

SO MUCH  
TO SEE,  
SO MUCH  
TO DO.



VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS



Your go-to guide for everything you can see in SoSi.



**VISITOR GUIDE**  
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# WELCOME

Danville and Pittsylvania County offer scenic farmers markets and historic main street communities, traditional and one-of-a-kind museums, internationally recognized competitions and award-winning trails and waterways. Whether visitors come for family friendly excursions or decidedly more adult-ish night-on-the town itineraries, we offer warm hospitality and abundant activities, unique delights and plenty of adventure.

Our story is filled with dramatic history, much of which follows the highs and lows of a larger American narrative. Of course, the region is honoring this important past, but this is a moment of transformation and, make no mistake, we are also fully focused on the future.

Spurred by vision and armed with incredible opportunity and momentum, our area is uncommonly friendly, welcoming, unassuming, but knowingly proud. The people here found this place before it was famous. We built this community before it was cool, and now suddenly, everyone else is recognizing the value locals have always known.

Tradition, vision and investment have converged. And, seemingly every day, there is another great idea being brought to life. Opportunity is everywhere here, and innovation and enthusiasm are spurring smart growth and impactful infrastructure development.

The best part is, we want to share it all with YOU. Welcome to SoSi.

**LISA K. MERIWETHER**  
Tourism Manager  
Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism

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SEE WHAT MAKES  
US SO GREAT.

# TOBACCO & TEXTILES

Located in the heart of Southern Virginia on the banks of the Dan River, the settlement of Wynne's Falls became the village of Danville when the state General Assembly designated it as a tobacco inspection station in 1793. Danville grew steadily throughout the 19th century, and its reputation in the tobacco industry grew along with it. Danville became known as "The World's Best Tobacco Market," Virginia's largest market for bright leaf tobacco. It was also the birthplace of innovative sales practices such as the "Danville System" of tobacco auctions, featuring the now iconic chants of the auctioneers.

Tobacco profits also helped fund Danville's second largest industry: textiles. In 1882, local businessmen founded Riverside Cotton Mills, later known as Dan River, Inc., which became the largest single-unit textile mill in the world. While the early textile buildings were located in the business section of town,



**KARICE LUCK-BRIMMER**  
Historian, Our  
History Matters

"I love to take the backroads of Pittsylvania County and drive along 360, 729, Spring Garden, Riceville Rd, and the Motley area where so many of the older homes remain such as Sharswood. Motley Mills is a site to see with the beautiful waterfall. They have an abundance of old barns and relics of the past to admire along the drive."

THE  
LOCALS  
GUIDE

What's your favorite area to  
admire historical buildings?

the industry also built an entire mill complex and village south of Danville, called Schoolfield, shortly after the turn of the 20th century.

The concentration of wealth in Danville became evident in its architecture, from dozens of brick tobacco warehouses and textile mills in downtown to impressive churches and mansions up Main Street hill. Danville's first skyscraper in 1922 added to the blossoming architectural landscape.

**The Old West End Historic District**, popularly known as **Millionaires' Row**, is a national historic district and showcases one of the finest and most concentrated collections of Victorian and Edwardian residential architecture in Virginia and North Carolina. Since the 1990s, most of the homes along **Millionaires' Row**, along with many fine residences on side streets, have been renovated, often returning these structures to single family homes from apartments.

The vibrant downtown is only one piece of our important history. Our geography offers convenient proximity to not only North Carolina, but Smith Mountain Lake, Martinsville, South Boston and Lynchburg. As Virginia's largest county by land area, Pittsylvania County has plenty of space to roam free and enjoy a leisurely drive. The county's rolling hillsides, farmlands and small towns speckle the countryside, showcasing the tobacco fields upon which our legacy was made.



### KATTIE SAUNDERS

**Economic Development Project Manager, Pittsylvania County**  
"Millionaires' Row is one of my favorite historic areas in Danville. When driving by these historic houses, I just think to myself 'if only walls could talk.'"

## SO, ABOUT CHARM...



Carrington Pavilion

**Our city has managed to maintain** its small-town charm, all while embracing a promising future already receiving national attention. As a premier area for new investment and development, **Danville's Tobacco Warehouse and Residential District** is a hub of industry and cultural activities. Those old tobacco warehouses where it all started are now used for businesses and housing with the **Crossing at the Dan** as a main focal point. Housed in a restored train station is one of **Danville's Science Center's** exhibits, **Crescent Crossing**. This train-themed exhibit is dedicated to preschool-age children, introducing them to important science, technology and math fundamentals. The freight station was even remodeled into a community market now used as a farmers market and venue space. **The Crossing** also offers access to the **Riverwalk Trail** and the **Carrington Pavilion** for your favorite summer concerts.



