



# Fishin' Pole Pack'n Paddle Summer 2021

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Greeting Fellow Paddlers,

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who supported me over the last years of my Presidency. I also want to thank the founding members of the FFV for their contribution to the formation of the FFV. 50 years strong. Let's keep the traditions going. On that note, I would like to congratulate Erica Goode for her new position as President of the FFV. The daughter of the late, great Don Sims (Snake Charmer). They will be a great First Family and will carry on the traditions.

Don't worry, this hot weather will bring some rain, hurricanes, flash floods, canoeing etc. We are entering the fall season along with the State Fair. Seems like every time the "fair" comes so does the rain. September, water and fishing. I remember the scientist said we were in a 100- year drought, not so. The rain came thereafter. W. Abbott always said you can find water in the James River.

As for me last week I got in my brother in law's small one-man raft in the Bull Pasture Gorge. I planted four solar lights on the bar across the water. However, the three-cell raft minus one cell due to leaks held up and I returned to the other side. Waiting for the lights to come on I caught a nice photo shot on the river. Wow!! Later on that night the lights rippled in the water. Nice!

One last thank you to my Squaw in supporting me throughout.

Hope to see you guys at Solitude and don't forget, don't float past the takeout.

Happy Stroking,  
Rock & Bear

P.S. - News of interest 300,000 gallons of sewage hit the James River due to pipeline rupture. My investigations have turned a deaf ear. The place where I grew up swimming, fishing, floating and loving this beautiful river has now burned twice and pooped on once. My fight carries on!



## Currents & Eddies Courtesy of Bill Tanger

**James River – Balcony Falls Take-out (Amherst County):** FORVA has the VDOT permit for the entrance off Rt 501. FORVA met with the US Forest Service and CSX. The USFS wants an engineering letter to prove the feasibility of doing a tunnel.

--- Bill Tanger

**Roanoke River – Rutrough Point Access (Roanoke County):** Repaired rock wall damages done by Hurricane Michael. Planted 7 trees along the riverbank and put in a fence to protect them. Working on a revised environmental assessment for APCo. --- Bill Tanger

**Pigg River Dam Removal (Franklin County):** The Pigg River runs free, except for one huge 250-ton logjam! Planning a chainsaw party around June 1 to cut a channel.

Just had an Eagle Scout prospect put in a new kiosk at our new access site.

Bill Tanger FFV: Mo Byrd, Duck Stanley, Jim Pickel, Ray Williams & Pat Williams

**New River - Price Park (Montgomery County):** The 50-acre park along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County is open. Now starting plans for a pedestrian bridge across Stroubles Creek. Volunteers welcome. --- Randi Lemmon and Bill Tanger

**Blackwater River (Franklin County):** FORVA just won a \$90,000 grant to improve a river access at Round Hill in Franklin County. FORVA also bought 4 acres for an access on the Blackwater River at Blue Bend. Applying for a grant for the Blue Bend property. -- Bill Tanger

**Roanoke River – Blueway (Roanoke County):** FORVA is co-chair of the Roanoke River Blueway Committee. Working on an improved access at the Salem Wayside location.

--- Bill Tanger & FFV Roanoke Chapter

**Big Otter River (Bedford County):** Still working on access purchase on the Big Otter River near Rt 460. FORVA made an offer on the property of \$7,500. The seller is agreeable but must clarify some legal issues. Seller has offered to do a no-cost lease so the FFV can manage the property. --- Tanger; FFV: Kirkland, Lee Williams, Mick & Maryann Overstreet;

**Tinker Creek Restoration: (Roanoke City):** Remediation has hit a snag as we have found an active sewerline that would be exposed if we removed one of the dams downstream!

----- Bill Tanger

**Blackwater River (Franklin County):** Buying an acre of land at the Rt 122 crossing of the Blackwater River to provide better river access. Working on a survey of the acre.

----- Bill Tanger; FFV: Pat Williams, Ray Williams; Creek Freaks of Franklin County

**Blackwater River (Franklin County):** Working on removing a dam on the Blackwater River. Just finished doing a survey of the area for our permit. We have the funds already to go.



