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LYNCHBURG, VA

VISITOR GUIDE

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LYH WELCOMES YOU

Welcome to LYH, a quintessential Virginia city with a leafy veneer, a powerful industrial heart and a history that dates from John Lynch's first ferry crossing of the James River in 1757. In our culturally-rich neighborhoods and picturesque, strollable city, you'll discover a destination with a vital sense of its past and a growing contemporary energy. Today, LYH is counted among the nation's best small cities, Best Places for Millennials—we have six colleges and universities—and Best Small Places for Business and Careers. Plus, we know that it's the very best for visitors as well.

Take the time to explore our 40 miles of urban trails and riverfront downtown, as well as galleries and places of historical importance. In the Hill City, you'll also want to take in views of the James River, wander through historic neighborhoods, taste our local flavor, and much more.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, **LYH loves you!**



**KNOWN AS THE HILL CITY
OR CITY OF SEVEN HILLS**



**NAMED FOR JOHN
LYNCH'S FERRY CROSSING**



**MORE THAN 40 MILES
OF URBAN TRAILS**



**SIX COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES**



**NAMED BEST PLACE
FOR MILLENNIALS**



**HOME OF THE MONACAN
INDIAN NATION**

LYNCHBURG'S TOP 10

Whether you're looking for the profoundly historic or the completely contemporary, the serious or playful, active or delicious, LYH has a must-see spot for you. Our *Love* sign is an Instagram icon, Amazement Square will fascinate the curious of every age, and our museums are places of teaching and sharing. On the waters of the James River or strolling downtown, exploring historic districts or picturesque gardens, LYH is an unforgettable experience.



BLACKWATER CREEK TRAIL, JAMES RIVER & PERCIVAL'S ISLAND

1600 Concord Turnpike | lynchburgparksandrec.com

Weaving throughout the City, the trails of Blackwater Creek incorporate several sections of earthen and paved trails perfect for biking, walking, running and hiking. Make sure you grab a pic at our famous LOVE sign at the entrance of Percival's Island where you can catch stunning views of the James River.



AMAZEMENT SQUARE

27 9th St. | amazementsquare.org

This nationally recognized children's museum offers four floors of hands-on interactive exhibits designed to make learning fun for all ages. Paint on the walls, float a boat down the James River, rock out in your own rock band or enjoy the mazes of slides, ladders and tunnels. Anything is possible here.



LYNCHBURG MUSEUM

901 Court St. | lynchburgmuseum.org

Start your visit at the Lynchburg Museum where visitors can explore the rich history of Central Virginia, enjoy rotating exhibits, and speak with our knowledgeable Visitor Services staff to help plan your trip in LYH. You won't forget this true Virginian experience.



Starr Hill Brewery



DOWNTOWN, THE HILL CITY

downtownlynchburg.com

LYH is known as the Hill City—and the walk up is the best free exercise you can get. Rising more than 200 feet from Jefferson to Court St., there are several spots—including the Bluffwalk and Monument Terrace—to catch your breath for views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the James River.



SEAQUEST AT RIVER RIDGE

lynchburg.visitseaquest.com

Have a land & sea adventure right here in LYH. The entire family will enjoy this exciting journey around the planet while interacting, meeting, and feeding animals from five continents.



Anne Spencer House & Garden Museum



OLD CITY CEMETERY

401 Taylor St. | gravegarden.org

Explore this 27-acre "history park" filled with hundreds of varieties of native and heirloom plants, including the largest public collection of antique roses in the state. Five small museums tell the stories of the diverse population of nearly 20,000 buried here. You won't want to miss the annual Antique Rose Festival in May and fall Candlelight Tours.



PIERCE STREET RENAISSANCE HISTORIC DISTRICT

1313 Peirce St. | annespencermuseum.com

This historic district in LYH was home to notable African American Civil Rights influencers, including Anne Spencer, Harlem Renaissance poet; her son Chauncey Spencer, an aviation pioneer; and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, first black physician granted practice rights at Lynchburg General Hospital and tennis instructor to both Arthur Ashe and Althea Gibson. Find respite in the garden at 1313 Pierce St., Anne Spencer's retreat and source of inspiration for much of her poetry.



The James River



Old City Cemetery



THOMAS JEFFERSON'S POPLAR FOREST

1542 Bateman Bridge Rd. | poplarforest.org

Just to the west of the City of Lynchburg, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest offers a unique and memorable experience for those interested in history, architecture and landscapes. Jefferson chose this site for his private retreat and visitors can learn more about his family and the free and enslaved craftspeople who built this architectural masterpiece.



MAIER MUSEUM OF ART AT RANDOLPH COLLEGE

1 Quinlan St. | maiermuseum.org

One of LYH's best kept secrets, the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College is home to an exceptional collection of 19th and 20th century American art. In 1951, the National Gallery of Art selected the campus as the site of a confidential storage facility in the event of a national emergency. The college agreed to keep silent about the project, dubbed "Project Y." The Maier Museum of Art also hosts an annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art, the longest-running exhibition of its kind on an academic campus in the country.



LYNCHBURG COMMUNITY MARKET

1219 Main St.
lynchburgcommunitymarket.com

One of the oldest public markets in the nation, this is a popular Saturday gathering spot to experience the flavor of LYH. The Market features local produce, meats and seafood sold by area farmers, local restaurants, artisan shops, and seasonal entertainment.

OUTDOOR RECREATION



BLACKWATER CREEK TRAIL

lynchburgparksandrec.com

The most popular trail system in LYH connects to several earthen and paved trails throughout the city. Segments of the trail include a waterfall, a railroad tunnel, a bridge over the James River and other breathtaking scenery. Bicycles can be rented from Bikes Unlimited.

THE JAMES RIVER

jamesriveradventures.com

Rent a canoe or kayak from James River Adventures and take the 9-mile paddle, starting at Riveredge Park, and enjoy the James River with views of Downtown Lynchburg, trail railways, and wildlife. Stop by TaleTellers to shop for fishing gear or to sign up for a guided trip.

HOLLINS MILL PARK

521 Hollins Mill Rd. | lynchburgparksandrec.com

This popular park provides shaded areas for picnicking, fishing access, and wonderful views of Blackwater Creek and historic Hollins Mill Dam. The park also includes trail connections to the Blackwater Creek Bikeway, including the Point of Honor Trail section.

PERCIVAL'S ISLAND

1600 Concord Turnpike | lynchburgparksandrec.com

Cross the pedestrian bridge from Downtown Lynchburg to Percival's Island. Visitors can spot native wildlife and plants as they follow the paved trail, which bisects the natural area and crosses the James River.

