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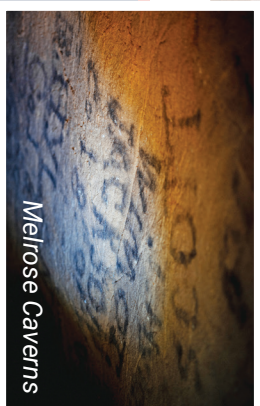
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HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM HISTORY

Welcome to **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County** in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. 250 years ago, this region was Virginia's frontier. Come **explore the spirit of America** that built the community we know today. Discover the voices of people across time who settled or passed through, traveling along the Great Valley Road and across the Blue Ridge. **Their stories** of migration, war, religion, education, civic duty, and recreation **still resonate today.**



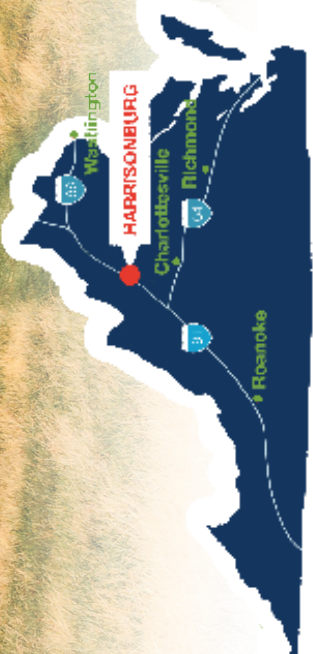
HIDDEN GEM
Melrose Caverns holds rare Civil War-era inscriptions left by soldiers who sheltered inside the caverns. These historic writings offer a powerful, first hand glimpse into life during the war, preserved deep underground.

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HISTORIC SITES



The enclosed map showcases over 22 historic sites, including heritage museums and preserved landmarks that reflect the region's rich history. Highlights include the **Virginia Quilt Museum** and the **Valley Turnpike Museum**, along with many other places that offer a unique look into the stories of the past.

CIVIL WAR TRAILS AND BATTLEFIELDS

Trail markers throughout the Shenandoah Valley highlight the Civil War campaigns fought in the region once known as the Breadbasket of the Confederacy. Enhance your visit with audio tours at area battlefields or begin at the **Civil War Orientation Center** with a free video.



TOURS



Numerous historical markers dot the local landscape including **Resilience Amid Resistance** in front of the federal courthouse where the first order to desegregate schools in Virginia occurred. **Shenandoah Valley Black Heritage Project** provides **Roots Run Deep**, free self-guided tours featuring significant African-American History sites including a Greenbook house. Check with local sites for additional tour information.

ROCKTOWN HISTORY COLLECTION



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Uncover more along the trail at our website!



- Discover remarkable history:
- Visit battlefields
 - Step inside historic homes
 - Experience a one room schoolhouse
 - Tour a museum to local firefighting

- Walk in the footsteps of those who shaped our past, including:
- President Abraham Lincoln's ancestors
 - Civil War Generals
 - African American educator Lucy Simms

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LIVING HISTORY



Many of the early settlers to the valley were Brethren and Mennonite whose descendants still populate the area. Visit the **Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center** to learn about these early settlers through a historic one-room schoolhouse, shoemaker shop, iron forge, historic home and numerous other buildings.

MONUMENTS AND CEMETERIES

Visit sites from **Abraham Lincoln's family cemetery** to **Elkton's Blue Ridge Heritage Memorial** (honoring those who lost their homes, land and livelihood when the National Park was formed). Explore locations to remember fallen heroes and remarkable ancestors.



GENEALOGY AND RESEARCH



The area is home to James Madison University, Bridgewater College and Eastern Mennonite University. It also features the **Massanutten Regional Library and Rocktown History** that offer excellent archives for research and genealogy.

