



Tourism and Area Information for The Inn at Little Washington, Rappahannock County and the Surrounding Area

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The First Washington

Nestled in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains lies Washington, Virginia, the first town to be named for George Washington, the father of our country.

Take time to stroll through this charming village. Discover a special place which has become a destination for gourmets, history buffs, artists, musicians and those who seek a timeless piece of Americana.

The village today is home to only 162 people and it has never outgrown the five block by two block grid that 17-year-old George Washington laid out when he surveyed the town in 1749. The streets still bear the names of Jett, Wheeler, Porter and Calvert, the first families to own the land on which the town was founded.

Curiously, although one of the main streets is named Gay Street, there is no Gay family and it is romantically rumored that young George Washington named this street after the beautiful Gay Fairfax.

Washington is surrounded by the rolling hills of Rappahannock County and is the county's seat of government. An apprentice of Thomas Jefferson built a number of the historic government buildings.

During your visit, browse through the town's quality antique and gift shops, visit the village artists and craftsmen at work in studios and workrooms and take in the performances at the theatres.

The surrounding area is picturesque in any season, and a big attraction is the nearby Shenandoah National Park with its famous Skyline Drive, offering 105 miles of spectacular views of the Piedmont and the Shenandoah Valley.

Visit one of the many wineries clustered around the village or pick fruit at a nearby orchard. Climb Old Rag Mountain or hike White Oak Canyon and capture forever one of our Rappahannock sunsets.

Recreation

Theatres and Concerts

The Theatre at Washington, Washington, VA

540-675-1253

This theatre is known for its professional dramatic and musical performances, including the noted "Smithsonian at Little Washington" chamber music series. The schedule is posted at the theatre or on their website -- <http://www.theatre-washington-va.com>

The Ki Theatre, Washington, VA

540-675-1616

A professional company that specializes in productions by local playwrights and authors.

The Chateaufville Foundation, Castleton, VA

540-937-4969

The Chateaufville Foundation was established at Castleton Farms in 1997 by Lorin and Dietlinde Maazel. The mission is to nurture young artists, foster collaborative artistic enterprise and create opportunities within the community for shared, cultural experiences. The private, state-of-the-art Theater House is home to its far reaching programs. For a full schedule please visit www.chateaufville.org.

Day Trips

Warrenton

Old Town Warrenton is representative of the small towns in Virginia. It has a lovely Old Town area and has many original Civil War era homes. The home of Colonial John S. Mosby, the famous Gray Ghost of the Confederacy is well-preserved in town, as is the Warren Green Building where the Duchess of Windsor resided while awaiting her divorce. It is a pleasant 23-mile drive from The Inn.

Luray Caverns

At Luray Caverns you can explore the soaring cavern walls with stalagmites and breathtaking formations. The caverns are located in Luray on U.S. 211, 10 minutes from the entrance of Skyline Drive and about 35 minutes from The Inn. For more information please visit www.luraycaverns.com.

Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park

The Skyline Drive runs for 105 miles along the Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah National Park. There are numerous parking overlooks, providing panoramas of the Piedmont to the east and the Shenandoah Valley to the west. The Shenandoah National Park is 4 miles east of Luray on U. S. 211. For more information call 540-999-3500 or visit their website - www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm.

Charlottesville

"Thomas Jefferson's Town" is a must-see for guests at The Inn and don't forget to see Mr. Jefferson's University, also known as The University of Virginia. Be sure to include Monticello, Ash Lawn and Montpelier in your travels.

Middleburg

Known as the Capital of the Hunt Country, Middleburg is an enjoyable one-hour drive. You will find country living at its finest as well as a bustling downtown area with shops and restaurants.

Leesburg

Some of the country's finest horse farms surround this charming historic town. Old town Leesburg is a wonderful place to browse, and the drive is lovely and takes about 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours.

Winchester

In the heart of the Shenandoah Valley is the historic town of Winchester. It is a favorite for self-guided tours and historic homes.

