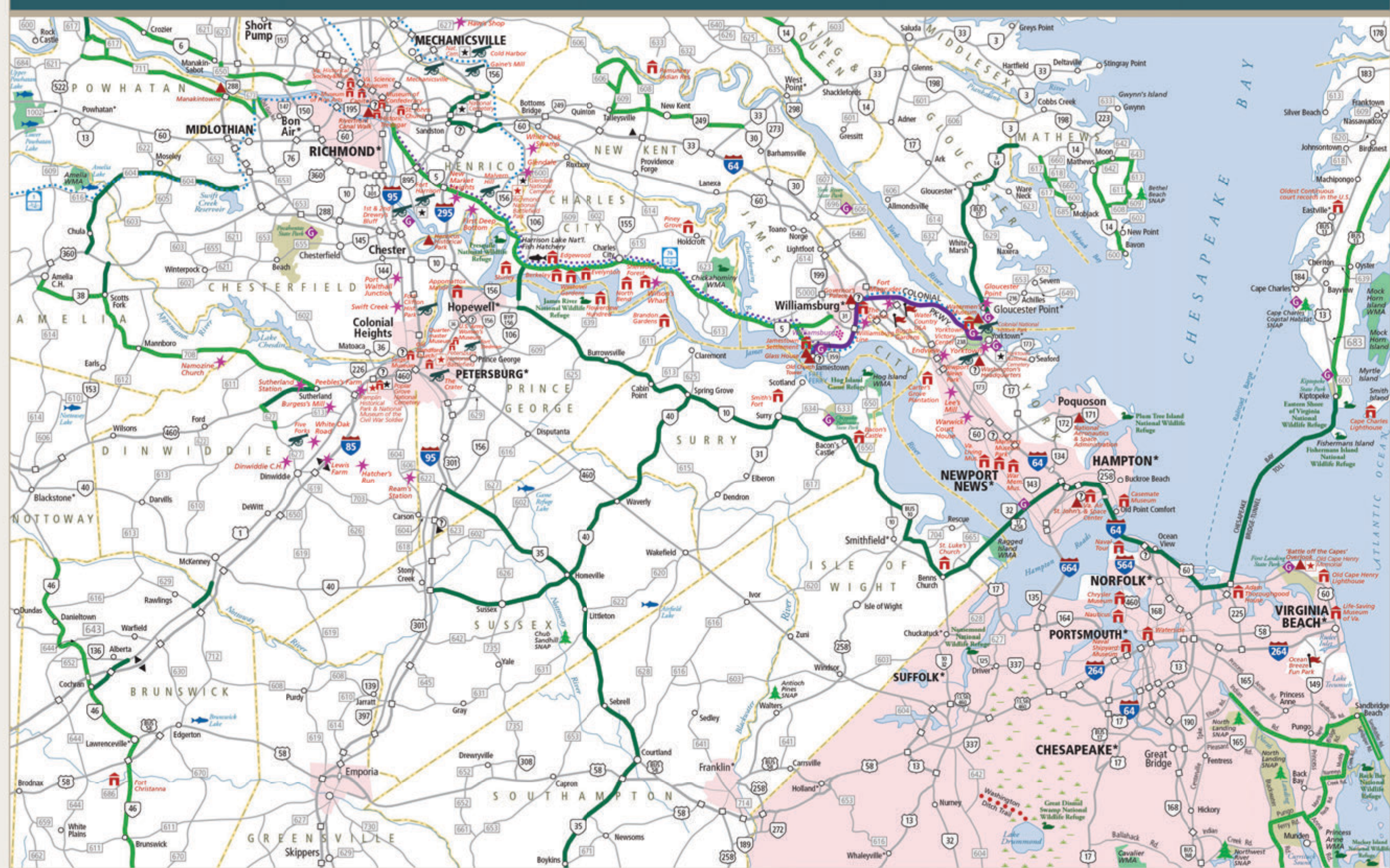
E-ZPass 877-762-7624 www.ezpass.com



WELCOME TO VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS

CAPITAL COUNTRY



Only 50 miles separate Jamestown, Williamsburg and Richmond - Virginia's three capitals, all located on or along the James River.

