Welcome to the University of Virginia!

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Getting Around Grounds

http://www.virginia.edu/parking/uts/

http://www.virginia.edu/Map/
http://uva.transloc.com/  Mobile app available as well
A Quick History Lesson

• Officially, we are the Cavaliers
  *(Guy on a horse with a sword)*

• Unofficially, we are the Wahoos

• There are a few stories behind the name – my favorite is that it is from the Wahoo (a fish found in tropic environments that can drink twice its weight in water)
On the Lawn

- The Rotunda is now closed for construction. However, a youtube video of the last tour given before construction started can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YL17XsJIETA.

- On either side of the lawn are beautiful gardens that are especially nice to visit in the spring and fall.

- Original dorm rooms include the place where Edgar Allan Poe lived while he was at UVa.

- Annual activities include
  - The lighting of the lawn (mostly undergrads but there is live music which is nice)
  - Trick or treating (bring your children, pets, or just come with friends)
Sports and Exercise

- Facilities: AFC, North Grounds, Slaughter, Memorial
  - Basketball
  - Swimming
  - Group exercise classes – great way to try new things
  - Classes and Workshops year round including tennis, swimming, bouldering, yoga, and more
  - Intermural teams
  - Outdoor tennis, sand volley ball
  - Find out more at http://www.virginia.edu/ims/

- Charlottesville teams
  - SOCA (www.socaspot.org)
  - kickball (cvillesocial.com)
Visiting a doctor at Elson student health center is free for students if your fees have been paid. Call (434) 924-5362 for appointments.

There are charges for lab tests, immunizations etc., but many times these are at least partially covered by insurance if they are ordered by your doctor.

As a Uva student, you are required to have health insurance. You can enroll in the Aetna student health plan, or purchase insurance through another provider.
Sporting Events

• Football
  – Bring your student ID to the “student gate” (North Gate of Scott Stadium)

• Basketball
  – John Paul Jones Arena (North Grounds)
  – Request and free student ticket online

• Other sports at Uva include soccer, baseball, and others.
The Arts at UVa

• Charlottesville and University Symphony Orchestra (Free for students!)
  – Create a login and select “Free Uva Student Tickets”
  – Concerts in Old Cabell Hall

• Symphony under the stars
  – Free outdoor concert in Uva amphitheater Sept. 15

• UVa brings in outside classical artists
  – These concerts are not free, but students get a great deal on tickets
  – See the box office website for schedules
  – You can also find out about theater productions on the box office website
• UVa Art Museums
  – Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Museum in Pantops: [http://www.kluge-ruhe.org/about/about-the-museum](http://www.kluge-ruhe.org/about/about-the-museum) (Not on campus, but worth the drive)

• McCormick Observatory
  – Public nights every first and third Friday
UVa Clubs

• Join a mailing list for groups with your particular interests:
  – https://lists.virginia.edu/sympa

• Salsa Club
  – http://www.universitysalsaclub.com/

• Outdoor club
  – http://www.outdoorsatuva.org/
  – Rent equipment from UVa
    http://www.virginia.edu/ims/outdoor/rental_center.php
When you are feeling hungry and don’t have time to walk to the Corner...

• UVa Dining

• On campus places I like to go in order of their convenience:
  – Wilsdorf Café (Super convenient!!)
  – Rice Hall Einstein's Bagel Shop (Just a short walk)
  – The Castle (Pizza, sandwiches, grill)
  – Observatory-Hill (Food court style downstairs, cafeteria style upstairs)
  – West Range Cafe (Open in the summer)
  – Food carts come in the amphitheater (dumplings, Turkish food)
  – Newcomb Hall (this is a longer walk but has the most options)
Useful Places to Know About

• Libraries
  – Brown (Engineering library – great resource)
  – Alderman (quiet place to study)
  – Clemons (rent movies and books, study area)
  – Chemistry Library (can drop off any library book there)

• Bookstore
  – Software – (its.virginia.edu/software/)
  – Einstein's Bagel Shop (Open in the Summer)
  – Office supplies and fun novelty items

• Newcome Hall
  – Food court
  – Bank of America
  – Post Office
  – $2 Movie Theater
Biking Around Campus

• Do it yourself bike repair centers with tools and an air pump are located on campus
  – Outside of Brown library
  – O-Hill Dining Hall
  – Several others
• You can register your bike with the UVa Police
• [http://www.virginia.edu/parking/TDM/active/bikeinfo.html](http://www.virginia.edu/parking/TDM/active/bikeinfo.html)
• New “bike boxes” for turning at University and Rugby intersection.
First Harmonics Graduate Sci & Eng
A cappella

Auditions soon!
Welcome to Charlottesville

Downtown Charlottesville

• Free trolley from campus to downtown (runs roughly every ~15 min. Also listed on UVa transit site).

• **Friday’s After Five** free concert series during summer.