LYNCHBURG DOG PARK

515 Monticello Ave. | lynchburgdogpark.com

Furry friends can stretch their legs and release some energy at our public fenced-in park, located alongside the Blackwater Creek Trail. Dogs can fetch frisbees at the adjacent athletic fields or splash in the nearby creek.

RIVERSIDE PARK

2238 Rivermont Ave. | lynchburgparksandrec.com

One of the most historic parks in Lynchburg, Riverside Park features 49 acres of rolling parkland, hiking trails that provide views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the James River, a train exhibit and sprayground.



RIVERFRONT PARK

1100 Jefferson St. | lynchburgparksandrec.com

Located between the James River and Jefferson St., Riverfront Park includes a sprayground and a large open field for events, picnicking, and a great place for dogs to stretch their legs. The park connects to the Riverwalk trail which leads to Percival's Island in the James River.

MILLER PARK

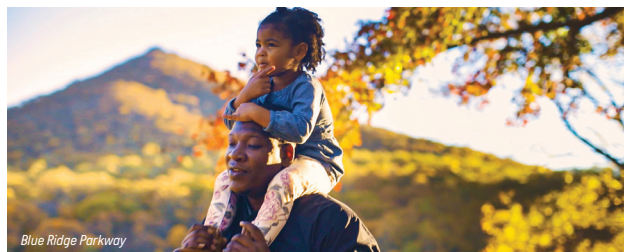
2100 Park Ave. | lynchburgparksandrec.com

LYH's oldest public park. Explore 20 acres of park including picnic shelters, baseball fields, and a public pool, as well as the historic Aviary.

PEAKS VIEW PARK

170 Ivy Creek Lane | lynchburgparksandrec.com

Featuring the Ivy Creek Greenway paved trail, mountain bike trails, tennis courts, multipurpose fields, a disc golf course and playground.





IVY CREEK PARK

118 Clemmons Lake Pl. | lynchburgparksandrec.com

A green oasis that includes the 6-acre Clemmons Lake, multi-use trails, picnic and play areas on site. Rent a canoe or kayak, or fish from the pier where you can catch trout and catfish.

RIVERFRONT SKATEPARK

11 9th St. | lynchburgparksandrec.com

Built between Jefferson St. and the Point of Honor Trail, the skatepark is a 14,000 sq. ft. complex with a street course and bowl, along with multiple flat bars and pipes. The skatepark is open to the public every day from 9am to 9pm.

LIBERTY MOUNTAIN TRAIL SYSTEM

4000 Candler's Mountain Rd. | liberty.edu

Located on Liberty Mountain, this trail destination includes 50 miles of trails for mountain biking, running and walking.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

12551 US-501, Big Island | nps.gov/blri

Start your scenic adventure from Amherst (Milepost 27) or Bedford (Milepost 86-107). Enjoy popular destinations near LYH like the Peaks of Otter Lodge, Sharp Top Mountain, and Skyline Drive.

NATURAL BRIDGE STATE PARK

6477 S Lee Hwy, Natural Bridge
dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/natural-bridge

A short and scenic drive from Lynchburg, this state park features the 215-foot tall limestone gorge, seven miles of hiking trails, and Children's Discovery Area for experiential learning.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

nps.gov/appa

Access several hiking trails from the Bedford or Amherst County AT entrances, both a convenient 30 minute drive from LYH. Popular day hikes include Apple Orchard Falls, Cole Mountain, and Bluff Mountain.

Explore LYH at lynchburgvirginia.org/things-to-do/outdoor-activities

MEET JEFF GRAY, OWNER OF SCENE3 SKATEBOARD AND BICYCLE SHOP

Jeff Gray is the owner of *Scene3*, a skateboard and bike shop located in Downtown Lynchburg. He lives in Lynchburg with his wife and two kids and has been skateboarding and riding bikes since middle school. You can often spot him riding to work with his dog Rocket, a Wire Fox Terrier, riding in a crate on the front of his bike.



FAVORITE LOCAL HIKE?

My favorite hike is *Devil's Marbleyard*. It has a great view, and there are plenty of rocks to climb on at the top. It's also less than an hour drive from LYH so you can finish your day downtown.

BEST PLACE ON TWO WHEELS?

Favorite bike trail is *Peaks View Park*. There are miles of single track trails right in the heart of town. They recently built a new section with flow trails that has jumps and berms. Second favorite trail is *Candler's Mountain*. The trails are more advanced, and they have some epic downhill runs. Be prepared for lots of climbing!

BEST PLACE TO SHOP FOR OUTDOOR GEAR?

The best place in town for outdoor gear is *Outdoor Trails*. They have everything you need for hiking, camping, or anything outdoor related. They have also been in business more than twenty years, and are super knowledgeable on the gear they sell.

BEST WAY TO ENJOY A WEEKEND OUTDOORS?

I work in retail so my weekends are split between running my shop on Saturday and adventures with family on Sunday. Most of our adventures are short day trips to the mountains, or packing up the bikes and riding the local mountain bike trails.

LYH HISTORY



ANNE SPENCER HOUSE & GARDEN MUSEUM

1313 Pierce St. | annespencermuseum.com

Home and garden of celebrated Harlem Renaissance poet and Civil Rights leader, Anne Spencer, who wrote on any available surface, including the walls of her home. Her sphere of influence included friendships with Marian Anderson, W.E.B. DuBois, Zora Neal Hurston and Martin Luther King Jr. Anne's garden and writing cottage, Edankraal, is open daily without charge. The house is open by appointment.

LYNCHBURG MUSEUM

901 Court St. | lynchburgmuseum.org

Located in the city's iconic 1855 courthouse standing at the top of Monument Terrace, the Lynchburg Museum shares the stories of the local people, places, and events that have shaped the city and the world. Look for rotating interactive exhibits, fascinating artifacts and artworks, guided tours and special events. Admission is always free.

OLD CITY CEMETERY MUSEUMS & ARBORETUM

401 Taylor St. | gravegarden.org

Established in 1806, the Old City Cemetery is the oldest municipal cemetery in Virginia still in use today. This extraordinary 27-acre public garden hosts a village of five small museums telling the stories of the diverse population of nearly 20,000 buried here. The grounds are filled with hundreds of varieties of native and heirloom plants, including the largest public collection of antique roses in Virginia. Gates are open dawn to dusk every day of the year.