Founded in 1607, Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. In 1616 it became the capital of the Colony of Virginia, and would remain so for 83 years.

In 1698, the Jamestown statehouse burned and the following year Williamsburg became the colonial capital. The House of Burgesses met in two different capital buildings there, both of which also burned.

Today, Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown form the Historic Triangle of Virginia, where visitors can experience and learn about history and the origins

of democracy in our country through interpretation and archeological finds. The three sites are linked by the 23-mile Colonial Parkway, an All-American Road.

In 1775, Richmond's historic St. John's Church was the site of Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech during the second Virginia Convention, and the colony was declared an independent commonwealth in 1776. Then, with Virginia's population growing to the west, and a growing need for a more secure location, the capital was moved to Richmond in 1780.

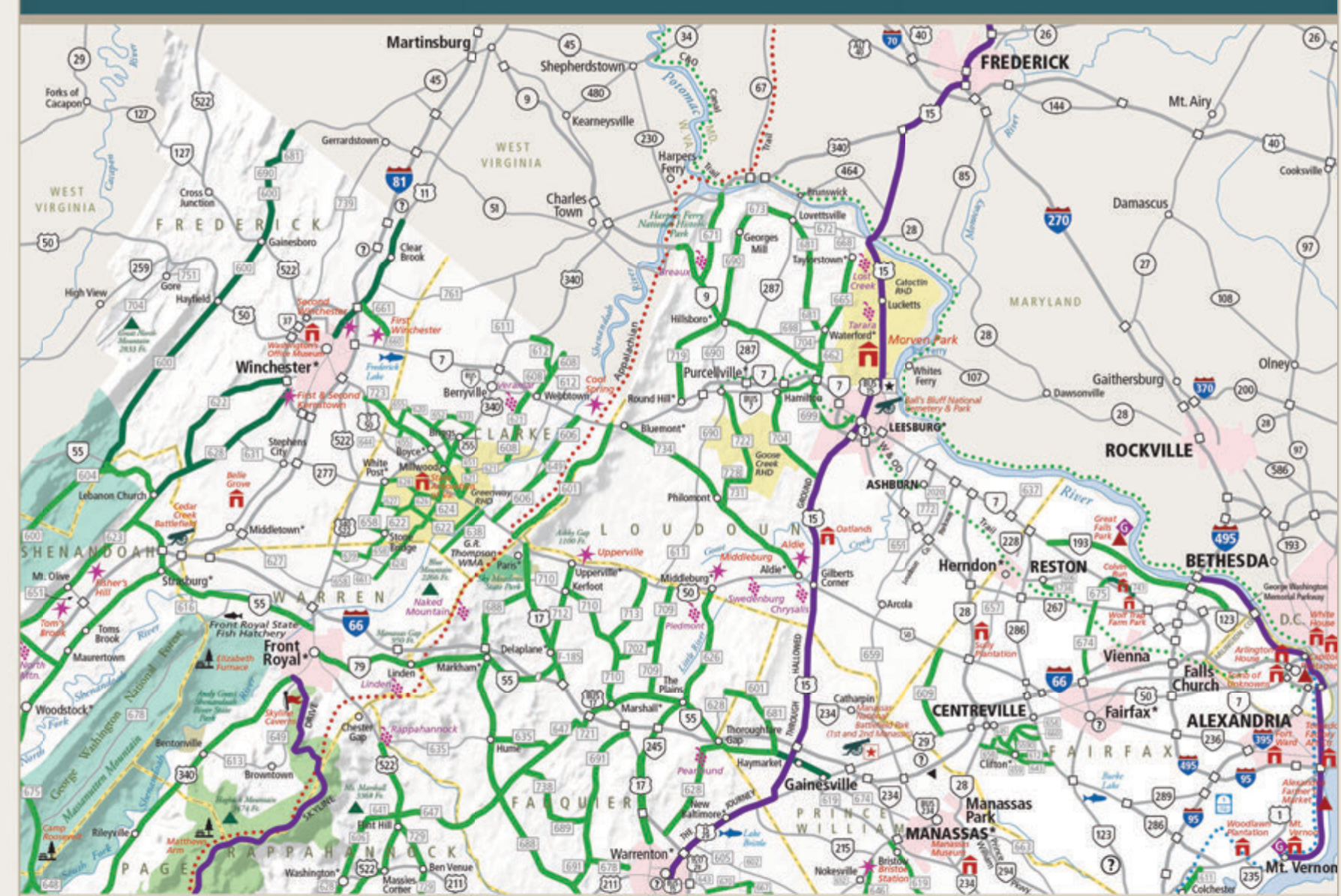
The current state capitol building was designed by Thomas Jefferson and completed in 1788. Sitting atop a hill overlooking the James River, it houses the oldest, continuously operating legislative body in the Western Hemisphere.

