



SUMMER 2025

The Ultimate Guide to Richmond



SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Allianz Amphitheater

Opening Night: June 4, 2025

Location: The Riverfront

Rick Springfield - I Want My 80s Tour

Date: June 7, 2025

Time: 7 PM - 10 PM

Location: Allianz Amphitheater

Friday Cheers

Dates: 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27

Time: 6 PM - 9:30 PM

Location: Brown's Island

Fetch Fest

Date: June 7, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Mine Line Brewery

VCU Cultural Festival

Dates: June 14, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: 1200 Marshall Street

Ribs & Reds Father's Day Celebration

Date: June 15, 2025

Time: 12 PM - 6 PM

Location: Ashton Creek Vineyard

Red, White, and Tunes

Date: July 4, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: James River Cellars Winery

The Big Show (68th Annual Festival of the Arts)

Date: July 4, 2025

Time: begins at 5:30 PM

Location: Dogwood Dell

Mini Bluegrass Festival

Date: July 19, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Pocahontas State Park

14th Annual Richmond International Dragon Boat Festival

Date: August 2, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Robious Landing Park

Carytown Watermelon Festival

Date: August 10, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Location: Carytown

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SUMMER EATS & DRINKS



SUMMER BITES

Ballast Scott's Addition - One of the coolest buildings in the area, now with **Yellow Umbrella** (perennial fave) and soon **Slack Tide Fish Co.** Raw bar, burgers, snacks, and more. Plus the **Cirrus Vodka Tasting Room!**

Can Can - Lots of great patios in RVA, but there's something about a cheese plate, a glass of good wine, good company, and Carytown people watching that I adore.

Pinky's- Great atmosphere, lots of light, and outdoor dining. Perfect for sharing some great Mediterranean plates.

SUMMER DRINKS

Bambu (Innsbrook)- Sooo many great bubble teas and drinks, but I love the Fruit Addict-lychee, longan, red tapioca, jackfruit, palm seed, jello, pandan jelly, coconut, & coconut milk. Exotic, juicy, and not too sweet.

Little Nickel - Tropical cocktails, great vacation vibes, large patio, and always rotating frozen drinks!

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LOCAL ADVENTURES



Virginia Capital Trail – Bike or walk this scenic 52-mile trail connecting Richmond to Williamsburg.

The Canal Walk – Enjoy a scenic 1.25-mile path along the James River and historic canals, featuring public art, historical exhibits, and access to downtown attractions

VMFA – A diverse collection of art, family-friendly programs, and special exhibitions throughout the year.

Belle Isle – A popular spot for sunbathing, swimming, and rock hopping in the James River.

Byrd Park – Enjoy pedal boating on Fountain Lake, playgrounds, open spaces for picnics, and special events throughout the summertime.

James River Park System: Explore hiking trails, go kayaking, or enjoy a guided hike in this urban oasis.

Maymont: A 100-acre Victorian estate featuring a historic mansion, gardens, a nature center, a petting zoo, and even some native animals like black bears and bald eagles.

Children's Museum of Richmond: Hands-on exhibits with various programs and activities for children over the summer.

Goochland Drive-In Theater: A nostalgic yet modern movie-going experience with double features, affordable concessions, a children's playground, and a pet-friendly atmosphere.

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NEW AND COMING SOON



Puppies & Yoga Richmond – Just what it sounds like. Puppies and yoga. Need I say more?

Ben Wong's Tea – Mochi doughnuts, delicious pastries, Korean corndogs, and more. Plus all the bubble teas! Midlothian and Willow Lawn

Chez Nous – French Inspired Mercantile & Wine Bar. Think gathering with friends, an apero platter, and wonderful wine. Monroe Ward

Julio's Bagels – New bagel spot from Ashley Patino of Pizza Bones (10/10). Naturally leavened, delicious, and simple. Brookland Park

Chimbo Sandwich Shoppe – Big, delicious, messy sandwiches. Church Hill

Beem Light Sauna – Infrared saunas, red, green, and blue light therapy. Coming to Short Pump

Still Life Ceramics Studio – Classes, memberships, private parties, shop, and gallery. Scotts Addition

Le Petit Morceau Patisserie – Organic taste of France micro bakery coming soon to Manchester.

Abi's Books and Brews – Cozy cafe that blends– you guessed it– books and brews (coffee). Also tea, snacks, sandwiches, and more. Near VCU

Keffiyeh Cafe– Cafe with unique drinks and treats (including the popular “Dubai Strawberry.”) North Chesterfield

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MY PERSONAL MUST DO'S



Drive out to Mechanicsville and hit Sno Shack: This unassuming little shack (seriously) in the middle of a parking lot serves hands down the best shaved ice around (My rec- Tiger's Blood with a Vanilla Volcano)

Puppy Yoga: Every Saturday and Sunday. What a way to calm your nervous system! Puppies + Yoga? Yes please! (\$69 pp)

Concert at the *NEW* Allianz Amphitheater: I love live music, and I've been waiting for this venue to open! I'll be seeing Rick Springfield there on June 7, but they've got a long list of events!

VMFA al fresco: The Frida Kahlo exhibit is here until 9/25, and VMFA is one of only 2 US venues! Grab a bite at Best Cafe and head outside for a picnic on the lawn.

Chimbo Sandwich Picnic: Newly opened in Church Hill, I can't pick a favorite because I haven't had them all (yet!), just grab one and head to Libby Hill Park to watch the sunset over the Richmond skyline.

Get out on the James: Whether it's stand up paddleboard yoga, whitewater rafting, or flat water kayaking, it's not summer in Richmond until you're on the river!

Catch a movie at the Goochland Drive In: First run movies, great snack bar, playground for kids, and an old fashioned drive in experience. SO much fun!



ME!

WEEKEND TRIPS



VIRGINIA BEACH

Distance: approx 2.5 hours

Known for: Vibrant boardwalk, sandy beaches, and family-friendly oceanfront attractions.

Check out: VA Beach Boardwalk, VA Beach Aquarium & Marine Science Center, First Landing State Park



BUSCH GARDENS

Distance: approx. 1 hour

Known for: World-class roller coasters, live entertainment, & immersive animal encounters

Check out: Apollos Chariot, Griffin, Alpengeist, Verbolten



SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

Distance: approx. 2 hours and 45 minutes

Known for: Vast, scenic freshwater reservoir offering boating, fishing, and outdoor recreation amid the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Check out: Napoli by the Lake, Smith Mountain Lake State Park, Fables & Feathers Winery



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