# SO NEW AND EXCITING

Danville's exciting renovations include the **River District**, offering a fresh look to Main and Craghead streets with new sidewalks, benches, landscaping and more. Perhaps one of the most exciting future developments is the historic **Dan River Falls**. Once referred to as the White Mill, the long-vacant building will be transformed from its original role as part of a sprawling textile operation into a community hub. Development will include a mixture of complementary uses; housing, office, and retail, nestled within a planned new riverfront park to be enjoyed by all.

*"This is an important moment in the history of the city of Danville to have a building that has been around for more than 100 years and played an*

Dan River Falls  
Coming Fall 2024



*important role in our community for a long time to be brought back to life,"* says Corrie Bobe, Director of the Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism.

Caesars Virginia  
Coming Winter 2024



Explore all the River District has to offer! The Distrx app also has guided walking tours, a calendar of events and parking information.



Coming Winter 2024, **Caesars Virginia** in Danville is a \$650 million, newly-constructed destination resort and casino. The property will include 500 rooms, a full-service spa, pool, fitness center, and high-quality bars and restaurants. Keeping the action hot, there will be a world-class casino gaming floor with over 1,300 cutting edge slot machines, 85 live table games and 24 electronic table games. To continue the tradition of providing a best-in-class sports betting experience, guests will enjoy a Caesars Sportsbook, along with a legendary WSOP Poker Room. This incredible resort, worthy of the iconic Caesars brand, will create a unique experience to accommodate all sorts of events with its 2,500-seat state-of-the-art live entertainment theater and 51,300 square feet of meeting and convention space.

855-633-8238, [caesars.com/caesars-virginia](https://caesars.com/caesars-virginia)



Coming Fall 2024

Danville's **Riverfront Park** is anticipated to be the region's premier public space that will provide a variety of passive and active recreational amenities. Located in the heart of **River District**, every component of this park has been designed in a way that will provide opportunities for everyone to access and enjoy this high-quality space.



Riverfront Park  
Coming Fall 2024



# SO LONG, BOREDOM.



## GET OUTSIDE

Outdoor lovers will find so much to do in Danville and Pittsylvania County. Our Parks & Recreation departments work hard to provide beautiful outdoor spaces and programs for our community, with over 35 miles of mountain bike trails, 13 miles of **Riverwalk Trail**, over 1,000 acres of parks, 23 playgrounds, 25 athletic fields, ropes course, disc golf course, zipline and even a skate park!

### THE LOCALS GUIDE

Where do you spend your weekends for outdoor fun?

Danville is home to **Anglers Ridge**, one of the longest single-track mountain biking trails in the region, with a partnership between **Anglers Ridge Trail Association** and **Danville Parks and Recreation**. At 35+ miles, the network offers a variety of trails for multiple experience levels, and you'll admire various sections with roots, rock gardens and switchbacks, plus obstacles like log pyramids, berms and



**ADAM GOEBEL**

Executive Director,  
Danville Science  
Center

"For weekend outdoor fun, I enjoy visiting Smith Mountain Lake and the White Oak Mountain Wildlife Refuge in Pittsylvania County."





### ANGELA & STEVE DELGIORNO

Owners, Crema & Vine and  
Crema Express Restaurants  
“No matter the season, we love  
the Riverwalk Trail.”

bridges. The trail system also hosts several annual special events, including mountain bike races and trail runs. Hikers and trail runners are also invited to enjoy scenic views; the system can be accessed from **Anglers Park** or **Dan Daniel Memorial Park**.

#### Our Local Parks:

- Anglers Park
- Ballou Park
- Dan Daniel Memorial Park
- Evans Park
- Pittsylvania Wayside Park
- Ringgold Rail Trail

For a more comprehensive list, visit:

**Danville Parks and Recreation:** [danvilleva.gov](http://danvilleva.gov)

**Pittsylvania County Parks and Recreation:**  
[pittsylvaniacountyva.gov](http://pittsylvaniacountyva.gov)

**Anglers Ridge Association:** [anglersridgetrails.org](http://anglersridgetrails.org)



Ringgold Rail Trail

## SO MUCH GROWING



**Agritourism is a hot topic in our region**, offering visitors and locals the ability to enjoy rural activities like farming, wineries, ranching and even harvest-your-own activities. From **Farmhouse Butchery** in Chatham and **Emerson Road Farms** in Dry Fork, there's no shortage of agricultural experiences for you and the family. **Owen Farm** is a full-service operating farm, offering tours, pumpkin picking, corn mazes, summer camps and more. Hop on a hayride to visit the farm animals and take in the views, or take a nature walk to the cabin to delight in ducks, horses, cows and more.

