



YOUR GUIDE TO RVA

LOCAL GUIDE RICHMOND

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WELCOME,

to RVA!

RICHMOND is such a great place to live! I put together this guide for you so you can dive right in and find your place in our community. I'm not only your real estate agent, I'm also your neighbor. I want you to love this place as much as I do, so hold onto this guide for future reference and remember I'm always a phone call (and a few streets!) away!



Whether you are a young professional or a family with children, Richmond has something amazing to offer. There are plenty of various neighborhoods that you can call home and perks to each. I am here to help you navigate the home side but this guide can help you start to explore the fun stuff too!

As always, you can reach out to me anytime with questions!



FAVORITE LOCAL ACCOUNTS

to follow

Stay up to date with the newest activities, restaurants, and events in the Richmond area. Below are a few of my favorite local Instagram accounts that share the best features of our area.

GENERAL EVENTS & FOOD/BEVERAGE

- [@thervaguide](#)
- [@thesouthsideguide](#)
- [@rvahappyhours](#)
- [@richmondmag](#)
- [@rvahub](#)
- [@therichmondexperience](#)
- [@rtdnews](#)



FOR PARENTS

[@thewestendmom](#)

IMPORTANT WEBSITES & INFO

if you're moving here

The next few pages contain links to the various county and town websites where you can learn about everything from tax rates to the parks and recreation programs in those areas.

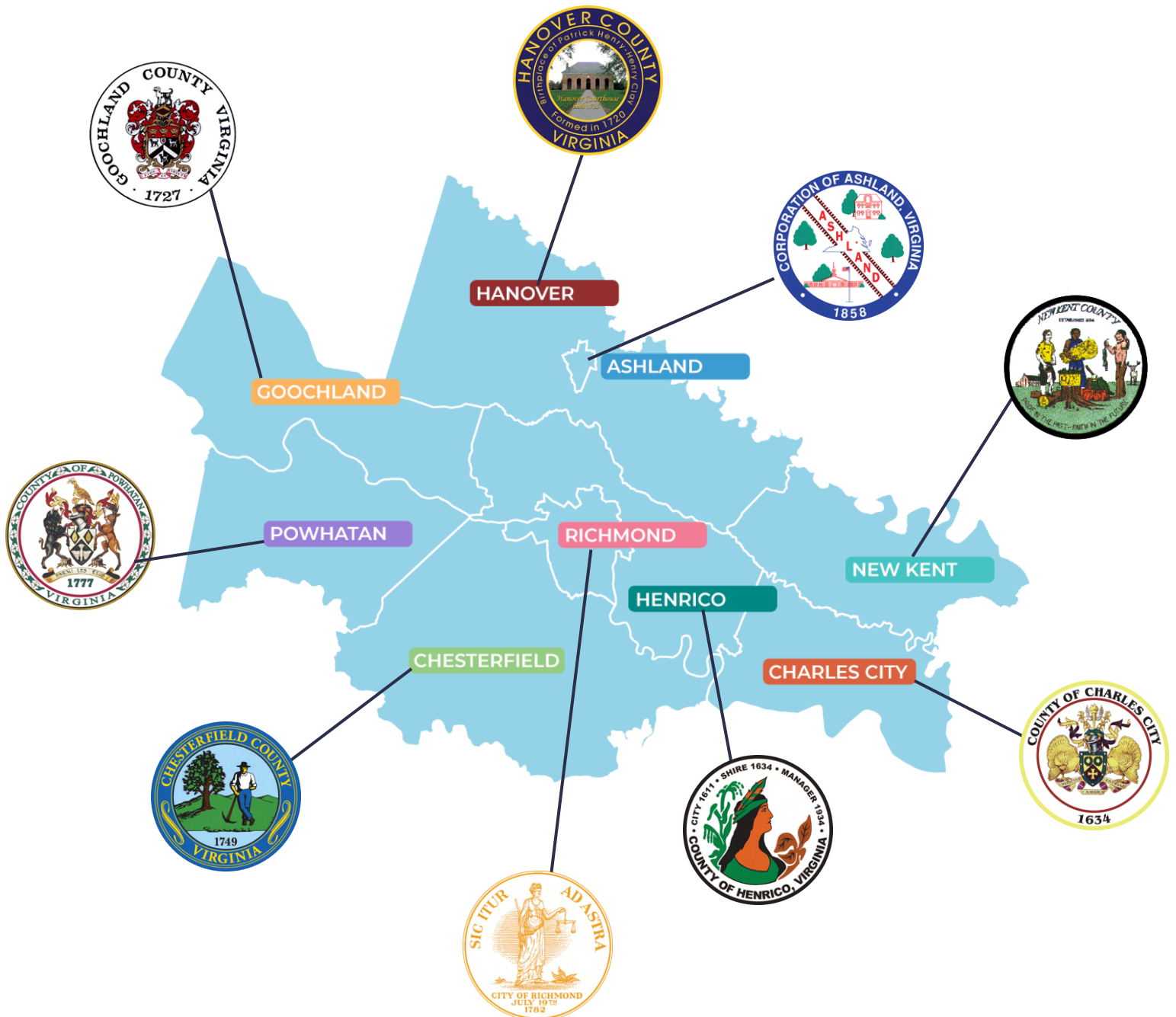
If you are just here for the local recommendations, skip to page 8!