Richmond also served as the Confederate capital during the Civil War. Today, the city remains a vital hub for government, business, education and the arts.

The Route 5 Virginia Byway takes you through "capital country," connecting Jamestown, Williamsburg and Richmond - historic points that were not only central to Virginia's history, but the beginnings of our nation.

The Virginia Capital Trail is a 52-mile paved pedestrian and bicycle trail along the scenic Route 5 corridor that also connects the commonwealth's past and present capitals.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA



Three renowned America's Byways are found in the Northern Virginia region. To the west, dramatic views are found on Skyline Drive, a National Scenic Byway in Shenandoah National Park. In the eastern part of the region near Washington, D.C., is Mount Vernon, the home of our nation's first president. It's located on George Washington Parkway, an All-American Road, by the Potomac River.

There are many Civil War battlefields to explore. The Journey Through Hallowed Ground, a National Scenic Byway, follows U.S. Route 15 which passes by Civil War battlefields including Manassas and Ball's Bluff. The road also links to many other Virginia Byways in the western part of the area. Other battle sites can be found south of Winchester.

Do you enjoy historic homes? North of Leesburg is Mowen Park, a 1,000-acre estate and historic site. To the south is Outlands Plantation, a grand representation of Federal architecture and a National Historic Landmark.

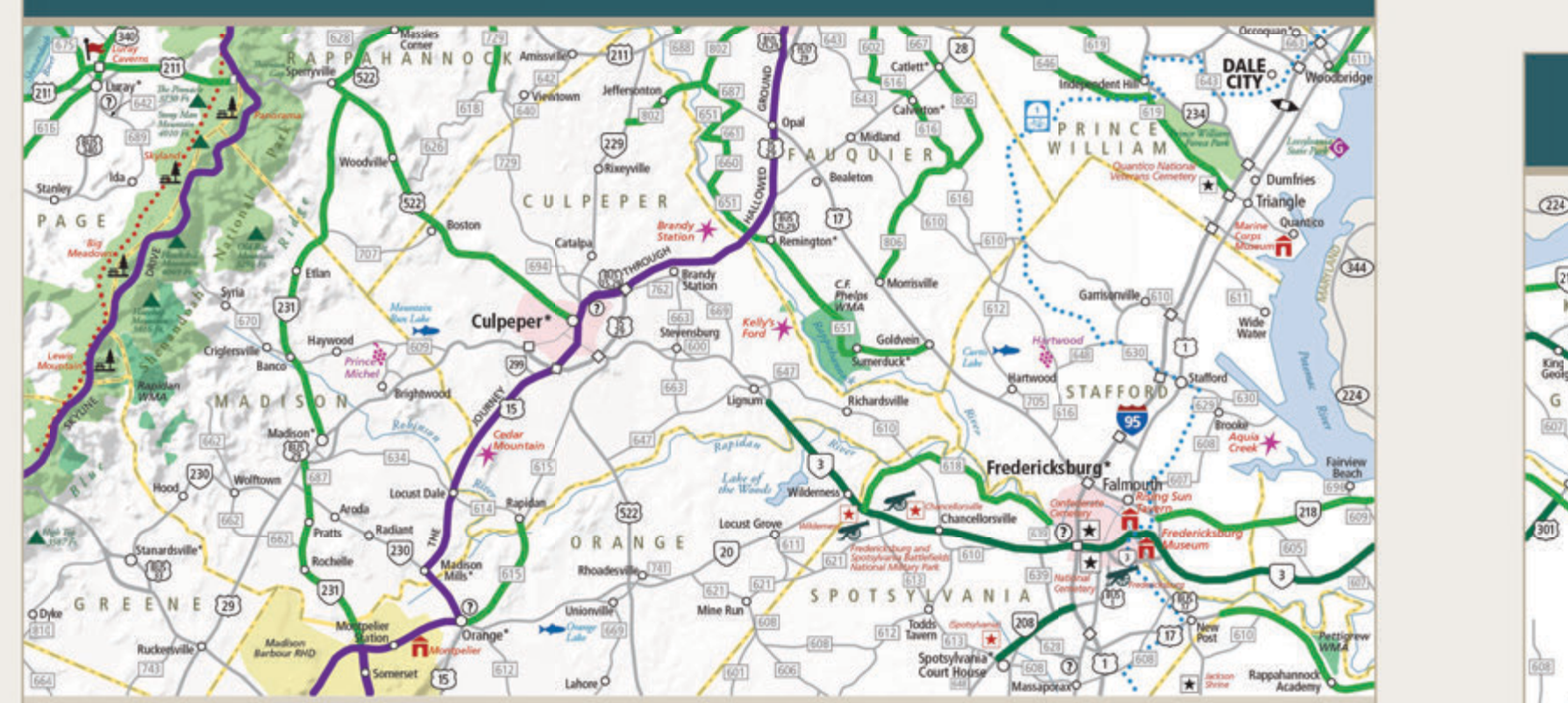
In the Shenandoah Valley near Middletown is Belle Grove Plantation, home to Nelly Madison Hite, sister of President James Madison.

