

**AMHERST COUNTY
RECREATION, TOURISM &
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
2023 FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE**

If you have an event, program or activity open to the public that you would like to get posted to the county web site, send it to ranixon@countyofamherst.com

****HEALTH & WELLNESS****

AGEING WELL EXERCISE (monthly)

Low Impact. Supplies needed: towel and water (drink)

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Time: 10 – 11am

Location: First Baptist Church of Monroe

Fee: \$20 Monthly

Instructor: YMCA Instructors

Registration: On Site

****DANCING****

LINE DANCING

Beginning Date: On Going

Days: Mondays

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Location: Coolwell Community Center

Fee: \$35/person (six week session)

Instructor: Tracie DeLuca

Register: todeluca@hotmail.com or call 434-946-9371

Sponsored: Amherst County Recreation Department

ROUND DANCING LESSONS (8 weeks)

Days: Tuesdays
 Session 1 Begins: September 19th
 Session 2 Begins: November 28th
 Session 3 Begins: February 6th
 Time: Beginners: 6:15-7:15PM
 Easy Warm Up Dancing: 7:15-7:30PM
 Phase II – III: 7:30-8:30PM
 Phase IV-V: 8:30-9:30PM
 Location: Coolwell Community Center
 Fee: \$144/couple, \$72/person
 \$40/youth ages 10-16 accompanied by an adult
 Stay on for a more advanced lesson with no additional charge.
 For more information, call Liz at 434-665-4025 or email eileenrudert@gmail.com

BLUE RIDGE STARS SQUARE DANCING

Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music! Great Fun & Exercise!
 Come try the first two weeks at no obligation! New Basic/Mainstream classes starting
 September 7th.

Day: Thursdays
 Beginning: September 7, 2023
 Time: 7-9PM
 Location: Coolwell Community Center
 Fee: Class cost is \$50 per person. (this includes 6 months membership
 to the club as well) Firsts 2 sessions free, \$2 donation each
 session after first 2.

For information email blueridgestarsdanceclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Blue Ridge Stars

Website: www.blueridgestars.org

Call: David Jones 434 259-0782

Barbara Campbell: 434 929-5221/434 660-2703

****ARTS & CRAFTS****

Amherst Art Society

Located in Room 102 in the Monroe Community Center, the AVAS welcomes artists of any skill level as well as patrons. Held weekly, Art Tuesday allows members to meet, share ideas, support each other and enjoy being together. Upcoming events & activities will be posted on Recreation and Tourism website and Art Society Facebook page. Amherst Virginia Art Society.

Our Christmas Holiday Sale will be in conjunction with Santa's Arrival at the Parks and Recreation Department. Date and Time TBA.

Join us and discover your inner artist.

Location: Monroe Community Center
Date: Weekly on Tuesdays
Time: 10AM-12PM
Fee: one free class/person (option to join Amherst Art Society for \$25/year membership; membership includes Tuesday classes)
All materials provided. For additional information, call 434-946-9371

****SPORTS****

YOUTH SPORTS

Here you will find a listing of all of the youth sports activities sponsored by the County as well as sports and activities that are offered by other groups.

Register online for both youth and adult sport activities sponsored by the Amherst County Recreation and Tourism Department!

If registering online, only major credit cards are required. Visit www.countyofamherst.com and look under the Recreation tab. There you will find a listing of youth sports activities as well as other activities for youth and adults.

Boys and Girls Youth Basketball League (Age as of April 1, 2024)

This program is open to anyone between the ages of 5-18 yrs old (must still be in school). Age as of April 1, 2024. Players ages from 5-6 and 7-8 yrs old will be in our instructional program where fun and fundamentals are the focus. These groups will meet one night a week for an hour. Players who are 9 and older will play other Recreation teams and all teams will be in a tournament.

Registration Fees: September 1st – Oct 31st

\$50 for 5-8 yrs old

\$60 for all other ages

Registration Fees: after Nov 1st- Nov 10th

\$60 for 5-8 yrs old

\$70 for all other ages

Registration After Nov 10th is only accepted if additional players are needed.