COUNTY WEBSITES

to save

Click on the county seal to open their respective page.





SCHOOL

Websites

Please note that real estate agents are not legally allowed to comment on schools. The links listed are to assist you in further investigating the local school administrations and what may be the best fit your student's needs.

[VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION](#)

[HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

[CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

[HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

[NEW KENT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

[POWHATAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

[GOOCHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

[RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

[VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS](#)

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

when home searching

Here are a few important websites to have on hand when you begin your home search. These will help you explore specific areas in more detail and learn more before investing in an area.



01

Virginia Disclosure Act

This website includes the disclosures provided to buyers and sellers when participating in a real estate transaction.

02

Virginia State Police

This one isn't fun to think about but it is good to have this website on hand, if needed. Use this website to search the State Police's database for sex offenders that may live in the area.

03

Spot Crime

Another helpful website to view crimes that have been committed in a specific area or radius around a home.

NOW TO THE *fun stuff*

Now we can move on to some of my favorite spots in RVA! The following pages include restaurant recommendations, shops, parks (for kids and dogs!), and some day trip spots that are a short drive from Richmond.



A FEW OF MY FAVORITE

Restaurants

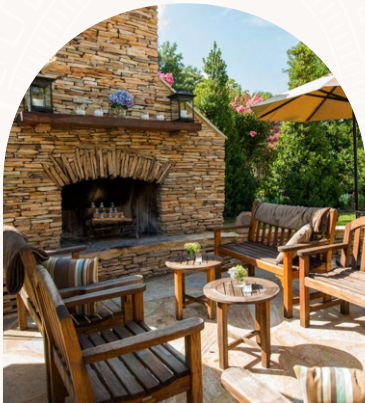


Julep's

420 E. Grace Street | Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://juleps.net>

The professional and friendly staff, elegant atmosphere and charm of this historic building create a hospitable setting as you savor a fresh mix of flavor that captures the flare of Atlanta, Charleston, New Orleans and Savannah.



Portico

12506 River Road | Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://porticorichmond.com>

Portico is in a charming cottage nestled on River Road; Its Country setting is reminiscent of Napa Valley's Wine Country or Italy's Portofino.



Can Can Brasserie

3120 w Cary Street | Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://www.cancanrva.com>

Situated in the eastern wing of Richmond's oldest operating shopping center, Can Can was constructed to look and feel as if it has been lifted from the left bank of Paris (circa 1900) and dropped into the heart of Carytown.

RESTAURANTS

continued



Shagbark

4901 Libbie Mill East Blvd, Suite 175 | Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://www.shagbarkrva.com/>

At Shagbark, they showcase the enormous bounty of Virginia by becoming a stage for local farmers, fisherman, and artisans.



Lunch.Supper!

1213 - 1215 Summit Ave | Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://www.lunchorsupper.com>

LUNCH. | SUPPER! is a place where folks can come as they are for good food and gracious hospitality at a fair price.



