

Q&A

BEER LOVERS VISIT

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE
CHARLOTTESVILLE ALBEMARLE AREA!

THE EXPERIENCE:

Discover a community that loves beer: to brew, to imbibe, and to share

Q: I see there are wineries in the area, but I prefer to drink beer.

A: There are so many places to enjoy craft beer in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. You can devote your whole trip to beer or combine visits to breweries and beer-centric restaurants with other activities.

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DOWNTOWN BREWERIES

CHARLOTTESVILLE ALE TRAIL

Charlottesville Ale Trail features six breweries within walking distance of downtown Charlottesville. It's easy to travel from one brewery to the next by foot or bicycle. The Trail totals 1.5 miles. Many Ale Trail breweries have great kitchens and are known for food offerings as well as beers. Starr Hill is located within the Dairy Market, which hosts 12 different food stalls.

Website: <https://charlottesvillealetrail.org/>

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Ix Art Park and Jefferson School African American Heritage Center are two must-sees near Charlottesville Ale Trail.

Websites: <https://www.ixartpark.org/> & <https://jeffschoolheritagecenter.org/>

WOOLEN MILLS

DECIPHER BREWING & SELVEDGE BREWING

Woolen Mills, a historic neighborhood east of downtown, is home to Decipher Brewing and Selvedge Brewing. As the name suggests, this area was known for its textile mills along Moores Creek and the Rivanna River.

Websites: <https://decipherbrewingco.wixsite.com/mysite-1> & <https://thewoolfactory.com/selvedge-brewing>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Walk along the Rivanna Trail; or plan a kayak trip with Rivanna River Company (usually offered late April – October). Decades Arcade is also nearby; test your prowess with vintage pinball machines and video games.

Websites: <https://rivannarivercompany.com/> & <https://www.decadesarcade.com/>



PLAN YOUR VISIT:



TIPS FOR GETTING AROUND:

Cville Hop On Tours (check out their Crozet and Afton tours) and Crozet Trolley Co. provide hop on tours to breweries in Crozet and beyond. Look to www.visitcharlottesville.org/wineries/wine-tours/ for upscale transportation options.

CROZET BREWERIES

Beautiful Crozet hosts two of our most well-known breweries: Starr Hill and Pro Re Nata.

STARR HILL BREWERY & TAPROOM

Starr Hill Brewery & Taproom was founded in 1999 at Starr Hill Music Hall in Charlottesville. Looking for room to grow, Starr Hill moved to its current location, a former frozen foods processing plant, near “downtown” Crozet in 2005. Although Starr Hill has since opened brewing facilities in other parts of Virginia, Crozet remains its flagship brewery and tasting room with a full selection of beers on tap.

Website: <https://starrhill.com/crozet>

PRO RE NATA

Pro Re Nata is conveniently located on Route 250 about 10 miles east of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Shenandoah National Park. PRN complex includes brewery, taproom, multiple performance stages, large patios, and special event space constructed from freight shipping containers. Pro Re Nata manages a robust events calendar, so it's always a fun place to stop.

Website: <https://prnbrewery.com/>

OUTDOOR RECREATION

While in Crozet, be sure to visit Chiles Peach Orchard and Henley's Orchard to buy or pick-your-own seasonal fruit (usually open April – November) and Mint Springs Valley Park for a quick hike or swim. Old Trail Golf Club is one of the prettiest courses in the Charlottesville area.

Websites:

<https://chilesfamilyorchards.com/chiles-peach-orchard/>

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

<https://oldtrailclub.com/Golf>



SHOP TIL YOU DROP:

Visit these unique retailers for beers to take home for yourself or as presents: Blue Ridge Bottle Shop in Crozet; The General Store at Michie Tavern; Market Street Wine just off the Downtown Mall; and Wine Warehouse on Hydraulic Road.

Looking for supplies for homebrews? Check out Fifth Season Gardening Co. on Preston Avenue.

HISTORIC SCOTTSVILLE

JAMES RIVER BREWERY

James River Brewery is a true community-based craft brewery. Housed in a 19th century tobacco warehouse, JRB is part of this small town's historic district. The brewery regularly hosts live music jams and special events.

Website: <https://jrbrewery.com/>

LIFE IN A RIVER TOWN

Scottsville (population about 600) is located at the horseshoe bend of the James River in southern Albemarle County. Take time to explore Canal Basin Square, local boutiques and restaurants, and Van Clief Nature Area. Experience a river cruise in a traditional batteau. Or plan a tubing trip with James River Reeling & Rafting or James River Runners (usually offered April – October).

Websites: <https://www.scottsville.org/>
<https://www.jamesrivertour.com/>
<https://www.reelingandrafting.com/>
<https://jamesriver.com/>

OTHER BREWERIES

WINERIES WITH BEER

Hazy Mountain Vineyards & Brewery, Meriwether Springs Vineyard & Brewery, and Mount Ida Farm & Vineyard are three local wineries that also produce craft beers. All offer savory food options and stunning views of the Virginia countryside. Keswick Vineyards works with Three Notch'd Brewing Co. to produce two beers exclusively available at Keswick's tasting room.

Website: <https://monticellowinetrail.com/>

REASON BEER

Reason Beer is a local gem known for award-winning brews and a low-key tasting room-production facility just off Route 29. The team at Reason Beer collaborates with Champion Brewing; so, a selection of Champion beers is also available onsite.

Website: <https://www.reasonbeer.com/>



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RESTAURANTS WITH GREAT BEER

BEER RUN

Beer Run is a nationally recognized beer bottle and wine shop, restaurant, and bar – all rolled into one. But most of all, Beer Run is an unassuming neighborhood hangout with food made from locally sourced and organic ingredients.

Website: <https://www.beerrun.com/>

BRASSERIE SAISON & SUPERETTE SAISON

Brasserie Saison, an elegant Franco-Belgian bistro, and Superette Saison, a French inspired takeaway shop, feature beers by Champion Brewing. Located on the Downtown Mall, Brasserie Saison has a large outdoor dining area.

Website: <https://www.brasseriesaison.com/>

KARDINAL HALL

Creation of Kardinal Hall was influenced by visits to alpine-style bier halls and gardens. Order sausages made in-house, and play bocce, ping pong, and board games.

Website: <https://kardinalhall.com/>

PELTON STATION

Housed in a former classic car dealership, Peloton Station is both pub and bicycle repair shop. The menu includes amazing, chef-created sandwiches and rotating tap of beers and wine.

Website: <https://www.pelotonstation.com/>

TIMBERWOOD TAP HOUSE

Timberwood Tap House at 5th Street Station maintains one of the largest tap lists in the area, including beers from across the U.S. Menu features burgers, salads, and homestyle entrees.

Website: <https://timberwoodtaphouse.com/>

CHAMPION GRILL

Champion Grill is the quintessential sports bar with hearty fare and beers by Champion Brewing. Located at the Shops at Stonefield, Champion Grill runs seasonal beer tent and walk-up window for ordering food and drinks.

Website: <https://www.championgrill.net/>