Fredericksburg

Located in the heart of several Civil War battlefields, Fredericksburg is rich in history. Visit the battlefields, historic homes, and enjoy browsing in this quaint town.

Manassas

Site of two of the major battles of the Civil War, Manassas now is home to the Manassas Battlefield State Park. The Henry Hill Visitors Center is a perfect place to start your tour. For more information please visit www.nps.gov/mana/index.htm.

Tyson's Corner

Located about 1 hour from Little Washington, Tyson's Corner has two large malls for all of your shopping needs.

Washington DC

The Nation's Capitol and home to the Smithsonian Institution. Washington is about 1 ½ - 2 hours from Little Washington and makes a fabulous day trip. For more information please visit <http://www.si.edu> or www.washington.org.

Farms:

William's Orchard

540-675-3765

Features fall and winter apples. Pick your own Red and Golden

Delicious, Mutsu, Stayman, Grimes Golden, Winesap, Arkansas Black and nectarines in season.

Roy's Orchard

540-987-8165

Herbs, tomatoes, asparagus and fresh fruits.

Moore's Orchard

540-675-3553

(June-December)

Apples, peaches and plums.

Lee's Orchard

540-675-3201

Apples, apple butter and pumpkins.

Fishing

Shenandoah National Park

540-999-3500

A Virginia license is required and can be acquired online at www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses.asp.

An annual listing of streams is available at visitor contact stations upon entering the park.

Mossy Creek Fly Fishing

866-667-9275

Guided fly fishing tours and classes -- <http://www.mossycreekyflyfishing.com>

Gift Shops and Art Galleries in Little Washington

The Inn at Little Washington Shops	540-675-5215
Caulfield Gallery	540-675-3214
Geneva Welch Gallery	540-675-3332
Goodine's Designs	540-675-3190
Ice House Gallery	540-675-3039
Longview Gallery	540-987-1000
Middle Street Gallery	540-675-3440
R.H. Ballard	540-675-1411
Stonyman Gourmet	540-675-2005

Golf

Bowling Green Country Club (Front Royal)	540-635-2024
Caverns Country Club (Luray)	540-743-7111
Front Royal Country Club(Front Royal)	540-635-6869
Shenandoah Valley Golf Club (Front Royal)	540-636-4653
South Wales Golf Club (Jeffersonton)	540-937-3250
Stonewall Golf Club (Gainesville)	703-753-5101

Horse Back Riding

Marriott Ranch
Skyline Drive

540-364-2627
540-999-2210

Hiking

We are located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains with access to hundreds of trails. Most can be easily found in the Shenandoah Park by accessing Skyline Drive. A hiking guide to Shenandoah is available for sale in our shops. Please dial 0 for directions to the Park and Skyline Drive. General information can be found at the Park's website -- www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm.

Some of our guests' favorites include:

Mary's Rock –

Two trails lead to the summit of Mary's Rock – one from the Panorama Visitor's Center and the other from the Meadow Spring Parking area. Panorama is somewhat longer and steeper and follows the Appalachian Trail. The summit offers gorgeous views of the northern section of the park and valley.

White Oak Canyon

This trail is one of the most beautiful to hike with some fantastic waterfalls along the way. This is an intermediate level trail. (Accessible on Skyline Drive)

Little Stony Man

One of the shorter circuit hikes and great for beginning hikers. This trail takes you to the highest point on the Skyline Drive, 4,100 ft. (Accessible on Skyline Drive)

Limberlost

This is a 1.2 mile circuit hike through a grove of giant hemlocks. It is a great trail for beginners. (Accessible on Skyline Drive)

Old Rag Mountain

It is considered to be the most spectacular mountain in The Northern Virginia Blue Ridge. It is separate from the chain of ridges and has become extremely popular for its rock scramble at the top and its flowering beauty along the way. Its summit reaches 3291 ft. with incredible panoramic views. This is a great intermediate to advanced trail if you are considering a day hiking trip and is about 30 minutes from The Inn. Please contact the front desk for directions.

