

Summer 2022 Activities in Charlottesville & Albemarle County

Walking, Hiking, Biking, Mountain Biking, Tennis, Pickle Ball, Golf, Disc Golf,
Skateboarding, Swimming, Fishing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Paddle Boarding

(Check the local venue on current masking policy!)

Albemarle County Parks – Swim Season 2022

[Parks & Recreation | Albemarle County, VA](#) or (434) 296-5844

Check the web site as opening dates and hours will depend on staffing levels at Chris Green Lake, Mint Springs, and Walnut Creek Park.

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation – Swim Season 2022

[Coronavirus Updates | Charlottesville, VA](#) or (434) 970-3260

Check the website as opening dates and hours will depend on staffing levels.

- Spray Grounds at Belmont Park, Forest Hills Park, Greenleaf Park and Tonsler Park
- Washington Park outdoor pool and Onesty_Family Aquatic Center

Area Parks, Nature Areas, and Trails

Albemarle County Parks and Trails

[Parks | Albemarle County, VA](#)

[Trails, Greenways, and Blueways | Albemarle County, VA](#)

Charlottesville City Parks and Trails

[Map of Charlottesville City Trails](#)

Botanical Garden of the Piedmont

[Botanical Garden of the Piedmont | Celebrating Virginia's Flora \(piedmontgarden.org\)](#)

- The Garden is open to you every day, even if the gate is closed. There is a kiosk filled with information about the Garden as well as areas to sit, relax and enjoy nature.
- Access from Melbourne Road near the intersection to the John Warner Parkway (across the street from the CHS football stadium). There is parking available on Melbourne Road. (Portable Restrooms)
- NOTE: Leashed dogs are allowed.

Meadowcreek Trail in Greenbrier Park

<https://cvillegreenbrier.weebly.com/trail-plan.html>

- .5-mile+ accessible, 8-foot wide, crushed stone/boardwalk flat trail for walking/biking along the restored Meadowcreek stream bed. There are a few benches for resting.
- Access points with parking are off Greenbrier Drive and Brandywine Drive, but the easiest is at Jamestown Drive.
- NOTE: Leashed dogs are allowed.

Ivy Creek Natural Area

<https://ivycreekfoundation.org/>

- .75-mile accessible paved flat trail for walking from the parking lot.
- The Ivy Creek Natural Area (ICNA) is a 215-acre preserve bordering the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir with 6 miles of trails jointly owned by the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County (Restrooms are located at the Barn.)
- NOTE: **Dogs are not allowed at Ivy Creek Natural Area.**

John Warner Parkway Trail

<https://www.traillink.com/trail/john-w-warner-parkway-trail/>

- 2-mile accessible paved trail for walking/biking from East Rio Road to Route 250 Downtown with steep switchback at trail head.
- Accessible from E. Rio Trailhead with parking at CATEC. Easier access points are parking at Melbourne Road or near McIntire Business area.
- NOTE: Leashed dogs allowed.
- Note: Indoor/Outdoor seating is available (8:30 am – 3:30 pm) at **C'ville Coffee** located in McIntire Business Park.

McIntire Park Trails

<https://charlottesville.gov/659/Trails>

- Nature trails run along the creek and through mature forests at McIntire Park.
- Access entering the trails behind the picnic shelters, to the north of the baseball fields, or from the CHS bridge with plenty of parking. (Restrooms are located near the baseball fields.)
- NOTE: Dogs are allowed off-leash in designated parts of McIntire Trails on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- NOTE: Indoor/Outdoor seating is available (8:00 am – 12 pm) at the **Kindness Café** coffee shop inside the YMCA lobby.

Pen Park Fitness Trail

<https://charlottesville.gov/659/Trails>

- .5-mile accessible paved loop for walking with 20 exercise stations and benches with slight changes in grade. Access behind the picnic shelters with plenty of parking. (Restrooms are located by the playground.)
- NOTE: Leashed dogs allowed.
- NOTE: Outdoor seating is available (8:00 am – 7:00 pm) at **The Grill at Meadow Creek**.

Pen Park Nature Trail

<https://charlottesville.gov/659/Trails>

- 1.5-mile trail along the Rivanna River. This trail is a combination of a wider main path and side trails that offer closer views of the river. The main trail is very flat and wide, good for jogging or hiking.
- Access the trailhead behind the picnic shelters with parking, off the fitness trail. (Restrooms are located by playground.)
- NOTE: Leashed dogs allowed.
- NOTE: Outdoor seating is available from (8:00 am – 7:00 pm) at **The Grille at Meadow Creek**.

Ragged Mountain

<https://www.trailforks.com/trails/ragged-mountain-outer-loop/>

- The Ragged Mountain Natural Area is a 980 acre preserve surrounding the Ragged Reservoir with 5 miles of trail.
- NOTE: **Dogs are not allowed at Ragged Mountain Natural Area.**

Riverview Park Trail at Rivanna Greenbelt

<https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/listing/riverview-park-%26-rivanna-greenbelt/266/>

- 2.3-mile accessible paved trail for walking/biking, which is flat. starting at Riverview Park along the scenic Rivanna River.
- Access and parking at Riverview Park. (Portable Restrooms)
- NOTE: Dogs are allowed off-leash on designated portions of the trail within Riverview park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only.

Rivanna Trails

<http://www.rivannatrails.org>

- The Rivanna Trails circumnavigate the City of Charlottesville with walking/biking.
- NOTE: Check for specific information on leashed dogs on the various trail sections.

Saunders Trail at Monticello

www.monticello.org/site/visit/saunders-monticello-trail

- 4-mile accessible paved/boardwalk trail for walking/biking on the south side of the Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Rt. 53) with a maximum grade of 5%. (Restrooms are located at Visitors Center)
- Access and parking from Monticello Visitor Center lot at the head and Kemper Park with limited parking.
- NOTE: Leashed dogs allowed.
- NOTE: Indoor/Outdoor seating is available at the **Farm Table Café** and open to the public and does not require a ticket to Monticello from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Parking is free.

