



— Roanoke, Virginia —

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Moving to a new area marks a significant life change and we're here to help you navigate this move successfully. You probably have many questions about moving, from housing to education, to things to do in your new community. This relocation guide is designed to provide new residents with valuable information to make your move more enjoyable and less stressful.



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HISTORY OF ROANOKE



Roanoke, Virginia, is a city located in the western part of the state in the Roanoke Valley of the **Blue Ridge Mountains**. The area has a rich history, beginning with its settlement by Native American tribes such as the Monacan and others long before European explorers arrived.



The city's modern history began in the early 19th century. It was officially incorporated in 1884, following the arrival of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad in 1852, which helped it grow as a trade and transportation hub. The city was named after the **Roanoke River**, which was named for the indigenous word "Roanoke," meaning 'shell money' or 'place where shells are found.'



In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Roanoke experienced notable growth due to its role as a railroad center and as a manufacturing city.



It is often referred to as **the Star City of the South** due to the iconic Mill Mountain Star – a giant neon star illuminating the valley since 1949.



Today, **Roanoke is known for its vibrant arts scene, historic architecture, and beautiful natural surroundings**. The city offers **outdoor recreational activities**, notably the Appalachian Trail, Smith Mountain Lake, the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Carvin's Cove Natural Reservoir. Roanoke is also recognized for its **commitment to education, healthcare, and community growth**, making it a significant hub in the region. The city has evolved into an important cultural, economic, and educational center in southwestern Virginia.

WHY WE LOVE ROANOKE



The Roanoke Valley has something for everyone! Whether you're looking to live in a small vibrant downtown, to establish a family home in a friendly subdivision, or to spread out on a country estate with mountain or water views – there's a space for you here! My family enjoys the diverse outdoor activities, the many community festivals, and the various musical offerings throughout the region. Roanoke prides itself on a small town feeling with a large offering of fun events.



CLIMATE

Enjoy all four seasons

The Roanoke Region has a variety of seasons, with warm summers and mild winters. The average annual temperature is 56.1 degrees.



Roanoke is a safe community with a small-town feel, but still has many of the amenities of a larger city. It has a below-average cost of living, a vibrant arts scene, strong public and private education and a growing local economy.



On average...



198

Sunny days
a year



40.3

inches of rain
per year



22.8

inches of snow
a year



July has the warmest temperatures with an average high of **86°F** and low of **68°F**.



January is the coldest month of the year with an average low of **30°F** and high of **46°F**.

COST OF LIVING



Roanoke, Virginia's cost of living is **8% lower** than the national average.



Housing expenses are **22% lower** than the national average.



Median Home Price Is **\$381,066**





NONSTOP SERVICE

Chicago

New York (LaGuardia)

Philadelphia

Washington Dulles

Roanoke

Charlotte

Atlanta

Orlando/Sanford

St. Petersburg/Clearwater



Greensboro, NC	- 104 miles
Winston-Salem, NC	- 106 miles
Durham, NC	- 165 miles
Richmond, VA	- 193 miles
Charlotte, NC	- 194 miles
Raleigh, NC	- 200 miles
Washington, DC	- 251 miles
Knoxville, TN	- 251 miles
Baltimore, MD	- 261 miles
Norfolk, VA	- 284 miles
Columbia, SC	- 284 miles



With easy access through Interstate 81, US 220, and the Blue Ridge Parkway, traveling to Virginia's Blue Ridge via car is a comfortable drive.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Explore the Best of the Roanoke Valley



- **Mill Mountain Star:** This iconic symbol of Roanoke is a 100-foot-tall star that offers panoramic views of the city and surrounding mountains. It's located on Mill Mountain and is accessible via scenic hiking trails.



- **Mill Mountain Zoo:** A small but charming zoological park that focuses on providing a home for native and exotic animals in a scenic setting. It aims to educate visitors about wildlife conservation while offering engaging experiences for families and animal lovers alike.



- **Taubman Museum of Art:** Featuring a diverse collection of American art, this museum hosts rotating exhibitions, educational programs, and community events, making it a cultural hub for residents and visitors alike.



- **Virginia Museum of Transportation:** This museum showcases the history of transportation in Virginia, featuring exhibits on trains, automobiles, and aircraft. It includes a large collection of vintage locomotives and interactive displays.



- **Center in the Square:** This cultural complex houses several attractions, including the Science Museum of Western Virginia, the History Museum of Western Virginia, and a variety of local dining options, making it a vibrant community center.



