



CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Bounded by U.S. 360, Route 10 and Beach Road, this zone encompasses some of the county's fastest-growing sections.

LOOKING FORWARD

Virginia State University has a new president, Dr. Makoia Abdullah, who was scheduled to start Feb. 1.



DID YOU KNOW?

Virginia State University in Ettrick began from humble yet proud beginnings in 1882 as the first fully state-supported four-year institution of higher learning for blacks in the United States with 126 students, seven faculty members and one building. The university's student body has grown to more than 5,500 students.

RECREATION

Pocahontas State Park is the largest state park in Virginia, with more than 7,500 wooded acres and two lakes. The mountain biking here is legendary, and the fishing, hiking and even horseback riding in conjunction with nearby Beaver Hollow Farms will keep you on the trails. Lake Chesdin Park, on the northern edge of the 3,100-acre Lake Chesdin reservoir, offers lovely views of the lake, boat ramps for motorized craft and a fishing pier.

SHOPPING

Small shopping centers along Route 10 feature grocery stores and other necessities. Hull Street is lined with miles of suburban retail from Chippenham Parkway westward — including big-box stores, chains and furniture stores — from Rockwood Square to Commonwealth Centre, with its massive movie theater and many shopping and dining options.

THE VIBE

This area has a largely outdoorsy feel, with most of the development clustered around the Route 10 and Route 360 corridors. Once off those major arteries, winding rural roads veer off into the woods, or planned communities take advantage of the trees and rolling hills.

ENTERTAINMENT

Summer concerts at Pocahontas State Park's amphitheater include appearances by the Richmond Symphony, bluegrass bands and gospel groups as part of the popular Pocahontas Premieres series. Metro Richmond Zoo gives visitors an opportunity to see cheetah cubs and penguins being fed, and experience the Treetop Zoofari zip line. Nearly 150 species of animals roam the zoo.