There will be a scouting combine for all players ages 9-18 yrs old (must still be in school). This is the single most important event of the season as it will set the tone for the entire season. Please reserve the dates based on your child's age for the scouting combine. The Combines will be held at the Monelison Middle School Gym:

Combine Dates and Times:TBA

Registration Locations:

Amherst Recreation Department Office (cash or checks only)

Mondays-Fridays Starting September 1st - 9am-4:30pm

Online (major credit cards only): 24 hrs a day starting September 1st.

2024 YOUTH SPRING SOCCER

Ages: 4-17 yrs old

Registration: Begins early January 2024 – Ends early March 2024

Check the website or call the office for final dates.

Divisions /Ages: U6, U8, U10, U12, U15, U18

ADULT PICK-UP SOCCER

Get together once a week and brush up on your soccer skills with friendly games of soccer! Any skill level welcome.

Every Tuesday night 6pm-8pm at Coolwell Park Soccer fields from April 1st through November 1st.

Must be 14yrs old +

Call 434-946-9371 for more information

Register on-line for youth activities sponsored by the Amherst County Recreation & Tourism Department!

If registering online then you'll need a major credit/debit card. Just visit www.countyofamherst.com and enter 'Sports Registration' in the search box. You can explore the county's website whenever you see this box.



AMHERST MOUNTAIN BIKING CLUB

An all-inclusive group of mountain bikers who are focused on having fun and riding bikes!

- Bike park in the Brockman Industrial Park in the town of Amherst is open for public use with obstacles and a skill track.

RIDING EVENTS

- Join our mailing list by sending us an email to info@amherstmountainbikingclub.com
- Email updates are sent out once a week regarding ride events and/or trail work updates

Question or concerns? Please email info@amherstmountainbikingclub.com or stop by Warehouse Antiques and speak with Tim Ware.

GOLF

WINTON FARM

599 Patrick Henry Highway, Amherst, VA

Opened in 1967, Winton Country Club in Amherst, Va. is situated on an expansive property featuring an 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, and a swimming pool.

Winton is conveniently located within a short drive of Lynchburg and Charlottesville.

For more information, visit www.wintoncountryclub.com

POPLAR GROVE

380 London Avenue, Amherst, VA 24521

Green Leaf Golf Club of Amherst, LLC is pleased to be in the third season of operation.

Since the acquisition three years ago, the golf course is much improved and in great condition. Focused on creating a very enjoyable golfing experience and encourage all golfers to come and take advantage of the great golfing conditions. Poplar Grove Golf Club is the final design of golf legend Sam Snead. Teaming up with Ed Carton, formerly of the Tom Fazio design group, Sam Snead's final design effort reflects a culmination of a lifetime in championship golf.

For more information, visit www.poplargrovegolf.com

****SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMMING****

If you would like information sent to you as it becomes available, send an e-mail to recreationdept@countyofamherst.com with your particular interest (sports, fitness, special events).

If you have an event, program or activity open to the public that you would like to get posted on the county web site, send it to ranixon@countyofamherst.com.

From senior centers, wellness activities, and special programs, there is sure to be something of interest for the seasoned citizens of our community!

SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTERS

The schedule of activities varies greatly, including table and card games, covered dish lunches, arts and crafts, local shopping and sight-seeing trips, nutrition specialists, health screenings, and an assortment of other special events. Call the Recreation Department for a monthly calendar. Get involved! Bring your friends and make new ones!

MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER

Location: 129 Francis Ave, Monroe, VA
 Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Time: 10AM-2PM

AMHERST SENIOR CENTER

Location: Second Stage, Amherst, VA
 Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays
 Time: 10AM-2PM

BINGO

Come join in this popular activity! Bring some friends; come early for coffee and light refreshments! You can't lose!

Date: Fridays, on-going
 Time: 10:00AM-Noon
 Location: Coolwell Community Center
 Fee: \$1.50/card

For additional information, call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371

****WANTED****

Do you garden, carve, build or construct, paint, sculpt, play music, collect, travel or have a special interest or talent? If you would be willing to share these talents with senior adults at the county's senior centers, please call the Recreation Department @ 434-946-9371.