Mt. Marshall Trail

A very quiet trail that takes you through the Shenandoah woodland. If you feel like a big day out, this trail will take you onto Bluff Trail which leads you to Big Devil Stairs outlook. This is an intermediate to advanced trail.

Private guided hikes can be arranged. Please dial 0 for assistance.

Library

Rappahannock County Library

540-675-3780

Museums

Warren Rifles Confederate Museum in Front Royal

A marvelous collection of arms, uniforms, battle flags, pictures and memorabilia and records of the War Between the States. 540-636-6982

Historic Car and Carriage Caravan at Luray Caverns

The history of transportation unfolds. This exhibit features a collection of antique cars, carriages, coaches and costumes dating from 1625. A prize in the collection of authentically restored vehicles is the 1892 Benz, one of the oldest cars in the country still in operating condition. 540-743-6551

The Smithsonian Institution

The highly regarded collection of 18 museums and zoo located around the District of Columbia, including the Air and Space Museum, the National Gallery of Art and the Natural History Museum.

There is an annex for the Air and Space Museum located in Chantilly, VA adjacent to Dulles Airport. Included in this collection are the Enola Gay, the Space Shuttle Enterprise and a SR-71 Blackbird.

For information please visit www.si.edu.

Other Nearby Museums

New Market Battle Field Historical Park 540-740-3101

Military Museum 540-740-8065

Hupp's Hill and Crystal Cavern 540-465-5884

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park 540-373-4461

Local Civil War Battlefields

There are four battlefields within a short driving distance from each other. A self-guided tour of all four starts at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center (about a one-hour drive from Washington, VA).

Pet Shops & Pet Sitters

Horse 'n Hound	540-675-1650
Mountain Run Kennel	540-547-2961
Noah's Ark	540-636-8299
Paws Awhile	540-347-4855
Pet Tailors	540-937-5542

Skiing

Bryce Resort (1 ½ hours away)	800-821-1444
Massanutten (about 1 ¾ hours away)	540-289-9441
Wintergreen (about 2 hours away)	800-266-2444

All of the ski resorts have spring and summer outdoor programs.

Equestrian Sports

Virginia has a long history of all kinds of equestrian sports including steeplechases and polo.

Great Meadows

540-253-5001

Located in the Plains, Great Meadows hosts many events throughout the year including the annual Virginia Gold Cup Races (every May and October) and polo matches every Saturday (end of May through September weather permitting). For more information please visit <http://www.vagoldcup.org> or www.greatmeadow.org.

Montpelier Hunt

540-672-0014

Another traditional steeplechase, the Montpelier Hunt takes place at James Madison's home outside of Charlottesville. The race always takes place the first Sunday of November. <http://www.montpelieraces.com>

Roseland Farms/King Family Vineyard

434-823-7800

Features polo matches every Sunday at 1:30 pm from Memorial Day – September, weather permitting. Located in Crozet, VA it is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes from Little Washington. Visit <http://www.roselandpolo.com> for more information.

Point to Point Races are a way of life in rural Virginia. The races usually run from late February to mid May and then again from September to November. For a full schedule of events please visit www.centralentryoffice.com.

Visitor's Center

The Rappahannock County Visitor's Center is located just on the edge of town next to the Library. It is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holiday Mondays from 9 am – 5 pm. For more information please call 540-675-3153 or email at Sandra@visittrappahannockva.com.

Wine Tasting

Several Vineyards are conveniently located within a 60 mile radius of The Inn.

Bourboursville

540-832-3824

Gadino

540-987-9292

Gray Ghost	540-937-4869
La Grange	703-753-9360
Linden Vineyards	540-364-1997
Narmada Vineyard	540-937-8215
Piedmont	540-687-5528
Pearmund	540-347-3475
Rappahannock Cellars	540-635-9398

The Front Desk is happy to assist with directions or recommendations.