Middlesburg and Upperville, in the heart of "Horse and Hunt Country," were home to battlefields during the Civil War. Today, the towns are known for their charming bistros, stylish boutiques and gracious inns.

Great Falls Park is only 15 miles from Washington, D.C., and affords visitors a view of the narrow gorge where the Potomac meets the fall line, creating spectacular rapids. Nearby is Route 193, Georgetown Pike, the first road to be designated a scenic byway in Virginia back in 1974.

The Washington and Old Dominion (WSOD) Trail takes its name from the rail line that traveled from Purcellville to Shilington from 1859 to 1968. Today that right of way has been transformed into 45 miles of paved trails and 33 miles of bridle paths for those who enjoy the outdoors.

CULPEPER-FREDERICKSBURG



There are a lot of scenic routes to choose from in this section of central Virginia. Here you'll find the Shenandoah National Park, the home of America's fourth president and the sites of some of the Civil War's key battles.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Skyline Drive wind along the ridgelines of the northern Blue Ridge Mountains of Shenandoah National Park. Explore the park and take in the vistas along the way. Enjoy the park's amenities at spots such as the Big Meadows visitors' area.

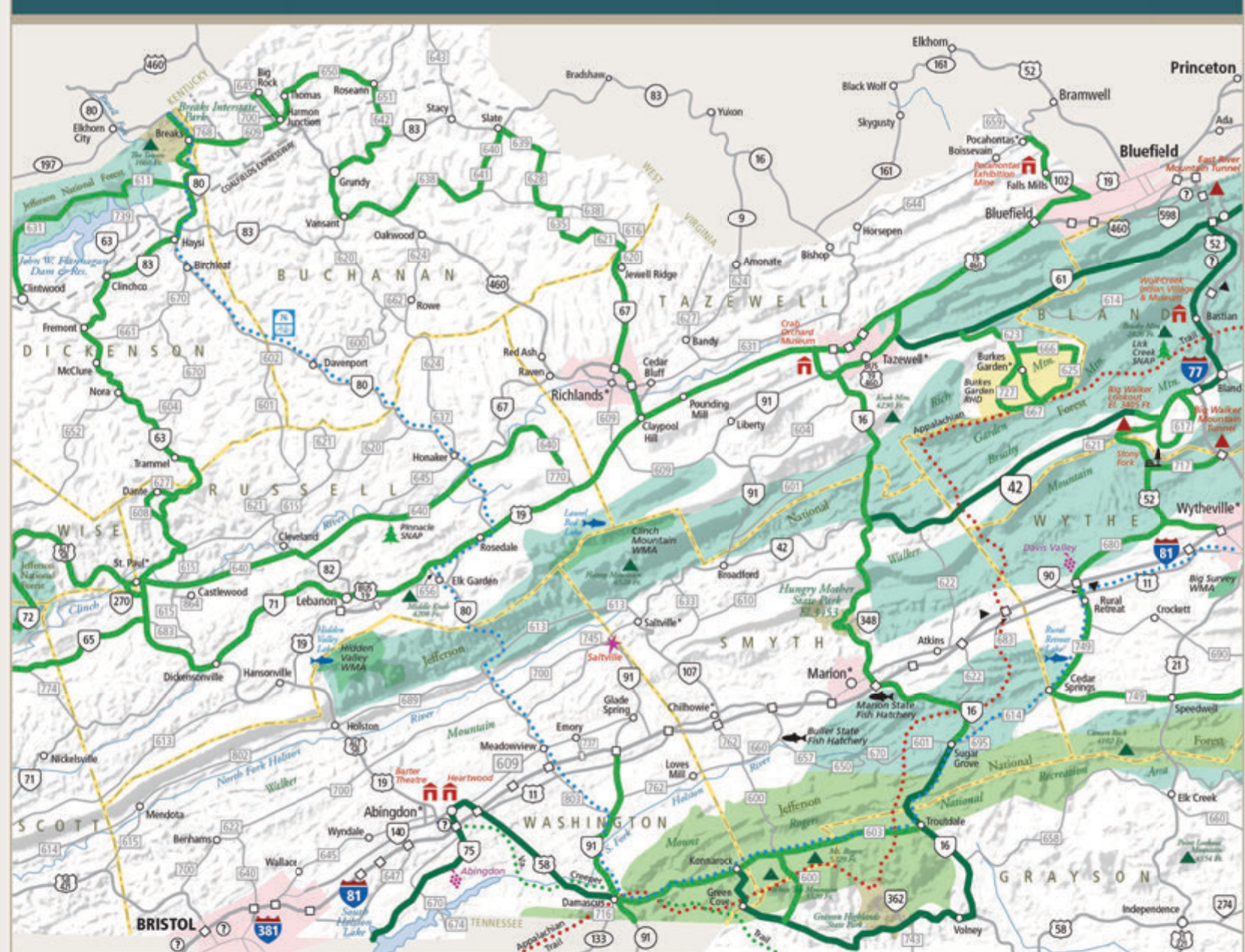
President James Madison and wife Dolley lived at Montpelier, their home both before he took office and after his term was complete. You'll find it on Route 20 near Orange, and it's open for tours every day except Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The Journey through Hallowed Ground, a National Scenic Byway, passes through the region connecting Civil War battlefields from Gettysburg, Pa., to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Albemarle County. Along the way, there are other historic sites, charming towns and natural beauty everywhere.

Culpeper is near Brandy Station, where the largest cavalry battle in the Western Hemisphere took place. From there, head to scenic Route 3 which leads you to the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Battlefields National Military Park. Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania saw some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War between late 1862 and the spring of 1864.

Located on the Rappahannock River, Fredericksburg can serve as your "home base" to explore both the history and modern day appeal of this region.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS



The mountains of southwest Virginia invite visitors to slow down as the winding roads lead through the sights and sounds of the southern highlands region of Virginia.

Located along the Appalachian Trail in the Jefferson National Forest, Mount Rogers anchors the southern part of the region. It is the highest point in the state. Nearby is beautiful Grayson Highlands State Park, blazing with color in autumn but lovely in any season. Keep an eye out for the wild ponies while you're there. To the northwest on the Virginia-Kentucky state line you'll find Breaks Interstate Park, home of the Grand Canyon of the South, the deepest river gorge east of the Mississippi River.

