PET-FRIENDLY
It’s your turn to sniff out treasures, while your dog tags along! Wander the 40,000-square-foot warehouse and two outside acres at Black Dog Salvage, packed with amazing creative architectural and repurposed products. Shop for furniture and home decor; outdoor gems, Black Dog furniture paint and oh-so-much-more. And you and your companion just might meet resident black dogs Molly May and Stella — or the treasure hunters of the DIY Network show “Salvage Dawgs.”

ASK A LOCAL
“Everyone who knows me knows the first place I will take them is the Booker T. Washington National Monument. The park is a perfect combination of history, culture and nature, and count it a privilege to learn about the enslaved childhood of Booker T. Washington and the obstacles he overcame to achieve success. I also enjoy taking friends and family to Smith Mountain Lake Community Park and Smith Mountain Lake State Park. The trails are great, and the views are breathtaking!”
— Brittany Webb Lane, Booker T. Washington National Monument

ICONIC
The natural beauty of the Peaks of Otter has attracted visitors for centuries, from Native Americans to European settlers and Blue Ridge Parkway travelers. Hike to the tops of the three peaks and you’ll be rewarded with scenic 360-degree views, thickets of mountain laurel and the serenity of Mother Nature. Even the base of the mountains offers walking paths, a scenic lake, a 1930s farmstead and a historic lodge with comfy rooms and regional dining.

NOTABLE TOWN
When this thriving railroad boomtown saw its livelihood go bust, Clifton Forge remade itself, with art at the center of the renewal. The Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center opened in 1984, and other artistic endeavors followed, including the historic Clifton Forge School of the Arts and the restored Masonic Theatre and Amphitheatre. Now the town boasts creative shops and restaurants, the C&O Heritage Center railroad museum, and trainloads of nearby recreation. Schedule a visit to the historic Clifton Forge School of the Arts and the Clifton Forge Historic District. The town boasts creative shops and restaurants, the C&O Heritage Center railroad museum, and trainloads of nearby recreation. Schedule a visit to the historic Clifton Forge School of the Arts and the Clifton Forge Historic District.

HIDDEN GEM
Who’d guess that the nation’s second-largest municipal park could be so easily overlooked? The size of Carvins Cove Natural Reserve can’t be overlooked: 12,701 acres, including 11,363 acres of protected forestland creating diverse wildlife habitats and natural eye candy. The recreational opportunities are remarkable: 60 miles of trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding, plus an over 600-acre reservoir for fishing and boating. The convenience is noteworthy, too: near downtown Roanoke, Interstate 81 and the Appalachian Trail.

INSTAGRAM-WORTHY
History, architecture, nature — three popular reasons to snap a photo at Humpback Bridge. Built in 1873, the National Historic Landmark is an arched multiple Kingpost truss bridge, possibly the oldest of its design in the nation. Covered bridge enthusiasts from across the country come to visit this icon. The surrounding park, unique LOVEwork sign and peaceful Dunlap Creek add to the photogenic qualities. Nineteenth-century travelers called covered bridges “kissing bridges,” giving cover for stolen kisses — now there’s a photo op!

You’ll have no trouble entertaining yourself at Smith Mountain Lake, and the new LOVEwork provides even more inspiration. The LO-VE letters paint a picture of the 20,600-acre lake, 500 miles of shoreline and iconic highpoints. The sign, by local artist Lisa Floyd, captures the beauty of the lake and surrounding mountains, farmland, homes, shops, restaurants and more — and all the different ways to enjoy its beauty. You’ll LOVEVASML!
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