Stella's

1012 Lafayette Street | Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://stellasrichmond.com>

Stella's honors rustic and modern Greek cuisine, bringing the freshest ingredients and Mediterranean fare table side.

AREA ACTIVITIES

for kids & families

01 Metro Richmond Zoo

From hundreds of animals to rope courses and presentations.

02 Children's Museum

An opportunity for the whole family to learn and play together.

03 Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball

Catch a game and enjoy the entertainment for kids of all ages!

04 Maymont Children's Farm

Spend some time outside visiting the farm animals and exploring the many trails!

05 Science Museum of Virginia

From exhibits and films to live demos, there are endless ways to entertain your kids here.

06 Truck and Tractor Museum

Have a truck or tractor lover? They will love this spot!

playgrounds

My kids think they are "experts" in playgrounds around the Richmond area. Here are their favorites:

Park365 | Richmond, VA

Deep Run Park | Henrico, VA

Crump Park Playground | Henrico, VA

Short Pump Park | Henrico, VA

Children's Garden at Lewis Ginter | Richmond, VA

Pine Fork Park | New Kent, VA

Rockwood Park | Chesterfield, VA

R. Garland Dodd Park | Chesterfield, VA

NEIGHBORHOOD

dog parks

We can't forget the furry friends! Here are the dog parks that receive the highest marks from RVA's dogs.



01

Short Pump Dog Park

The Short Pump Park Dog Park has separate areas for small and large dogs, each surfaced by a synthetic grass .

02

Chester Dog Park at Goyne Park

This park has a large fenced area with trees for dogs to run as wild as they want.

03

Pole Green Dog Park

This spot has agility equipment, water stations, a time out pen, and benches.

04

Chimborazo Dog Park

Church Hill Dog Park is located on the eastern lower terrace of the park.

RVA

Bucket List

Go on a bike ride on the [Virginia Capital Trail](#).

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Attend a Signature Food Festival like [Broad Appetit](#) or the [Greek Festival](#).

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Take in the view of RVA from [Libby Hill Park](#).

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Stroll through [Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens](#).

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Explore some of Richmond's best beers at a local brewery from [RVA's Beer Trail](#).

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Spend some time learning something new at the [Science Museum of Virginia](#).

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Enjoy a margarita at Casa Del Barco along the [Richmond Canal Walk](#).

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Walk/run and experience the energy at the [Monument Avenue 10k](#).

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Experience the premier outdoor sports and music festival at [Dominion Riverrock](#).

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Taste your way through the city on a [Discover Richmond Food Tour](#).

☐

Relish in the impressive collections at the [Virginia Museum of Fine Arts](#).

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Walk the suspension bridge to explore [Belle Isle](#).

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Take a [guided paddle board or kayaking adventure](#) on the James River.

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Enjoy an afternoon tea at the [Jefferson Hotel](#).

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MY FAVORITE SHOPS

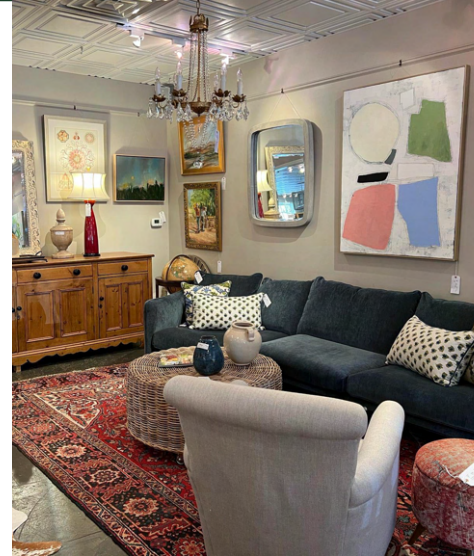
for home decor

Revival Consignment - for Furniture & Art

9750 Gayton Road, Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://www.revivalconsignment.com/>

Revival Consignment is an artful arrangement of beautiful things. They curate the best of Richmond's wares, and create a high-low mix with a vibrant energy. They also have a great collection of art for your home or gifting!



Project 1 Home Furnishings

2021 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://www.project1home.com>

In their retail space you will find timeless antique furniture, mid-century modern classics and everything in between. They have a great selection of original art, accessories, and lighting as well.



