

Bull City Ciderworks

WHEN WE MOVED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA, WE WERE DESPERATE TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR WEST SIXTH BREWING (OUR MOST-LOVED LEXINGTON PLACE WHERE WE MET), WE STUMBLED UPON BULL CITY CIDERWORKS IN DURHAM. NOW THE SUGGESTION, “LET’S GO TO DURHAM” IS SYNONYMOUS WITH “LET’S GO TO BULL CITY.”

Washington, D.C.

NOTHING TESTS A RELATIONSHIP LIKE A 9 HOUR ROAD TRIP - AND WE PASSED! (NO CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS HERE!) WE DIDN’T SEEM TO RUN OUT OF THINGS TO TALK ABOUT (ESPECIALLY SINCE MEREDYTH WAS THERE TO GO TO A CONFERENCE AND HAD A LOT TO PROCESS!) ON THE DRIVE. AND WE STARTED TO IMAGINE ALL THE TRIPS WE WOULD TAKE TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE.

A simple line drawing of a tall, thin, pointed structure, possibly a monument or a stylized letter 'P', with a series of small, rounded shapes at its base.

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Morris Book Shop

THIS CHARMING BOOKSTORE IN LEXINGTON WAS THE SETTING OF RYAN AND MEREDYTH'S SECOND DATE. IN A DRAMATIC TURN OF EVENTS, THE PLACE THEY HAD PLANNED TO EAT AT WAS CLOSED. INSTEAD THEY WALKED AWKWARDLY AROUND THIS BOOKSTORE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE PARTIN - WITHOUT LUNCH! MEREDYTH ALMOST JUMPED SHIP ON THIS WHOLE DATING SITUATION, BUT DECIDED NOT TO LET ONE HANGRY SECOND DATE BE THE DECIDING FACTOR. WITH MORE DATES, TIME, AND SUCCESSFUL MEALS, MORRIS BOOKSHOP GREW FROM THE SITE OF THAT AWKWARD SECOND DATE TO A FAVORITE PLACE TO WALK TO AND HANG OUT.

Downtown Lexington

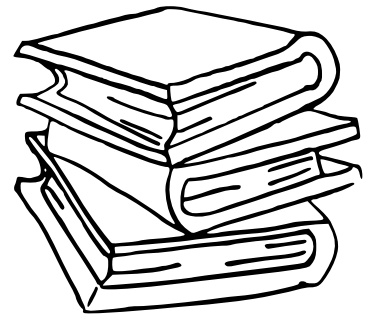
RYAN LIVED TWO BLOCKS FROM WHERE MEREDYTH WORKED IN DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON. ONCE HE LEARNED THAT MEREDYTH WORKED AROUND THE CORNER RYAN JUST MIGHT HAVE ADJUSTED HIS EVENING RUNNING ROUTE TO TRY AND "SPONTANEOUSLY RUN INTO HER" ON HER WAY TO CLASSES AND REHEARSALS.

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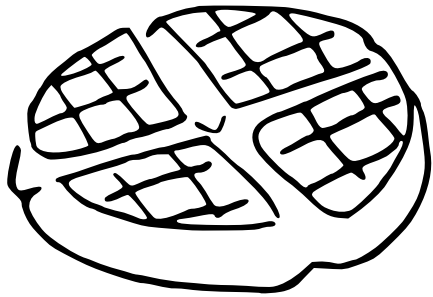
Legacy Trail

RYAN AND MEREDYTH'S THIRD DATE! MEREDYTH ALMOST FELL OFF HER BIKE WHEN SHE LEARNED THAT RYAN HAD WATCHED THE ENTIRE SERIES OF GILMORE GIRLS THREE TIMES. THIS WAS THE MAN FOR HER, AND NOW SHE WAS NERVOUS.

Pawnee, Indiana

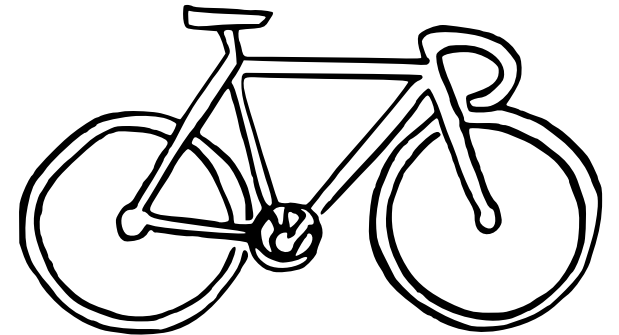
THE FICTIONAL TOWN OF THE TELEVISION SHOW, PARKS AND RECREATION. RYAN IS OFTEN COMPARED TO BEN WYATT, AND BOTH OF US ASPIRE TO BE AS GREAT AS LESLIE KNOPE IN EVERYTHING WE DO. AND NOW RYAN ACTUALLY WORKS IN PARKS AND REC FOR THE CITY OF RALEIGH!