- **Roanoke Valley Greenways:** A network of multi-use trails that runs throughout the city, providing opportunities for walking, biking, and connecting to various parks and natural areas along the Roanoke River.



- **Carvins Cove Natural Reserve:** An extensive natural area offering hiking, mountain biking, and breathtaking views of the Cove and surrounding landscape. It is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts seeking adventure in nature.



- **Smith Mountain Lake:** A picturesque reservoir in Virginia, renowned for its stunning scenery and recreational opportunities, including boating, fishing, and swimming. With its expansive shoreline and tranquil waters, it serves as a popular destination for vacationers and outdoor enthusiasts seeking relaxation and adventure.



- **The Salem Ridge Yaks:** Enjoy a night at the ball park with the Class A-Advanced minor league baseball team providing fans with exciting, family-friendly entertainment in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.



- **The Railyard Dawgs:** A professional ice hockey team competing in the Southern Professional Hockey League and captivating local fans with their high-energy games and community-focused events.

Live Local. Love Where You Live. 

OUTDOOR *Activities*



➤ HIKING, BIKING, AND TRAILS:

The region boasts extensive hiking opportunities, including the **Greenway**, parts of the **Appalachian Trail**, **Carvins Cove Natural Reserve**, and trails combing the **Blue Ridge Mountains** that surround the valley. The Roanoke Region has been named the **East Coast's Mountain Biking Capital**. Roanoke's annual **Blue Ridge Marathon** hosts thousands of participants each year as **America's Toughest Road Marathon** – a challenging course with the most elevation change of any road race in the United States.



➤ WATER SPORTS:

Residents can enjoy activities like boating, kayaking, fishing, and canoeing along the **Roanoke River** and nearby **Smith Mountain Lake**.



➤ SPORTS:

Enjoy friendly outdoor competition with numerous **golf courses**, municipal **pickle ball courts**, and the newly established **Roanoke Disc Golf Course**.



➤ COMMUNITY PARKS:

Numerous and centrally located neighborhood parks provide playgrounds, sports fields, and open spaces for families and community events.





ART SCENE



A VIBRANT CULTURE.
A CREATIVE COMMUNITY.



ART AND MUSIC:

The **Taubman Museum of Art**, **Center In the Square**, and the **Historic Roanoke City Market** feature local artists and musicians. The city hosts numerous art festivals and concerts throughout the year.



THEATER AND PERFORMANCE:

Home to several local theaters, like the **Jefferson Center**, **Mill Mountain Theatre**, **Virginia Children's Theatre**, and **Grandin Theatre**, all showcasing plays, concerts, and community performances, fostering a vibrant arts scene. Larger concert venues such as **Berglund Center** and **Salem Civic Center** host the **Roanoke Symphony Orchestra**, **Broadway Roanoke**, **Opera Roanoke**, **Roanoke Ballet**, along with natural touring acts.



OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT:

Roanokers love to combine great music with Roanoke's natural beauty in various outdoor amphitheaters such as **Elmwood Park**, **The Dog Bowl at Black Dog Salvage** and **Dr. Pepper Park**.

Live Inspired. Live Roanoke. ❤️

FOOD & DRINKS



- **DINING:** Roanoke boasts a variety of restaurants offering everything from Southern comfort food to international cuisine, reflecting the city's diverse culinary landscape. Fine dining, farm-to-table, international fare, greasy spoons—no matter your craving or budget, Roanoke is a foodie's dream. Cruise Williamson Road for a Bahn-mi sub, Cuban treats, or a killer taco. Satisfy that burger craving with a visit to **Jack Brown's** or the iconic **Texas Tavern**. If you're looking for leading edge, then head to **River and Rail** for award-winning Americana.



- **LIBATIONS:** Indulge in innovative concoctions, craft cocktails, and over 30 local breweries, distilleries, and wineries. Roanoke's vibrant urban core is packed with unique happy hours and late-night spots. Venture to the historic main streets of nearby towns like Salem, Vinton, and Rocky Mount for even more charming options. Savor a craft cocktail (or mocktail) at one of our many bars or speakeasies. Beer lover? Try the award-winning brews at **Olde Salem, Big Lick, Twisted Track** or **Parkway** breweries—perfect for a post-work drink or two.



