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Life Happens Off the Path.
FESTIVALS & EVENTS

SPRINGFEST (SOUTH HILL)
Annual street festival celebrating the arrival of spring including food, fun, arts, crafts, games, pony rides and more—lots of great things to do for the entire family.

VIRGINIA LAKE FESTIVAL (CLARKSVILLE)
Hot-air balloons, live musical entertainment, buried arts & craft show, great food, fireworks over the Lake & much more.

LA CROSSE FEST (LA CROSSE)
Downtown celebration arts & crafts, food & music, car show and games for all kids of all ages.

BOYDTON DAY (BOYDTON)
Annual fall festival with live entertainment throughout the day, music, food, a puppet show, a parade with floats, award-winning marching bands, horses.

AUTUMN JUBILEE & SOUTH CENTRAL FAIR PARADE (CHASE CITY)
A community festival of games, arts & crafts vendors, live entertainment and our famous Pumpkin Chunkin Context followed by a parade igniting activity at the fair grounds.

WE HOPE YOU’LL ALSO ENJOY OUR OTHER GREAT ANNUAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS!

The Big Lake Flea Market
Clarksville Hydroplane Challenge
Halloween Block Party
South Central Bike Fair & Rodeo
Independence Day Parade
Lake Country Wine Festival
Monster Mash
Halloween Festival

Native American Heritage Festival
Trick or Treat in the Streets
Affair on the Square
Beef Festival
Farmer’s Day
Holiday Bazaar
Picnic in the Park
Harvest Days
Christmas Parades
Christmas Open Houses

TAKE THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Whatever you and your family love; you truly can find it here, from hunting and fishing to our cultural arts... and we are just a short drive away! Enjoy the vibrant downtowns with numerous festivals and events throughout the year, arts and crafts, bands, and local talent galore! We are sure you’ll enjoy all Mecklenburg County has to offer!
RECREATION & ACTIVITIES

MacCallum More Gardens (Chase City)
Five acre gardens, featuring treasures from around the world, highlighted by stone walls

John H. Kerr Dam & Reservoir (County-Wide)
(Known Locally as Buggs Island Lake)
Managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, visitors to this 50,000 acre lake with 850 miles of shoreline can enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, and all kinds of water recreation at its many day-use parks. The Corps also manages four popular campgrounds: North Bend, Rudd's Creek, Longwood, and Buffalo Parks

Oconeechee (Clarksville)
Ideal for those who enjoy fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, horseback riding and boating; campsites, cabins, picnic areas, an amphitheater, wildlife areas, hiking trails and boat launches

Golfing (County-Wide)
18-hole Donald Ross Design Course, golf practice range and various membership golf courses available

Lake Gaston (Bracey)
Enjoy a recreational outing for a day or a week... Public access points throughout, camping, rentals, and boating

Cabbage Farm (La Crosse)
You pick or we pick strawberries, pumpkins, and blackberries (seasonal)

Farmers Markets (County-Wide)
Meet the farm producers, buy local products at one of our farmers markets held on weekends throughout the area

Boydtown Annual Horse & Pony Show
(Boydtown)
For over half a century, this regional event offers a unique opportunity for amateurs, sometime show horses, and children to participate in a judged competition

EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

We suit all kinds of enthusiasts. We have horseback riding trails, biking/walking trails, canoe/kayaking opportunities, camping at Oconeechee State Park, boat & jet ski rentals on both lakes, wake boarding, beach areas, a winery with an exquisite setting for dining, weddings or tastings.
TRAILS

TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL – RAILS TO TRAILS
Built along former railroad rights-of-way, this predominantly off-road trail used for hiking, bicycling, and horseback links historic sites and other points of interest, as well as natural and recreational areas.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION HERITAGE TRAIL
The birthplace of the free public education system our country now enjoys has its roots right here in Southern Virginia; enjoy this self-guided driving tour, which offers historically significant sites telling the poignant and often explosive story of civil rights in education, on our country back roads in a few rural counties.

