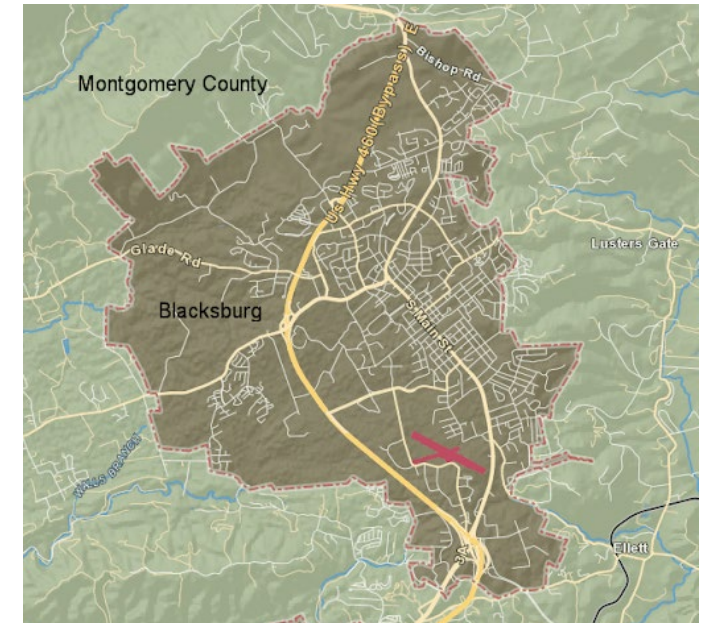
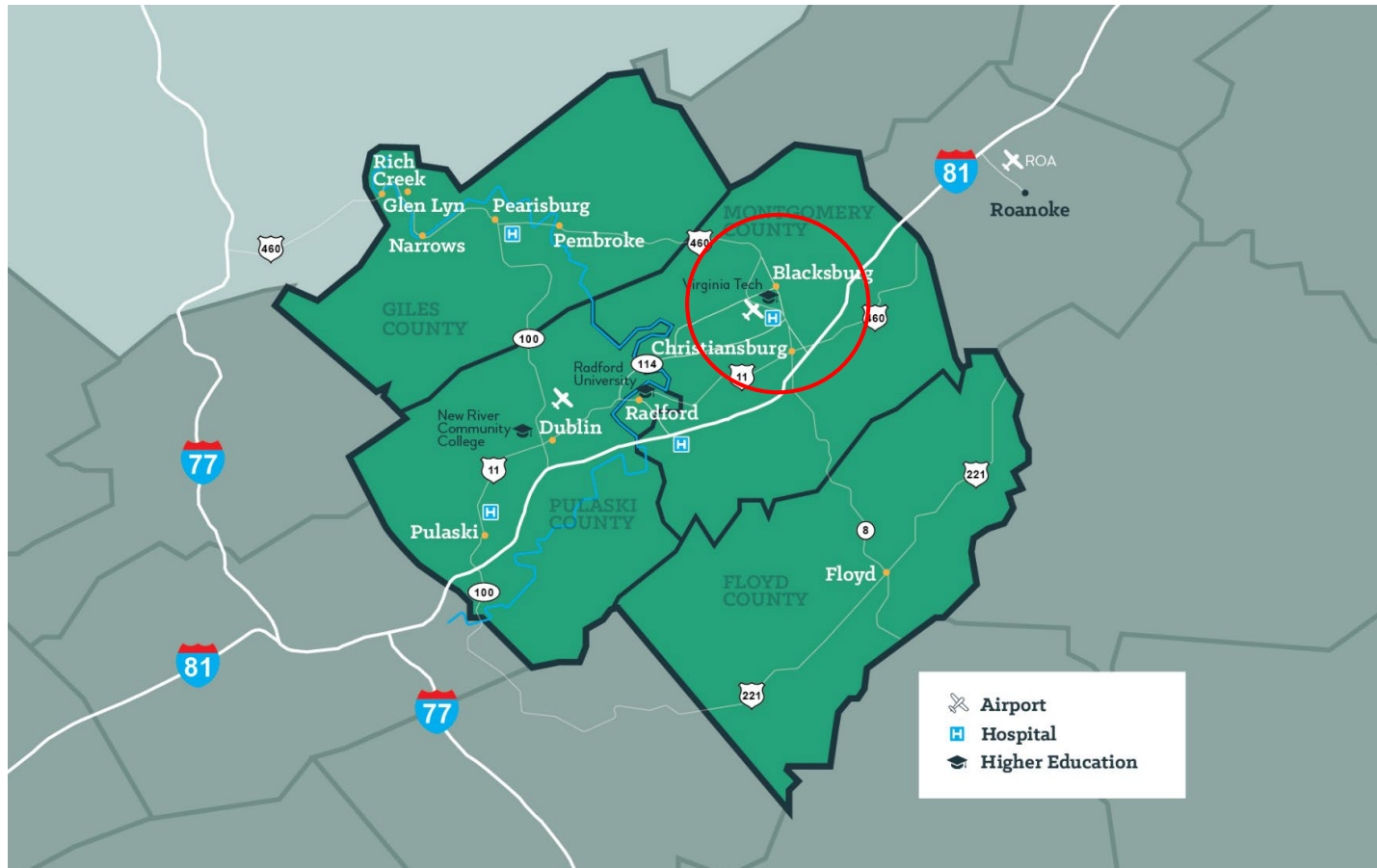