DIVERSE OFFERINGS

Roanoke boasts a variety of cultures with diverse backgrounds and communities. Here's a sample of local resources for finding the comforts of home in a new city.



CULTURE

SPECIALTY MARKETS



J&J General African Market

- **Address:** 651 Peters Crk Rd NW, Roanoke, VA 24017
- **Details:** Specializes in African foods and ingredients, offering a range of spices, rice, and traditional snacks. Also carries a variety of African textiles and home goods.



Saigon Market

- **Address:** 2501 Williamson Rd NE, Roanoke, VA 24012
- **Details:** A small market with a selection of Korean and other Asian groceries, including fresh produce, frozen foods, and sauces. They also have some culinary tools and dishes.



La Estrella Latina

- **Address:** 3728 Williamson Rd #24012, Roanoke, VA 24012
- **Details:** Offers a diverse array of Latin American products, including fresh tortillas, spices, canned goods, and household items typical in Hispanic cuisine.



G Market Indian-Asian Foods

- **Address:** 4520 Brambleton Ave, Cave Spring, VA 24018
- **Details:** A Southeast Asian grocery focusing on Indian and Pakistani products, including spices, grains, and dairy products. Has a variety of ready-to-eat meals and snacks.



J & L Oriental Market

- **Address:** 3109 Brambleton Ave, Roanoke, VA 24018
- **Details:** This market features a wide selection of Southeast Asian goods, fresh ingredients, as well as unique snacks, sauces, and drinks from various Asian cuisines.



Nourish International

- **Address:** 26 1st St SW, Roanoke, VA 24011
- **Details:** While not strictly a grocery store, this shop offers products from various global artisans and fair-trade items, including food products and handmade goods.



The Grocer

- **Address:** 621 Townside Rd SW Ste A, Roanoke, VA 24014
- **Details:** Focuses on Middle Eastern products, including fresh and frozen halal meats, spices, bread, and traditional sweets.



Before visiting, it's always best to check the store's hours and current offerings, as inventory might change frequently.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS:

- **Local Colors Festival:** This annual festival celebrates the diverse cultural heritage of the Roanoke Valley. It features a vibrant parade, live music, dance performances, arts and crafts, and culinary delights from various cultures. Local Colors aims to promote understanding and appreciation of the region's multicultural community.
- **Greek Festival:** Held by the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, this festival showcases Greek culture through authentic food, music, and dance. Visitors can enjoy traditional dishes like gyros and baklava, while also participating in cultural workshops and learning about Greek customs and traditions.
- **Roanoke Lebanese Festival:** This festival celebrates Lebanese culture with delicious traditional food, live music, dance performances, and cultural exhibits. It's a vibrant gathering that attracts both the local community and visitors.



A DAY IN ROANOKE

Planning a family day in Roanoke can be a delightful experience, filled with activities that cater to all ages.

Here's a suggested itinerary to make the most of your time spent in this charming city.



MORNING: OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

• Start at the Mill Mountain Star & Park

Begin your day with a hike up to the iconic Mill Mountain Star, which offers panoramic views of Roanoke and the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains. The hike is family-friendly, with several trails to choose from—perfect for burning off some energy. The star itself is a beloved local landmark, and getting there requires some moderate hiking, making it a rewarding start to the day.

• Picnic Brunch at Mill Mountain Park

After your hike, enjoy a picnic brunch at one of the park's scenic spots. Pack a basket with your family's favorite snacks or grab some pastries and coffee from a nearby café like Mill Mountain Coffee & Tea, located not far from the trailhead.



LATE MORNING: EXPLORE DOWNTOWN

- **Post-brunch**, head over to the **Taubman Museum of Art on Campbell Avenue**. The museum houses a diverse collection of American art and offers kid-friendly programs, making it an engaging experience for the whole family. The building's stunning architecture alone is worth the visit!
- **For lunch**, make your way to the **Roanoke Market Building** where you can sample a variety of cuisines from different food vendors. This indoor space allows families to explore flavors from around the world, offering everything from tacos to Caribbean cuisine.
- Next, head across the street to **Center In The Square**, which houses the **Science Museum of Western Virginia**. The museum features interactive exhibits and a planetarium that will captivate kids and adults alike. It's an excellent hands-on experience that inspires curiosity about science, technology, and nature.