• Farmers market on Saturday mornings (Christmas market in winter).

• Frist Friday’s each month (art gallery openings)

• Many restaurants, theaters, and shops
Theron’s Favorites Downtown

• Restaurants
  – Whiskey Jar
  – Citizen Burger Bar
  – Milli Joe Coffee
  – Mono Loco

• Shops
  – Oakley’s used books
  – Telegraphs – Books & art prints

• Things to do
  – Champion Brewery
  – Concerts
  – Splendora’s Gelato
Main Street

- Restaurants
  - Continental Divide
  - Orzo
  - Horse & Hound

- Shops
  - Albemarle Baking Company
  - Organic Butcher
  - Gearharts Chocolate (moms <3 it)
  - Seafood @ West Main
The Corner

- Restaurants
  - Bodo’s
  - Take it Away
  - Michael’s
  - Crozet Pizza
  - ...many more

- Shops
  - Ragged Mountain Running
  - Mincer’s (UVa gear)
  - CVS Pharmacy
Barracks/29 North

• Restaurants
  – Milan Indian Cuisine
  – Limeleaf Thai
  – Peter Chang’s China Kitchen

• Shops
  – Fashion Square Mall
  – Kroger
  – Walmart
  – Target
  – Most large retailers you can think of.

• Things to do
  – Regal movie theater
  – Bowling
The Great Outdoors

- Entrance to **Shenandoah NP** is < 30 minutes away. Many beautiful views and trails north ($10/car) and south (Free) of I-64 along Skyline drive.

- Great hiking: **Humpback rocks**, **Crabtree Falls**, **White Oak Canyon**, and **Old Rag**

- Opportunities for **river rafting** @ Scottsville (20 miles south).

- Many smaller parks around Cville & Albemarle

- See **UVa outdoor recreation** for gear rental, classes, and info. [http://www.hikingupward.com](http://www.hikingupward.com) has comprehensive hike info.
Local food

- Carter Mountain Orchard and Chiles Peaches
- Shenandoah Joe’s and Trager Brother’s Coffee
- Relay foods – home grocery delivery!
Alcohol: Our greatest natural resource

• There are dozens of wineries around C’ville. Most have tasting flights for $5 (some give you a glass to keep).
  – My favs include Veritas, Cardinal Point, Stinson, and Barboursville
  – See [http://www.monticellowinetrail.com](http://www.monticellowinetrail.com) for all.
  – Taxi/shuttle companies can take you around.

• There are 8 breweries in/around town.
  – My favs are Blue Mountain and Champion.
  – Find most at [http://brewridgetrail.com](http://brewridgetrail.com)

• Cideries too!
Annual Festivals

• **VA Festival of the Book** – Lots of author’s talking

• **Tom Tom Founder’s Fest** – Our version of SxSW

• **Foxfield Races** – go if you must but I warned you

• **VA Film Fest**

• **Look3** photography fest
Other activities

- The Fralin - UVa art museum
- Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal art museum
- McGuffey Art Center
- Downtown Galleries
- Special Collections Library
- McCormick Observatory
- Ashlawn Highland
- Monticello
- Montpelier
Groceries

- Kroger – Everywhere, cheapish
- Food Lion, Giant – OK...
- Harris Teeter – nicer, arguably pricier
- Whole Foods – Cheap bulk food, otherwise expensive
- Trader Joe’s – the best
- Foods of all Nation – expensive for regular things, good for weird stuff
- Integral Yoga – Vegan & Veggie
- Organic Butcher – Delicious, surprisingly cheap meat
- International Markets
  - Cville Oriental – self explanatory
  - Grand Market – halal
  - Indian Bazar
Getting to/from town

• Charlottesville airport (CHO) close but prone to delays and cancellations.
• Lots of big airports nearby, but none too close.
  – RIC, IAD, DCA all good airports to try (all but DCA require a car).
• Amtrak offers service up the east coast (great way to get to DC, Balt., Phili, or NYC).
  – Northeast regional almost always on time, others quite delayed traveling north (south from DC OK).
• Major highways are I-64 and US 29.
  – I-64 calm highway to Richmond
  – US 29 convenient but busy up to DC, no traffic south of town.
Day/weekend trips

- Richmond: VMFA art museum, Maymont & Belle Isle Parks, shopping!
- Theme parks: King’s Dominion, Busch Gardens
- DC: Smithsonian Museums, monuments, fancy shopping & eating, IKEA
- VA Beach: Cool urban beach
- Outer Banks, NC: miles & miles of beaches, camping, Wright Brothers first flight, Lighthouses
Apartments

• Where to look [http://www.brac.com](http://www.brac.com), craigslist, individual management companies sites

• WARNING: VA does not have strong tenant laws, large management companies will not show mercy to you (late rent, violations, security deposits)

• If you move: check out the JPA/Fry’s Spring area. More individual owners, houses!, & reasonable rents