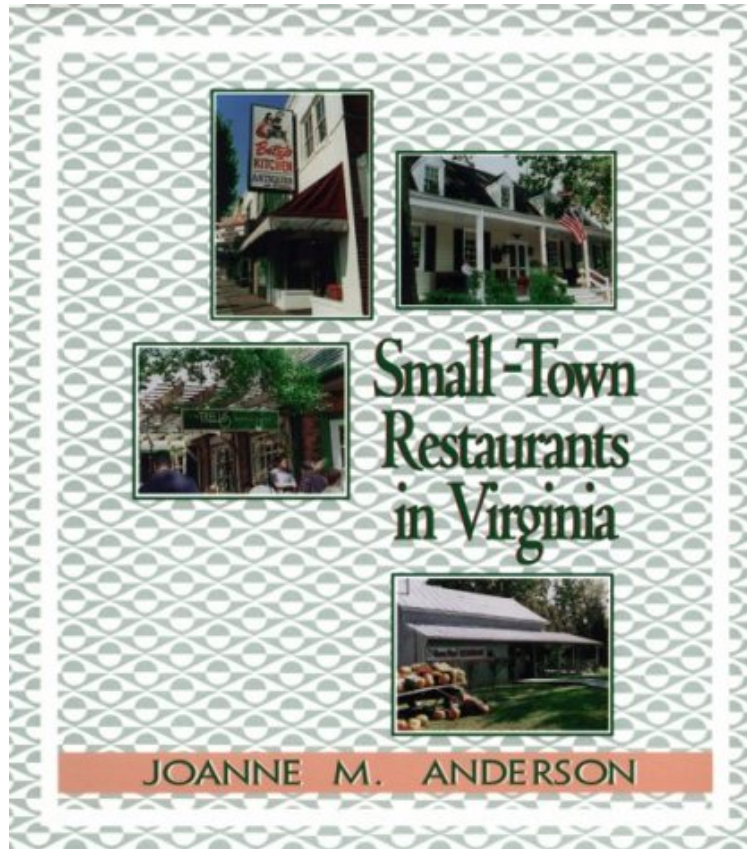


Small-Town Restaurants in Virginia

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Joanne M. Anderson : Small-Town Restaurants in Virginia before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Small-Town Restaurants in Virginia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Memory Maker!By Kim Y. O'NealThis is more than just a book to me. We have had so many adventures travelling to the different restaurants in this book. My family knows we don't travel in VA without first consulting "the book" for where we might eat on that particular trip. My husband and I often plan our travels around the book. We choose a restaurant and than enjoy exploring that particular small town. We always ask if the owner listed in the book is still there and we have had many a fun conversation with the owners as they share their story about their restaurant. We have laughed and cried with owners/management during our meal. As I said it is more than a book to me. It represents many memories and fun times with family and friends. I have ordered several signed copies from the author to give as gifts. As said in earlier reviews, always call ahead as there are a lot of restaurants that have closed. Enjoy and make new memories!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great guide to exploring Virginia's small-town dining.By calvinmeThis guide is fantastic for navigating your way through the many wonderful small restaurants that are hidden away throughout Virginia. It is too bad that updates to this book are not made more often since restaurants open, close, rename, or relocate so frequently. Virginia is a beautiful state,

and a great way to top off a drive through its scenic countryside is with a visit to one of the great restaurants recommended by this guide. I have tried several new places solely based on this book's recommendations and I have never been disappointed. The book divides Virginia into five regions and then lists stellar restaurants for various towns in each of those regions. The guide tells you about the style, cost, atmosphere, etc. so that you will not be unpleasantly surprised. The guide even lists the special dishes for which particular restaurants are noted. One note of caution- some of the restaurants, particularly in the northern Virginia section, are not at all in rural areas. For example, Chantilly and Herndon are in the midst of very congested suburban areas. If you are already there you might as well try the recommended restaurants, but don't travel to these places expecting a dose of small town charm any greater than you would expect to receive in northern New Jersey. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Call Ahead FirstBy MollyThough a fun book to refer to, I would advise anyone to call ahead to make sure the restaurant still exists. In the 1998 edition there were several restaurants that had closed down, so I was eager to see what the newest edition contains. As I reviewed the new edition's table of contents, I noticed that some of these same closed restaurants were still listed (for example, Fiddler's Green in The Plains has been gone for years, and in its place is Just Breakfast/Just Lunch. Magpie's in Middleburg has also closed; Maxwells has replaced it); I'm surprised the editors did not make quick phone calls prior to reprinting to see if restaurants were still operating. Also, I was interested in the quality of the restaurants that were listed; I noticed that quirky, fun, local restaurants were sometimes bypassed in favor of a restaurant that lacks atmosphere or appears trendy. That said, I still found the 1998 edition loads of fun, and take it with me whenever I go on Virginia road trips. I'm also looking forward do the 2000 edition.

Among the 240 restaurants in nearly 150 small towns in Virginia in this new edition are nearly 100 new entries. The author visited each establishment anonymously and paid for all meals to ensure objectivity. Each entry includes location, telephone number, hours price range, and information about the restaurant its atmosphere and its food.

From the Back CoverAuthor Joanne M. Anderson admits to an ongoing love affair_with small towns and restaurants, that is. "Small towns because they're, well, small," she says. "Restaurants because they have evolved from mere places to satisfy hunger to centers of social activity and entertainment." Small-Town Restaurants in Virginia is Anderson's guide to 240 restaurants in nearly 150 small towns from Abingdon in the Blue Ridge to Leesburg near Washington, D.C., from Monterey on the western edge of the Shenandoah Valley to Williamsburg and Chincoteague in the east. Readers will find food and service to strike their fancy whether they're inclined toward five-diamond restaurants, down-home drive-ins or anything in between. Those who favor a superb winery combined with a great restaurant might try Chteau Morrisette on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Others who like fine food served by waitresses in period costume will enjoy the Olde Mudd Tavern in Thornburg. Folks who want home-style cooking in an antique-filled setting can't go wrong with Granny B's in Appomattox, while those out for a retro mood shouldn't miss the Pink Cadillac in Greenville. There's also dining around the world at the lovely Swiss Inn in Glade Spring. And that's just the beginning. For each restaurant, Anderson provides basic information like price range, meals served and style of cuisine, then follows it with a write-up touching on local history, the restaurant's atmosphere and decor and the variety of foods served_everything readers will need to make a selection.About the AuthorJoanne M. Anderson's articles have appeared in Log Home Living, Blue Ridge Country, the Roanoke Times, Blue Ridge Business Journal and other national and regional publications. She and her husband, John, live in Blacksburg, where they own and operate Clay Corner Inn, a five-building bed and breakfast.