SEE THE MAP INSIDE FOR HISTORIC SITES

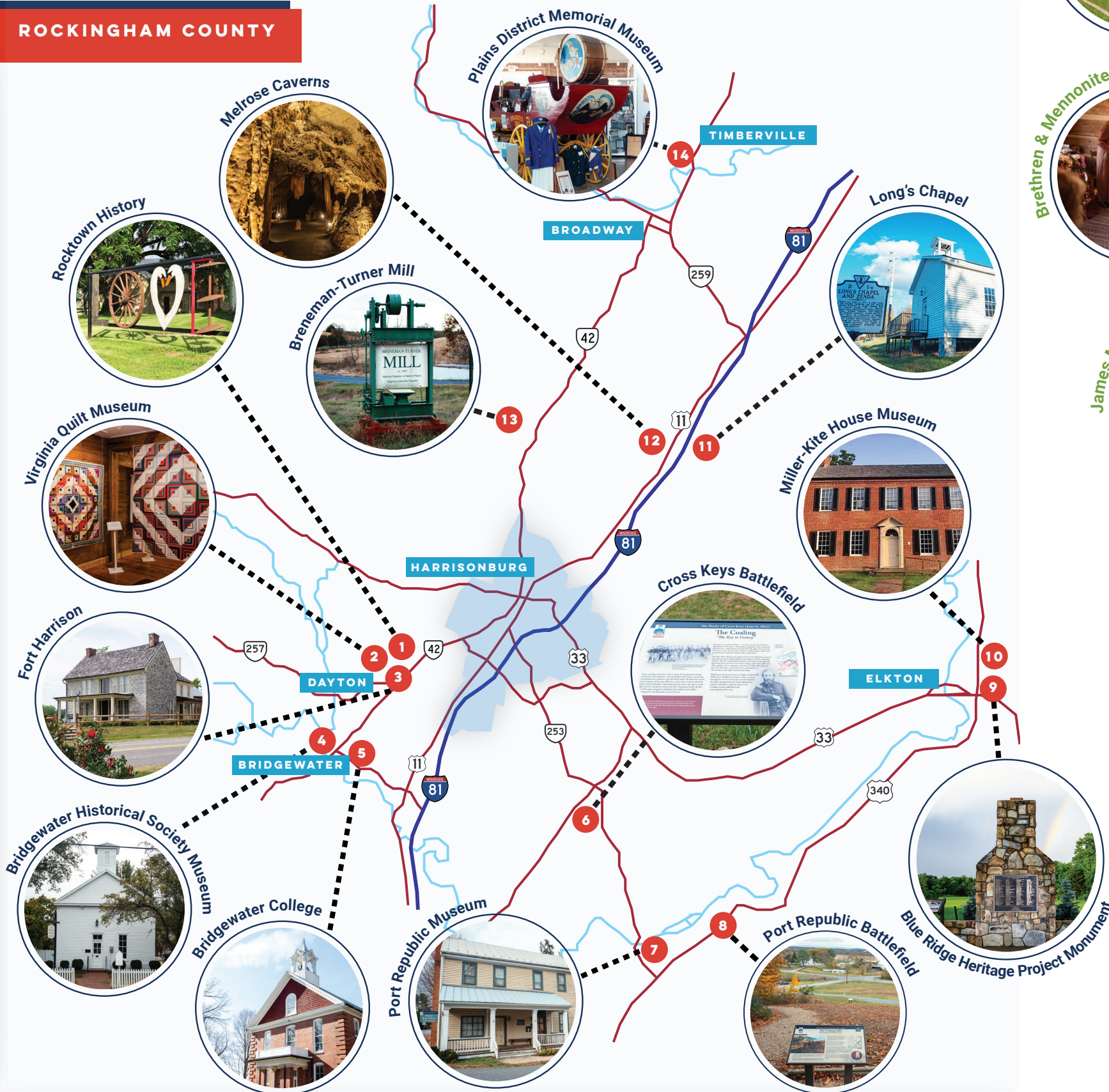


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HARRISONBURG HISTORY TRAIL

Step into the stories that shaped the Shenandoah Valley along the Harrisonburg History Trail, a self-guided journey through Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. From battlefields and caverns to historic homes, mills, and museums, each stop invites you to explore, engage, and experience the places that bring the past to life.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY



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POINTS OF INTEREST

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| 1 Rocktown History
382 High St, Dayton | 8 Port Republic Battlefield
7051 Ore Bank Rd, Port Republic | 15 Valley Turnpike Museum & Civil War Orientation Center
212 S Main St, Harrisonburg |
| 2 Virginia Quilt Museum
2328 Silver Lake Rd, Dayton | 9 Blue Ridge Heritage Project Monument
20593 Blue and Gold Dr, Elkton | 16 Court Square & Spring House
80 Court Sq, Harrisonburg |
| 3 Fort Harrison
335 Main St, Dayton | 10 Miller-Kite House Museum
310 E Rockingham St, Elkton | 17 Larry W. Shifflett Fire Museum
101 N Main St, 3rd floor, Harrisonburg |
| 4 Bridgewater Historical Society Museum
109 S Main St, Bridgewater | 11 Long's Chapel
1340 Fridleys Gap Rd, Harrisonburg | 18 Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center
620 Simms Ave, Harrisonburg |
| 5 Bridgewater College
402 E College St, Bridgewater | 12 Melrose Caverns
6639 N Valley Pike, Harrisonburg | 19 Eastern Mennonite University
1200 Park Rd, Harrisonburg |
| 6 Cross Keys Battlefield
5094 Battlefield Rd, Harrisonburg | 13 Breneman-Turner Mill
5001 Turners Mill Ln, Harrisonburg | 20 Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center
1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg |
| 7 Port Republic Museum
8691 Water St, Port Republic | 14 Plains District Memorial Museum
176 N Main St, Timberville | 21 James Madison University
800 S Main St, Harrisonburg |
| | | 22 Turner Ashby Monument
1164 Turner Ashby Ln, Harrisonburg |