# Dan River Basin Update

## Courtesy of Bill Tanger



### **DRBA Calls for a New Conversation About Outdoor Recreation Safety**

For over nineteen years, the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) has presented the astounding sights and sounds of nature and stewarded a sense of value for the unique and beautiful natural resources of our watershed by both providing and promoting outdoor recreation opportunities. Anyone who has ever joined an outing with DRBA on a river or trail knows that the safety of our guests is the number one priority.

DRBA also works closely with municipalities and partners throughout the region to ensure the safety of those enjoying our natural resources by providing paddle and hiking safety training, directional signage on bridges that cross waterways, informational signage along trails and at river access points, and the reconstruction – or deconstruction – of infrastructure that poses potential threats to users. DRBA's work related to outdoor recreational safety is an ever-present goal within the organization, and every year DRBA has initiated and achieved new projects that help safeguard our citizens and visitors.

The recent tragic event on the Dan River highlights that there is still work to be done. To that end, DRBA is inviting its municipal, tourism, outfitters and corporate partners to join a renewed conversation about outdoor recreational safety.

“Every year, thousands of people safely enjoy our outdoor recreational assets because of the collaborative efforts of the organizations and municipalities in our region,” said Tiffany Haworth, DRBA's Executive Director. “But one tragedy is too many. People and organizations from every corner of the Dan River Basin are reaching out to us and sharing new ideas related to outdoor recreational safety. We want those voices to be heard.”

DRBA is gathering these ideas and invites its regional partners to convene for a new conversation about outdoor recreational safety.

“No one knows the rivers and trails in our region better than DRBA,” said Robin Yount, Director of the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) in Rockingham County, NC. “We have partnered with DRBA on almost all of our projects related to safety and outdoor recreation. The TDA will definitely be joining this conversation and is committed to working with DRBA to improve the outreach, and enhance the message, of outdoor recreational safety.”

All of the municipalities in Rockingham County, NC and the fifteen other counties that comprise the Dan River Basin are invited to join in this conversation about enhanced outdoor safety.

“DRBA is the expert when it comes to outdoor recreational assets and protecting the environment,” said Cindy Adams, Tourism Director for the City of Eden. “We have worked with DRBA on many projects and we are committed to joining this conversation to ensure we are doing all we can to keep people safe while visiting and enjoying all of the outdoor amenities we have in the City of Eden.”

In addition, corporations and other organizations who value and are dedicated to outdoor recreation are invited to join the conversation.

“Like the rest of the Eden and Rockingham community, we are saddened by the tragic event that took place last week on the Dan River. We certainly want to participate in a community discussion on recreation and safety in and around the river,” said Davis Montgomery, Duke Energy district manager.

Representatives from all municipalities, businesses, outfitters and organizations in the Dan River Basin region who are interested in joining this conversation, please contact the Dan River Basin Association, [drba.nc@danriver.org](mailto:drba.nc@danriver.org) or (336) 627-6270.

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Dan River drownings – DRBA release 6-21-21