LATE AFTERNOON: STROLL THROUGH THE HISTORIC MARKET DISTRICT

- Wander through the charming **Market District**, where you can browse local shops, artisan boutiques, and farmer's markets (seasonally). Don't forget to check out the historic architecture and vibrant murals scattered throughout the area.
- If time allows, **stop by the Roanoke City Market**, which is one of the oldest continuously operating farmers' markets in Virginia. It's the perfect place to pick up some fresh produce or artisanal goods and enjoy the lively atmosphere.



EVENING: DINING AND RELAXATION

- **For dinner**, dine at **Fork in the Alley**, known for its classic American fare and wood-fired pizza. It's a casual spot that captures the local spirit while providing a hearty meal that's perfect for families.
- Conclude your family adventure down the street with a sweet treat at **Sweet Donkey Coffee**, where you can indulge in delicious pastries and dessert coffees. It's a cozy café that offers a relaxing atmosphere to unwind after a fun-filled day.



WRAP UP THE EVENING

- As the day winds down, take a leisurely sunset walk along the Roanoke River Greenway and enjoy the surrounding mountain vistas and nature all within the city limits.

MEMORIES
MADE IN
ROANOKE

*Adventure. Culture. Nature.
All in One Day!*



ONE CITY. ENDLESS MEMORIES.

We hope you enjoy your day in Roanoke!



RESTAURANTS

Our Favorites



The River and Rail

A popular farm-to-table restaurant offering a menu inspired by Southern cuisine. The River and Rail features locally sourced ingredients and creative dishes in a cozy, industrial setting.

📍 2201 Crystal Spring Ave, Roanoke, VA 24014



Fork in the Market

Known for its fresh, locally sourced menu, Fork in the Market offers a variety of delectable options, including sandwiches, salads, and daily specials in a friendly, casual environment. The restaurant focuses on supporting local farmers and producers while providing delicious meals for diners.

📍 20 Market Square SE, Roanoke, VA 24011



Village Grill

A casual dining spot that specializes in fresh, grilled fare, Village Grill offers a menu consisting of burgers, sandwiches, and salads, all in a comfortable setting perfect for friends and family gatherings.

📍 1802 Memorial Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24015



The Green Goat

This eclectic restaurant focuses on fresh, locally sourced dishes, specializing in inventive comfort food and craft beers, all served in a relaxed, nature-inspired setting.

Address: 802 Wiley Dr SW, Roanoke, VA 24015



Billy's

Known for its upscale barbecue and comforting favorites, Billy's provides a warm setting with a menu that includes smoked meats, hearty sides, and a variety of craft beers, making it a must-visit for casual dining.

Address: 102 Market St SE, Roanoke, VA 24011



Café Asia 2

This vibrant eatery offers a delightful selection of Asian cuisine, including sushi, Thai dishes, and hibachi, all served in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. With a focus on fresh ingredients and bold flavors, Café Asia 2 is a favorite spot for a quick meal or a cozy dinner.

📍 3549 Electric Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018



Well Hung Vineyard

This unique eatery and winery focuses on pairing handcrafted wines with delicious dishes, including charcuterie boards, salads, and seasonal specials in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere.

📍 402 S Jefferson St, Roanoke, VA 24016



Martin's Downtown

A staple in the Roanoke area, Martin's Downtown serves up classic American comfort food, with a menu featuring fresh burgers, sandwiches, and a wide selection of craft beers, all in a welcoming environment.

📍 413 1st St SW, Roanoke, VA 24011



Sidecar

This trendy spot offers a creative take on classic dishes with a focus on locally sourced ingredients, serving gourmet burgers and inventive snacks alongside a well-curated selection of cocktails and spirits.

📍 411 1st St SW, Roanoke, VA 24011



Montano's International Gourmet

A broad, global menu with steaks, seafood, and pasta with Italian and Latin flare served in a casual setting with a sports bar & live music, plus a food market.

📍 3733 Franklin Rd SW, Roanoke, VA 24014



RESTAURANTS

International Cuisine



Nawab

Serving a variety of traditional Indian and Pakistani dishes, including curries, biryanis, and tandoori items.

118 Campbell Ave SE #A, Roanoke, VA 24011



Cedars Lebanese Restaurant

A delightful offering of authentic Lebanese cuisine, featuring dishes like kabobs, tabboulé, and homemade hummus.

112 Campbell Ave SE, Roanoke, VA 24011



Alejandro's Mexican Grill

A favorite spot for classic Mexican fare, known for its delicious tacos, enchiladas, and fresh salsas.