HISTORIC ROUTE ONE
Designated in 1926, Historic Route 1 is the oldest highway serving the East Coast—stretching 2,450 miles from Maine to Florida; there’s something for everyone on Historic Route 1—historical sights, mom-and-pop diners, classic inns and motels, and larger-than-life locals. Your adventure is totally up to you.

HIGHWAY ONE BIKE TRAIL
A cross-country bicycle route that runs the length of the United States’ eastern seaboard from Florida to Maine.

VIRGINIA BYWAYS
Offers travelers a side of the Commonwealth that is uncommon and revealing, each byway leads to scenes of natural beauty and places of historical and social significance.

CIVIL WAR TRAIL
The area of Virginia between the James River and the North Carolina border was virtually untouched by warring armies during most of the war but certainly was not unaffected by it; explore Virginia’s back roads, learning some history, while stopping to view interpretive markers at the Civil War sites along the most beautiful landscapes anywhere.

THE VIRGINIA BIRDING AND WILDLIFE TRAIL
Celebrating the diversity of some 400 species of birds, 250 species of fish, and 150 species of terrestrial and marine mammals, 150 species of amphibians and reptiles, and a wide variety of aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates.
HISTORICAL SPOTS

BOYD’S TAVERN (BOYDTON)
Built in 1785, the Tavern served as a stopover for travelers on the Boydton-Petersburg Plank Road and is on the National Register of Historic Places; and is a designated Virginia Historic Landmark, as well as a Mecklenburg County Landmark.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF BOYDTON (BOYDTON)
Enjoy an array of architectural styles, including a replica of the Plank Road; drink in the rich history of fast horses; see the antebellum Greek Revival courthouse, the acropolis of the town, amid ancient trees and vintage buildings.

PRESTWOULD PLANTATION (CLARKSVILLE)
Famous 18th Century plantation home considered to be the most complete gentry home in Virginia, and home to one of the largest collections of slave writings in the country, detailing life from the plantation from the slave perspective, it has attracted scholarly attention.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT (CLARKSVILLE)
Dedicated to all the war dead from Mecklenburg County from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism; the monument contains the names of 578 citizens who paid the supreme sacrifice.

CLARKSVILLE’S HISTORIC WALKING TOUR (CLARKSVILLE)
Learn about the town’s history as you take a tour of 62 well-preserved homes, churches and businesses that are listed in the historical register.

LA CROSSE HOTEL (LA CROSSE)
Built in 1917, a full front porch combines Colonial Revival and Craftsman styles. Interior details borrow from Arts and Crafts and Colonial Revival movement.

VISIT THE PAST
Mecklenburg County is full of history so while you’re here, take in a few of our most cherished historical sites as well.

If you are searching your family history, stop by our local libraries or our county courthouse to get assistance with your search while visiting the area. Our libraries have genealogical programs to help you with your family search.
GO EXPLORING

Explore the county, finding treasures to take home from one of our many antique shops or flea markets. Chocked full of nostalgia, our locally owned shops and restaurants offer collectibles, as well as interesting and unique gifts. Fill a day floating on the river, camping at the lake, relaxing at the winery or fishing under the bridge. Catch a live performance or catch a big fish, either way, you’re going to love Mecklenburg County.

ATTRACTIONS

ROSEMONT VINEYARD AND WINERY (LA CROSSE)
A family owned and operated vineyard and winery located near beautiful Lake Gaston, featuring 100% estate grown and produced fine wines. Open daily for tastings and tours of the unique gravity-flow production facility and barrel room. Browse the retail sales area and art gallery

JOHN H. KERR DAM & RESERVOIR (BOYDTON)
Completed in 1953, this 50,000 acre reservoir is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and was constructed for flood control and production of hydroelectric power, but also provides benefits such as wildlife resources, forest conservation, and public recreational uses