UPCOMING TRIPS

(Reservations now being accepted. Limited seating available)

D-Day Memorial

Date: September 13, 2023

Fee: \$15.00 includes admission & round trip transportation. (Lunch on your own at Liberty Station Restaurant)

Register: By August 30, 2023

Depart: Monroe Community Center at 9:00AM

Peaks of Otter

Date: October 10, 2023

Fee: \$5.00 (Lunch on your own at the Peaks of Otter Lodge on your own)

Register: By September 22, 2023

Depart: Monroe Community Center at 10:15AM

ELKS HOME CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

DATE: December 5, 2023

Fee: \$5.00 (Dinner on you own at Liberty Station)

Register: By November 27, 2023

Depart: Monroe Community Center at 3:00PM

****SPECIAL EVENTS****

ANNUAL SORGHUM FESTIVAL

(Sponsored by Clifford Ruritan Club)

Sorghum molasses & apple butter making, arts, crafts, food, jousting, Bluegrass and C & W bands.

Date: Saturday, October 7th 9AM-6PM

Location: Clifford Ruritan Hall; 755 Fletchers Level Rd; Clifford

For further information call 434-826-1163 and the email is cliffordruritan@gmail.com.

30th ANNUAL VA. WINE AND GARLIC FESTIVAL

Wine tasting by local guest wineries. More than 150 arts, crafts and garlicky foods. Live entertainment on multiple stages.

Date: Saturday October 8th & Sunday, October 9th.

Time: 10am – 5pm

Location: Rebec Vineyards, 2229 W. Amherst Hwy., Amherst, VA

Tickets: TBA

52nd AMHERST APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Longest running Amherst tradition

Everything and anything having to do with apples!

Dates: Saturday, October 21st (9am – 4pm)

Sunday, October 22nd (12noon – 4pm)

Location: Amherst County High School

Live performances, petting zoo, car show, food, crafts and much more.

AMHERST HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Date: Friday, October 27th

Location: Coolwell Community Center

Time: 6-9PM Activities

Remember to bring a bag to gather candy!

AMHERST COUNTY FAIR

Bring the family. Enjoy games, rides, crafts and food.

Thursday, October 19th (5pm – 10pm) Gate closes at 9pm

Friday, October 20th (5pm – 10pm) Gate closes at 9pm

Saturday, October 21ST (12noon – 10pm) Gate closes at 9pm

Sunday, October 22nd (12noon – 6pm) Gate closes @ 5pm

"HOLIDAY SOCIAL" FOR SENIORS

Food, Fellowship, Entertainment & Door Prizes

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Time: 11:30AM-1:30PM

Location: Madison Heights Community Center

Fee: FREE

RSVP by: Friday, November 10, 2023

To register call the Amherst County Recreation Dept. @ 434-946-9371

Sponsored by the Amherst County Recreation Dept. & Tourism Dept., Sheriff's Dept.

AMHERST CHRISTMAS PARADE

Date: Friday, December 1st

Theme: TBA

Location: Town of Amherst

For more information go to: <http://amherstva.gov>

*****THEME PARK TICKETS DISCOUNT TICKETS*****

The Amherst County Recreation Department has Busch Gardens and Kings Dominion discounted theme park tickets available for purchase: Current Prices can be found at www.countyofamherst.com.

Any individual or group wishing to purchase tickets should come by the office at Monroe Community Center, 129 Francis Ave, Monroe, Between 9AM and 4PM. Mondays – Fridays. (cash sales only) For more information, call 434-946-9371.

****COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTERS****

MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 129 Francis Ave., Monroe, VA

In July, 2015, the Amherst County Recreation & Tourism Department found a new home in the former Monroe Alternative School, and built as an elementary school in 1935.

There are lots of memories and stories associated with the building! Now there are an assortment of programs and activities scheduled at the center as listed in this tabloid.

For additional information, call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371 or visit www.countyofamherst.com.

COOLWELL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Address: 646 N. Coolwell Road, Amherst, VA

Located on Coolwell Road, south of the Town of Amherst this community center located in Coolwell Park is available to civic organizations and school groups on a reservation basis. It is also available for rent to private individuals on a reservation (rental fee) basis.