#### **Farmhouse Butchery**

(434) 857-6027, 13926 US Hwy 29, Chatham 24531

#### **Emerson Road Farms**

(434) 334-4047, 333 Emerson Rd, Dry Fork 24549

#### **Owen Farm**

(434) 728-3410, 1668 Silvercreek Rd, Danville 24540





## SEE WHY WE'RE HOOKED

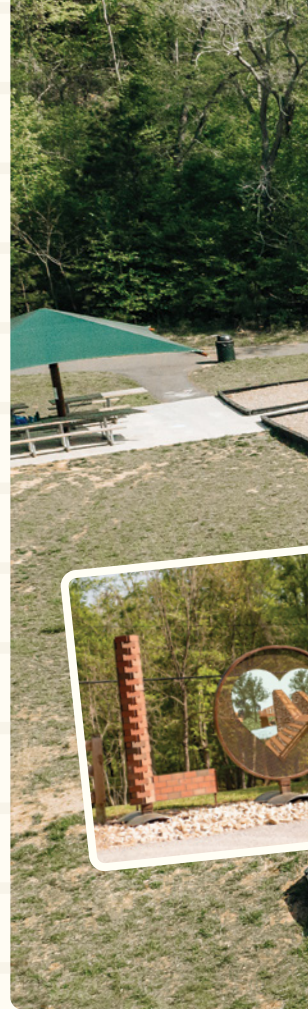
You'd be hard-pressed to find a region of locals who love fishing more than Danville and Pittsylvania County! **The Dan River** flows 214 miles in Virginia and North Carolina, fed along the way by five main tributaries — the **Smith, Mayo, Sandy, Hycó and Banister rivers**. Fishing enthusiasts can often be found on the banks of **Pigg River** in Pittsylvania County. Locals and visitors alike have so many options for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, birding, paddleboarding, swimming and more. Our proximity to **Smith Mountain Lake** lends to even more water activities, from fishing and sports to family-friendly lake fun. **Lake Burton** is a 76-acre reservoir located in Pittsylvania County, owned by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. The reservoir is stocked with various species of sportfish such as largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish.

Get Your Fishing License:  
[dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses](http://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses)

# PICTURE PERFECT PARKS

One of the more popular parks in Danville, **Dan Daniel Memorial Park** offers park goers an array of activities including ball fields, walking and nature trails and much more. Amenities include picnic shelters, mountain bike/hiking trails, **Riverwalk Trail**, soccer/football fields, little league baseball fields, playground and **Philip Wyatt Skate Park**. Dan Daniel is also home of the **Danville Otterbots**.

**Ballou Park** is not only home to ball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters and a playground, it is also one of the oldest municipal parks in Virginia. **Ballou Park** is a popular destination for family reunions, group picnics and is also home to **Ballou Recreation Center** and several large events such as **Festival in the Park**. Mile zero of the **Riverwalk Trail** can



### KARICE LUCK-BRIMMER

Historian, Our History Matters

"We have a beautiful landscape with some amazing new upgraded designs for our parks on the way. Our award-winning trails are second to none."





be found here! Amenities include a 27-hole disc golf course, softball/baseball field, tennis courts, playground, nature trail, picnic shelters and picnic sites.

Running along the beautiful waters of the **Sycamore Creek**, **Wayside Park** sits on more than 50 acres with a destination playground, pickleball courts, an amphitheater, a rentable pavilion and much more for families to enjoy. **Wayside Park** also features a beautiful Virginia **LOVE** sign.

Situated on the scenic Dan River, **Anglers Park** offers a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, biking, rugby and more! Amenities include public restrooms, a large picnic shelter,



five multi-use fields, a boat ramp, paved parking, river access, trails, bike wash station and the paved **Riverwalk Trail**.

**Dan Daniel Memorial Park**

*302 River Park Drive, Danville, VA 24540*

**Ballou Park** *760 West Main Street, Danville, VA 24541*

**Wayside Park** *1678 Main Street, Hurt, VA 24563*

**Anglers Park** *350 Northside Drive, Danville, VA 24540*





SO BEAUTIFUL. SEE FOR YOURSELF.

# PREMIER PERFORMANCES


You don't have to go far for award-winning arts and culture in our region, thanks to incredible performances found right here in SoSi!

**The Danville Symphony Orchestra**, which will celebrate its 31st anniversary in 2023, performs regionally, presenting a myriad of classical programming of the original works of the "Masters" and worthy lighter fare in its pops presentations. (434) 797-2666, 341 Main Street, Danville, VA 24541, [danvillesymphony.net](http://danvillesymphony.net)

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What are your favorite family-friendly activities to enjoy?

**The Danville Concert Association (DCA)** is the area's oldest presenter of professional musical and performing artists from around the world. Dating from the early 1950s, it has its roots in the Civic Music Association that launched Danville's first season of music in 1929. The **DCA** launched their first season in the fall of 1953 with opera. (434) 770-8400, [danville-concert.org](http://danville-concert.org)



Danville  
Concert  
Association

**STEVE DELGIORNO**  
Owner, Crema  
& Vine and  
Crema Express  
Restaurants

"We love the Danville Concert Association events, any live performances from our two community theater groups and programs at the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History."