Beckon Home

7226B Patterson Avenue | Richmond, VA

🌐 <https://www.beckonhome.com>

Mainly a designer showroom, they also sell a great deal of home decor, artwork, and home furnishings in bright colors. They are located along "The Avenues" in the Westhampton area of Richmond, where you can find tons of great shopping and dining.



MY FAVORITE SHOPS

for gifting

Relics to Rhinestones

5726 Patterson Avenue, *Richmond, VA*

🌐 <https://www.relicstorhinestones.com>

Relics to Rhinestones is a lifestyle boutique stocking everything from home decor, baby gifts to clothing, jewelry & accessories. You are sure to find something for that hard to shop for friend or family member. Plus - they will wrap it for you!



The Shops at 5807

5807 Patterson Avenue, *Richmond, VA*

🌐 <https://www.shop5807.com>

A one-stop shop for home decor, clothing, jewelry, stationary, and accessories galore, it is Richmond's go-to spot for finding the perfect gift for any occasion or something special for yourself. If you head here, prepare to see me because I can't stay away for more than a few days.



Ladles & Linens Kitchen Shoppe

3016 W Cary Street | *Richmond, VA*

🌐 <https://ladlesandlinens.com>

A fun stop for everything you need for a kitchen party! They have a wonderfully crafted selection of gifts, cookbooks, servingware, gadgets, and more!



MY FAVORITE SHOPS

for the kids

1Z 2Z 3Z

401 Libbie Avenue, *Richmond, VA*

🌐 <https://1z2z3zshop.com>

If you're looking for a luxury baby gift or high quality outfits for any holiday, then you need to stop here. They have a great selection and even better customer service. They also have a great pop-up in the back of the store with amazing gifts and fun things for grown ups too.



World of Mirth

305 W Cary Street, *Richmond, VA*

🌐 <https://worldofmirth.com>

A quirky toy store with gifts and treasures for kids of all ages. Explore all of Carytown while you're at it - known as Richmond's "Mile of Style."



bbgb Tales for Kids

3003 W Cary Street | *Richmond, VA*

🌐 <https://www.bbgbbooks.com>

Just down the street from World of Mirth, you will find this precious book store that feels like a step back in time, before the days of Amazon. They have an amazing selection of books and other educational accessories.



EASY DAY TRIPS FROM

Richmond, VA

- 01** Virginia Beach/Sandbridge
Need a dose of salty air? Head to the Virginia Coast!
- 02** Washington DC
The Nation's capital is only about 2 hours away from RVA.
- 03** Wintergreen Resort
If hiking and skiing are more your style, you will love Wintergreen.
- 04** Richmond Historical Plantations
Head down Route 5 for a history trip to various plantations.
- 05** The Tides Inn
Head to what locals call "The Rivah" and enjoy a stay here.
- 06** Keswick Hall
A luxury resort experience in Charlottesville, VA.
- 07** Appalachian Trail
Grab your hiking boots, Virginia has more of the AT than any other state.
- 08** Carter Mountain Orchards
Pick your own fruit & enjoy delicious apple cider donuts.
- 09** Devil's Backbone Brewing
Popular Virginia brewery in Nelson Couty.
- 10** New Kent Winery
A boutique winery experience in New Kent County.
- 11** Busch Gardens
If amusement parks are your thing, Busch Gardens is an easy drive towards Williamsburg.
- 12** Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
Visit the primary plantation home of Thomas Jefferson.

LET'S EXPLORE!

I hope these lists give you some fun ideas of places to explore in your new city. I think you will love it here! If you are looking for something that isn't on this list, please reach out to me! I am happy to recommend everything from preschools to local fitness centers to help make your transition to Richmond as smooth as possible.

If you're ready to look into the process of buying a home in the area, please click the button below to get started on my 5 day Home Buyer E-Bootcamp.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE HOME BUYER BOOTCAMP](#)

If you enjoyed this document, keep your eyes peeled for my seasonal guides with upcoming events and activities for each season. You can stay up to date by following my Instagram, where I will share when the guides are released. If we haven't met yet, I look forward to meeting you soon!

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