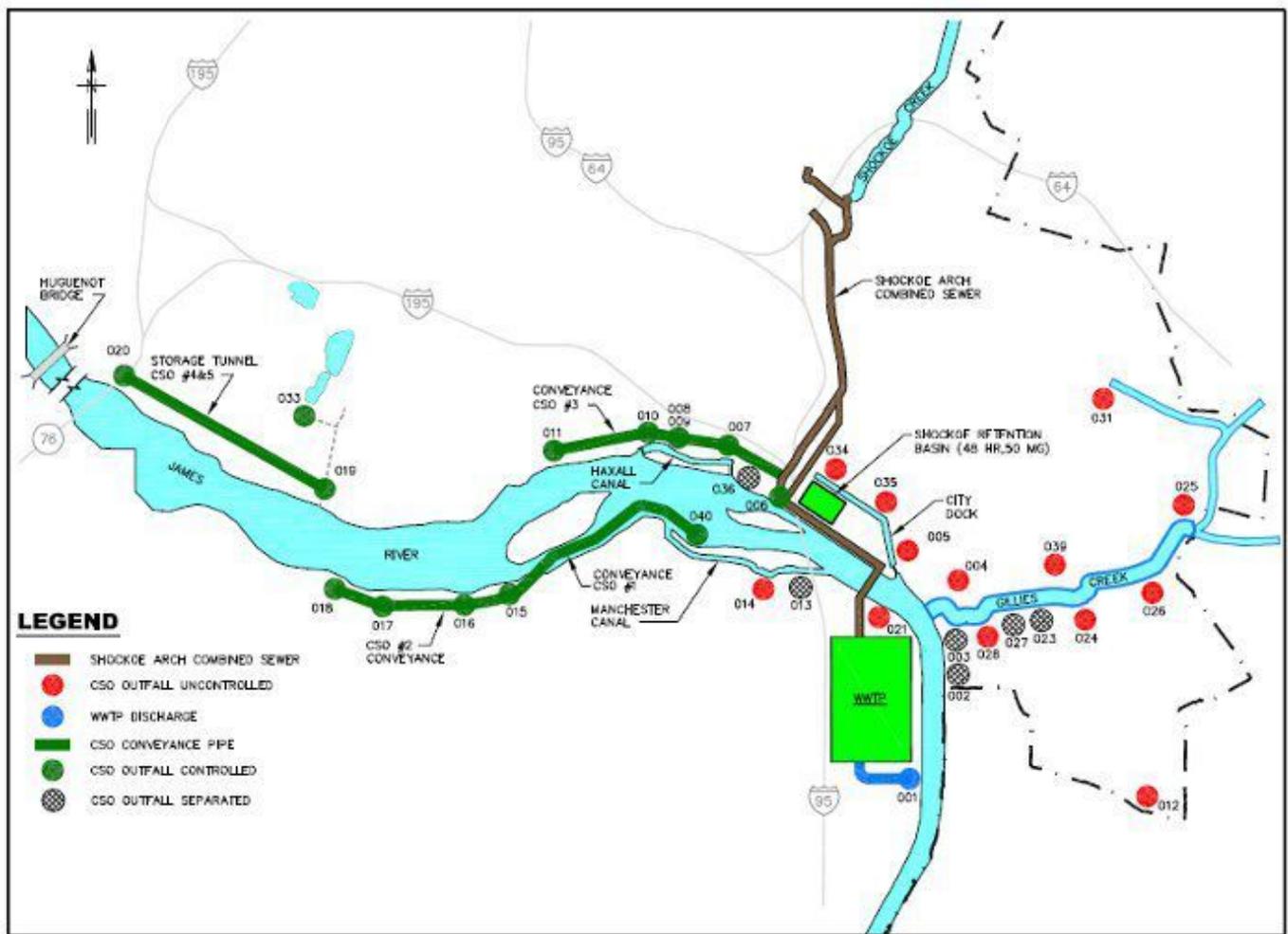


# James River Cleanup

from the Richmond Times Dispatch

## Northam proposes \$50 million for Richmond combined-sewer cleanup as part of \$411.5 million water quality package

Michael Martz  
Jul 27, 2021



Location of Combined Sewer Overflow Points in Richmond.

Richmond Department of Public Utilities

Michael Martz

Richmond would receive \$50 million in federal aid to help with the next phase of its massive combined-sewer cleanup to stop untreated waste from flowing into the James River as part of a \$411.5 million investment in water quality improvements that Gov. Ralph Northam announced on Tuesday.

Northam included the money for Richmond, as well as \$50 million for Alexandria and \$25 million for Lynchburg to help them end combined-sewer overflows into the Potomac and James rivers, respectively.

The three cities had sought about \$1.4 billion in federal aid to Virginia under the American Rescue Plan Act to deal with the problem of old sewer systems that combine raw sewage and stormwater that overflow into rivers during heavy rains.

