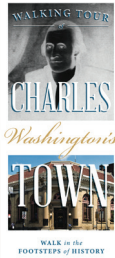


Downtown Charles Town

275 years ago, Charles Washington—youngest brother to George—founded this town. A green cupola marks the Jefferson County Courthouse, where John Brown's saga came to an end in 1859. Want even more? Take a look at the walking tour brochure.



Historic Charles Town

Difficulty: Low

Duck in and out of locally-owned, original shops and restaurants downtown. Streets such as Washington lead to landmarks and hint at Charles Town's history.

Jefferson Veteran Memorial Park

Difficulty: Low

Located between S. Mildred and Morrison St., this 11.6-acre park features a hard-surface walking trail, three tennis courts, two basketball courts, two playground areas, four pavilions, a Veteran's memorial, and an outdoor public swimming pool.

Willingham Knolls Park

Difficulty: Low

A passive recreational park, Willingham Knolls features a 0.6 mile hard-surface walking trail, benches and footbridges over Evitts Run, which flows through the southeast portion of the park. Located on Old Cave Rd. near the intersection of Rt. 340.

Cool Springs Nature Preserve - Linda's Loop

Difficulty: Low

1.2 mile loop on the 22-acre nature preserve operated by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 1469 Lloyd Road.



Appalachian Trail (into Virginia)

Difficulty: Moderate

Start from NPS parking lot at the corner of Rt. 340 and Shenandoah Street (limited parking). Cross bridge on the upstream (left) side. Follow trail to intersection with Loudoun Heights Trail (orange blazes) 1.4 miles. Use caution crossing Chestnut Hill Rd. (Rt. 32).

Footbridge across Potomac River

Difficulty: Low

Spectacular view of the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers. Access to the C&O Canal Towpath on the Maryland side and the MD section of the Appalachian Trail. Begin at the corner of Shenandoah and Potomac Streets, past John Brown's Fort, pass under railroad overpass and bear left to the footbridge entry. A must see for every visitor to understand why water was so much a part of the history of Harpers Ferry.

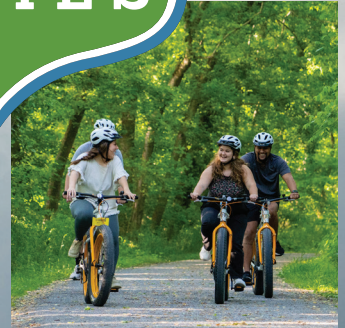
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Jefferson County features walkable downtowns and famous hiking trails all interconnected for easy access. The legendary Appalachian Trail runs right through Harpers Ferry. From the C&O canal, long-distance hikers and bicyclists can connect to the Great Allegheny Passage, a combined rails-to-trails route that spans 335 miles. There are also plenty of opportunities for hikers to go for a short stroll or an invigorating multi-mile trek.

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Harpers Ferry & Bolivar

Immerse yourself in history and nature. These towns' history and their present-day activities have become interwoven. Stroll both historic downtowns to browse distinctive shops or enjoy a meal.

Bolivar into Harpers Ferry's Lower Town

Difficulty: Low to Moderate

Bolivar is just uphill from Harpers Ferry and is surrounded by the Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. Stroll one mile from the restored historic business district to the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

Bolivar Heights

Difficulty: Low

Enjoy some of the best views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah Valley on this easy one mile out and back hike. Along the way, interpretive signs describe the 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry from the Union perspective. Located on Whitman Ave.

Virginius Island & Hall's Island Trail

Difficulty: Low

Explore these easy, shady walking trails in lower town of Harpers Ferry, along the Shenandoah River. Learn about Harpers Ferry's industrial history.

Schoolhouse Ridge North and Schoolhouse Ridge South

Difficulty: Low to Moderate

Gorgeous views similar to Bolivar Heights with interpretive signs, free parking and bathrooms at each trailhead. Follow Rt. 340 to intersection of Bakerton Rd./Milville Rd.

Murphy-Chambers Farm

Difficulty: Low to Moderate

On an easy two mile loop, enjoy a lovely view of the Shenandoah River and learn about the early Civil Rights Movement. Add a moderate additional one mile out and back through mature forest to a secluded stream.

Jefferson Rock

Difficulty: Strenuous

Follow in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson on this popular short hike along the WV portion of the Appalachian Trail. Half a mile of steep climbing rewards hikers with spectacular views of Harpers Ferry and the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

Maryland Heights Overlook

Difficulty: Strenuous

This four mile out and back hike is popular for good reason: the view of Harpers Ferry and the Shenandoah Valley is exceptional! Take breaks on the steep climb to learn about Civil War history. Cross the iconic Harpers Ferry footbridge and begin your journey up Maryland Heights and follow the C&O Canal Towpath upstream 1/4 mile to the trailhead.



Shepherdstown

Interesting and eclectic shops and restaurants and pubs. Social, fun and interesting. A University town with a lively and involved student population.

Historic Shepherdstown

Difficulty: Low

Brief history and walking tour of the oldest town in West Virginia. Includes over 50 sites including churches, burial grounds, homes, shops, and infrastructure sites. Start at the Entler Hotel and Historic Shepherdstown Museum located on the NW corner of German and Princess Streets. A detailed brochure of this tour is available at the Jefferson County Welcome Center, 102 S. King Street.

Shepherd University

Difficulty: Low

Pedestrian friendly and wheelchair accessible. From the corner of German Street and North King Street proceed North through East Campus then cross North Duke Street for a stroll through the newer West Campus. The University offers a virtual campus tour on its website (www.shepherd.edu) and signpost maps exist at various locations across the 323-acre campus.

Rumsey Monument and Cullison Park

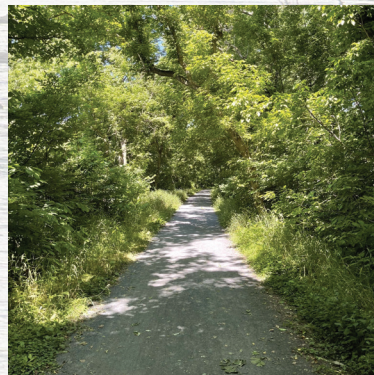
Difficulty: Low

The Rumsey Monument is a 75 foot high granite column overlooking the Potomac River. Adjacent to Rumsey Monument is Cullison Park, a public recreation and play area. Limited free parking. 206 N. Mill Street.

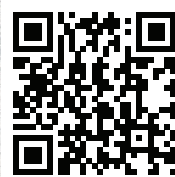
Morgan's Grove Park

Difficulty: Low

This .8-mile loop path is generally considered an easy route, it takes an average of 20 minutes to complete. South Duke Street to 4198 Kearneysville Pike. Plenty of free parking. Open to the public. Twenty acres of trees, meadows, a playground a picnic pavilion, and a spring house that is one of the sources of Town Run waters.



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C&O Canal Towpath

Difficulty: Low

Dirt and stone path that runs 184.5 miles along the C&O Canal, where visitors can walk, run, or bike the distance between Georgetown, DC and Cumberland, MD.