



Winchester-Frederick County, Virginia

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Get a Better View of History!

Throughout history, the Winchester-Frederick County area has played an important role in the development of our nation. Winchester was the first English-speaking town west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Frederick County was the military and political training ground for George Washington, who came here at the age of 16 to survey land. In the 18th and 19th centuries, The Great Valley Road, now known as Route 11, served as a migration trail for buffalo, Native Americans, the Long Hunters, Germans, and Ulster Scots-Irish.

Get a better view of history, architecture, shopping and dining, affordable family entertainment, the arts, and more in Winchester-Frederick County – Virginia’s Gateway to the Shenandoah Valley.



Historical Attractions



New! Patsy Cline Historic House - Walk where Patsy Cline walked, see where she lived, slept and spent her “prime years” while pursuing her musical career. Beautifully restored to the period of 1948-1957, tour the home and hear stories about Patsy’s early career.

Abram’s Delight Museum - Winchester’s oldest home, built in 1754, served as the area’s first Quaker meeting house.

Belle Grove Plantation - 1797 Manor House is the only antebellum plantation in the northern Shenandoah Valley. Site includes icehouse, smokehouse, slave cemetery, and heritage apple orchard

Cedar Creek Battlefield

Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park - over 1,450 acres of battlefield are preserved in this partnership park, which now offers seasonal free, ranger-led programs for visitors

Daniel Morgan’s Statue & Grave | **George Washington’s Office Museum**

Historic Long Branch House and Farm | **Historical Highway Markers**

Kernstown Battlefield | **Mount Hebron Cemetery**

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley - \$20 million complex includes museum designed by Michael Graves, six acres of formal gardens, and Glen Burnie, a historic home dating from the 18th century

Newtown History Center - a collecting museum which aims to preserve the buildings, artifacts, and wagon making history of the town of Stephens City, second oldest town in the Shenandoah Valley

Old Court House Civil War Museum - see soldier’s graffiti on the walls at this museum, which served as a prison and hospital during the war, and houses 3,000 Civil War artifacts

Old Town Winchester - 250 years of history and architecture in this 45-block National Register Historic District

Statue of Richard Evelyn Byrd, Jr. | **Stonewall Jackson’s Headquarters**

Stonewall Cemetery | **Tomb of Lord Fairfax** | **Winchester National Cemetery**

Wayside Inn - reported to be the longest continuously operating Inn in America, Wayside has been hosting weary travelers since 1797



The Civil War



During the Civil War, Winchester and Frederick County changed hands between the North and the South around 70 times, more than any other area in the country! All the town and countryside served as a massive battlefield! The story of Winchester during the Civil War is fully documented by the people who endured the war. Some of the lasting reminders include:

- 18 Civil War Trails Signs**
- Museums, Battlefields, and Cemeteries**
- Seasonal Walking Tours**
- Diaries and manuscripts of civilians and soldiers**



The Changing Seasons and Annual Events



Visit and discover our beautiful countryside and spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains to our east, and the Allegheny Mountains to our west. Explore our apple heritage by celebrating the blooms in the spring and the harvest in the fall.

Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival - A series of more than 30 events, the festival draws crowds in excess of 250,000 people each year. The Festival will celebrate its 85th anniversary in 2012.



Newtown Heritage Festival - Arts & crafts, a parade, and free admission to area museums during this festival that showcases Stephens City's Civil War history and strong ties to 19th century covered-wagon makers

Frederick County Fair

Civil War Weekend - From living history demonstrations, to youth activities such as Civil War-era games and an overnight camp-out with reenactors, to battlefield, cemetery, and historic building tours, Winchester and Frederick County's Civil War story will come to life in unforgettable ways

Annual Apple Harvest Festival

Shenandoah Valley Hot Air Balloon & Wine Festival

Anniversary Re-Enactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek - Thousands of infantry, cavalry and artillery reenactors gather to commemorate the last great Civil War battle of the Shenandoah Valley, on the actual original battlefield.

Virginia Gourd Society Festival - Where agriculture meets art! Learn about the historical importance and many uses of gourds, from craft to music and more

First Night Winchester - New Year's Eve celebration of the arts, complete with "apple drop" and fireworks at midnight



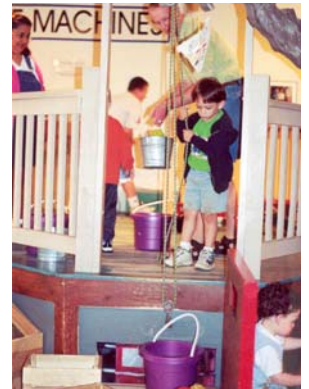
Affordable Family Entertainment



Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - Dinner, drinks, movies and events, all under one roof. Winchester boasts the only Alamo theatre outside of Texas - named #1 theater in America by Entertainment Weekly

Dinosaur Land - Bring your imagination and a camera as you venture into a prehistoric forest at this classic roadside attraction

Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum - Approximately 40,000 visitors a year flock to this interactive, hands-on children's museum, which focuses on science, mathematics, humanities, and the arts



Theatre and Arts



Museum of the Shenandoah Valley - Changing exhibit gallery has featured works of Picasso, Warhol, and more

Shenandoah Arts Council - Poetry and music performances, art exhibits, & classes

Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre - One of the country's premier conservatories produces four Broadway musicals each summer, with affordable ticket prices.

Wayside Theatre - The oldest professional theatre in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia brings Broadway to the Valley in an intimate setting.

Winchester Little Theatre - Live community theatre in Winchester's Historic District. Located in the old Pennsylvania Railroad freight station (circa 1895), most performances take place on a modified "thrust" stage with the audience on three sides of the stage.



The City of Winchester and the County of Frederick are located at the top of Virginia, only 72 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., 86 miles south of Gettysburg, and 22 miles north of the Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park. With seven major roadways – routes 11, 522, 340, 81, 7, and 66 – converging in Winchester, the area is situated within a 3-hour drive to 14% of the U.S. population.

Winchester-Frederick County, VA offers a huge variety of lodging options, including nearly 3,000 hotel-motel rooms! Likewise, with over 200 area restaurants, you'll find a dining venue to satisfy every palate, as well as every pocket-book. With big city amenities and small town charm, visitors find Winchester and Frederick County towns of Stephens City and Middletown, great places to walk or stroll around, take a scenic drive, and relax.