

# Q&A

## GUYS-ONLY WEEKEND

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

### THE EXPERIENCE:

Explore the best of outdoor adventure with your best of friends

**Q:** I am interested in planning a guys-only weekend. We want to focus on outdoor activities. What else do you recommend?

**A:** The Charlottesville Albemarle area is a great place to visit with the guys, particularly if you love to be outdoors.

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### GOLF

Golf can be played at least 10 months of the year in the Charlottesville area; local courses allow you to enjoy beautiful scenery while socializing and improving your swing.

#### BIRDWOOD

Recently redesigned by Davis Love III and recognized by *Golf Magazine* and *Golf Digest*, Birdwood Golf Course is conveniently located at Boar's Head Resort. University of Virginia men's and women's golf teams practice at Birdwood; and its Ridges Putting Course is the largest in Virginia.

Website: <https://www.boarsheadresort.com/birdwood-golf>

#### OLD TRAIL

Old Trail Golf Club in Crozet features amazing mountain views and multiple tees, so you can choose different levels of difficulty. Restoration, the Club's restaurant, serves an American menu including hearty weekend brunch.

Website: <https://oldtrailclub.com/Golf>

#### MEADOWCREEK & FULL CRY

Meadowcreek Golf Course is known for its wooded landscape and affordable greens fees. Full Cry Golf Course, one of the last courses designed by Pete Dye, is open to guests and members of Keswick Hall.

Websites: <https://www.meadowcreekgolf.org/> & <https://www.keswick.com/property-highlights/full-cry-golf-at-keswick/>

#### OTHER NEARBY COURSES

Check out our website for a full list of golf options.

Website: <https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/things-to-do/outdoor-recreation/golf/>



## PLAN YOUR VISIT:

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## BE A SPECTATOR:

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Home to the Virginia Cavaliers, Charlottesville supports a robust calendar of spectator sports. In addition to football and basketball, don't forget soccer, swimming, tennis, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, volleyball, and wrestling.  
<https://virginiports.com/>

The Tom Sox play summer league baseball in June and July. Experience professional baseball in a low-key community setting, and cheer on up-and-coming players on their way to the big show.  
<https://tomsox.com/>

## RIVER LIFE

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### LOCAL OUTFITTERS

Area rivers include the Rivanna, Moormans and James. Book a tube, canoe, or kayak trip, usually available mid-April to mid-October, with local outfitters: Rivanna River Company, James River Reeling & Rafting, and James River Runners.

Websites: <https://rivannarivercompany.com/>  
<https://www.reelingandrafting.com/>  
<https://jamesriver.com/>

### FLY FISHING

The Albemarle Angler runs guided fly fishing trips, including "Learn and Fish" packages for absolute beginnings.

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

## HORSEBACK & BIKE RIDES

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### INDIAN SUMMER GUIDE SERVICE

Indian Summer Guide Service offers guided horseback rides through local vineyards or countryside.

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

### BLUE RIDGE BICYCLE TOURS

Explore the city and University of Virginia by bike with Blue Ridge Bicycle Tours. Customize an itinerary for your group.

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

## SKATEBOARD

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### CHARLOTTESVILLE SKATE PARK

Charlottesville Skate Park – a wheel friendly plaza with concrete pools, rails, and ledges – is a perfect activity for guys who love to skateboard. Open daily in McIntire Park.

Website: <https://charlottesville.org/1008/Charlottesville-Skate-Park>



## TIPS FOR GETTING AROUND:

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Cville Hop-On Tours, Charlottesville Wish Wish Wine Tours, and Crozet Trolley provide excellent tours to wineries and breweries. Depending on the size of your party, you may choose a private beverage tour. Look to [www.visitcharlottesville.org/wineries/wine-tours/](http://www.visitcharlottesville.org/wineries/wine-tours/) for upscale transportation options. Local companies can help you develop a personalized itinerary.

## INDOOR FUN:

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Go old school with Bowlero Charlottesville's lanes and arcade. It's easy to organize a special food and drinks menu for your group.

Test your prowess with vintage pinball machines and video games at Decades Arcade.

Stop at Firefly Restaurant + Game Room, a popular neighborhood hangout, for lunch or brunch.

## CRAFT BEVERAGES

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Charlottesville and Albemarle County are home to 40+ wineries, over a dozen breweries, including six within walking distance of the Downtown Mall, and three unique distilleries. Consider exploring additional craft beverages such as sake and cider.

### NORTH AMERICAN SAKE

Located at quirky Ix Art Park, North American Sake Brewery is Virginia's first and only sake brewer. Founders Jeremy and Andrew are passionate about making sake, and staff regularly conduct tours of the facility.

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

### CIDERIES

Cider is produced at gorgeous locations throughout Albemarle County, including Castle Hill Cider, Albemarle Ciderworks, and Potter's Craft Cider. All three cideries regularly host live music and food trucks, but they also allow outside food. Stop at Carter Mountain Orchard to enjoy stunning views and two tasting rooms: one for house wines and one for Bold Rock Cider.

Websites: <https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/blog/cideries-in-albemarle-county/>

## ENTERTAINMENT

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### LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Fridays After Five concerts, held mid-April to early September at Ting Pavilion, allow you to experience life as a local. Jefferson Theater, The Southern Café & Music Hall, and The Front Porch host a full lineup of music performances year-round. John Paul Jones Arena attracts big name performers.

Website: <https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/events/>

### ESCAPE ROOMS

There are four escape room venues in the area, including Immersion, which caters to participants 18 years or older.

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



## VISITOR CENTERS:

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## DINING

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### DOWNTOWN, BELMONT & MIDTOWN DISTRICTS

Charlottesville and Albemarle County are “foodie” communities where farm-to-table is the norm. The Downtown, Belmont, and Midtown neighborhoods boast dozens of restaurants and bustle with both upscale and everyday dining options. Local favorites include Bizou and Citizen Burger Bar in Downtown; Beer Run and Brazos Tacos in Belmont; and Public Fish & Oyster and Continental Divide in Midtown.

Website: <https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/food-drink/>

### WHEN IT IS TIME TO IMBIBE

Visit the following restaurants for remarkable selections of specialty liquors or brews: The Whiskey Jar for bourbon and whiskey; The Bebedero for tequila and mezcal (you can even book a mezcal tasting party); The Southern Crescent for rum; Ten for Sake; and Bobboo (Barrel Aged Spirits Bar) for whiskey.

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### BARBECUE & BEEF

All forms of Southern barbecue are available in the area. Ace Biscuit & Barbecue, Smoked Kitchen & Tap, and The Soul Food Joint dish up great homestyle food. Maru Restaurant & Bar and Doma Kitchen serve Korean barbecue. Reserve a table at South and Central, one of our newest restaurants, or the traditional Aberdeen Barn for steak or prime rib.

Website: <https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/food-drink/>

### SPOILED FOR CHOICE

Be sure to stop at Dairy Market, which is home to over 14 food vendors, or Multiverse Kitchens, a “virtual” food hall with onsite dining. Michie Tavern is a fun lunch experience. Known for its fried chicken, stewed tomatoes, and buttermilk biscuits, the Tavern can easily accommodate a group of guys who are ready to eat.

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

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

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