THE COLONIAL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (SOUTH HILL)
Originally built in 1925, one of the few remaining vaudeville theatres of its era in Virginia; recently restored, the theatre offers a 400-seat auditorium with balcony to stage a variety of entertainment and is listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places

CLARKSVILLE’S NIGHTTIME FISHING VENUE (CLARKSVILLE)
Hot spot for freshwater nighttime fishing—the glow of the underwater fluorescent green Hydro Glow lights attracts millions of feeder fish, which then attracts larger game fish

WHITTLE’S MILL (BETWEEN SOUTH HILL & CHASE CITY)
This beautiful old mill site of the Meherrin River offers a glimpse of its natural and cultural significance and has been Southern Virginia’s unofficial park for generations
EXAMINE THE CULTURE

If you come on a rainy day, don’t worry—there are plenty of museums to visit, such as the Virginia S. Evans Doll Museum, the South Hill Model Railroad Museum and Wildlife Exhibit, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum, the Clarksville Regional Museum, and the Joseph S. J. Tanner Environmental Education center.

MUSEUMS

TOBACCO FARM LIFE MUSEUM (SOUTH HILL)
Learn about the region’s rich farming heritage and its ties to the “golden leaf” that has been such an important part of our history

MCCALLUM MORE MUSEUM (CHASE CITY)
Housing a permanent exhibit of Native Americans artifacts collected locally, as well as permanent exhibits of Thyne Institute, an African-American boarding and day school; and revolving art displays of varied mediums

SOUTH HILL MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND WILDLIFE EXHIBIT (SOUTH HILL)
A unique and panoramic display of model trains and authentic model scenery representing periods of the local history; even visit an authentic caboose located on the Depot grounds; also in the Depot is a wonderful local wildlife display—visit bobcats to bald eagles, hoot owls to woodpeckers, even groundhogs to hawks and buzzards

CLARKSVILLE REGIONAL MUSEUM (CLARKSVILLE)
Serves as a depository for the collection and preservation of items which are historically significant to the past, present, and the future heritage of the Clarksville region; including a Tobacco room, a Buffalo Lithia Springs room, a typical sewing room, and a newly designed military room

VIRGINIA S. EVANS DOLL MUSEUM (SOUTH HILL)
Here you will find a collection of over 500 dolls dating back to the 1800s; this collection includes both familiar and exotic dolls from around the world

JOSEPH S.J. TANNER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (BOYDTON)
Offers exhibits of the natural wonders found around Kerr Lake. During the summer months you can frequently find Park Rangers or volunteers conducting fun interactive programs for the public: a very popular stop for families
OUR TOWNS

BOYDTON
Located in the heart of Mecklenburg and recognized as the county seat, it is home to many historical buildings and the county courthouse; also home to a proud centuries-old equestrian community.

BRODNAX
The Town of Brodnax is a “border town” where you can stand in two counties (Mecklenburg and Brunswick) at one time! See remnants of our rail, historic, and agricultural history, ride the Tobacco Heritage through the town, and stop in at an authentic market filled with local flavored goodies.

CHASE CITY
Ideally located at the rural mid-point of Eastern America's manufacturing & population hubs; Chase City has always served as a center for commerce and culture, and continues today as a leader in Southern Virginia's tobacco market.

CLARKSVILLE
Virginia's only Lakeside town, located on the John H. Kerr Reservoir (known locally as Buggs Island Lake), and a gathering point for numerous fishing tournaments & lake festivals, as well as a growing center of technology and business with a peaceful, small-town atmosphere.

LA CROSSE
Representing a “Crossroads” in history by embracing its American small town culture, maintaining characteristics of a quaint small community where everyone is friendly and knows your name, La Crosse also embraces the future by being home to numerous national/regional industries.

SOUTH HILL
A thriving, rapidly-growing community, enhanced by its proximity to the two nearby lakes, continues to be known for its ideal location, halfway between state capitals of Richmond, VA and Raleigh, NC and the Atlantic Ocean and Blue Ridge Mountains.