Living in Blacksburg



The NRV = New River Valley



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Budgeting & Cost of Living



VT Hokie Wellness – Financial Resources
Workshops, Financial Coaching , & Peer Educators
https://hokiewellness.vt.edu/students/program_areas/financial_wellness.html



Cost of living estimator

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Blacksburg-VA-United-States>



Financial Tools for graduate students including a detailed budget calculator

<https://gradsense.org/managing-your-money>



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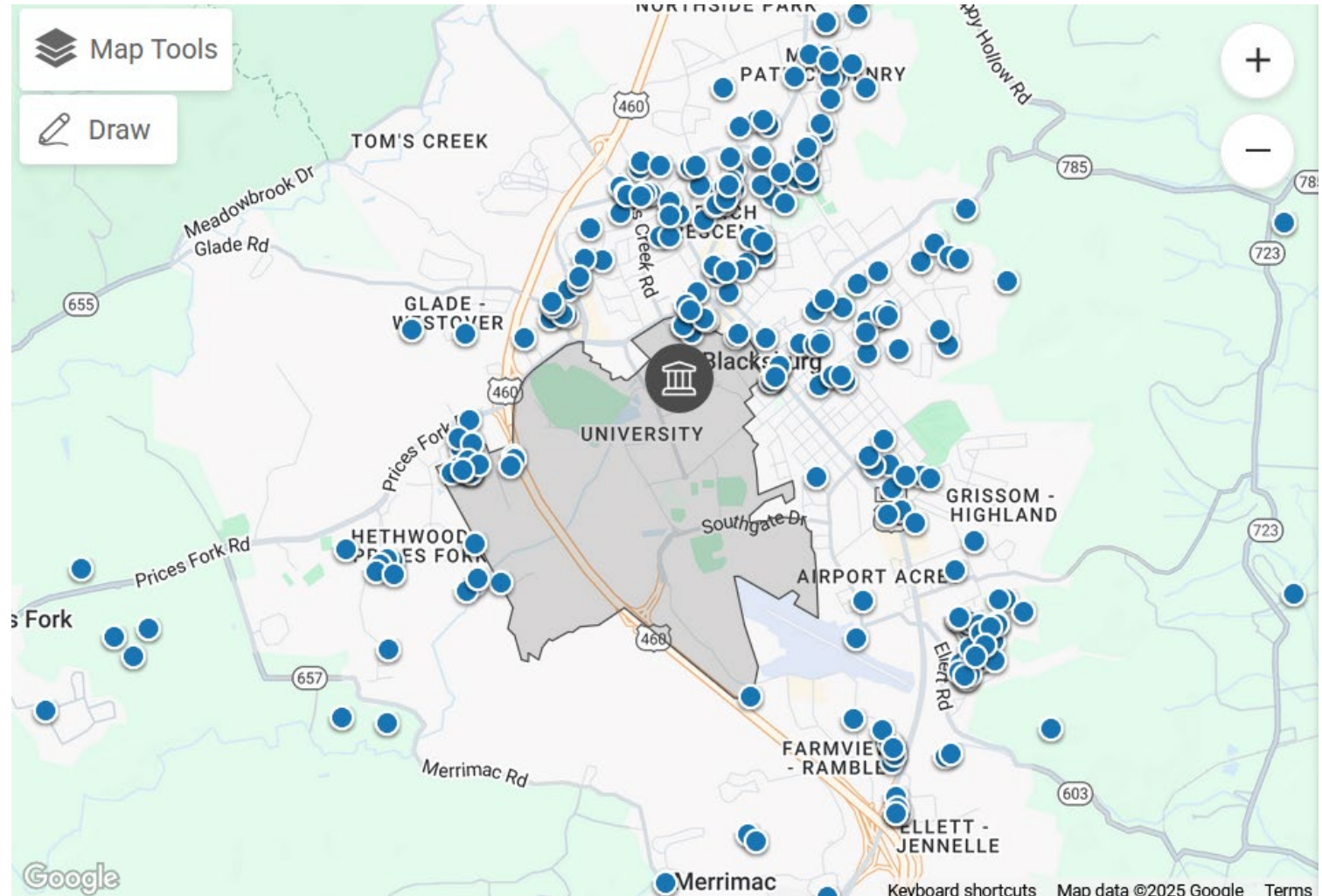
Housing