Enjoy mountains, rolling hills and beautiful views? Take a bike ride on the Creeper Trail, a 34-mile multiuse trail that runs along an old railroad bed between Abingdon and Whitetop. Bike rentals and shuttles are available in both Abingdon and Damascus.

The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, follows several highways and byways through much of this region where bluegrass and

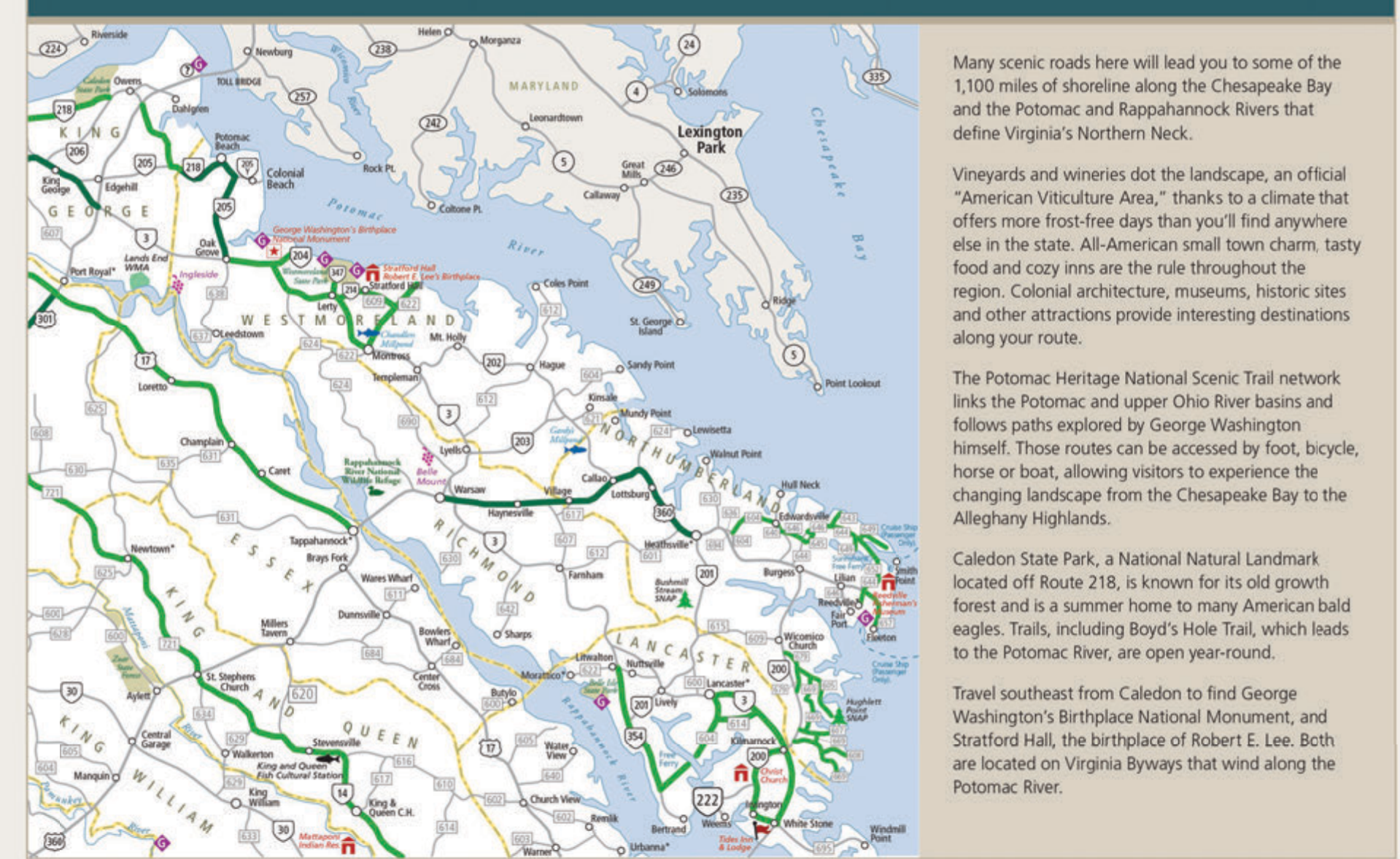
country music grew roots many decades ago. At venues along The Crooked Road you'll find live music throughout the year.

