**THINGS TO DO PAGE:**

EXPLORE THE AREA!!

While you are in the area, we thought you might be interested in checking out some of the nearby attractions and sites. Here are some links to get you started:

Staunton, Virginia, where Woodrow Wilson was born, is just 5 miles down the road from the vineyard. It has a beautiful historic downtown shopping and dining area, as well as several museums and attractions.

* + City of Staunton: http://www.visitstaunton.com/
  + The American Shakespeare Center and [Blackfriars](http://www.americanshakespearecenter.com/v.php?pg=124) Theatre
  + [Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library](http://www.woodrowwilson.org/)
  + [Frontier Culture Museum](http://www.frontiermuseum.org/)
  + [Gypsy Hill Park](http://www.staunton.va.us/directory/departments-h-z/recreation-parks/parks/gypsy-hill-park)

Other nearby sites are:

* + [P. Buckley Moss Museum](http://www.pbuckleymoss.com/) (local folk artist who has been internationally acclaimed)
  + Grand Caverns: http://www.grandcaverns.com/

Charlottesville, Virginia is only 30 miles east on I-64, and is home to the University of Virginia (Taylor used to work on-campus here!) as well as Monticello (the home of Thomas Jefferson), Ash Lawn-Highland (the home of James Monroe), and a vibrant downtown pedestrian mall.

* + City of Charlottesville: http://www.visitcharlottesville.org/
  + [Monticello](http://www.monticello.org/)
  + Ash Lawn-Highland: <http://www.ashlawnhighland.org/>
  + UVA: <http://www.virginia.edu/exploring.html>
  + Downtown Mall: http://www.downtowncharlottesville.net/

Harrisonburg, Virginia is 30 miles north on I-81, and is home to James Madison University (Taylor’s alma mater!).

* + City of Harrisonburg: http://www.harrisonburgtourism.com/
  + JMU: <http://www.jmu.edu/jmuweb/visitJMU/>
  + Massanutten Resort (golf, watersports, etc) http://www.massresort.com/

Want to try one of our favorite pastimes? Go wine tasting! The area is also home to many beautiful vineyards making high-quality wine. (Did you know that Virginia is the 5th largest wine region in the United States?) Try some of the vineyards in the Monticello AVA in and around Charlottesville, where over half of Virginia’s grapes grow. Or explore the closer Shenendoah Valley wine trail, which includes Barren Ridge Vineyards (where Libby used to work, and where we hope to see you for the wedding!). And don’t forget the beer!

* Official Virginia Wine website: http://www.virginiawine.org/
* Monticello Wine Trails: http://www.monticellowinetrail.com/
* The closest quality vineyards to Barren Ridge and Staunton include: Veritas ([www.veritaswines.com](http://www.veritaswines.com)), Afton Mountain ([www.aftonmountainvineyards.com](http://www.aftonmountainvineyards.com)), Flying Fox ([www.FlyingFoxVineyard.com](http://www.FlyingFoxVineyard.com)), Cardinal Point ([www.cardinalpointwinery.com](http://www.cardinalpointwinery.com)), King Family ([www.kingfamilyvineyards.com](http://www.kingfamilyvineyards.com)), and Pollak (www.pollakvineyards.com/)
* Shenendoah Valley Wine Trail: <http://shenandoahvalleywinetrail.com/>
* And if you are coming from the Washington, DC area, be sure to stop by Breaux Vineyards (<http://breauxvineyards.com/>), where Libby’s brother Lawrence is the Business Development Manager (working with some of our favorite people, too!)
* Check out Starr Hill (http://www.starrhill.com/), Devil’s Backbone (http://dbbrewingcompany.com/), or Blue Mountain Brewery (http://www.bluemountainbrewery.com/) for some great beers on the “Brew Ridge Trail!”



















