

# Where to Live



The greater Richmond region covers over 62 square miles, which translates into a wide variety of housing options. Richmond is often subdivided into smaller neighborhoods and districts, including the City Center, Far West End/Short Pump, Southside, Northside, Downtown, and East End.

Although we've listed many options below, we strongly encourage students to thoroughly research and vet their final housing selection carefully.

## City Center

### NEAR WEST END

Near West End encompasses neighborhoods in both the city limits and Henrico County. The University of Richmond is located within this area.

#### Pros

- Close to school (5-10 minute drive)
- Close to many restaurants and shops
- Many family-friendly neighborhoods

#### Cons

- Housing can be expensive
- Not a lot of night life

#### Popular Apartment Complexes

- **The Estates/Village at Horsepen** // one-, two-, and three-bedroom townhomes; pet-friendly; amenities such as a fitness center and pool
- **Tuckahoe Creek Apartments** // one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments; pet-friendly



## MUSEUM DISTRICT

The Museum District is a neighborhood anchored by a six-block tract of museums, including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.

### Pros

- Walking distance to many restaurants, grocery stores, shops, and museums

### Cons

- Parking can be limited
- About a 15-minute commute to campus

### Popular Apartment Complexes

- **Kensington Place Apartments** // one- and two-bedroom apartments with historic charm
- **Malvern Manor** // one- and two-bedroom apartments on the edge of Carytown



## THE FAN

The Fan is a historic district that is conveniently located close to Downtown. Perfect for walking, it boasts many amenities such as shops and restaurants.

### Pros

- Walking distance to many restaurants, shops, and parks

### Cons

- Parking can be limited
- About a 15-minute commute to campus
- Limited public transportation options in some areas

### Housing Options

The Fan is home to many privately-owned apartments as opposed to large complexes. Check local apartment listings for openings.



## SCOTT'S ADDITION

Formerly a bustling industrial area, Scott's Addition is now an up-and-coming neighborhood featuring modern restaurants and breweries.

### Pros

- Lots of things to do in the area, tons of entertainment

### Cons

- Housing costs can be higher
- Busy area; can be noisy at times
- Parking can be limited

### Popular Apartment Complexes

- **The Preserve at Scott's Addition** // one- and two-bedroom apartments with tons of amenities in a remodeled Coca-Cola bottling building





# Far West End/Short Pump

Short Pump is a suburb located in Henrico County. In recent years, the population has greatly increased due to Short Pump Town Center, a high-end, open-air shopping mall.

## Pros

- Close to many restaurants and shops
- Relatively safe, family-friendly area

## Cons

- Housing can be expensive
- Lots of traffic
- About a 20-minute commute to campus

## Popular Apartment Complexes

- **Harbor Village** // two-bedroom apartments with a community fitness center and pool
- **The Crossings at Short Pump** // one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with family-friendly amenities



# Southside

The Southside includes portions of the city south of the James River, including Manchester and parts of Chesterfield County.

## Pros

- Rent is lower than in other areas
- Neighborhood feel

## Cons

- Fewer students in the area
- Can be a longer commute depending on area

## Popular Apartment Complexes

- **Creek's Edge at Stony Point** // one-, two-, and three-bedroom layouts close to shopping & dining
- **Willow Oaks Apartments** // one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments close to amenities



# Northside

The Northside is composed of northern Richmond and some parts of Henrico County, and is close to Richmond Raceway and Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.

## Pros

- Rent is lower than in other areas
- Close to I-95 and I-64

## Cons

- Often less square footage
- Some areas are higher in crime
- About a 20-minute commute to campus

## Housing Options

The Northside is home to many privately-owned apartments and houses as opposed to large complexes. Check local apartment listings for openings.



# Downtown

## JACKSON WARD

Jackson Ward is a historic district located on the northern edge of the Downtown district, less than a mile from the Virginia State Capitol.

### Pros

- Close to Downtown
- Near many social activities

### Cons

- Small housing
- Parking is limited
- About a 20-minute commute to campus
- Some areas are higher in crime

### Popular Apartment Complexes

- **The Richmond Dairy** // converted dairy company complete with 40-foot architectural milk bottles



# East End

## CHURCH HILL

Church Hill boasts the title of being Richmond's oldest neighborhood. It is home to Chimborazo Park, where the largest Civil War hospital was located.

### Pros

- Great views of the city
- Close to many restaurants and shops

### Cons

- Often less square footage
- Parking is limited
- About a 25-minute commute to campus
- Some areas are higher in crime

### Popular Apartment Complexes

- **The Lofty** // recently renovated one- and two-bedroom apartments with off-street parking
- **Lava Lofts** // former Church Hill school building converted to pet-friendly loft-style apartments