**Smokestack Theatre Company** is a nonprofit organization serving Danville, Pittsylvania County and the surrounding region. Their theatre artist ensemble is dedicated to creating quality, exciting and transformative theatre for the cultural enrichment of the entire community. They strive to enhance our community through education and outreach to adults and children, providing innovative instruction and creative expression to inspire another generation of theatre artists. *319 Lynn Street, Danville, VA 24541, (434) 549-5445, [thesmokestack.org](http://thesmokestack.org)*



Smokestack Theatre Company



Historic North Theatre

complete \$3.5 million restoration. *629 N Main Street, Danville, VA 24540*

# STEAM TO STEM



Danville Science Center

**The Danville Science Center** has been the region's educational and cultural anchor since 1995. Over 50,000 guests each year are able to explore STEM concepts and skills thanks to interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, live demos, touring exhibitions, special events and incredible **Digital Dome Theater** presentations. The **Danville Science Center** is a part of **Richmond's Science Museum of Virginia**, inspiring Virginians to enrich their lives through science.

Danville Science Center: *(434) 791-5160, 677 Craghead Street, Danville, VA 24541, [dsc.smv.org](http://dsc.smv.org)*

## CONNIE NYHOLM

**Co-owner & CEO, Virginia International Raceway**

"When my son Erik was growing up here and attending the Galileo Magnet School, we enjoyed going to the Danville Science Center, the Farmers Market and the Riverwalk Trail."



## ARTFUL INSPIRATION



In addition to the region's performances and shows, we also honor ten artists on the **Danville Art Trail**! This 18-month art-on-loan exhibit of outdoor sculptures in public spaces offers an enticing combination of murals, Victorian architecture and points of interest. The "Re-Imagine" theme is a great way to exercise your imagination as you admire it all on foot, by bicycle or tour by car! All art is located within a one-mile radius of the JTI Fountain on Main Street in the **River District**.

Current art pieces include: Swallowtail II, John Parker; Moonshine, Richard Whitehill; Motion Light, Hanna Jubran; Fleur De Soleil, Tim Werrell; Squared, Richard Alan Morgan; The Forest at Night, Charles Pilkey; Mriya, Lawrence Feir; Furious Angel, Scott Strader; Blades, Concetta M. Wilson; Alloy 62, Scott Strader; Triad, Scott Strader; The Inkwell, Wayne Vaughn; Core Sprite, Adam Walls; Oak Leaf Arch VII, Jim Gallucci.

## HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

**The Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History (DMFAH)** is located in the Sutherlin Mansion on **Millionaires' Row** in Danville, Virginia. Built in 1859 for a leading citizen, Major William T. Sutherlin, the house has become well known as the temporary residence of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Largely because of events documented in this house during the Confederacy's final week, Danville has become known as the "Last Capital of the Confederacy." These connections to the Civil War list the Sutherlin Mansion as a site on the Civil War Trails. But the mansion's connection to national history continued when it became a Civil Rights sit-in location during the 1960's. At that time the Sutherlin Mansion was a "Whites Only" segregated library. Today the Mansion houses, along with a **Civil War** and **Sutherlin House Exhibition**, a Civil Rights exhibition called **The Movement** that outlines the timeline of the Danville Civil Rights Movement and the **Camilla Ella Williams Collection**.

**DMFAH** is a partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, a Virginia Historic Landmark, a Garden Club of Virginia Historic Restoration Project and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In February 2022, **DMFAH** was designated as a **U.S. Civil Rights Trail Site** — one of only four in Virginia! The U.S. Civil Rights Trail is a collection of churches, courthouses, schools, museums and other landmarks in the Southern states and beyond that



played a pivotal role in advancing social justice in the 1950s and 1960s, shifting the course of history. 975 Main Street, Danville, VA 24541, (434) 793-5644, [danvillemuseum.org](http://danvillemuseum.org)

Perhaps one of the most popular exhibits is of **Camilla Ella Williams**, an American operatic soprano who performed nationally and internationally and was born in Danville in 1919. She was the first African American woman to receive a contract with a major American opera company and became the first African American to sing with the Vienna State Opera in the title role of Madam Butterfly in 1954.

**Danville Historical Society** is the caretaker of the largest repository of artifacts, photographs, stories and documents in the city of Danville and strives to illuminate the present through knowledge of the past. To learn more about the history of Danville,

visit their website and check out their tours! 406 Cabell St, Danville, VA 24541, 434-770-1386, [danvillehistory.org](http://danvillehistory.org)

**The Pittsylvania Historical Society** exists to preserve and share the rich history of our county for the education, enjoyment and enrichment of current and future citizens and visitors to the area.