For additional information call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371.

AMHERST COUNTY MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

154 South Main St - PO Box 741

Amherst, VA 24521

434-946-9068

staff@amherstcountymuseum.org

The Museum Exhibits and Research Library Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM

Restrictions Apply for Research Library:

***Visits are by prearranged appointment only**

May be closed noon to 1 PM.

Upcoming Programs, Exhibits, and Events...

*****All programs, exhibits and events are subject to change*****

Please contact the Museum for further information about any programs or events

****Programs and events are free and open to the public except where a fee or restriction is noted.****

Exhibits:

Amherst County Notables II

Remembering the Colony

The Monacan People - new permanent display

****Programs & Events****

Saturday, August 12, 10 AM to 3:30 PM - Colonial Day

Take a step back in time and experience the way life was lived back in the early days of Amherst County.

Colonial Interpreters will demonstrate variety of skills and occupations from the time period.

Free and open to the public.

Sunday, September 24, 2:30 PM -

Vanishing Villages - Clifford and Lowesville

A presentation by local architectural historian and Museum volunteer,
Sandi Esposito

Saturday, October 21, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM -

Ghost Walk

Reservations required, with payment in advance.

Adults - \$12, Under 12 - \$5,

Walk ups - \$15

****COUNTY PARKS****

Amherst County is known and popular for its scenic beauty and natural settings. There are a variety of parks within the county offering a tremendous amount of **HELP** to those who use them: **Health, Enjoyment, Leisure, and Pleasure** are the benefits for those seeking such and discovering and exploring the **AMHERST OUTDOORS!**

The county maintains several parks in very attractive settings throughout the county. Some are on the historic James River and some are at the foot of the fabulous Blue Ridge Mountains.

Pack a picnic, round up the family, gather up the fishing gear, **DON'T FORGET THE CAMERA** and get out to visit each park and determine which park is the family favorite!

*County park hours are one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset. [Please note that county code stipulates that consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on all county property.]

COOLWELL PARK & OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER

Address: 646 N. Coolwell Road, Amherst, VA

Located on Coolwell Road, south of the Town of Amherst, this recreational park has a picnic area with grills, a picnic shelter, a play area for children, restrooms, lighted all-purpose fields (soccer, football, and softball), outdoor basketball courts, a nature trail and an outdoor amphitheater.

MONACAN PARK

Address: 1159 Monacan Park Road, Madison Heights, VA

This park is located on the scenic and historic James River. The park offers a boat ramp and boat dock for access to the river, fishing benches, a covered picnic pavilion and picnic area, a play area for children and restroom facilities. It is located in the Elon area of the county. Directions: take Rt. 130 W. to Elon. Turn left on Monacan Park Rd. The park is located at the end of the Monacan Park Road.

RIVEREDGE PARK

Address: 150 Rocky Hill Road, Madison Heights, VA

Located at the base of Rocky Hill Road, on the James River, directly across from Downtown Lynchburg, this park, which overlooks the James River Fountain, offers fishing, canoeing, tubing and kayaking access to the James River, a play area for children, rock climbing, as well as the Sara Lu Christian walking/biking trail along the rivers edge.

MILL CREEK LAKE PARK

Address: 238 Mill Creek Lake Road, Amherst, VA

Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park is considered by many residents to be the most scenic with a clear view of Mt. Pleasant and is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail [www.dgif.virginia.gov]. Furthermore, this park is extremely popular with the fishermen! It rests on a 190-acre watershed lake. No gasoline powered boats allowed. The park consists of a boat ramp, picnic tables and grills, play area for children, restroom facilities and a beach swimming area. Directions: turn onto Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 west. Turn right on Rt. 610. Follow the signs.

STONEHOUSE LAKE PARK

Address: 294 Stonehouse Lake Road, Amherst, VA

Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park rests on a beautiful 41 acre watershed lake and is open for fishing only (no swimming). This park is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. [www.dgif.virginia.gov]. There is a boat ramp providing access into the lake (no gasoline powered boats allowed). A covered picnic pavilion, picnic tables and grills, restroom facilities and a brand new play area for children makes this park an attractive setting for family/group picnics and activities. Directions: turn on Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 W. Turn left onto Rt. 610. Follow the signs.

