Looking for hiking, walking and nature trails?

The surrounding area around Gordonsville offers excellent hiking, walking and nature trails. Here, you will find flat to gentle rolling terrain, hills, mountains and an abundance of wooded land to explore.

**Preddy Creek Park** is located 14 miles from downtown Gordonsville. Take US 33 west to Barboursville. Turn south (left) on State Route 20. Take a right on State Route 641 (Burnley Station Route). Continue on Burnley Station Road and look for the park entrance on your left. The park is 571 acres and offers 10 miles of hiking, running and biking trails through gently rolling terrain. Trails are easy to moderate. Open daily from 7 am – dark.

**Address:** 3690 Burnley Station Rd, Barboursville, VA 22923  
**Phone:** (434) 296-5844. Visit website:  
http://www.visitcharlottesville.org/includes/redirects/webcount.cfm?listingID=2680
Grelen Trail at the Market at Grelen located just 10 minutes from downtown Gordonsville. From the traffic roundabout take US 33 west and go 200 yards. Look for State Route 231 and turn right (north). You will travel approximately 5 miles. Look for the Market at Grelen road sign and turn right. The market will be 1.5 miles. Turn into the market entrance. The trail is 3.9 miles and offers a mixture of meadows, forest and vistas. There is no cost to use the trail and it is open from 10 am – 4 pm (in season) Tuesday – Sunday. There are options for all ages and skills. A unique feature is that the Grelen Trail runs all the way to James Madison’s Montpelier Trail System and with that connection, there are over 9+ miles total.

**Address:** 15091 Yager Rd Somerset, VA 22992

**Phone:** (540) 672-7268. Visit website: [http://www.themarketatgrelen.com/trails.html](http://www.themarketatgrelen.com/trails.html)
James Madison’s Montpelier Trails located just 11 miles from downtown Gordonsville within the grounds of Montpelier. Travel north on US 15 to Orange (9 miles). Turn left (west) on State Route 20. Go approximately 2 miles and turn into the entrance to Montpelier. Follow the signs to the Visitor Center. The hiking trail network takes you through the 200 acre James Madison Landmark Forest, which is a unique and relatively undisturbed old-growth forest dating back to the late 18th century. There are over 6 miles of nature trails that detail the forest history at Montpelier. Parking for all trail heads is available at Montpelier's Visitor Center. Trail access is free and open to the public during regular business hours. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Guided tours of the Landmark Forest are offered April – October.

1. The Landmark Forest trail--this set of interpretive trails wind through the old-growth National Landmark Forest at Montpelier. This section of woods is under easement with the nature conservancy and signs detail the history of these woods from the Madison era to today.

2. The Demonstration Forest trail--an interpretive trail with signage discussing modern forestry management. This trail details sustainable forestry and its benefits for recreation and wildlife. The Demonstration Forest trail is linked with the Landmark Forest trail and is one mile in length.

3. The Civil War trail--a trail accessed from Route 20 near the train station and details the history of the property since the Civil War.

4. Montpelier-Grelen Connector--the trailhead of this three-mile trail is marked by a kiosk below the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center. The trail crosses over Chicken Mountain to connect with The Market at Grelen.
**Shenandoah National Park** is located 31 miles west of downtown Gordonsville and extends along the Blue Ridge Mountains. Travel west on US 33 approximately 31 miles to the park entrance. At the top of Shenandoah Mountain, turn right to enter the park. There is a vast network of trails, covering over 500 miles of trails and 101 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Your hiking adventure leads you through woods, wetlands, waterfalls and rocky peaks. Some trails lead to spectacular views, while others take you deep into the forest and wilderness.

To help you plan your hiking adventures we have listed on this page popular **suggested hikes** that include trail descriptions, special features and information about the hikes, as well as maps. **Printable maps** of popular hiking areas in the park are available at the park entrances and at the park visitor centers. The trail options offer you something to fit your interest and ability.

Shenandoah National Park is always open. However, portions of Skyline Drive, the only public road through the park, are periodically closed during inclement weather and at night during deer hunting season, mid-November through early January. Visitors can still enter the park on foot to hike even when the Drive is closed.

**Current facilities schedule.** Most visitor facilities and services begin operating in March and close down completely in late November.
Lake Anna State Park is located 28 miles east of downtown Gordonsville and offers more than 15 miles of trails. Travel east on US 33 to Louisa. Once in Louisa, you will be on Main Street. East Main becomes State Route 208. Veer left on State Route 208 and continue to Mineral. State Route 208 is also known as Davis Highway and joins State Route 22. Once in Mineral, turn left on East 1st Street. Cross over the railroad tracks and look for State Route 522 (Louisa Avenue). Take a left on State Route 522 and continue north to Dickinson’s Store. Turn right on State Route 208 and cross the lake. Once past the lake, you will continue on State Route 208 past Good Hope Baptist Church. Just past the church, look for State Route 601 (Lawyers Road). Turn left on 601 and continue to the park entrance on your left. When you visit, stop by the visitor center and learn about the area’s gold mining and take a guided tour of the Goodwin Gold Mine.