In Abingdon, spend an evening at the Barter Theatre, the State Theatre of Virginia. Known as one of the nation's best regional stages, the Barter has served as a launching pad for actors and actresses who have gone on to achieve fame in the business, with alumni including the likes of Ernest Borgnine, Gregory Peck and Patricia Neal.

Take a trip over Rich Mountain to explore Burke's Garden. This natural depression, nicknamed "God's Thumbprint," is Virginia's highest mountain valley. As the story goes, local settlers refused all offers from George Vanderbilt, who originally chose this site for his Biltmore estate.

The Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail begins in Abingdon and runs 330 miles through four states. It includes walkable paths and a commemorative motor route to spotlight the 1780 Battle of Kings Mountain campaign, a turning point in the American Revolution.

NORTHERN NECK



Many scenic roads here will lead you to some of the 1,100 miles of shoreline along the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers that define Virginia's Northern Neck.

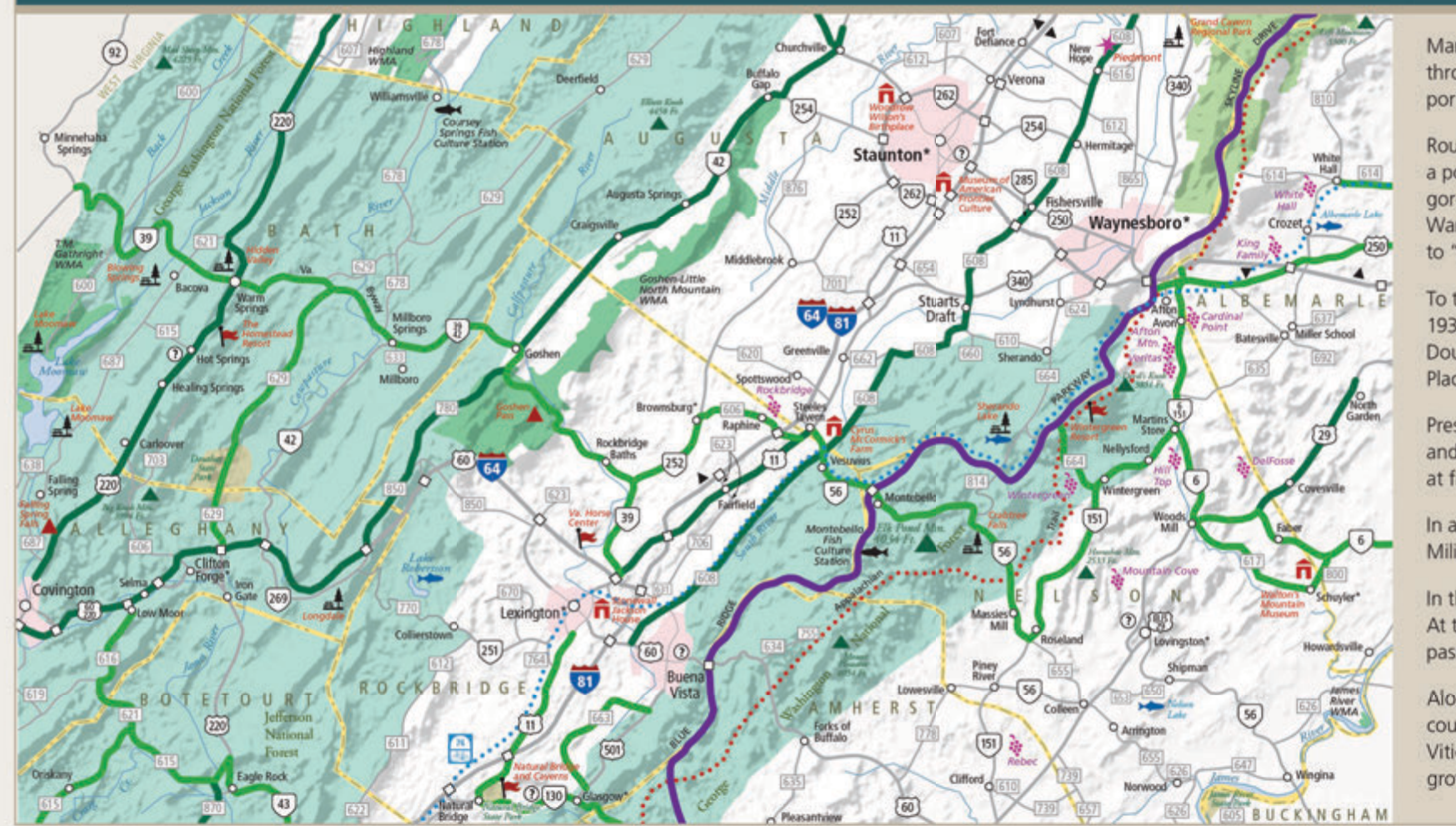
Vineyards and wineries dot the landscape, an official "American Viticulture Area," thanks to a climate that offers more frost-free days than you'll find anywhere else in the state. All-American small town charm, tasty food and cozy inns are the rule throughout the region. Colonial architecture, museums, historic sites and other attractions provide interesting destinations along your route.