THRASHERS LAKE PARK

Address: 223 Thrashers Lake Road, Amherst, VA

Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park rests on an attractive 36 acre watershed lake open for fishing only (no swimming). This park is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail [www.dgif.virginia.gov]. It consists of a boat ramp (no gasoline powered boats allowed) picnic tables and grills, a brand new play area for children and restroom facilities. Directions: turn onto Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 W. Turn left on Rt 610. Follow the signs.

NIGHT FISHING LICENSES for night-time fishing on the county lakes are available for purchase at the Recreation Department; 129 Francis Ave., Monroe, VA, as well as the County's Treasurer's office in Amherst. A current VA fishing license is necessary.

Fee:	\$10/county resident
	\$15/non-county resident

****TRAILS****

JAMES RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL

This blacktop hiking/biking trail is part of the Peaks of Otter Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail [www.dgif.virginia.gov] and has two access points. One is from Percival Island Natural Area. The trail extends from Lynchburg's Blackwater Creek Trail, crossing the railroad trestle onto Percival Isle from Lynchburg. It traverses the island for about one mile along an old railroad bed. The trail continues across the James River on another trestle, and continues along the James River in Amherst County for another 1 ½ miles. This is a beautiful scenic walk or bike ride through an historical area. The trail is also accessible in Amherst County at the end of Fertilizer Road [enter via the Central Virginia Training School].

Be sure to explore the exhibit, **VIRGINIA ROCKS**, at the JRHT trailhead at the base of Fertilizer Road.

RIVEREDGE PARK SARA LU CHRISTIAN TRAIL

In keeping with the county vision to create a trail extending from Riveredge Park to the James River Heritage Trail, another portion of hiking/biking trail has been completed at Riveredge Park that now extends along the James River bank beyond the Carter Glass Bridge. Plans are being developed to continue this trail along the James River to connect to the James River Heritage Trail.

VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE RAILWAY TRAIL

This trail is idyllically located in the rolling Virginia countryside and follows the banks of the Piney and Tye Rivers along the path of the longest running, commercially successful short-line railway in America. It is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail [www.dgif.virginia.gov]. This trail provides a perfect opportunity to relive the historically significant events that developed and changed Amherst and Nelson Counties. Recent additions to this trail are a covered bridge, a caboose (original to the VBRR and under refurbishment), and a restored weigh station. The two access points are located at Piney River and Roses Mill.

BROTHER BASIL NATURE TRAIL

Located at Coolwell Park, this ¼ mile trail is located behind the outdoor amphitheater. Go exploring and check it out!

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Approximately 25 miles of this trail passes through Amherst County from the Nelson County line to the James River, crossing over the James River Foot Bridge into Bedford County. There are many beautiful and scenic trails that run through the mountains of the county. Enjoy the sights from Mt. Pleasant, Cole Mountain, Tar Jacket, and Rocky Row Run, just to name a few.

HENRY LANUM MEMORIAL TRAIL

This trail was named after Henry L. Lanum, Jr., a long time trail maintenance supervisor for the Natural Bridge Chapter of the Appalachian Trail Club. Located in the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area, this 4.8 mile loop leads to the 4,071 foot summit of Mount Pleasant with panoramic 360 degree views high atop Amherst County!

OLD HOTEL TRAIL

A 5-mile loop, when combined with the Appalachian Trail, across the meadows on the summit of Cole Mountain with fantastic views of the Amherst foothills and the western valley.

VIRGINIA BIRDING & WILDLIFE TRAIL

From the Atlantic Ocean of Virginia's eastern border, to the towering Mt. Rogers at its southwest corner, the Commonwealth includes every bird and animal habitat that occurs naturally between Maine and Florida. Virginia also offers a long history, rich culture, and tradition of warm hospitality to welcome visitors.