127 Campbell Ave SE, Roanoke, VA 24011



Taaza Indian Cuisine

Indian cuisine featuring a wide variety of curries, tandoori dishes, and flavorful biryanis.

1910 Memorial Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24015



Petra Mediterranean Grill

Mediterranean offerings with a menu that includes shawarma, falafel, and gyros.

4520 Brambleton Ave,
Cave Spring, VA 24018



Thai Continental Cuisine

Cuisine: Authentic Thai cuisine, featuring a variety of traditional dishes including curries, pad thai, and fresh spring rolls.

106 Market St SE, Roanoke, VA 24011



Ike's Kitchen

A casual eatery offering a variety of American comfort food, including burgers, sandwiches, and breakfast items.

5524 Williamson Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019



Viet Sub

Vietnamese cuisine, specializing in fresh and flavorful bánh mì sandwiches, pho, and other traditional dishes.

1403 Williamson Rd, VA 24012



Cuban Island

An authentic Cuban restaurant offering traditional dishes such as ropa vieja, Cuban sandwiches, and plantains.

5508 Williamson Rd, VA 24012



Bethlehem Restaurant

Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine, featuring a diverse menu that includes shawarma, kabobs, and various vegetarian dishes.

1613 Williamson Rd, Roanoke, VA 24012



Pancho Mexican Restaurant

Specializes in authentic Mexican tacos, burritos, and other traditional dishes with a focus on fresh ingredients and bold flavors.

682 Brandon Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24015



ANNUAL FESTIVALS & EVENTS

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA



FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

Annual celebration of the vibrant arts and culture of the Roanoke Valley, featuring local artists, live music, food vendors, and various family-friendly activities.



ROANOKE GO OUTSIDE FESTIVAL

An outdoor celebration held in Elmwood Park that promotes adventure, outdoor activities, and environmental stewardship. Featuring a variety of events such as live music, interactive workshops, and opportunities for kayaking, climbing, and hiking. The festival aims to inspire individuals and families to embrace the great outdoors while highlighting the beauty and recreational offerings of the region.



ROANOKE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

Bringing together a selection of local wineries, breweries, and food artisans, offering tastings, pairings, and culinary demonstrations. Held annually in the heart of downtown Roanoke, it celebrates the region's rich agricultural heritage and the art of food and drink.



DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

A beloved annual holiday festival in downtown Roanoke that transforms the area into a festive winter wonderland inspired by Charles Dickens' classic works. The event features charming street performances, festive music, local vendors, and a parade, all while encouraging visitors to enjoy holiday shopping and family-friendly activities in a warm, spirited atmosphere.



FLOYDFEST

A vibrant, multi-day music and arts festival held annually in Floyd, Virginia, set against the stunning backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Celebrating a diverse range of musical genres, the festival features performances from renowned artists, local artisans, craft food and beverages, and immersive workshops, creating a unique and unforgettable experience for attendees of all ages.



ROANOKE SHAMROCK FESTIVAL

A lively annual celebration and one of the largest on the east coast, that honors Irish culture and St. Patrick's Day with a festive atmosphere filled with a community parade, music, dance, and traditional food. Attendees can enjoy live performances from local and regional bands, participate in various community activities, and indulge in delicious Irish fare.



WINGFEST

A delicious annual event in Roanoke, Virginia, that brings together chicken wing enthusiasts for a fun-filled day of flavorful competition and community celebration. Featuring a variety of local restaurants and vendors showcasing their best wing recipes, attendees can sample a diverse range of flavors while enjoying live music, games, and activities, making it a must-visit for food lovers and families alike.



HIKING & TRAILS



The Roanoke Valley is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, known for its impressive hiking opportunities, particularly with its “7 Summits.” This local challenge encompasses seven notable peaks in the Roanoke area, each offering stunning views, challenging terrain, and unique experiences.

Here's a list of these summits:



McAfee Knob

- Elevation:** Approximately 3,197 feet
- Distance:** 8.8 miles round trip
- Address:** Trailhead is located at 5708 Catawba Rd, Catawba, VA 24070
- Highlights:** Famous for its stunning views and iconic overhanging cliff, making it one of the most photographed spots on the Appalachian Trail.



Sugarloaf Mountain

- Elevation:** Approximately 3,719 feet
- Distance:** About 4 miles round trip
- Address:** Trailhead is located at 6022 Sugar Loaf Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018
- Highlights:** Provides a peaceful hike with beautiful forest views and a rewarding summit experience.