Off Campus Housing website
Map of available properties

Median 2 Bedroom Apartment:
\$1215 per month/\$600 per
person

Utilities: Average \$187 month
Per household, usually a bit
lower for an apartment – split
between roommates

Source



Housing – Furniture & other goods

Will you need furniture – is your unit furnished, unfurnished, or partially furnished?

Thrifting for used furniture/household goods - usually do not provide delivery.

International Student Furniture Giveaway, August 16, 2025

YMCA Ytoss/Freshman move-in, August 19-21, 2025

YMCA Thrift Shop – Blacksburg

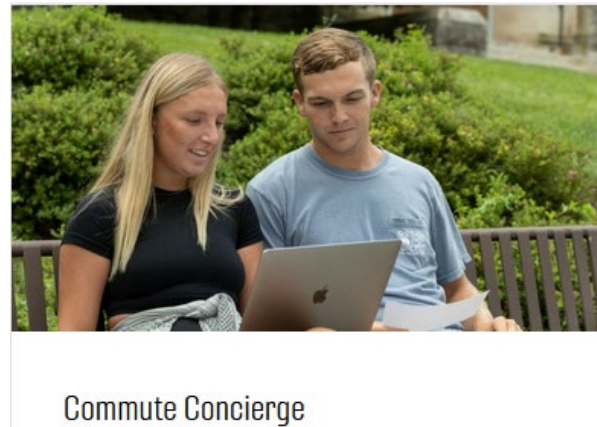
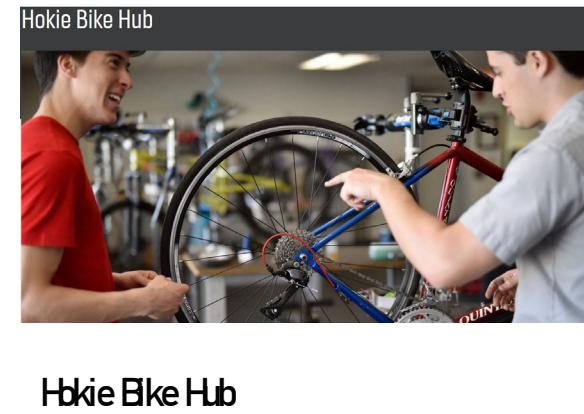
Thriftwell – Christiansburg and Fairlawn (Radford)