LEGACY MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

403 Monroe St. | legacymuseum.org

Located on the crest of historic Tinbridge Hill, the Legacy Museum fosters an appreciation of the diversity of the African American experience in Lynchburg and the surrounding counties. The Museum offers rotating exhibits, programs, and special events that represent the achievements of local African Americans. Open Wednesday–Saturday 12:00–4:00pm, Sunday 2:00–4:00pm, and by appointment.

POINT OF HONOR

112 Cabell St. | pointofhonor.org

Built in 1815, the Federal-style house boasts striking views of the James River and Downtown Lynchburg. Interpretation includes the families that occupied the home, the enslaved community that built and sustained the plantation, and the modern restoration of the site. Open weekly and by appointment.

MONUMENT TERRACE

313 9th St. | lynchburgmuseum.org/monument-terrace

Rising a breathtaking 139 steps above Downtown Lynchburg, with multiple landings honoring Lynchburg citizens who fought and died in the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, plus POW-MIA and Purple Heart monuments.

SOUTH RIVER MEETING HOUSE

5810 Fort Ave. | qmpc.org/south-river-meeting-house

South River Meeting was organized in 1757 for the first Quaker settlers in the Lynchburg area. Adjacent to the structure is a historic graveyard. Buried there are Sarah Lynch (in an unmarked grave) and her son John, the founder of the city. Group tours are available with 3 days notice. Self guided tours are available.

PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

2020 Grace St. | presbyteriancemeteryva.com

This outdoor museum of Lynchburg's history has over 12,000 stories to tell. Names from the burial books read like a who's who of the city. Early local civic leaders, successful businessmen, professionals, immigrants, veterans and their families all can be found buried at Presbyterian Cemetery. Open daily 8:00am–5:00pm.



SPRING HILL CEMETERY

3000 Fort Ave. | springhillcemetery.org

Lynchburg's first "rural cemetery" was designed to resemble a park or garden by famous landscape architect John Notman. Generations of prominent and influential Hill City residents are at final rest there, including Sweet Briar College president Meta Glass, pioneering physician John Terrell, Freedmen's Bureau school teacher Jacob Yoder, Cherokee princess Narcissa Owen, bluegrass guitar legend Don Reno, and three U.S. Senators. Open daily 7:00am–7:00pm.



MONACAN INDIAN NATION ANCESTRAL MUSEUM

2009 Kenmore Rd., Amherst | monacannation.com/ancestral-museum

The Monacan community today centers around Bear Mountain in Amherst County. At this site, a log cabin was built in the late 1870s and used as a church for the Indian people. Later, it functioned as a school and today, the cabin is a recognized National Historic Landmark and home to the Ancestral Museum. Open Tuesday-Sunday by appointment.

WHITE ROCK CEMETERY

Harvey St. near High St. | whiterockcemetery.org

Established in 1882, Historic White Rock Cemetery was the first independent African American cemetery in the Hill City. Explore the tranquil grounds where many notables from the Jim Crow era are buried, including first Black councilman Jefferson Anderson, "Seminary Mother" Josephine Anderson, and longtime physician Kyle Pettis. Look for the large number of handmade concrete markers from the 1920's and 30's, many with unique artistic designs.

NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL

3 Overlord Circle, Bedford | dday.org

Honoring the Allied forces who shared in the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. A must-see for anyone interested in WWII or American military history, visitors can expect an educational and emotional experience, leaving with a clear understanding of the scale and sacrifices made during the largest amphibious landing the world has ever seen. Open daily, admission always free for WWII veterans.

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S POPLAR FOREST

1542 Bateman Bridge Rd., Forest | poplarforest.org

An award-winning historic restoration in progress, nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visiting Poplar Forest offers a unique opportunity to hear the stories of Thomas Jefferson's family, the free and enslaved craftsmen who built the historic masterpiece and the enslaved people who lived and labored on the plantation.

PATRICK HENRY'S RED HILL

1250 Red Hill Rd., Brookneal | redhill.org

The last home and burial place of Patrick Henry, Founding Father and first post-colonial Governor of Virginia, best known for his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech. The site features Henry's law office, home and other outbuildings, rare family artifacts, a Museum Shop and a growing network of interpretive scenic trails.

More LYH History at lynchburgvirginia.org/things-to-do/historic

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT

12130 Booker T. Washington Highway, Hardy | nps.gov/bowa

This National Park is the birthplace of Booker T. Washington. Born a slave, Washington later became the first principal of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial School. He served as an advisor, author and orator whose past would influence his philosophies as the most influential African American of his time. Visitor Center, walking trails and picnic area open daily, year round.

APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

111 National Park Dr., Appomattox | nps.gov/apco

On April 9, 1865, the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia in the McLean House in the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia signaled the end of the nation's largest war. Visitor Center features exhibits, guided programs and a 70-seat theater. Open daily, year round.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

159 Horseshoe Rd., Appomattox | acwm.org

The American Civil War Museum—Appomattox explores the overlapping stories of the end of the Civil War and the beginning of a reunified nation. The exhibit houses 400 artifacts, photographs and documents, including the uniform coat and sword that Robert E. Lee wore to surrender. Located just over a mile from the actual surrender site.

CIVIL WAR SITES IN LYH

CIVIL WAR TRAILS

civilwartrails.org

With 12 sites on the Civil War Trails, the website and associated brochures, learn more about Hunter's Raid, Lee's Retreat and the Battle of Lynchburg.

HISTORIC SANDUSKY & CIVIL WAR CENTER

757 Sandusky Dr. | historicsandusky.org

Historic Sandusky served as the Union headquarters during the 1864 Battle of Lynchburg. Tours available by appointment.

FORT EARLY & JUBAL EARLY MONUMENT

3511 Memorial Ave. | lynchburgvirginia.org

Earthen fort constructed as part of the outer defenses during the Battle of Lynchburg. Grounds open year round from dawn to dusk.

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CHAPLAINS MUSEUM

1971 University Blvd. | chaplainsmuseum.org

Learn about the role of chaplains and religious organizations during the Civil War, on the campus of Liberty University.

LYH FEEDS YOU



The LYH food scene embraces influences from around the region, the country and the world. We're becoming a base for big-city chefs who want to live more balanced lives, explore local flavors and support local farms and food. We've got pub food for connoisseurs, cookies, bakeries and ice cream galore for kids, expertly-brewed espresso, and a world of international inspirations. And did we mention the depth of flavors and passion of our barbecue pit masters? LYH is on fire!