Tinker Cliffs

- Elevation:** Approximately 3,200 feet
- Distance:** 7.5 miles round trip
- Address:** Trailhead is at the same location as McAfee Knob; follow the Appalachian Trail north.
- Highlights:** Offers spectacular views of the Catawba Valley and is less crowded than McAfee Knob.



Sharp Top Mountain

- Elevation:** Approximately 3,874 feet
- Distance:** 3.3 miles round trip
- Address:** Trailhead at 85554 Peaks of Otter Highway, Bedford, VA 24523
- Highlights:** One of the most popular hikes in the area, offering stunning vistas of the Peaks of Otter.



Dragon's Tooth

- Elevation:** Approximately 3,300 feet
- Distance:** 4.5 miles round trip
- Address:** Trailhead at 4636 Bandy Rd, Catawba, VA 24070
- Highlights:** Known for its unique rock formations, this trail includes some light scrambling for adventure seekers.



Flat Top Mountain

- Elevation:** Approximately 3,842 feet
- Distance:** 4 miles round trip
- Address:** Trailhead at 85554 Peaks of Otter Highway, Bedford, VA 24523 (same as Sharp Top, but different trail)
- Highlights:** Features a wide flat summit with breathtaking panoramic views, it can be a less strenuous option.



Bald Mountain

- Elevation:** Approximately 4,022 feet
- Distance:** About 4 miles round trip
- Address:** Trailhead at 3543 Little Piney Rd, Catawba, VA 24070
- Highlights:** Offers a more remote hiking experience with beautiful vistas, especially stunning in the fall.



Hiking McAfee's Knob, Tinker Cliffs, and Dragon's Tooth is referred to as the **TRIPLE CROWN!**

ROANOKE VALLEY WATERWAYS

The Roanoke Valley and its system of rivers and lakes provide an impressive array of outdoor activities that appeal to a variety of interests. From tranquil days of fishing and kayaking to exhilarating whitewater rafting and hiking adventures, this region is a playground for outdoor enthusiasts.



ROANOKE RIVER

• Paddling and Kayaking

The Roanoke River is renowned for its calm waters and stunning scenery, making it an ideal location for kayaking and canoeing. Paddlers can enjoy leisurely floats while taking in views of lush forests and wildlife. Various access points allow for trips of different lengths, catering to both beginners and experienced paddlers.

• Fishing

The river is also a favorite among anglers. With a rich diversity of fish species, including bass, catfish, and trout, fishing here attracts many enthusiasts. Whether from the shore or from a boat, the Roanoke River offers fruitful fishing opportunities year-round.



SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

• Boating and Sailing

Smith Mountain Lake is one of Virginia's largest lakes, stretching over 20,000 acres. It's a paradise for boating enthusiasts, with numerous marinas offering rentals and services. Visitors can enjoy sailing, jet skiing, and wakeboarding while basking in the sun on the water.

• Swimming and Beach Access

With several public and private beaches along its shores, Smith Mountain Lake is perfect for swimming and sunbathing. Families can spend hot summer days splashing around in the water or relaxing on the beach.



JAMES RIVER

• Whitewater Rafting

The James River is famous for its whitewater rapids, particularly in the section known as the "Upper James." Here, adventurous souls can experience thrilling rafting excursions, perfect for those looking for an adrenaline rush. Guided tours are available for different skill levels.

• Fishing and Wildlife Viewing

Like the Roanoke River, the James is abundant with fish and provides excellent opportunities for fishing both from the banks and from boats. Additionally, the river basin is home to a wide variety of wildlife, making it an excellent spot for bird watching and nature photography.



PADDLE



FISH



SAIL



SWIM



EXPLORE

ADVENTURE
AWAITS ON THE WATER



WORSHIP CENTERS

*A sample of the various religious offerings
of the Roanoke Valley.*

MOSQUES:

- **Masjid AL-Salam** - 1409 Burks St SW, Roanoke, VA 24015
 - This center provides religious, educational, and social services to the local Muslim community, including daily prayers, educational programs, and community outreach events.
- **Masjid Al-Nur** - 3718 Salem Turnpike NW, Roanoke, VA 24017
 - This mosque serves the Muslim community in the Roanoke Valley area, providing facilities for prayer, education, and community gatherings. It emphasizes interfaith dialogue and outreach within the broader community while offering various religious and cultural events.