The park has 11 trails and 12 miles are designated as shared, multiple-use trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding. They pass over moderate terrain of hardwood and pine forest. All trails are rated “easy” except for Big Woods, Pigeon Run and Gold Hills, which are rated more difficult. The park is open daily from dawn – dusk. Please visit the websites below:

**Park Trail Guide**

[Click here](#) (PDF) for the park’s trail guide.

[Click here](#) (PDF) for its general facilities guide.
Ivy Creek Natural Area is located 25 miles west southwest of downtown Gordonsville near Charlottesville. Getting there is easy. Travel west on US 33 to Ruckersville and then south on US 29 to State Route 631 (Rio Road). Turn right (west on Rio Road) and continue for 1.1 miles to State Route 743 (Earlysville Road). Turn right on State Route 743 and go ½ mile to the Ivy Creek Natural Area entrance.

Ivy Creek Natural Area is a 215 acre preserve bordering the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir and has over 6 miles of trails taking you through woods, fields, streams and shoreline. All walks are self-guided.
The Saunders-Monticello Trail is located 21 miles south/southwest of downtown Gordonsville and is part of the Monticello historical area. Take State Route 231 from Gordonsville. State Route 231 becomes Louisa Road/State Route 22. Go past Keswick and turn slight right onto Richmond Road/US 250 West. Merge onto I-64 West via the ramp and the left toward Staunton. Take the State Route 20 exit, exit 121 towards Charlottesville/Scottsville. Turn left on Monticello Avenue/State Route 20 and look for State Route 53. Take a left on State Route 53. You will pass Carter Mountain and Michie Tavern. Turn into the Monticello entrance and follow the signs. A 12-car parking area serves the park.

The park area consists of 89 acres and the Saunders-Monticello Trail currently stretches 2 miles along the south side of the Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Rt. 53) and across Saunders Bridge to the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith History Center. The steeper part of the trail winds its way up the side of Carter Mountain and offers dramatic scenery of towering, native hardwood forest, deep ravines and panoramas of the Piedmont and Blue Ridge Mountains.

The Saunders-Monticello Trail and Kemper Park are open all year, sunrise to sunset. No restroom or drinking facilities are currently accessible. Please stay to the right on trails. Please use the following links for more information:

- **Saunders-Monticello Trail** and other, rustic hiking trails in the woods
- Two-acre pond planted with native wetland species
- **Carter Overlook** with views of Charlottesville and the Blue Ridge Mountains
- **Arboretum** of native trees and shrubs that include special 'outdoor rooms'
- Trails to **Secluded Farm**
Wintergreen Trail System is located 64 miles west/southwest of downtown Gordonsville and is part of the Wintergreen Resort. Travel south on US 15 to Zion Crossroad. Go west on I-64 past Charlottesville. Take the US-250 exit, EXIT 99, toward Afton/Waynesboro. Merge onto US-250 E toward Afton/ Shenandoah National Park/Skyline Drive/Blue Ridge Pkwy/Wintergreen Resort. Turn left onto Blue Ridge Pkwy. Turn slight left onto Beech Grove Rd/VA-664. Turn sharp left onto Wintergreen Drive. Turn right onto Blue Ridge Drive and proceed to the resort entrance.

The trail system covers an assortment of terrain throughout its 30 miles. There are both rugged, steep slopes as well as beautiful, short strolls almost anyone can enjoy. Click on the links to learn more about the variety of trails. The valley trails and the mountain trails at Wintergreen offers hikers an unforgettable experience. Be aware that the weather can be change rapidly and the weather is different on the mountain. Hike at your own risk.

The trail system at Wintergreen is divided into access trails, perimeter trails, and valley trails. Access trails are blazed in **YELLOW**, perimeter trails in **RED**, and valley trails in **BLUE**. Besides the tree blazes, there are signs at intersections with trail name, direction, and blaze color. Printed trail maps available at Trillium House or the front desk at the Mountain Inn are color-coded as well. **EASY**: Generally level terrain, all abilities. **MODERATE**: Varied terrain, short steep sections. **DIFFICULT**: Lengthy steep sections, experienced hikers only.
Germanna Foundation’s Siegen Forest is located 40 minutes east/northeast of downtown Gordonsville. Travel north on US 15 to Orange and turn east on State Route 20. Continue on State Route 20 east to the State Route 3. Turn left on State Route 3 and go to the Germanna Foundation Brawdus Martin Visitor Center.

There are four trails at the Germanna Foundation’s 170-acre Siegen Forest and they are open to the public during daylight hours, year-round. Enjoy hiking along the Rapidan River, enjoying nature and the area’s wildlife, or experiencing some of Germanna’s rich colonial and Civil War era historic sites firsthand. Our trails provide a unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of history.

With the exception of the Blue/Bluff Trail, trail heads are all near the Germanna Foundation Brawdus Martin Visitor Center. The Blue Trail is along Flat Run Road (State Route 601).

Check out the Trail Rules and Safety Guidelines, choose your trail, and start your hike! (A printable trail guide is available on each trail’s page below.)

- Blue Trail
- Orange Trail
- Red Trail
- Chimney/Witness Trail