



Find a Hike That's Right For You!

Looking for a hiking route that fits your fitness level and scenic desires? We've got you covered!

Richmond Local Hikers

- **New to hiking?** Check out one of these local parks for perfect intro hikes:
 - [James River Park System](#) – This link will take you to a map and instructions for a full 6-mile loop through JRPS, but you can also break up that hike into shorter distances. We suggest the Buttermilk Trail!
 - [Forest Hill Park](#) – Explore this popular Southside park with a loop just under 3 miles!
 - [Pocahontas State Park](#) – All of Blue Sky's students love visiting the closest state park to Richmond, and you will too! Choose your own adventure on the park's extensive trail system.
- **Find Fall Foliage** by taking the scenic route through Western Virginia!
 - [Big Schloss](#) – Featuring a stellar panoramic view, this 4.1-mile out-and-back hike is 2 hours and 45 minutes from Richmond.
 - [Dragon's Tooth](#) – Trek 5.7-miles along the Appalachian Trail with an option to climb Dragon's Tooth; 3-hour drive from Richmond.
 - [Buzzard Rock](#) – Enjoy this 7-mile loop in the Shenandoah Valley after a 2.5-hour drive from Richmond.
 - [McAfee Knob](#) – Famous Appalachian Trail section in Virginia; this 8.3-mile hike is 2 hours 50 minutes from Richmond and has overnight camping options along it.
 - [Crabtree Falls/Spy Rock](#) – Choose a 4-mile or 14-mile adventure with amazing views just a 2-hour drive from Richmond.
- **For The History Buff...**
 - [Richmond Slave Trail](#) – Take a self-guided walk down memory lane to learn more about Richmond's history with the trans-Atlantic slave trade.
 - [Richmond Story House Walking Tours](#) – These two audio-guided walking tours feature Blue Sky Fund's neighborhood of Church Hill. Learn more about life as a spy for the Union during the Civil War or the unfortunate attempt to build a train tunnel under our neighborhood.
- **Kid-Friendly Options** with paved/mostly flat trails ideal for strollers:
 - [Belle Isle](#) – Classic 2-mile James River loop with a wide, durable, and hard pack trail.
 - [Maymont](#) – Explore both wildlife and gardens on a series of paved and hard pack trails.
 - [Capital Trail](#) – Fully paved trail from Richmond to Jamestown, broken into sections.

Less than Local Hikers

We would recommend using these two resources to find the trail that's best suited to you!

- [All Trails](#)
- [Hiking Upward](#)

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