TEMPLES:

- **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir** - 115 Sheraton Dr, Salem, VA 24153
 - A Hindu temple that emphasizes meditation and spiritual growth, this center hosts gatherings and meditative sessions to foster community and personal development.

CHURCHES:

- **St. Andrew's Catholic Church** - 631 N Jefferson St, Roanoke, VA 24011
 - A welcoming parish offering Mass, sacraments, and community events, St. Andrew's serves a diverse congregation and is active in local service.
- **Greene Memorial United Methodist Church** - 1237 2nd St SW, Roanoke, VA
 - This historic church focuses on traditional and contemporary worship. It offers various programs for all ages, including community service initiatives and education.

SYNAGOGUE:

- **Temple Emanuel** - 1163 Persinger Rd SW, Roanoke, VA 24015
 - Serving the Jewish community, Temple Emanuel provides religious services, educational programs, and cultural events aimed at nurturing Jewish identity and community engagement.

OTHER RELIGIOUS OFFERINGS:

- **Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke** - 2015 Grandin Rd SW, Roanoke, VA 24015
 - This congregation welcomes individuals of all beliefs, emphasizing spiritual growth and social justice. They host services, community discussions, and various outreach programs.
- **Christian Life International** - 1 CLI Way, Salem, VA 24153
 - **Summary:** A dynamic church community that emphasizes empowerment through faith, offering worship services, life groups, and service opportunities in the local community.

Each of these locations plays a unique role in serving their respective communities and contributing to the rich tapestry of religious life in Roanoke.

COMMUNITY



SCHOOLS



As a hub of learning and innovation, the Roanoke Region recognizes the importance of lifelong learning for all. Our region is rich with comprehensive, well-rounded educational programs, stretching from early childhood education, primary school to higher education.



Public Schools within the Roanoke Valley Region are consistently ranked in the **top 23% of schools** based on Summary Ratings from *GreatSchools.org*



The Roanoke Valley, encompassing **Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Salem, Botetourt County, Bedford County, Botetourt County,** and **Franklin County** offers a variety of public K-12 educational opportunities with a strong emphasis on academic excellence and community engagement.

REGIONAL SPECIALIZED PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS ALSO INCLUDE:



Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology



Burton Center for Arts & Technology



Additionally, there are multiple private school options available throughout the region with secular, faith based, alternative curriculum, and child or play based programs.

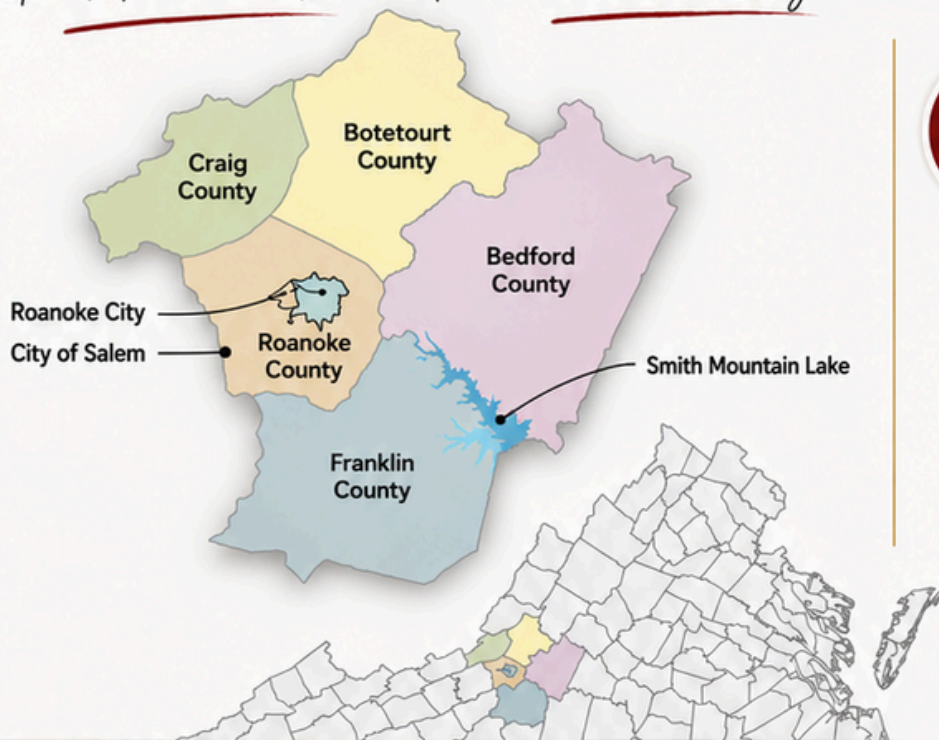


*Strong Schools.
Bright Futures.*

DISCOVER YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

IN THE ROANOKE VALLEY

Great Places to Live. Great Reasons to Stay.