Sentara Martha Jefferson Walking Trail

<https://www.mypacer.com/routes/114894/sentara-martha-jefferson-park-charlottesville-virginia-usa>

- 1-mile accessible paved trail (narrower than other trails) for walking around three picturesque ponds with lush grassy areas for sitting.
- Access and parking on lower parking lots near the large pond with the swan as the grade is steeper at upper access points near Sentara buildings.
- NOTE: Leashed dogs allowed.

Orchards and Farms

Carter Mountain Orchard

<https://chilesfamilyorchards.com/orchards/carter-mountain-orchard>

- Food available at the **Country Store & Bakery and the Mountain Grill.**
- No picnicking. (Restrooms available)
- NOTE: **No dogs allowed.**

Chiles Orchard

<https://chilesfamilyorchards.com/>

- The **Farm Market** offers specialty treats including cider, donuts, ice cream and fudge.
- Picnicking is welcomed. (Restrooms available)
- NOTE: **No dogs allowed.**

Central Virginia Orchards and Farms

<https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/things-to-do/orchards-farms/>

Other Outdoor Recreation Options

City Market – Saturdays Downtown

100 Water Street with Parking at the Water Street Garage

<https://www.charlottesville.gov/619>

Dates of Operation: April – September from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; October – November 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Fishing in Charlottesville/Albemarle Area

No activity can be as rewarding as relaxing near waterway with fishing pole in hand and line in the water. Check out our parks that provide/allow fishing.

- [Beaver Creek Park](#) [Mint Springs Valley Park](#)
- [Chris Greene Lake](#) [Totier Park](#)
- [Darden Towe Park](#) [Walnut Creek Park](#)

NOTE: There are wheelchair accessible fishing peers at Chris Greene, Mint Springs, and Beaver Creek. No fishing license is required for those under 16.

Meadowcreek Golf Course at Pen Park

<http://www.meadowcreekgolf.org>

- Driving Range – Bring your driver and a basket of 40 balls is \$7.
- Putting Green – Bring your putter and practice on the green at no charge.
- NOTE: Outdoor seating (year-round) is available for breakfast to early dinner at **The Grill at Meadowcreek**.

Putt Putt Charlottesville

<https://puttputt.com/charlottesville/>

- Individual Game - \$6 (18 holes)/\$10 (36 holes)
- Open year-round as weather permits.

Thursday Evening Sunset Series at Carter Mountain Orchard

[Thursday Evening Sunset Series | Chiles Family Orchards](#)

Contact: hello@CarterMountainOrchard.com

- Every Thursday evening (6:00 – 9:00 pm) join us for live music concert series from early May – September 29, 2022
- NOTE: Reserved Tickets are recommended for these events and must be purchased online advance at \$10 for age 12 and older.
- Event admission begins at 5:00 pm with music starting at 6:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food trucks and wine, cider etc. available for purchase; No outside food or drink may be brought in.
- NOTE: **No dogs or other pets are permitted on the property.**

Tom Socks Team

[Tom Sox Baseball](#)

- Scheduled games run from June 3 – July 23, 2022, at the Charlottesville High School baseball field.
- Games and parking are FREE.
- NOTE: Concession Stand is open

Wind Down Wednesdays at Carter Mountain Orchard

[Wind Down Wednesdays at Carter Mountain Orchard \(ticketspice.com\)](#)

- Every Wednesday evening (6:00 – 9:00 pm) join us for our acoustic music series from June 1 – August 31, 2022.
- NOTE: Reserved Tickets are recommended for these events and can be purchased online in advance at \$5 for age 12 and older. No outside food or drink may be brought in. No smoking on property and no tailgating in the parking lot.
- NOTE: **No dogs or other pets are permitted on the property.**

Indoor Recreation Options

AMF Summer Bowling Pass at Bolero (Formerly Keglers)

<https://www.bolero.com/summer-games> or (434) 978-3999

- A 2022 Adult pass is \$58, and a Child pass is \$40. This enables one to bowl three games per day and includes shoe rental from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Summer Pass Hours: Opening time may vary to 8:00 pm Monday-Friday; Noon to 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Decades Arcade

<https://www.decadesarcade.com/>

- 30+ pinball machines showcasing the '50s to today, 40+ of the most popular arcade games from the '80s and '90s, and the hottest home gaming consoles from the '70s to today.
- Admission is \$12 age 4 – Adult/ 3 and under free. Playtime is unlimited. If we reach maximum capacity, we start a waiting list. Hours: Friday, 6:00 – 11:00 pm; Saturday, 2:00 – 11:00 pm and Sunday, 2:00 – 7:00 pm.
- Main level is accessible.

Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection

<https://kluge-ruhe.org/make-a-reservation/>

- Schedule a private self-guided 30-minute museum tour for groups of up to 8.
- NOTE: Connect a visit to a walk/picnic on lush grass along the picturesque Sentara Martha Jefferson Trail.

Monticello Visitor Center

<https://www.monticello.org/exhibits-events/exhibits-at-the-visitor-center/>

- Movie (15 minutes) on Jefferson's World and Exhibitions in four indoor pavilions.
- Farm Table Café with patio seating is open to the public and does not require a ticket to Monticello from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Parking is free and easy.
- NOTE: Connect a visit to a walk on the Saunders Trail and/or Kemper Park.

C. Ribando/Information is believed to be current and correct as of April 20, 2022. A special focus is sharing ideas for FREE and low-cost outings for young adults with special needs and mentors. (cribando@comcast.net)