The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail network links the Potomac and upper Ohio River basins and follows paths explored by George Washington himself. Those routes can be accessed by foot, bicycle, horse or boat, allowing visitors to experience the changing landscape from the Chesapeake Bay to the Allegheny Highlands.

Caledon State Park, a National Natural Landmark located off Route 218, is known for its old growth forest and is a summer home to many American bald eagles. Trails, including Boyd's Hole Trail, which leads to the Potomac River, are open year-round.

Travel southeast from Caledon to find George Washington's Birthplace National Monument, and Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee. Both are located on Virginia Byways that wind along the Potomac River.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS



Many Scenic Roads and Byways criss-cross this region, with several of them going through the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, which cover large portions of the Appalachian Mountain range in the area.

Route 39, a Virginia Byway between Lexington and the West Virginia state line, includes a portion of Route 42 and takes you through Goshen Pass, a magnificent mountain gorge formed by the Maury River. This route also allows access to Lake Moonaw, and Warm Springs, home of the historic Jefferson Pools where it is said people have come to "take the waters" of the naturally-ferrous mineral spring since the 1600's.

To the south, Douthat State Park, one of six original Virginia State Parks opening in 1936, is located just five miles north of Clifton Forge on Route 629. Not only does Douthat have beautiful mountain scenery, it is also on the National Register of Historic Places because its design influenced the development of parks nationwide.

President Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton, and his birthplace, presidential library and a museum are located there. Nearby in the Frontier Culture Museum, interpreters at five historic working farms showcase how early Shenandoah Valley pioneers lived.

In and around Lexington, there are a number of historic sites to visit including Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee University and the Stonewall Jackson House.

In this area, you can also travel on the Blue Ridge Parkway, an All-American Road. At the northern terminus, the parkway meets Skyline Drive, a National Scenic Byway passes through Shenandoah National Park.

Along the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Nelson and Albemarle counties is the westernmost portion of Central Virginia's Monticello American Viticultural Area, or AVA. The vineyards and wineries in this designated wine-grape growing region produce many of Virginia's top-rated wines.

VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS

Spotlights on Northern Virginia Scenic Routes Connecting Virginia



THE VIRGINIA

BYWAYS
SCENIC
ROADS

VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation

Map produced by: Virginia Department of Transportation, Office of Communications 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

For additional copies: For a free copy of this map, visit www.virginiadot.org or call 800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623) (TTY/TDD 711)

© Commonwealth of Virginia 2017, 600M

Front cover: Mowen Park is located in Loudoun County on US Route 15.

Above: Known as Snickersville Turnpike, Route 734 is a designated Scenic Byway connecting the communities of Aisle and Bluemont.