With so many great areas to live in the Roanoke Valley, it can be hard to decide where to call home. That's why we've put together this list of the **best neighborhoods**.

Get your home search started with these top picks:



GREAT SCHOOLS



SHOPPING & DINING



HEALTH CARE



OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE



SOUTHWEST ROANOKE CITY —★

Affectionately known as **Grandin Village**, this historic area was developed originally in the 1920s and 1930s, and much of the housing stock retains its original charm. One of the most sought-after areas in the greater Roanoke area, buyers love the location, the history, and the mix of old and new shopping, dining, and entertainment.



SOUTHWEST ROANOKE COUNTY —★

Also known as the **Cave Spring & Hidden Valley** area, Southwest County is one of the most sought-after areas of Roanoke. Development kicked off in the 1980s, and since then the area has seen neighborhoods of varying price points develop. People flock to Cave Spring for the robust amenities like schools, shopping, dining, and health care on larger neighborhood lots.



SOUTH ROANOKE CITY —★

Affectionately called "**SoRo**" by residents, this is one of the oldest areas of the greater Roanoke area. Historic homes in South Roanoke retain much of their 1920s charm. Health care is one of the main industries in the area, including the world-class research center. You may also hear this area referred to as "**Crystal Spring**," a name that comes from the natural phenomenon that provides water to the South Roanoke area.



Let's find

YOUR PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME!

NEIGHBORHOODS

AROUND THE ROANOKE VALLEY

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WEST ROANOKE COUNTY

This vast area of Roanoke County is referred to as Glenvar, including small portions of Salem has a very small town feel. Commuters to Blacksburg/Christiansburg are drawn to the area because it is an easy hop onto Route 81. Regardless of where you're commuting to, you'll enjoy the larger lots and close knit community feel.



BOTETOURT COUNTY

Botetourt County is the perfect mix of old and new, countryside and townsides. The lively Daleville Town Center is central among farmland, orchards, and high end neighborhoods alongside award-winning golf courses and brand new condos and townhomes. Just north of Roanoke, check out the neighborhoods that Botetourt County has to offer.



CITY OF SALEM

Full of charm, the City of Salem has tree-lined streets, wide sidewalks, and long standing local shops and restaurants. A college town at heart, the city bustles when Roanoke College is in session. Employees of the college flock to this area for housing because of its close proximity to campus.



BONSACK

East County is home to the historic Bonsack district, and is one of the fastest growing areas of the greater Roanoke area. New amenities are complementing some of the longer-standing draws (like the Blue Hills Golf Course), and price points on both new and existing construction are competitive.



VINTON

Vinton is part of the Roanoke metro area, but definitely has its own personality and charm! From the quaint downtown shops and farmers' market to its new library and business think tank, you will find a mix of neighborhoods and amenities.



GARDEN CITY

A five minute drive from the City of Roanoke up Mill Mountain Road, Southeast Roanoke has a wide range of housing styles and price points. The majority of the housing stock was originally built between 1920 and 1950, but there are some new developments currently under way as well. Highlights of this area include multiple access points to the Roanoke River Greenway and the Mill Mountain Zoo.



SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

Lake living! Smith Mountain Lake boasts more than 500 miles of shoreline and more than 20,000 acres of water for your boating, fishing, and recreational activities. The Bedford County portion of Smith Mountain Lake includes Smith Mountain Lake State Park and the Booker T. Washington National Monument. While the Franklin County portion of the lake includes the Smith Mountain Lake Community Park, and popular shopping and dining amenities of Westlake and Bridgewater Plaza.

Something for Everyone.



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LASTING CONNECTIONS.



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The J&D Realty Team is a family team serving the Roanoke Valley, Smith Mountain Lake and surrounding areas. We have helped so many families with buying, selling and investing in our local areas and pride ourselves on core values of integrity, passion for Real Estate, going above and beyond and bringing unparalleled results.



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