Habitat For Humanity Restore – Christiansburg

Facebook Marketplace (some sellers will deliver – ask)



Transportation – Sustainable Transportation



Transportation – in Blacksburg

Blacksburg Transit Bus Service

- **Twitter (@ride_BT)** service updates, answer bus related questions
- Download the **Blacksburg Transit App** on iOS or Android.
 - Tip: filter info for your stop.
- **Texting service:** text your stop # to 540-443-7433 for the next estimated arrival times.
- Schedules reduced over Virginia Tech breaks



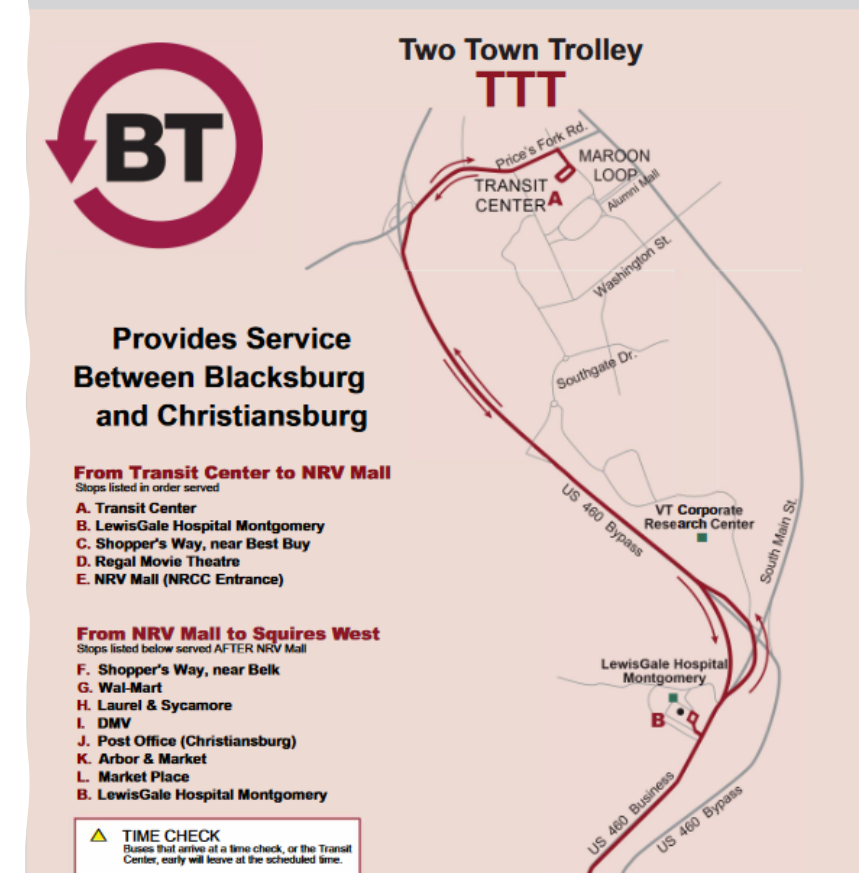
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Transportation

Two Town Trolley

- Routes between Christiansburg and Blacksburg
- Shopping
- DMV – drivers license
- Hospital



Transportation Parking Pass

Virginia Tech Parking Services

- If you have a car and want to park on campus you will need a parking permit.
- Parking permit does not guarantee you a parking spot
- Many different types of passes/rates. Review the parking services website to determine which best fits your needs.
- Bicycles must be registered, but registration is free.



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Groceries and Food

- **Food Lion** – multiple locations in Blacksburg/Christiansburg
- **Kroger** – multiple locations in Blacksburg Christiansburg
 - Join the loyalty card program at these stores
 - Sales and coupons
- **Oasis World Market** - Blacksburg
 - International Market
- **Earth Fare** - Christiansburg
- **Walmart** - Christiansburg
 - groceries, household goods, clothing



Groceries & Food

The Market of Virginia Tech

Open Market hours

Free and open to all current Virginia Tech students,

No application or appointments necessary.