Richmond alone had asked for \$883 million, most of it for a mammoth project to capture, store and treat heavy overflows to comply with a new state mandate to end the discharges by 2035.

"I am grateful for Governor Northam's commitment of \$50 million to limit the burden on Richmond's ratepayers as we implement what is an \$883 million project to protect one of our greatest assets - the James River," Mayor Levar Stoney said in a statement on Tuesday. "We appreciate this down payment and look forward to continued partnership from the state."

Most of the proposed package would go to fixing sewage and wastewater systems, but Northam focused Tuesday on \$100 million that would help small, disadvantaged communities rebuild or replace their drinking water systems.

"With this funding, we have a tremendous opportunity to rebuild our aging water systems and ensure every Virginia family has reliable access to safe, clean drinking water," he said in the latest proposal for using the \$4.3 billion the state received under the federal relief package in advance of the General Assembly convening in special session, starting Monday, to decide how to spend the money.

"In addition to modernizing water and sewer infrastructure across the commonwealth, these investments will go a long way towards restoring the health of our waterways and reducing pollution in our communities," he said.

The money also is aimed at protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay, into which both the James and Potomac flow. The package includes \$186.5 million for wastewater treatment and removal of excess nutrients that harm water quality in the bay and its tributaries.

"Protecting the environment, and particularly providing for sanitary disposal of wastewater, is critical to public health and the economy," Secretary of Natural Resources Matthew Strickler said. "These investments will put us even closer to restoring the Chesapeake Bay, and will clean up streams and improve septic and sewer systems across the commonwealth."

Federal and state help is essential for Richmond, which has relied primarily on utility ratepayers for \$312 million that the city has spent in the past 50 years to reduce pollution of the James with untreated sewage and stormwater after heavy rains.

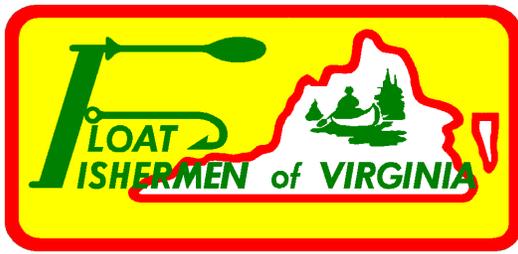
Under a law the General Assembly adopted last year, Richmond had to submit a plan to the state by July 1 to address the chronic problem and begin work on an interim solution by mid-2022. The law requires the

city to submit a final correction plan by mid-2024 and begin work the next year.

Richmond's interim plan would cost \$33.3 million and capture an estimated 182 million gallons of combined wastewater each day once it is completed in mid-2027.

Together with previous investments, the interim work would prevent 91% of the overflows into the James, but the final project would cost exponentially more - at \$850 million - to remove 99% of the pollution.

Alexandria had asked for \$500 million and Lynchburg \$50 million to resolve their combined sewer overflow problems.