**The Pittsylvania County Historical Society Museum** is located in the **Historic 1813 Clerk's Office** in the heart of Chatham, Virginia, behind the Town Hall at 16 Court Place, Chatham VA 24531. Stop by to enjoy their permanent and rotating exhibits. Currently, the museum is open on special occasions and by appointment. Be sure to check Facebook, their website and, if you are so eager, email to schedule your own private appointment. 330 Whitehead Street, Chatham, VA 24531, [pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:pittsylvaniahistoricalsociety@gmail.com)





## LET'S GO RACIN'!

Our connection to racing is so much more than simply enjoying the sport. In Danville and Pittsylvania County, we live and breathe it!

Recently chosen as one of Car and Driver Magazine's top six road courses in the nation, **VIRginia International Raceway** is a multi-purpose road course offering professional and amateur auto and motorcycle racing, as well as track events. Tens of thousands of spectators visit each year for some of the best road racing in the country. In addition, VIR is a prominent testing facility for the

automotive industry. From NASCAR to the Sports Car Club of America, motorsports enthusiasts trust VIR to make sure their cars or bikes are running at their peak level. As America's first true "motorsport resort," this vacation destination offers onsite hotel and lodging options, plenty of fun activities like VIR Club, karting, off-road racing, skeet shooting, pistol and rifle ranges, skidpad, dining and more.

Founded in 1947, the **Martinsville Speedway** is the only track which has hosted NASCAR Cup Series races every year since the division's inception. It was recently voted by race fans as a top bargain in all of NASCAR Cup Series racing as well as the track having the best view of the action. At .526 miles in length, this speedway is the shortest track on the NASCAR Cup Series circuit, and its small size, tight corners and unique shape (often described as a paperclip) make this track one of the most exciting and close-quarters racing in the sport. Fans are also

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What are your favorite festivals  
and recurring local events?

closer to the action, with cars never more than a few hundred yards away and seemingly close enough to reach and touch. The track itself is also one of the most modern, with high-rise aluminum chair back seating, corporate and fan suites and state-of-the-art facilities for the media.

The 66-year-old **South Boston Speedway** has become one of the most popular, well-known and successful short tracks in NASCAR. What began as a spur-of-the-moment project undertaken by three Halifax County men more than six decades ago has evolved into a major sports venue. Richard Petty, the heralded king of NASCAR Cup Series racing, has five trophies from the **South Boston Speedway** tucked away in his trophy cases; other legends include Joe Weatherly, Rex White, David Pearson, Buddy Baker, Charlie Glotzbach, Buck Baker and Wendell Scott. A native of Danville, Scott was the first African American driver to compete at the South Boston Speedway on a regular basis, also raced in Modified Division events at the historic facility. Top sports stars like Dale Earnhardt Sr., Dale Earnhardt Jr., Denny Hamlin, Jeff Burton and Ward Burton have also competed over the years. The story of **South Boston Speedway** has been one of long-term success in providing the best in racing at a fan-friendly facility with a family-friendly atmosphere.

**Virginia International Raceway:** 1245 Pine Tree Rd, Alton, VA 24520, (434) 822-7700, [virnow.com](http://virnow.com)

**Martinsville Speedway:** 340 Speedway Rd, Ridgeway, VA 24148, 1-877-722-3849, [martinsvillespeedway.com](http://martinsvillespeedway.com)

**South Boston Speedway:**  
188 James D. Hagood Highway, South Boston, VA 24592, (434) 572-4947, [southbostonspeedway.com](http://southbostonspeedway.com)



# SPORTS FANATICS



Danville American Legion Field

Take your family out to the ballgame at **Danville American Legion Post 325 Field!** A new era of baseball and entertainment for Danville and the Southside is here, thanks to the **Danville Otterbots**. The Appalachian League professional sports team provides summer fun for all, and is a great way to enjoy America's favorite national pastime. A fun fact, Scotter the Otter, the **Danville Otterbots** mascot, is a tribute to racing legend, Wendell Scott. In 2021, the **Otterbots** retired the number 34 jersey to honor Scott's iconic No. 34 racecar. Designed by the same designer of the mascot for the NASCAR Hall of Fame, the rest of Scotter's ensemble is racing inspired with a racing helmet, gloves and boots!

NCAA Division III sports can also be found at **Averett University**, where student athletes are provided a well-rounded experience in both academics and athletics, and are encouraged to pursue their interests and passions beyond the classroom and field of play to discover themselves.

**DR. TIFFANY FRANKS**

**President of Averett University**

"We enjoy many Averett University athletics events — they are competitive, family-friendly and fun."



# SO, WHY SHOULDN'T WE PLAY IN THE DIRT?



Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex (ODAC) in Chatham has no shortage of events and activities for all to enjoy. *"I enjoy going to Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex to their events throughout the year,"* says Kattie Saunders, Economic Development Project Manager, Pittsylvania County. *"These events include horse shows, indoor motocross, tractor pulls, rodeos and Bull Bash."*

Considered a jewel of county tourism, **ODAC** hosts events all year long, including festivals, craft shows, peewees, barrel racing, rodeos, Tobacco Road Futurity Cutting horse shows, Lake Sugar Tree indoor motocross, Danville Kennel Club agility trials, Southern Virginia Winter Classic Indoor Antique Tractor Pull, True Grit Bull Bash and too many more to list here!