Location: 801 University City Blvd., Blacksburg, VA, 24060

The Grocery Store Model

Enrolled students can shop for a variety of produce, dairy, dairy substitutes, protein, and non-perishable items each week.

Waitlist – estimated 6 months or more to receive service

Graduate School Food Pantry

GLC lower level, in Wellness Room, need Hokie passport to swipe in

Shelf-stable food, snacks, quick “mini meal”



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Eating Out

Next Three Days lists events and restaurant specials

<http://www.nextthreedays.com/>

Just a few examples - these specials are restricted to specific days and times and are subject to change.





Entertainment

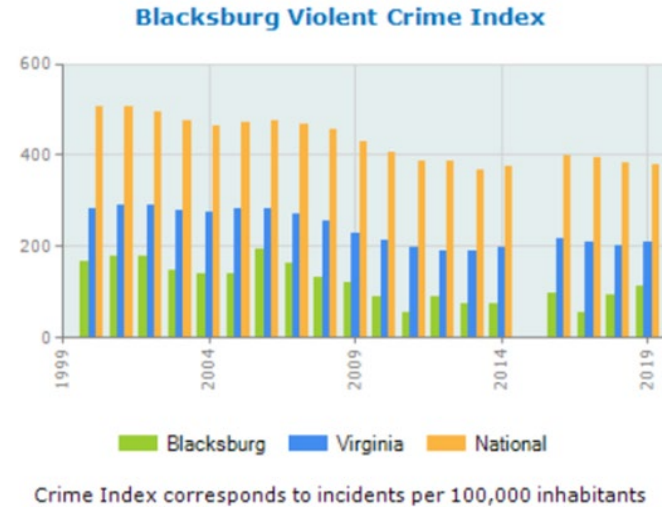
Next Three Days lists NRV events

Entertainment on campus, Athletics, Events, Rec sports

Visit **Gobbler Connect** Events page and download the app



Staying Safe



Virginia Tech Police Department

Safety tips, Programs, Bike registration, Crime reporting

Safe Ride - dusk until dawn transportation or a walking escort, upon request, to persons who must cross campus during the nighttime alone. **Call 540-231-SAFE (7233)** or download the app: <https://transloc.com/app/>.

Ringo the Patrol Pony



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Resources

Entertainment

Virginia Tech Campus Gobbler Connect: <https://gobblerconnect.vt.edu/>

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Finance/Budgeting

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Hokie Wellness Financial Wellness Resources

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Resources

Food

Kroger loyalty card - <https://www.kroger.com/pr/free-membership>

Food Lion MVP rewards - <https://foodlion.com/rewards-overview>

The Market of Virginia Tech - <https://foodaccess.vt.edu/about.html>

Furniture and Household Items

International Student Furniture Giveaway Saturday, 8:00am, August 15, 2025, 209 W. Roanoke St <https://www.ifgvt.org/giveaway>

Goodwill <https://www.goodwillvalleys.com/shop/>

VT YMCA Thrift Shop - <https://vtymca.org/y-thrift-shop>

Resources

Housing

On campus: <https://housing.vt.edu/>

Off campus: <https://offcampus.vt.edu/>

Renter's Rights in Virginia [Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act \(VRLTA\)](#)

Resources

Transportation

Bike Hub – bicycle maintenance and repair support <https://getaround.vt.edu/hokie-bike-hub.html>

Bicycle Registration (free) –

<https://getaround.vt.edu/getting-around-vt/biking-and-walking/bicycle-registration.html>

Blacksburg Transit Bus: <https://ridebt.org/>

Commute Concierge - <https://getaround.vt.edu/campus-concierge.html>

Connecting VA Rideshare: <https://connectingva.agilemile.com/vt>

Sustainable Transportation – biking/walking, regional/long-distance, ride share:

<https://getaround.vt.edu/getting-to-vt.html>

Parking Services – <https://parking.vt.edu/permits.html>

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