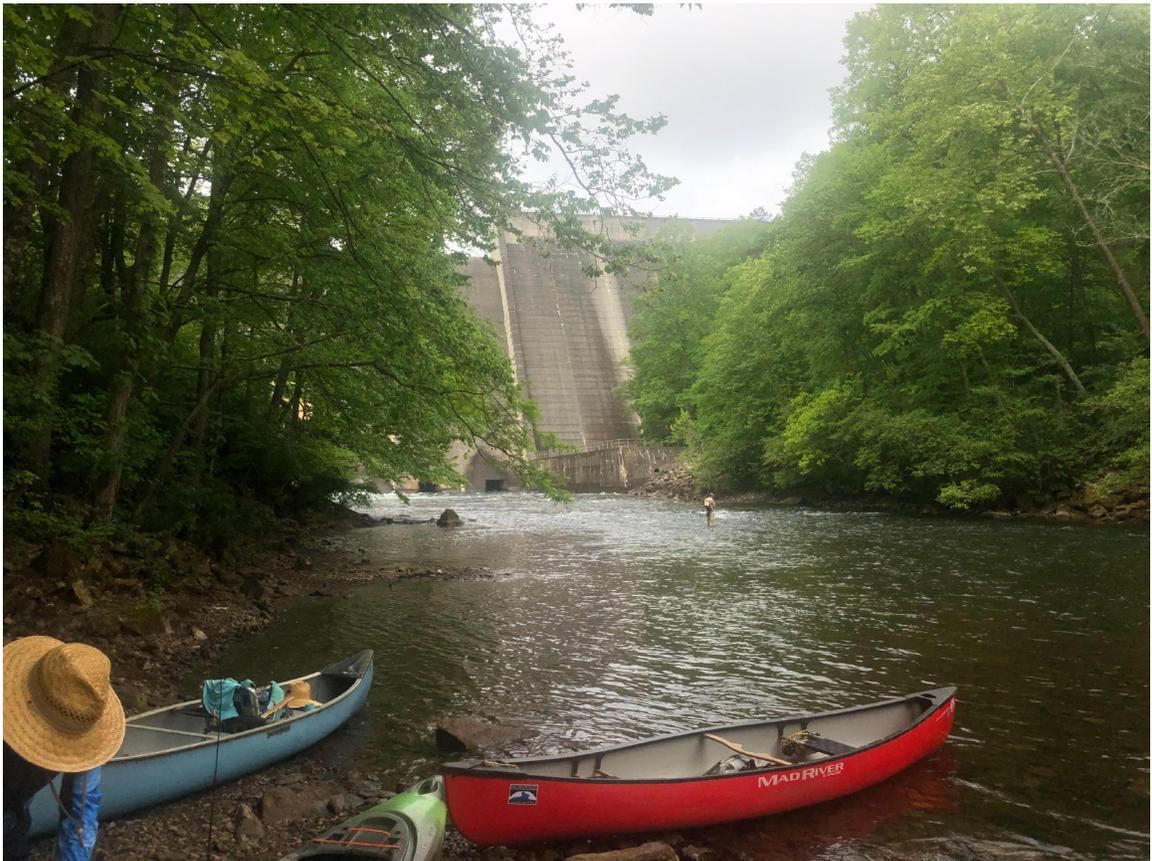


## Trip Pics: Smith River Courtesy of Bryon Jones



*Brian Williams, Bryon Jones, Debbi Mattox and Rick Mattox  
paddling the Smith River from Philpott Dam to Bassett.*







# Kid Pics

## Courtesy of Katherine Waller



*Field Floating in the mud!*



# Waterways of Virginia: A Quiz

from the Chesapeake Bay Journal

How much do you know about the rivers of Virginia? Match the waterway with its description.

**Appomattox River**

**Pamunkey River**

**Warwick River**

**Chickahominy River**

**Pope's Creek**

**Yeocomico River**

**Mattaponi River**

**Rapidan River**

**Mattox Creek**

**Tye River**

1: The Native American name of this tributary to the Potomac River roughly translates to "tossed to and fro by the water." It marks the boundary between Westmoreland and Northumberland counties.

2: George Washington Birthplace National Monument is located on the estuary of this waterway. It was once renowned for its white perch runs. Capt. John Smith and his men encountered one such run during their explorations and used frying pans to scoop the fish out of the water.

3: During the Civil War, a Confederate supply base was located on this waterway. In March 1865, a battle took place when patrolling Union ships attempted to blockade the supply route. Aaron Anderson, a Union Navy sailor became one of the first African Americans to receive a U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery in that battle. Today, actions on the waterway are much more peaceful: boating, fishing and swimming. The area is also home to bald eagles, ospreys, herons, beavers and other wildlife.

4: This waterway - the largest tributary of the Rappahannock River - witnessed a lot of action in the Civil War, including the Battle of the Wilderness. It is ranked #38 in Trout Unlimited's Guide to America's 100 Best Trout Streams.

5: This waterway's name contains the four streams that combine to create it. It, in turn, joins the Pamunkey River to form the York River.

6: This tributary of the York River is formed by the confluence of the North Anna and South Anna rivers. The White House Plantation, where George Washington and Martha Custis were married, was located nearby.