Within Virginia's 43,000 square miles of diverse natural habitat, you can find some 400 species of birds, 250 species of fish, 150 species of terrestrial and marine animals, 150 species of amphibians and reptiles, and a wide variety of aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates. The Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail celebrates this diversity. In fact, it is the first statewide program of its kind in the United States. All three phases of the trail link wildlife viewing sites throughout the state have been completed: The Coastal, Piedmont, and Mountain Phases.

Amherst County has several trail loops listed in the Mountain Phase trail system. The **Peaks of Otter Loop** includes the James River Heritage Trail along the southern border of the county. The **Sleeping Giant Loop**, includes Mt. Pleasant Scenic Area, Mill Creek Lake, Stonehouse Lake, Thrashers Lake, as well as the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail.

For further information or for a map of one of the three phases, visit the Amherst County Recreation Department or contact the Virginia Tourism Corporation @ 1-800-VISITVA or visit www.dgif.state.va.us.

SOUTH PEDLAR ATV TRAIL SYSTEM

The Terrapin and Rattlesnake trailhead parking lots are posted along Rt. 130. For more information contact the Glenwood/Pedlar Ranger District of the National Forest Service @ 540-291-2188.

For an Amherst County Parks & Trails Guide, visit www.countyofamherst.com

For a calendar of hikes sponsored by the Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club, visit www.nbatc.org

****SCENIC AREAS****

Amherst County is becoming known as “Perfect Slice of Virginia”. Part of the rationale for this ‘Claim to Fame’ is that nearly 1/3 of Amherst County (northwest) is located in the **GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST**. Hunting, camping, hiking, nature and wildlife watching enthusiasts enjoy the benefits of the GWNF in Amherst County. Scenic view sheds, overlooks, waterfalls, and more – it’s all here! For additional information, visit www.fs.fed.us.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Outstanding scenery and recreational opportunities make the Blue Ridge Parkway one of the most popular units of the National Park System. “America’s Favorite Drive” winds its way 469 miles through mountain meadows and past seemingly endless vistas. Split-rail fences, old farmsteads and historic structures complement spectacular views of distant mountains and neighboring valleys.”

Access to the Blue Ridge Parkway in Amherst County is on Rt. 60 and Rt. 130/501. For more information, visit www.blueridgeparkway.org

MOUNT PLEASANT NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

Located in the Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts of Amherst County, this 7,580 acre area is part of the George Washington National Forest and is accessible by Route 60 West. It is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail [www.dgif.virginia.gov] Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area offers excellent opportunities for solitude and serenity and is very popular for various forms of dispersed recreation including hiking, hunting, and fishing. The core of the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area is remote in appearance. Motor vehicles are permitted only on open roads. For additional information, visit www.fs.fed.us.

****CAMPING****

LYNCHBURG NW/BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY KOA

A family campground in the Blue Ridge Mountains, full of fun and activities including swimming, ATV trail, special events; along with a camp store and gift shop and much more. 6252 Elon Road; Monroe, VA [Rt. 130 west of Elon and a mile east of the Blue Ridge Parkway. For more information, call 434-299-5228 or visit www.koa.com/campgrounds/lynchburg

****HORSE BACK RIDING****

Amherst County is rich in outdoor beauty! From the mountain tops to the valleys, there are breathtaking views. What better way to experience those views than on horseback. There are several options in Amherst County for boarding horses and taking lessons.

COUNTRY MEADOW FARM, LLC

Address: 432 Early Farm Rd., Amherst, VA 24521
www.shelbyrader.com or call 434-919-3075

WINDY HILL FARM

Address: 3749 Elon Road, Monroe
Visit www.greatnessinthesaddle.com or call (804)516-8852

****OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST IN AMHERST COUNTY****

MONACAN INDIAN MUSEUM

Open Tuesdays through Saturdays and located at 2009 Kenmore Road, Amherst, the Monacan Ancestral Museum is staffed and operated by volunteers within the tribe, committed to preserving the rich legacy of the Monacan tribe's history and culture. For more information call 434 363-4864 or email trivaloffice@monacannation.com.