**SCAN FOR A FULL
LIST OF PLACES
TO EAT IN LYH**

MEET CANDACE VINSON, EXECUTIVE CHEF FOR THE WATER DOG

With a degree from Johnson & Wales University - North Miami, Candace has worked independently as a Private Chef and for *Walt Disney World*, *Colonial Williamsburg*, and local restaurants *Woodruff's Pie Shop* and *Isabella's Trattoria*. "The Water Dog is a unique concept with owners dedicated to supporting the community. I'm looking forward to creating and shucking up some cool dishes for our customers."



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GRAB A QUICK BITE?

When I get a chance, I love supporting local food trucks! *Tacos Locos* on Fort Ave is one of my faves as well as *Wandering Donut*.

BEST SPOT FOR A COFFEE OR BREAKFAST?

The Lynchburg Community Market is the best place for both a coffee and a pastry! You can grab a freshly brewed cup of joe from *Grains of Sense Coffee Roasters* and a delicious sticky bun from *Father's Cafe and Bakery*.

WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO PLACE FOR A DATE NIGHT?

Dinner at *Grey's* on Fifth St. and a show at the *Academy Center of the Arts*.

BEST KID-FRIENDLY PLACE TO EAT IN LYH?

The Water Dog! We have a cool kids menu and are located right beside a splash park! Did I mention that *MayLynn's Creamery* is our next door neighbor? Winning!

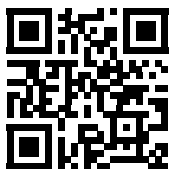
BEST SPOT TO SIT OUTSIDE?

The Farm Basket! The outdoor space is beautiful, the sandwiches are perfectly curated, and you can catch some cool foodie finds! I love a good all-in-one!

LYH TOASTS YOU



A city is only as good as its craftspeople, and LYH is worth the trip. In our range of regional tasting rooms you can explore for days our very personal interpretations of flavors from seasonal brews to IPAs, lagers to stouts. Brewmasters are dedicated to their work, and only too happy to share what they've learned along the way. Take a tour, test drive a flight of brews and toast another great day in LYH!



**SCAN FOR MORE
BARS, BREWERIES
AND WINERIES**

MEET ROBBIE O'CAIN, STARR HILL BREWMASTER

Starr Hill Brewmaster Robbie O'Cain opened *Starr Hill* on Main in 2020. The tap room features an eclectic atmosphere and several beers on tap that change throughout the season. When he is not brewing beer, Robbie enjoys spending time outdoors hiking, fly fishing, and tying his own flies.



BEST COCKTAIL IN LYH?

My favorite place to grab a cocktail is *Isabella's Italian Trattoria*. They have a great bar featuring several craft cocktails and an amazing wine list. Josh Evans, longtime bartender at *Isabella's*, is always coming up with a new concoction... and it's always delicious.

BEST ATMOSPHERE TO GRAB A DRINK?

Rivermont Pizza is the best laid back atmosphere to grab a late night drink. They have an awesome bar with many beers on tap, and a beer cellar in the back where you can get craft brews to-go. When you get hungry, grab one of their unique wood-fired pizzas.

BEST PLACE TO GRAB A BEER?

Other than *Starr Hill* on Main of course, *3 Roads Brewing* just up the street is located in a renovated car garage and has an awesome vibe and outside patio.

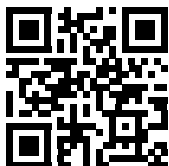
BEST PLACE TO WINE & DINE?

The Glass House is a great venue on Jefferson St. where they offer live music and Rosé Thursdays with a food menu that changes each week. You can also stop by *Reserve Tasting Room & Lounge* right next door for a great selection of Virginia wines and charcuterie boards.

LYH DELIGHTS YOU



One of the best parts about visiting any city is exploring local shops and markets and discovering the shopkeepers who are passionate about their eclectic businesses. LYH is an ideal place to hone your shopping skills: downtown offers blocks of open doorways and warm welcomes, along with coffee, furniture, fashion, food and well-chosen pieces that are going to look great in your home. Popular major brands can also be found in easily-accessible shopping centers in the region.



**SCAN FOR A FULL
LIST OF PLACES
TO SHOP IN LYH**

MEET HEATHER HARRIS, FOUNDER OF MEANWHILE BACK ON THE FARM

With accessory design, furniture manufacturing, and retail experience, Heather and her husband Bobby launched *Meanwhile Back On The Farm*, a leather bag and accessory company featuring hand sewn products from the finest organic materials. Stop by their shop on Old Forest Rd. to see the bags being handsewn or shop their online store.



BEST PLACE FOR GIFTS?

My go-to is the *Boonsboro Shopping Center*, with several shops to choose from in one spot. Shop for gifts at *Paisley Gifts & Stationery*, home furnishings at *Renovative Home*, or men's clothing at *R. Coffee Ltd.* We like to finish our excursion with some BBQ at *Pok-E-Joe's* or ice cream from *MayLynn's Creamery*, with locations in Boonsboro or Downtown.

WHAT IS A MADE-IN-LYNCHBURG PRODUCT THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT?

One of my favorites to share with friends is *Scratch Pasta*, homemade pasta made by Stephanie Fees right here in LYH. The pasta makes for an

excellent gift or meal to share and comes with a variety of options like tomato basil, garlic fusilli, squid ink campanelle, and even gluten free. You can find *Scratch Pasta* online, at the *Lynchburg Community Market*, or the *Farm Basket*.

SHOPPING DAY FOR YOURSELF IN LYH, WHERE DO YOU GO?

River Ridge Mall offers a great selection of stores all under one roof from big names to locally-owned and operated shops. I can find great deals at *TJ Maxx* or small, local stores like *Alpaca by Jaca*, a natural fibers boutique. The kids love it too with *SeaQuest* and *Bounce About*. I also love *Empire Fleet Vintage* and *Live Trendy or Die* for unique finds.

TRAILS AND TOURS



HISTORIC DISTRICTS WALKING TOUR

Available online or at LYH Visitor Services
lynchburgvirginia.org

By foot or by car, Lynchburg's seven historic districts are a must see. These "hilltop" neighborhoods reflect LYH's affluence and influence in the 19th and 20th centuries. From grand revival style mansions to fascinating stories of former residents, our historic districts offer a unique experience of architecture and social history.



DOWNTOWN ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

Available online or at LYH Visitor Services
lynchburgvirginia.org

The steady growth and prosperity of LYH since its founding fueled the construction of extraordinary buildings in a diverse array of architectural styles, from Neoclassical to Beaux Arts to Modernist. Look for the Hill City's best example of Art Deco architecture, the Allied Arts Building, clad in local greenstone on Church St. Tour covers Main and Church St. from 5th to 13th.