7: This 14.4-mile-long waterway, a tributary of the James River, is located almost entirely in Newport News. The upper reaches of this river were dammed to create freshwater reservoirs that serve nearby communities.

8: Capt. John Smith was exploring this tributary to the James River when natives from a tribe that shares its name with the waterway captured and took him to the Chief Powhatan, where he met and was rescued by Pocahontas. The tidal portion of this river is known for its largemouth bass. It flows through marshes and swamps and in the past, easily flooded. One such flood hampered efforts on both sides in the Battle of Seven Pines during the Peninsula Campaign of the Civil War.

9: This James River tributary is about 157 miles long. The early English colonists tried to rename this waterway the Bristoll River, but were unsuccessful, and it retained its Native American name. This waterway lends its name to a nearby court house that was the site of Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender in the Civil War.

10: This 35.4-mile-long tributary to the James River was part of Virginia's worst natural disasters. The remnants of Hurricane Camille stalled over the area on Aug. 19, 1969, while residents slept, and in three hours dumped 27 inches over Nelson County. The resulting flash floods and mud slides left in their wake: 113 deaths, 39 missing and presumed dead, and \$116 million in damages. Witnesses said the volume of water that flowed down this waterway during this storm forced the James River to flow backward.

*\*Answers will be published in the next issue.*



# Meeting Minutes

## Courtesy of Rick Mattox

*FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA*  
*BUSINESS MEETING*  
*May 30, 2021*  
*Minutes*

- Call to order: Rock  
The meeting called to order by President Rock at 9:05 AM
- Secretary Report: Loren Jacobs  
Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the December meeting as published in the Winter newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: Bryon Jones  
The Treasurer's Report indicated a beginning balance of \$12,181 with deposits of \$1,860 and withdrawals of \$926 and an ending balance of \$13,115 for a net increase of \$934. The club also has 2 CDs totaling \$8,630. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report passed.
- Membership Report: Ginnie Peck  
109 Paid members as of this weekend. Several members paid dues during the weekend, so that number should increase.

***If you have not done so, please pay your 2021 FFV dues ASAP.***

- Newsletter Report: Jaime Baird  
It was suggested to include dues notice in the newsletter in bold red as a reminder to pay your dues. Jaime is always looking for articles and photos to include in the newsletter. Much appreciation to Jaime for the great job she is doing in putting together and distributing our newsletter.
- Webmaster Report: Traci Martin  
Website up to date. We will auto renew our web domain \$18 to \$20 per site  
The FFV had 1,000 hits this past month. We average 800 to 1,500 hits for the site.
- Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger  
Upper James River brochures were passed out.

Balcony Falls take out: FORVA has obtained a permit from VDOT for access from Route 501. FORVA is now making arrangements to meet with U.S. Forestry Service and CSX to clarify the agreement.

Roanoke River damage caused by Hurricane Michael has been cleaned up and is in good shape.

Blackwater River – FORVA was awarded a \$90,000 grant from Virginia Outdoors Foundation for new access on the Blackwater. FORVA is attempting to increase access on the Blackwater. They are also working with Franklin for a Blueway section.

Big Otter access purchase is on hold with a \$7,500 offer on the table. A couple of options to consider in the meantime would be a lease agreement with the landowner and FORVA/FFV for use of the property. It was also suggested we approach the landowner for written permission to use the property.

Pigg River still has one massive log jam. A chain saw party is being organized this summer to clear this jam.

River access – DWR access fee. The fee is on hold for 1 year. DWR is putting together a committee to study the issue. The bill will be re-introduced next session. Bill has been asked to participate on the committee to study the issue. An attorney is prepared to file suit over the fee as being in violation of federal law. Federal law precludes charging a fee to use federal waters.

Motion for FFV to support the lawsuit was passed.

