



The Proof is in Franklin County

Franklin County Loop Tour

Franklin County is one of Virginia's fastest growing counties, comprised of communities that continue to value their farms, forests, waters and cultural heritage. Discover a diverse selection of attractions, from outdoor adventures to cultural and historic experiences, such as visiting the Booker T. Washington National Monument and the Blue Ridge Institute at Ferrum College. Enjoy the many scenic corners of the community where every side road opens up new vistas.

Dinner at Bootleggers Café

Taste what's cooking at downtown Rocky Mount's newest restaurant, Bootleggers' Café. Located in a historic, former Coca-Cola bottling building, the American comfort-style food restaurant is within steps of the Harvester Performance Center.



An Evening at the Harvester

Grab a cozy seat amid the intimate setting of the Harvester Performance Center, located in the heart of historic downtown Rocky Mount. The new mid-size music venue along Franklin Street officially opened its doors on April 11, 2014, to showcase live performances from a variety of genres. The Harvester, a \$2.7 million venue, features great live performances in a variety of genres. The main room has a 40-foot wide stage with great sight lines and state-of-the-art audio, lighting and video systems. In addition, the facility features two state-of-the-art meeting rooms. There is also access to an outside seating area for entertaining or gathering with friends.



Booker T. Washington National Monument

Visit the Booker T. Washington National Monument, the site commemorating the birthplace of America's most prominent African American educator and orator of the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The monument hosts a number of special events annually, including the upcoming Juneteenth event on June 20, Harvest Time on September 19 and more.



Smith Mountain Lake Farm Alpacas

Feed, touch, hold – even hug – and learn about everything alpaca!
Located in the scenic Smith Mountain Lake area, this full-service facility specializes in show-quality alpacas.



Homestead Creamery Lunch & Tour

Enjoy lunch and a sweet treat at Homestead Creamery, which boasts all-natural milk, old-fashioned butter and creamy, hand-dipped ice cream cones, milkshakes and sundaes. Homestead Creamery still has home delivery! After lunch, tour their facility in Franklin County and sample some delicious ice cream!



Blue Ridge Institute and Farm Museum

Visit the Blue Ridge Institute and Farm Museum at Ferrum College, the official State Center for Blue Ridge Folklore documenting the folkways of the people living in and around the Blue Ridge Mountains. The institute hosts the annual Blue Ridge Folklife Festival on the fourth Saturday in October, and it's also a Major Venue along the Crooked Road.



Hours: Galleries and store open year-round, Monday-Saturday. Farm Museum open weekends mid-May through mid-August or by group reservation any day, April through October.
Fees: \$5 adults, \$4 children. Wheelchair accessible.