ODAC: 19783 US-29, Chatham, VA 24531, (434) 432-8026, [oldedominionagriculturecomplex.com](http://oldedominionagriculturecomplex.com)

# SEE HOW WE CELEBRATE: ANNUAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

There are a multitude of great events for all ages to consider throughout the year.

**Blue Ridge Rock Fest** returns for its third year at the renowned **VIRginia International Raceway**. Lineups include headliners Evanescence, Coheed and Cambria and Shinedown, with plenty more bands ready to rock the region. *(September; 1-800-514-3849, [blueridgerockfest.com](http://blueridgerockfest.com))*

You can't celebrate spring in Danville without attending the legacy event **Festival in the Park**. Held annually in **Ballou Park**, the festival offers everything from arts and crafts to children's activities and entertainment and much more. *(May; Ballou Park, 760 West Main Street, Danville, VA 24541, [danville-va.gov/2047/Festival-in-the-Park](http://danville-va.gov/2047/Festival-in-the-Park))*

It's always fun at the **Danville-Pittsylvania County Fairgrounds!** The annual county fair in Ringgold is always a crowd pleaser for kids of all ages, with your favorite fair foods, games and rides, plus shows like the Demolition Derby, Cirque Extreme Thrill Show, professional bull riding and more. *(September; 2400 Cavalier Rd, Ringgold, VA 24586, (434) 822-6850, [dpcfairgrounds.com](http://dpcfairgrounds.com))*





Festival in the Park

**Gretna's Strawberry and Wine Festival** is all you can ask for in a gorgeous spring setting, with live music, local wineries and, of course, thousands of strawberries! (May; 19783 US-29 Chatham, VA 24531, [gretnastrawberrywinefest.com](http://gretnastrawberrywinefest.com), [gretnasandwfest@google.com](mailto:gretnasandwfest@google.com))



DPC Fairgrounds



Blue Ridge Rock Fest





Scan here for a complete list of dining options!



**PATRICK L. DEWBERRY**  
 Complex General Manager of Hampton By Hilton Danville-River District  
 "We love the hometown flavor of Bricktown Brewery and Gina's for the amazing breakfast (potatoes and onions) and last, but certainly not least, is the famous Golden Leaf."

# SO, ARE YOU HUNGRY?

**SoSi's foodie scene** is a diverse mix of delicious options for everyone to enjoy. What you'll find here is a mouthwatering look into some of our area's original flavors. To learn more about these and other irresistible dining options in SoSi, **scan the QR code above!**

We've always known **Midtown Market** has incredible chicken salad, but it's been receiving national attention for years after the March/April 2015 issue of *Cooking with Paula Deen* included Midtown Market in its periodic "Ten to Try" list, recommending their chicken salad as one of the

best in the country!

**Mama Possum's** offers up classic hot dogs, burgers and fries, plus hefty helpings of barbeque. This spot also has special historical significance as race car driver Wendell Scott enjoyed visiting to eat his favorites at "Ma Possum's." **Ruben's Restaurant** in Danville and **Ruben's Too** in Mt. Herman are great go-to spots for burgers, hot dogs and sandwiches. Chatham's **J&T's on the Main** grills up thick-cut steaks and fresh seafood, while **The Pod** is considered Gretna's best coffee and sandwich shop.

If you are craving outstanding steak and seafood, head to **The Schoolfield Restaurant**, a haven for beef and seafood lovers.

Located in the historic River District of Danville, **Golden Leaf Bistro** is surrounded by old world

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Where do you take visitors for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?

charm and local heritage while celebrating local seasonal ingredients throughout signature dishes and classic favorites.

Step back in time at **Cotton at Riverside Mill** and enjoy the unique atmosphere of a former Dan River Mills textile hub while having a high-quality meal overlooking the beautiful Dan River. **Culture Restaurant and Grill** brings great food, drinks, and entertainment to the River District with a seasonal menu and exciting events. **King Cropp Kitchen** is a high-quality dining experience in the Old West End designed to provide guests with the most flavorful and fresh menu of every season.

With a taste of love in every bite, **Ma's Cakes** offers mouthwatering slices of cake in every flavor! **River District Golf & Social** blends golf and entertainment by providing a fun golf experience via high-definition golf simulation paired with an outstanding food and beverage menu in an attractive sports bar setting. With **Dell'Anno's** locations in Danville and Pittsylvania County, the restaurants have become an Italian staple in the region.

**Links Coffeehouse and Café** evokes an intimate setting and combines the best of a coffeehouse environment with a wide variety in gourmet drinks, desserts, pastries and breakfast & lunch menu. **Moon River Thai Bistro** is a fusion of contemporary style and ambience, with traditional Thai standards in cuisine, hospitality, quality and service, culminating in an exclusive experience.

