PET-FRIENDLY
A winery that includes dog names and images on wine labels - and names its website TheDoggs.com - certainly loves dogs as much as you do. Chateau Morrisette Winery even dubbs itself “the winery dogs built” and welcomes canines to accompany their people on the tasting patio, restaurant patio, gazebos and indoor tasting room, as well as to special events. Toast the dog-friendly spirit with a glass of The Black Dog red blend or Our Dog Blue Riesling.

LOVWORK
Before Europeans arrived in Virginia, the First People made this land their home. The traces of their lives are mostly gone, buried beneath homes and businesses. But one old Indian village, inhabited sometime between 2480-1520, was unearthed during construction of I-77.

The Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum tells the story of that village and the natives’ way of life. And the Wolf Creek LOVWORK reflects Native American symbols, with a peace pipe, dream catcher and other relevant iconography. #LOVEVA.

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ASK A LOCAL
“People who visit us here say they’ve discovered a jewel. We’re surrounded by treasures like New River Retreat’s vacation homes in gorgeous locations, and like the renovated historic Thee Draper Village, which houses the Draper Mercantile, The Village Coffee Shoppe and Café, Draper Blooms Tea Garden, the Blue Ridge Fudge Lady and other unique shops.” — Delilah Gardner, Thee Draper Village

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA: BLUE RIDGE HIGHLANDS

Home of the Birthplace of Country Music, the Blue Ridge Highlands region echoes with the passion of history’s most dominant country music pioneers. Annual festivals, historic venues and nightly jamborees celebrate Virginia’s global influence creating a rich musical country for all travelers – whether meandering along winding roads, or venturing out onto scenic rivers and trails.

SOUTH VIRGINIA:
Blue Ridge Parkway  
Milpados 226 7-893, Abingdon; 276-348-2115. "America’s Favorite Drive.

The Cropper Trail  
va腐vapotential.org. Open year-round to hiking, mountain biking and horseriding.

ABINGDON  
Virginia Main Street Community Welcome Center  
300 Green Spring Rd., Abingdon; 276-676-2282; visitabingdonvirginia.com. Visitor information, merchandise and map, open Friday-Monday, 9am-5pm.

Abingdon Arts Depot  

Abingdon Mound Gardens  

Bristol  
Virginia Main Street Community Welcome Center  
128 West Main St., Bristol; 276-755-3931. "America’s Favorite Scenic Drive.

Bristol Motor Speedway  

Bristol, TN/VA.  
American Tobacco Factory  
423-878-6931; bristoltn.org. 1927 walk-in smoking room.

Carroll County Historical & Museum  
132 Carroll St., Mount Airy; 314 W. Main St., Abingdon; 276-287-9898; bellgalleryandgarden.com. Former 1856 cotton mill.

Crooked Creek Wildlife Management Area  
Access Rd. 620 south from Rt. 56 at Woodlawn, Hillsville. 276-783-4600. pisckayplayt.com. 1,200 acres, six miles of stocked trout streams, hiking, birding trails. 

Devil's Den Nature Preserve  
Cemetery Rd., Fancy Gap. 276-730-2100. pisckayplayt.com. 280 acres, cave, forest, open meadows, highways and picnic facilities.

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Shenandoah National Park  

Discovery Trail  
979 Epicentrum Dr. Cape, 276-730-1020. pisckayplayt.com. 11 acres, fishing, hiking, picnic areas, and boat ramp.

Steeplechase Carriage & Farm  
1930 W. Main St., Blacksburg; 540-342-5000; steeplechase.com.瓦在2000间。7

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109 East Main St., Floyd; 540-462-4850; visitfloyd.com. Providing information to visitors, vaccinated and to Floyd residents.

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The Floyd Center for the Arts
220 Parkway Ln, S, Floyd; 540-758-7288; blueridgediscoverycenter.org. Art galleries, gift shop, and craft workshops.

Floyd Community Market
200 South Locust St, Floyd; 540-745-7333, sustaинфloyd.org. Artisan Market, Fridays 3-7pm; Farmers Market, Saturdays from 9am to 2pm, May-October.

Floyd County Historical Society Museum
227 South Locust St, Floyd; 540-745-3447; floydhistoricalsociety.org. Preserving and sharing a unique history in Southwest Virginia.

June Bug Center
213 Parkway Ln, Floyd; 540-746-6510; junebugcenter.org. A community space for creative and life-enhancing events.

Maleny Mill

New River Trail State Park
4 West Stuart St, Galax; 276-236-7776; virginiaoutdoors.gov. Offers access for people who are blind or have low vision.

Old Crank Motorcar Museum

Theatre on the Ridge
133 East Grayson St, Galax; 754-236-5399; theatreontheridge.com. Venue for music, theater and weekly live bluegrass radio broadcasts.

Giles County Historical Society Museum and 1829 Andrew Johnston House
206 North Main St, Pearisburg; 540-921-1050; gilescountyhistor.org. Historic house, museum and Civil War site.

Giles County Museum
Includes: Narrows, Pennington Gap, and Pearisburg.

Glen Allen
From Rt. 460, 2 miles west of Pearisburg to Rt. 635 for 13 miles, Pearisburg; 540-552-4641; virginiasmtnplayground.com/history. Restored early 20th century farm. Rolling terrain through a variety of ecological habitats.

Historic Newport Covered Bridge
Rt. 601, Pearisburg; 540-921-2077; virginiasmtnplayground.com/history. Historic covered bridge with public access & picnic area.

Mill Creek Nature Park
Northside St, Pearisburg; 540-726-2423; virginiasmtnplayground.com/parks-and-recreation. Offers waterfalls, hiking trails, boating and catfishing.

The Blue Ridge Music Center