HISTORIC MARKERS DRIVING AND WALKING TOUR

Available online or at LYH Visitor Services
lynchburgvirginia.org

LYH is home to an unusually large number of Virginia historical highway markers, detailing the stories of nearly 70 people and places that have made a significant contribution to the Commonwealth or the country.



PUBLIC ART WALKING TOUR

lynchburgvirginia.org/tourlyhpublicart

Creative minds have made their mark on LYH. The City of Lynchburg, which includes the James River Arts & Cultural District, has been a muse for many because of its history, architectural beauty and revitalization. Wander off the beaten path a bit and discover the sculptures and murals dotted around the city.

MEET SHAUN SPENCER-HESTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CURATOR OF THE ANNE SPENCER HOUSE & GARDEN MUSEUM

Shaun is the executive director and curator of the *Anne Spencer House and Garden Museum*. She is the granddaughter of Anne Spencer, Harlem Renaissance poet and Civil Rights activist, and the driving force behind the historical site.



FAVORITE LOCAL HISTORY EXPERIENCE TO SHARE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS?

I cannot ask for a better experience than when I'm piddling around the Museum & Garden and visitors stop by. We engage in conversation that may lead to an impromptu tour of *Edankraal* or Pierce St. During our conversation or tour I humbly reveal my kinship and pride of the relationships with those before us who created a "Black Mecca of Greatness" in Lynchburg, from the post reconstruction era through the civil rights movement.

WHAT IS SOMETHING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT LYH?

I strongly believe that people need to know the full history of the City. Like most, if not all, American cities, much of it was built by slave labor. We need to tell more stories about how their labor led to today's urban revitalization.

FAVORITE HISTORY VISIT THAT IS WALKABLE?

I love the *Old City Cemetery* and, of course, the *Anne Spencer Garden*. Both are open to the public from dawn to dusk year-round, whether you're interested in history or flora or just want a quiet moment to reflect.

ARTS & CULTURE



AMAZEMENT SQUARE

27 9th St. | amazementsquare.org

An award-winning, multi-disciplinary, hands-on museum offering four floors of interactive exhibits designed to make learning fun. Paint on the walls, explore life on the farm, create a rainstorm over downtown Lynchburg, float a boat down the James River, and even rock out on stage in a band of your own!

ACADEMY CENTER OF THE ARTS

600 Main St. | academycenter.org

Lynchburg's center for arts and culture features a restored 1912 800-seat historic theatre, educational classrooms, pottery studio, contemporary art gallery and Warehouse Theatre. Performances range from community theater to nationally and internationally recognized acts.

RIVERVIEWS ARTSPACE

901 Jefferson St. | riverviews.net

Riverviews provides gallery and studio space for established and emerging artists and other creatives with an urban mix of living spaces, studios, galleries, a movie theater and meeting spaces. The Craddock-Terry Gallery, featuring contemporary exhibits by regionally, nationally, and internationally acclaimed artists working with a variety of mediums, is open Wednesday-Sunday.



MAIER MUSEUM OF ART AT RANDOLPH COLLEGE

1 Quinlan St. | maiermuseum.org

Houses an outstanding collection of American art, chiefly paintings, works on paper, and photographs dating from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Located on the campus of Randolph College and open to visitors year-round, the Museum serves both the academic community and the general public and offers changing exhibitions, rotating displays of the College's permanent collection, and educational programs.

DAURA MUSEUM OF ART

1501 Lakeside Dr. | lynchburg.edu

Located at the University of Lynchburg, the collection of works by European and American artists, African art, and world cultures now includes more than 2,500 paintings, drawings, prints, and sculptures. Open Tuesday through Friday during the University's academic year from 9:00am-4:00pm, or by appointment.



LYNCHBURG ART CLUB & GALLERY

1011 Rivermont Ave. | lynchburgartclub.org

Lynchburg Art Club & Gallery has promoted and celebrated visual fine art in Central Virginia since its founding in 1895 as one of the oldest clubs of its kind in the country. Gallery open Thursday-Sunday.

VECTOR SPACE

402 Fifth St. | vectorspace.org

A makerspace and community workshop with the mission to foster innovation and creativity. Join them for classes, workshops and First Friday's of each month.

PERFORMING ARTS

OPERA ON THE JAMES

operaonthejames.org

A professional opera company with performances throughout the year, offering an intensely emotional experience of world class, live opera.

LYNCHBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

lynchburgsymphony.org

A professional, community-based orchestra performing in LYH for more than 30 years. Concerts and diverse events are scheduled throughout the year.

ENDSTATION THEATRE COMPANY

endstationtheatre.org

Endstation produces professional, outdoor theater featuring new works, re-interpretations of classical plays, and original dramatic productions based on the historical, current and cultural events specific to Central Virginia.

WOLFBANE PRODUCTIONS

wolfbane.org

A company of passionate artists dedicated to providing unrestricted and inclusive experiences and cultural events to Central Virginia.

COMMERCE STREET THEATER

1022 Commerce St. | commercestreettheater.org

Producing community theater in an intimate black box theatre in Downtown Lynchburg; performances scheduled throughout the year.

RENAISSANCE THEATER

301 Grove St. | renaissancetheatrelynchburg.org

Producing community theater in the historic Miller Center Theatre; performances scheduled throughout the year.

JEFFERSON CHORAL SOCIETY

jeffersonchoralsociety.org

The largest volunteer adult choir in Central Virginia, featuring a variety of performances including choral masterworks, Broadway show tunes, folk and popular music.

More LYH Arts at lynchburgvirginia.org/things-to-do/arts-culture

MEET CHRISTINA DAVIS, MURALIST

Christina Davis is an art instructor, devoted mother and wife, a locavore, painter and muralist. Collaborating with local businesses to create art in the community that promotes a diverse LYH is her passion. "Art allows us to have serious, fun, and heartfelt conversations."



WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE YOU HAVE SEEN IN LYH?

A performance by *Opera on the James*. I had only seen opera on TV and it was crazy to see a professional show in my hometown.

WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING GALLERY TO VISIT?

Riverviews Artspace because they have more than one gallery and many hallways and studios with a focus on emerging artists. You never know what you may see there!

NAME A PUBLIC ART PIECE IN LYH THAT YOU MUST SEE.

Check out the *Midtown Outdoor Art Gallery*, it's free! Plus don't forget to go see my mural "Make Waves" [at 1208 Thurman Ave].

WHAT IS A FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE?