Come to **El Cazador** in Chatham or Gretna and satisfy your taste buds with some of best Mexican cuisine and drinks in the area. At **Me's Burgers and Brews**, every great burger tells a story in the distinctive, book-themed restaurant with unique combinations and mouthwatering classics.

## SOSI SIPS



Danville breweries have teamed up with others to form the **SOVA Beer Trail**. The popular **2 Witches Winery & Brewing Company, Inc.** partnered with five breweries across southern Virginia. The Trail will include **2 Witches, Mountain Valley Brewing, Scuffle Hill Brewing, Ballad Brewing, Factory Street Brewing** and **Buggs Island Brewing**. This exciting project supports tourism efforts across the region.

*"Having a Craft Beer Trail in SoSi will give our visitors just one more reason to take advantage of all we have to offer!"* says Lisa Meriwether, Tourism Manager, City of Danville and Pittsylvania County.

Enjoy a day trip or weekend excursion and visit all six breweries. Ask for a passport and receive a FREE T-shirt for visiting all six. Cheers!



# THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE

## MUST SEES IN SOSI!



### Danville Visitor Center

645 River Park Dr, Danville, VA  
24540, (434) 793-4636

Start your visit at the Danville Visitor Center where our friendly travel counselors will assist you with all there is to see and do in the city of Danville and the surrounding region. Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm!



### Danville Science Center

677 Craghead St, Danville, VA  
24541, (434) 791-5160, [www.dsc.smv.org](http://www.dsc.smv.org)

The Danville Science Center features world-class custom and touring exhibitions designed to amaze and inspire guests of all ages! Open Wed- Sat 9:30am-5pm and Sun 11:30am-5pm.

### Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History

975 Main Street, Danville,  
VA 24541, (434) 793-5644,  
[danvillemuseum.org](http://danvillemuseum.org)

The Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History (DMFAH) is Danville's Cultural Center for Arts and for History. Open Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 12-5pm, Sun 2-5pm.



### Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex

19783 US-29, Chatham, VA 24531,  
(434) 432-8026, [oldedominion-agriculturecomplex.com](http://oldedominion-agriculturecomplex.com)

Experience the Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex (ODAC) located in Chatham, VA! Take in events such as Monster Truck Wars, True Grit Bull Bash, Lake Sugar Tree Indoor Motocross and more. Check out their website for the full event schedule.



### VIRginia International Raceway

1245 Pine Tree Rd, Alton, VA  
24520, (434) 822-7700, [virnow.com](http://virnow.com)

VIRginia International Raceway (VIR) looks forward to having you! Whether you're coming for the day to watch a race, planning to spend a weekend karting and shooting, or scheduling your next event in these world-class facilities, VIR promises an experience like no other.



### River District

Come explore all that Danville, Virginia's River District has to offer! Download the River District Distrx app to find restaurants, retail, and experiences. You can also use the app to find parking and events, and even take informative, narrated walking tours on your own time.



# ...E, AND SO MUCH TO DO.



## **SOVA Beer Trail**

The SOVA Beer Trail includes six breweries that run east to west along Rt 58 from Mecklenburg to Henry County: Buggs Island Brewery, Factory Street Brewery, Ballad Brewing, 2 Witches Winery & Brewing, Mountain Valley Brewing and Scuffle Hill Brewery.

## **Danville Riverwalk Trail**

[danvilleva.gov/2035/](http://danvilleva.gov/2035/)

[Danville-Riverwalk-Trail](#)

The Danville Riverwalk Trail lures visitors through parks, historic sites and businesses, all along the Dan River. You can connect at various different points including, Dan Daniel Memorial Park, Ballou Park, Anglers Park and the Danville River District. Open dawn to dusk.

## **Danville Otterbots Game**

[302 River Park Dr, Danville, VA](#)

[24540, \(434\) 554-HITS \(4487\),](#)

[appyleague.com/danville](http://appyleague.com/danville)

Enjoy a new era of Danville baseball! At American Legion Post 325 Field located inside of Dan Daniel Memorial Park, you will find the Home of the Otterbots with high level and exciting baseball from the Appalachian League. Get your tickets today!



## **Historic North Theatre & Smokestack Theatre Company**

*Historic North Theatre: 629 N Main St, Danville, VA 24540*

*Smokestack Theatre: 319 Lynn St, Danville, VA 24541, (434) 549-5445, [thesmokestack.org](http://thesmokestack.org)*

Both the Historic North Theatre and the Smokestack Theatre Company are the centers for quality live theatre productions in the heart of SoSi! The Historic North Theatre hosts a number of productions, festivals and special events. Smokestack Theatre Company holds at least three productions a year, in addition to several walking tours and improv shows. Check out these hubs for entertainment, found in Danville's River District.