- FFV Foundation Report: Bill Tanger  
Big Otter River access purchase is on hold pending acceptance of the \$7,500 offer by FORVA/FFV from the landowner.
- Old Business:  
Bill will get an estimate on publishing new brochures.
- New Business:  
Bryon Jones, Debbi Mattox and Rick Mattox met with Brian Williams in Bassett, VA to paddle a section of the Smith River and explore a possible site for a FFV gathering in Southside VA.

Thanks to RC for hosting this meeting.

A motion was made and passed to compensate the Randy Carter Chapter and the Solitude landowners \$75 each for use of their property for our Memorial Day and Labor Day meetings.

It was suggested by Erica Goode that FFV should do something to celebrate our 50-year anniversary. This will be discussed further.

- The meeting adjourned around 10:00



# Fishin' Pole Pack'n Paddle Trip Locations and Directions

## Labor Day Weekend:

9/3 to 9/6

Location: Solitude

GPS Address: 1571 Solitude Road, Buchanan, VA 24066

Contact: Bill Tanger [riverdancer1943@gmail.com](mailto:riverdancer1943@gmail.com)

## Directions:

### From Charlottesville:

Follow I-64 West to I-81 South.  
Then follow I-81 South to Exit 168 (Arcadia)  
Turn Left on Arcadia Rd (Rt. 618)  
Turn Left on Solitude Rd. (Rt. 622)  
Camp will be on the Left.

### From Amherst:

Follow VA Route 130 to Natural Bridge,  
Then follow US 11 South to I-81  
Then follow I-81 South to Exit 168 (Arcadia)  
Turn Left on Arcadia Rd (Rt. 618)  
Turn Left on Solitude Rd. (Rt. 622)  
Camp will be on the Left.

### From Bedford:

Follow US 460 West to US 220  
Then follow US 220 North to I-81,  
Follow I-81 North to Exit 168 (Arcadia)  
Turn Right on Arcadia Rd (Rt. 618)  
Turn Left on Solitude Rd. (Rt. 622)  
Camp will be on the Left.

### From Roanoke:

Follow I-81 North to Exit 168 (Arcadia)  
Turn Right on Arcadia Rd (Rt. 618)  
Turn Left on Solitude Rd. (Rt. 622)  
Camp will be on the Left.

## **Dickel Bash:**

10/1 - 10/3

Location: Slate River Property

**GPS Address: 10330 Bridge Port Road Arvonias, VA 23004**

Contact: Ginnie Peck [ginniepeck@gmail.com](mailto:ginniepeck@gmail.com)

River Tax: \$5.00 per person or \$10 per family

Pot Luck dinner Saturday Night 10/2/21 @ 6:00pm at the Pavillion on the site.

## **Directrions:**

### **From Richmond:**

Take Route 6 River Road West

(from downtown that's 64 West to the Oilville exit South on 617 Oilville Road)

Right on 250 West Broad Street Road

Left on 632 Fairgrounds Road

Right on Route 6, go West, follow to Fork Union

Stay straight on Route 15 James Madison Hwy

Cross the James, after roughly 1.5 mi. take a right on

Route 652 and cross the Slate River.

Driveway will be first left.

### **From Charlottesville:**

Take Route 20 South through Scottsville and across the James River.

Turn Left onto Route 652 (Bridgeport Road). Follow approximately 9 miles and turn right into field.

If you cross the Slate river, you have gone a half mile too far.

### **From Lynchburg:**

Take Route 60 East to Route 15 (James Madison Highway)North.

Turn left on Route 652 (Bridgeport road) at Arvonias.

Route 652 and cross the Slate River.

Driveway will be first left.

# Editor's Note

## Call for Content!

Any member of FFV is welcome to submit content for the newsletter. Did you take a fun trip down a river in Virginia (or somewhere else)? Send me pictures! Did you read a good article about conservation efforts for our waterways? Send me a link! Are you an artist who has made work inspired by a river or paddling? Send me a picture of your work, your poem, or short story and we'll gladly include it in the newsletter.

Submissions are accepted year-round and can be sent to [jaimenbaird@gmail.com](mailto:jaimenbaird@gmail.com), or you can text them to me at 845-464-6855.

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