My daughter and I like hiking on the *Blackwater Creek Trail* or in *Peaks View* or *Riverside Parks*. On the weekends, I can be found driving the mountains with the family [and lots of tasty treats packed in the car!] Also love to visit the sloth, toucan and stingrays at *SeaQuest* in *River Ridge Mall*.

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Home to regionally and nationally ranked colleges and universities, LYH has been named among the top college towns in the U.S. and the No. 1 Place for Millennials. Our higher education institutions grant more than 20,000 degrees annually.



UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG

1501 Lakeside Dr. | lynchburg.edu

Founded in 1903, the University of Lynchburg today is a comprehensive university with nearly 3,000 students spread across 40 buildings. *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review*, and *Colleges of Distinction* have all recognized the University of Lynchburg as one of the best private institutions in the nation. The university encourages worldly experiences with nearly a third of students completing study abroad programs. The University of Lynchburg offers undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as three doctorate programs and an array of professional certifications.

RANDOLPH COLLEGE

2500 Rivermont Ave. | randolphcollege.edu

Randolph College may only have 700 students, but it makes a big impact. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Randolph College among the nation's top liberal arts colleges, and *The Princeton Review* ranked it the ninth most green college in America. Randolph College is consistently written up in the prestigious *Fiske Guide to Colleges* for its academic programs, small class sizes, picturesque campus and diverse, close-knit community. Founded in 1891 as Randolph-Macon Woman's College, the school changed its name in 2007 and welcomed its first coed class.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

1971 University Blvd. | liberty.edu

Liberty University, founded in 1971, today attracts students from all 50 states and more than 80 countries with its 700 programs of study, including undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees. While 15,000 students are on campus, another 95,000 attend online, making Liberty University Virginia's largest college and the fifth largest in the nation. The city's largest employer, Liberty University staffs 8,000 local residents. Liberty is also home to NCAA Division 1 athletics and a strong community service program — students volunteer 500,000 hours annually. In the most recent economic impact study, local spending associated with the university totaled more than \$500 million.

VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG

2058 Garfield Ave. | vul.edu

With around 300 students, Virginia University of Lynchburg is one of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). The city's oldest college has roots dating back to the 1886 session of the Virginia Baptist State Convention. Just 21 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, African American church leaders founded the school to educate the Black community and prepare them for paid jobs in careers of their choice. A 2014 report of the state's HBCUs revealed Virginia University of Lynchburg generates \$10 million in total economic impact for its local and regional economies.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3506 Wards Rd. | centralvirginia.edu

Central Virginia Community College ensures its graduates master the latest skills and technology so they can enter the workforce with expertise and innovation. Around 3,500 students are enrolled in more than 50 academic and career training programs, ranging from business and health care to engineering, manufacturing and IT. Students can obtain an associate's degree in a variety of programs, as well as certificates for their chosen industry.

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE

134 Chapel Rd. | sbc.edu

Sweet Briar College's campus in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains is more than just a beautiful place. Its 2,840 acres of farmlands and vineyards, forest and wetlands, meadows and historic buildings are a learning lab that helps students write their own future.

CENTRA COLLEGE OF NURSING

905 Lakeside Dr. | Centracollege.edu

Established in 1912, Centra College of Nursing is committed to providing excellent care to patients through the development of professional nurses. The college offers nursing certification programs like Registered Nurses, Associate Nursing, Practical Nursing, and Nurse Aids.

MEET SEIYA NOMURA, UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG STUDENT

Seiya Nomura completed his undergraduate degree in Communications at the University of Lynchburg and is currently working on a Masters in Educational Leadership. Seiya works in the University's Office of Multicultural Services as well as with Interfaith Outreach Association in Downtown Lynchburg. When he's not studying, Seiya enjoys walking on the *Blackwater Creek Trail*, going to *Rise Up Climbing* or bowling at *AMF Lanes*.



FAVORITE OFF-CAMPUS HANGOUT?

To me, the best off-campus hangout is *Jo Jo Pizza* on Lakeside Dr. They have great food and drink for a college-budget-friendly price and they do various activities throughout the week, like karaoke and live music!

WHERE DO YOU TAKE YOUR PARENTS FOR DINNER?

When my family or my girlfriend's family come to town, we usually go downtown to eat because of the diverse selection of quality restaurants like *My Dog Duke's Diner*, *Bootleggers*, *Depot Grille*, *Benny Scarpetta's*, and *The Water Dog*.

BEST BUDGET-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE?

When it's been a week since payday and you're on a budget, I think the best experience in LYH is the *Community Market* on Saturday mornings. There are local farmers selling produce, small food establishments, like *Philippine Delight*, that won't hurt your budget, and local crafts, artisan teas, wines, honey, jewelry and more that you can enjoy while on a budget!

ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS



LIBERTY MOUNTAIN SNOWFLEX CENTRE

4000 Candlers Mountain Rd
liberty.edu/campusrec/snowflex/

Year-round skiing, snowboarding, and tubing on a synthetic multi-layered surface with some of the best views of Lynchburg.



LYNCHBURG HILLCATS

3180 Fort Ave. | milb.com/lynchburg

Take in a night at the ballpark with the Lynchburg Hillcats, a low-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians baseball team. Concessions, kids activities, group seating, and sky boxes available.



RISE UP CLIMBING

1225 Church St. | riseupclimbing.com

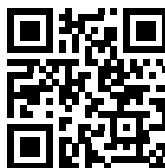
An indoor playground of climbing walls and simulated boulders, the gym provides 6,000 sq. ft. of climbing with nearly 40 routes that change on a regular basis.



SEAQUEST

3405 Candlers Mountain Rd.
lynchburg.visitseaquest.com

SeaQuest brings the majestic wonders of our planet, ranging from rainforests and deserts to exotic marine life, to LYH. Open daily.



SCAN FOR A FULL LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN LYH

GETTING AROUND



LYH MUSEUM & VISITOR SERVICES

901 Court St. | lynchburgvirginia.org | [434] 485-7290

Start your LYH visit at the Lynchburg Museum & Visitor Services, where friendly staff will assist you with all there is to see and do in the City of Lynchburg and surrounding region. Whether you want to soak up the City's rich history, spend a day brewery hopping or hit the trails, our staff will help you find your next adventure.



LYNCHBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT

350 Terminal Dr. | flylyh.com

Lynchburg's largest travel hub with daily all-jet service to and from Charlotte, NC (CLT), the Lynchburg Regional Airport (LYH) provides a variety of flight times for all passengers. Located at the intersection of Route 29 South and Route 460, getting anywhere in the City is a breeze.