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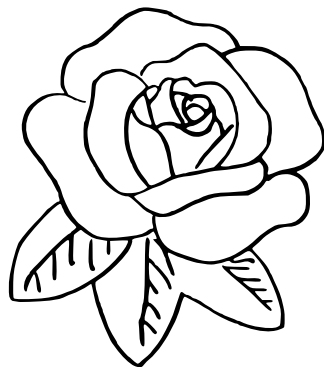


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Raleigh Rose Garden

A BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC PARK FULL OF EVERY COLOR ROSE. IT'S NEXT TO MEREDYTH'S NEW WORK PLACE, RALEIGH LITTLE THEATRE, AND ALSO INVOLVES RYAN'S NEW WORK PLACE: THE CITY OF RALEIGH'S PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT. WE EVEN LIVE IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD, SO WE GET TO ENJOY THE ROSE GARDEN TOGETHER.

Raleigh Rose Garder



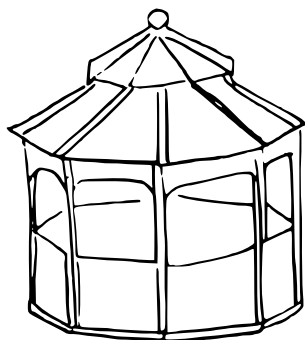
Woodland Park

MEREDYTH KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP WHEN RYAN HAD OPINIONS ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF THEIR EVENING WALK ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2016. HE WANTED TO WALK THROUGH WOODLAND PARK TO A SPECIFIC BENCH WHERE THEY'D PREVIOUSLY HAD GOOD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LIFE. WHEN THEY GOT THERE, HE DISCOVERED THE BENCH WAS GONE, BUT WENT AHEAD WITH HIS PLAN: HE ASKED MEREDYTH TO MARRY HIM, SHE BURST INTO TEARS, SAID YES, AND HERE WE ARE!

Stars Hollow

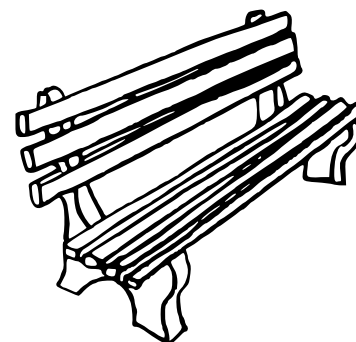
THE FICTIONAL SMALL TOWN SETTING OF GILMORE GIRLS, THE TV SHOW THAT SPARKED MUCH OF MEREDYTH AND RYAN'S EARLY CONVERSATIONS AS THEY GOT TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. IT HAS SINCE BECOME MORE LIKE AN IMAGINATIVE HOME AWAY FROM HOME, AS THE SHOW UNDERSCORES MUCH OF THEIR HOME LIFE TOGETHER.

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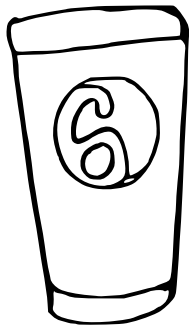
Tanglewood

MEREDYTH AND RYAN DECIDED SPONTANEOUSLY TO DRIVE FROM LEXINGTON TO LENOX (14 HOURS) FOR A LONG WEEKEND ON JULY 4TH. THIS WAS RYAN'S FIRST TRIP TO LENOX! WE CELEBRATED IN THE MOST BERKSHIRES-WAY POSSIBLE: PICNICKING ON THE LAWN AT THE JAMES TAYLOR CONCERT AT TANGLEWOOD WITH MEREDYTH'S PARENTS, LAURYN AND STAN.

West Sixth Brewing

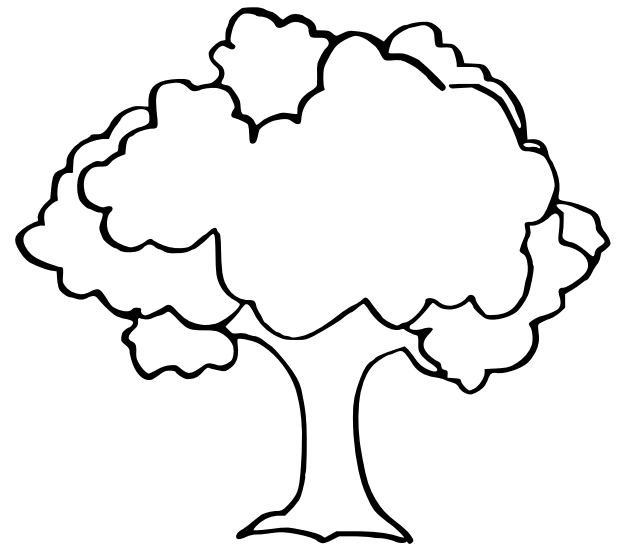
MEREDYTH AND RYAN HAD THEIR FIRST DATE AT THIS LEXINGTON BREWERY. TIRED OF CONVERSING IN OS AND IS, MEREDYTH AND RYAN LOOKED TO CRANK THEIR RELATIONSHIP UP TO 6...WEST SIXTH THAT IS! THE TWO MET AT THIS LOCAL WATERING HOLE AND SPENT HOURS TALKING ABOUT FEMINISM, GENTRIFICATION AND MUSICAL THEATRE. A LITTLE MORE THAN 2 YEARS LATER, HERE WE ARE!

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Tanglerwood



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