## **AAF Tank Museum**

*3401 US Hwy 29, Danville, VA 24540, (434) 836-5323,*

*[aaf tankmuseum.com](http://aaf tankmuseum.com)*

Visit the AAF Tank Museum for a one of a kind learning opportunity! With a significant collection of military history to learn from and explore, visitors will never be bored with all the museum has to offer. Call ahead to schedule your visit!

## **Wayside Park**

*1678 Main St, Hurt, VA 24563*

So many outdoor recreation options await at gorgeous Wayside Park in Hurt, VA. Playgrounds, creeks, trails and so much more to explore for all ages. Open dawn to dusk.





# PLAN YOUR TRIP

SO, WHAT WILL YOU SEE?

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SO, WHAT ARE  
YOU WAITING FOR?



The Bee Hotel



Caesars Virginia

	LODGING	ADDRESS	PHONE/EMAIL	
DANVILLE	Astoria Hotel Danville West	3020 Riverside Dr	(434) 799-1202	
	Astoria Hotel Danville North	1030 Piney Forest Rd	(434) 836-1700	
	Best Western Windsor Inn & Suites	1292 S Boston Rd	(434) 483-5000	
	Budget Host Inn	127 Neal Ct	(434) 792-2200	
	Budget Inn	1228 Piney Forest Rd	(434) 836-3043	
	Comfort Inn & Suites	100 Tower Dr	(434) 793-2000	
	Courtyard by Marriot	2136 Riverside Dr	(434) 791-2661	
	Economy Inn	3050 W Main St	(434) 792-3622	
	Executive Inn	2660 W Main St	(434) 793-1244	
	Hampton Inn	1098 Riverside Dr	(434) 793-1111	
	Holiday Inn Express	2111 Riverside Dr	(434) 793-4000	
	Quality Inn	2130 Riverside Dr	(434) 333-7208	
	Red Carpet Inn	1390 Piney Forest Rd	(434) 836-6745	
	Sleep Inn and Suites	1483 South Boston Rd	(434) 793-6090	
	Super 8 by Wyndham	2385 Riverside Dr	(434) 799-5845	
	The Bee Hotel	420 Patton St	(434) 234-9440	
	Travel Inn	3500 W Main St	(434) 799-4600	
	PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY	Bower House Bed & Breakfast	60 North Main St, Chatham	(615) 512-8637
		La Chaumière B&B Cottage	332 North Main St, Chatham	(434) 432-7721
Gretna Motel		720 S Main St, Gretna	(434) 656-2279	
Hampton Inn		200 McBride Ln, Gretna	(434) 656-9000	
Honeyshuck Cabin at Riverview Manor		2097 Stone Mill Rd, Hurt	(434) 386-1095	
CAMPING	Kee's Kabin	146 South Main St, Chatham	(434) 770-5346	
	Elkhorn Lake and Campground	2500 Elkhorn Rd, Java	(434) 432-9203	
	Hidden River Camping	381 Horseshoe Dr, Hurt	hiddenrivercamping@gmail.com	
	Leesville Lake Campground	3129 Gallows Rd, Gretna	(434) 818-1177	
	Paradise Lake and Campground	593 Keeling Dr, Keeling	(434) 836-2620	
	Shangrila Guest Ranch	3219 Old Cluster Springs Rd, South Boston	(434) 517-0888	
	Smith Mountain Campground	155 Liberty Rd, Penhook	(434) 927-4198	
	Springfield 1842 Cabins	9096 River Rd, Halifax	(434) 575-9317	
SOUTH BOSTON & HALIFAX COUNTY	Virginia Hunts Southern Style	5455 Medical Center Rd, Axton	(434) 203-1285	
	Clarion Pointe Hotel	1074 Bill Tuck Hwy, South Boston	(434) 575-4000	
	Fairfield Inn & Suites	1120 Bill Tuck Hwy, South Boston	(434) 575-6000	
	Lodging at VIR	1245 Pine Tree Rd, Alton	(434) 822-7700	
	Quality Inn	2001 Seymour Dr, South Boston	(434) 572-4311	
MARTINSVILLE	Super 8 Motel South Boston	1040 Bill Tuck Hwy, South Boston	(434) 471-4920	
	The Berry Hill Resort & Conference Center	3105 River Rd, South Boston	(434) 517-7000	
	Comfort Inn & Suites	378 Commonwealth Blvd. W.	(276) 638-0478	
	Econo Lodge Inn & Suites	1755 Virginia Ave, Rte 220 Business	(276) 632-5611	
	Hampton Inn	50 Hampton Dr, Rte 220 Business	(276) 647-4700	
Quality Inn	1895 Virginia Ave, Rte 220 Business	(276) 666-6835		
Quality-Dutch Inn	2360 Virginia Ave, Rte 220 Business, Collinsville	(276) 622-3101		