AMTRAK

825 Kemper St. | amtrak.com

Servicing the Northeast Regional and Crescent lines, the Kemper St. Station (LYH) offers daily Amtrak service to points north and south. The historic station is also an intermodal center served by Greyhound and intercity buses.



GREATER LYNCHBURG TRANSIT COMPANY (GLTC)

800 Kemper St. | gltconline.com

GLTC operates 14 bus routes within the City of Lynchburg and a portion of Madison Heights, Monday through Friday, from 5:00am-10:15pm, and 10 routes on Saturday between 6:00am-10:15pm.

MEET AMY CORBETT, FOUNDER OF ALL BELONG CO

Amy Corbett is the founder of *All Belong Co*, a hospitality business based in LYH with over 25 Airbnb destinations. With each Airbnb location, Amy creates curated experiences to ensure guests will have a fun and unique experience in LYH. "We're dedicated to providing inviting spaces where anyone can belong. We offer consulting, design, and hosting services to homeowners looking to join our Collective while welcoming hundreds of guests to our city each year!"



TOP THINGS FOR A FAMILY TO DO/ SEE IN LYH FOR A WEEKEND?

There is so much to see and explore in Downtown Lynchburg. Start at the LOVE sign and walk out to *Percival's Island Bridge*. Grab lunch at *Waterstone Pizza* and head over to *Amazement Square* with the kids. Finish off with a glass of wine from *Reserve* or apple cider donuts from *Mama Crockett's*.

MOST LUXURIOUS EXPERIENCE IN LYH?

The *Craddock Terry Hotel* renovated from an old shoe factory in Downtown LYH offers romantic rustic interiors,

soaking bathtubs, and even breakfast served in a vintage wooden shoe box. Indulge in a fine dining experience at *Shoemakers American Grille*, located inside the historic hotel.

FAVORITE SPOT TO STAY FOR A GROUP OR FAMILY?

The *Acorn Hill Lodge* has several family suite rooms that make staying in a group a breeze! Our featured Airbnbs "*Church Street Loft*" and "*The Nest*" are located downtown and sleep up to five. We also have several Airbnbs that accommodate up to 16 people.

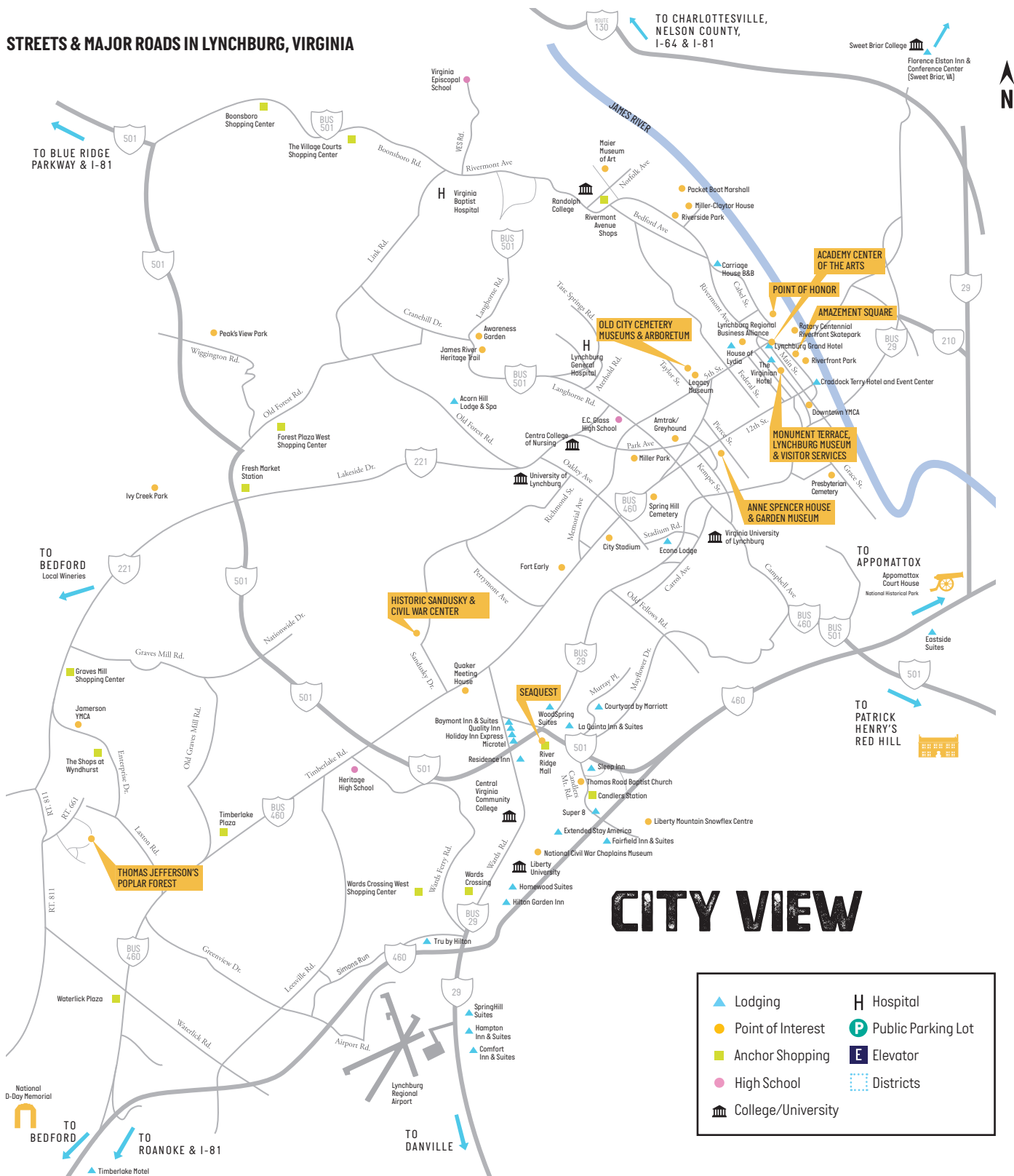
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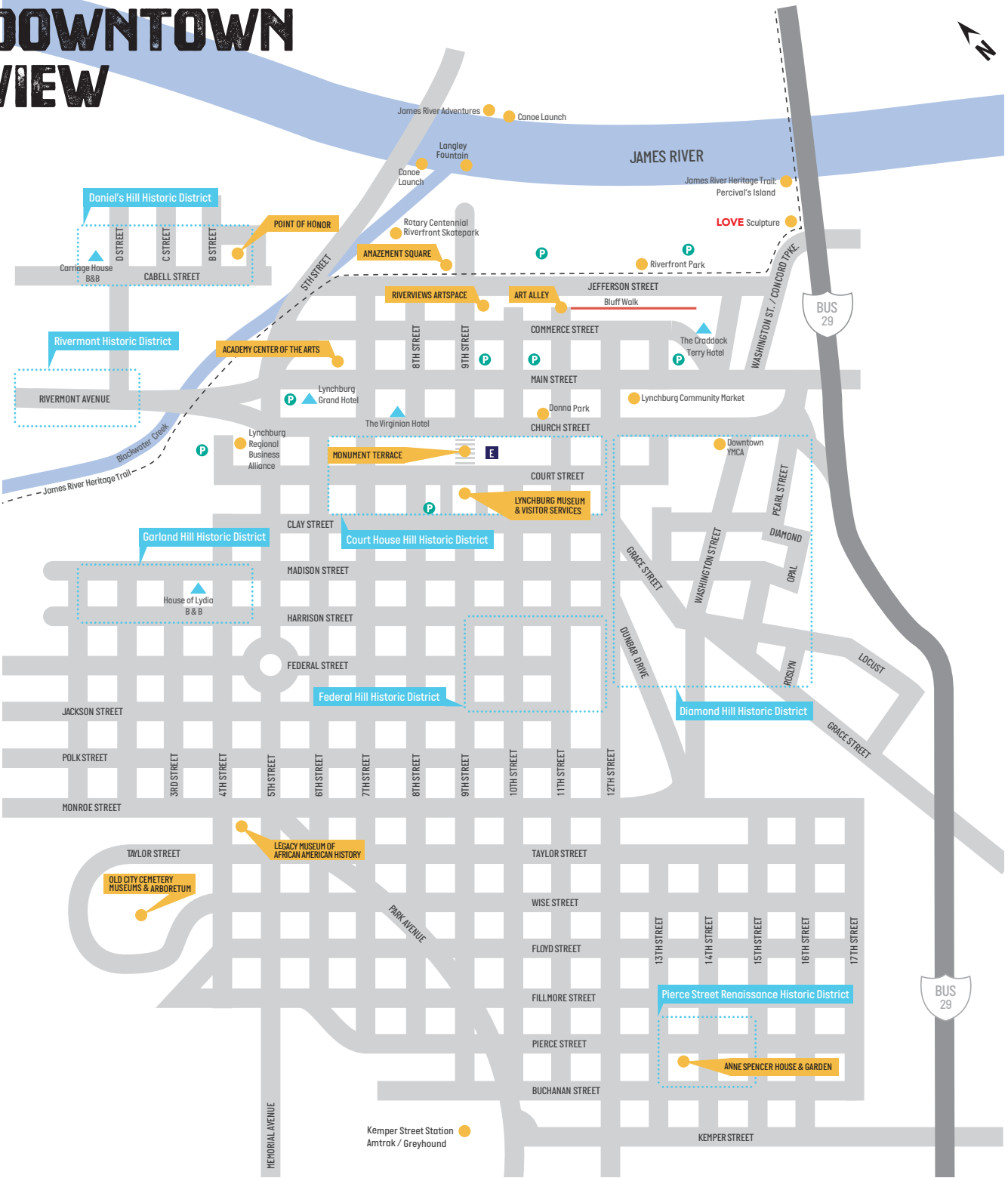
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MORE PLACES TO STAY