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE FINE ARTS GALLERY

See noteworthy traveling exhibitions, innovative student works, and pieces from the college's extensive collection. For more information, visit www.sbc.edu

REBEC VINEYARD

Commanding an expansive view of the Blue Ridge Mountains and located on the historic farm, Mountain View, listed both on the National Register of Historic Places and as a Virginia Landmark. Rebec is a working vineyard with on-premises shop offering tastings, gifts, and a full selection of the vineyards' wines.

Located at 2229 N. Amherst Highway (5 miles north of Amherst).

Call 434-946-5168 or visit www.rebecwinery.com

LAZY DAYS VINEYARD

Located at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Lazy Days Vineyard & Winery offers a broad spectacular view of the natural beauty of Virginia. Close to both Charlottesville and Lynchburg, it's easy to reach Lazy Days and enjoy their Virginia Wines. Located at 1351 N. Amherst Hwy, Amherst, VA. Call 434- 381-6088 or visit www.lazydayswinery.com

ANKIDA RIDGE VINERYARDS

Far away from the cities on a steep eastern slope of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, sits a little vineyard. The views are majestic and the mountain air is clean and fragrant with seasonal perfumes that are infused into the grapes themselves. Located at 1302 Franklin Creek Road, Amherst. Call 434-922-7678 or visit ww.ankidaridge.com.

LOOSE SHOE BREWERY

Our large comfortable **taproom** features 12 taps that offer a variety of craft beers to suit every palate.

Located: 198 Ambriar Plaza, Amherst, VA

For additional information, call 434-946-BEER or visit www.looseshoebrewing.com

MORRIS ORCHARD

Enjoy the splendor of the orchard in bloom in the spring; come for
The peaches and blueberries in the summer; and enjoy picking your own
apples off the tree in the fall. There is also a gift shop and petting zoo!
[closed January – March]

Located at 226 Tobacco Row Lane. Call 434-929-2401

**AMHERST COUNTY
RECREATION AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT**

Office Location:

Monroe Community Center

129 Francis Ave.

Monroe, VA 24574

Mailing Address:

129 Francis Ave.

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Office Hours: Mondays – Fridays

8:30AM – 5PM

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E-Mail ranixon@countyofamherst.com

Web Site: www.countyofamherst.com

Randal A. Nixon	Director
Elizabeth Parr	Recreation Specialist
Regina Rice	Special Events Coordinator
Brenda C. Toney	Officer Manager

**Amherst County Parks, Recreation &
Cultural Development Board Members**

District 1:	Bailey Angus	(434)907-2348
District 2:	Roni Tuggle	(434)942-6953
District 3:	Heather Follett	(434)841-4032
District 4:	Sara Lu Christian	(434)944-5509
District 5:	John Mann	(434)929-1508

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board (ACPRCD Board) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00PM in the Monroe Community Center to review budget, activities, and discuss the future of leisure services in Amherst County. These meetings are open to the public. Individuals and groups are welcome and encouraged to bring matters concerning recreation and parks in the county to these meetings. In order to get on the agenda, please call the Recreation Department at least three weeks prior to a scheduled meeting date.

****REGISTRATION INFORMATION****

REGISTRATION: Unless otherwise noted, pre-registration is necessary and will be done on a first-come-first serve basis. Registration for classes may be done by telephone, e-mail, or coming by the Recreation office. Registration for sports leagues may either be done in person at the Monroe Community Center or on the web at www.countyofamherst.com

FEES: Unless specified, all fees must be paid prior to the day of the activity. Make checks payable to the **Amherst County Recreation Department**. Your payment will confirm your registration.

LATE CHARGE: A late fee will be charged for registrations accepted after a specified registration deadline.

REFUNDS: You may request a refund provided you give a 24 hour notice prior to the activity beginning. Refunds are also given when insufficient enrollment cancels the activity.

CANCELLATIONS: The Amherst County Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel a program due to insufficient registration or to make late changes. All registrants will be notified of these changes.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & POSTPONEMENTS: All class/activities are cancelled for the day when schools are closed due to inclement weather. In the event schools close early, the Recreation Department's programs will be cancelled that evening also.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS & SMOKING: are strictly prohibited at the recreation programs and on county grounds.

For further information, call the Amherst County Recreation Department at 434-946-9371 between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM, Mondays – Fridays.