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBSITE	Free Breakfast	Pool	Pet Friendly	Meeting Space
Acorn Hill Lodge	2134 Old Forest Rd.	(434) 528-0983	acornhilllodge.com				
Baymont by Wyndham	2815 Candler's Mountain Rd.	(434) 509-4094	wyndhamhotels.com/baymont				
Carriage House B&B	404 Cabell St.	(434) 846-1388	thecarriagehouseinnbandb.com				
Comfort Inn & Suites	15001 Wards Rd.	(434) 266-1111	choicehotels.com				
Courtyard by Marriott	4640 Murray Pl.	(434) 846-7900	marriott.com/courtyard				
Craddock Terry Hotel & Event Center	1312 Commerce St.	(434) 455-1500	craddockterryhotel.com				
East Side Suites	109 Holcomb Path Rd.	(434) 845-8100	eastsidesuites.com				
Econo Lodge	2400 Stadium Rd.	(434) 847-1045	choicehotels.com				
Extended Stay America	1910 University Blvd.	(434) 239-8863	extendedstayamerica.com				
Fairfield Inn & Suites	3777 Candler's Mountain Rd.	(434) 845-1700	fairfield.marriott.com				
Hampton Inn & Suites	3600 Liberty Mountain Dr.	(434) 608-1224	hamptoninn3.hilton.com				
Hilton Garden Inn	4025 Wards Rd.	(434) 239-3006	hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com				
Holiday Inn Express	5600 Seminole Ave.	(434) 237-7771	ihg.com/holidayinnexpress				
Homewood Suites by Hilton	4021 Wards Rd.	(434) 333-6828	homewoodsuites3.hilton.com				
House of Lydia	313 Madison St.	(703) 966-1032	houseoflydiabb.com				
La Quinta Inn & Suites	3320 Candler's Mountain Rd.	(434) 509-4150	laquintalynchburg.com				
The Lynchburg Grand Hotel	601 Main St.	(434) 528-2500	lynchburggrandhotel.com				
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham	5704 Seminole Ave.	(434) 239-2300	wyndhamhotels.com/microtel				
Quality Inn	5604 Seminole Ave.	(434) 237-2704	choicehotels.com				
Residence Inn by Marriott	2630 Wards Rd.	(434) 616-4000	residence-inn.marriott.com				
Sleep Inn	3620 Candler's Mountain Rd.	(434) 846-6900	choicehotels.com				
SpringHill Suites	15171 Wards Rd.	(434) 237-5848	springhillsuites.marriott.com				
Super 8 Motel	3736 Candler's Mountain Rd.	(434) 485-5685	wyndhamhotels.com/super-8				
Timberlake Motel	19980 Lynchburg Highway	(434) 525-2160	timberlakemotel.net				
The Virginian, A Curio Collection by Hilton	712 Church St.	(434) 329-3200	curiocollection3.hilton.com				
Tru by Hilton	650 Simons Run	(434) 772-1610	tru3.hilton.com				
WoodSpring Suites	310 Border Street	(434) 509-0994	woodspring.com				

STREETS & MAJOR ROADS IN LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA



DOWNTOWN VIEW



MY LYH WISHLIST



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