

Driving Directions

Day One

Stay at Virginia International Raceway and visit South Boston Speedway, do South Boston Walking Tour.

From Virginia International Raceway take Pointer Rd to intersection with SR-119 and turn left. Go north till you meet US-58, US-360 and turn right. Travel to South Boston and US-501. Turn left and go 2.4 miles to entrance on right to South Boston Speedway. Return to US-501 and turn left. Travel to SR-304 (Seymour Dr) and turn right. Continue to Main St and start of South Boston Walking Tour.

After tour, go south on US-501 Business (Main St) to US-58 and US-360 and turn right. Travel to SR-119 and turn left. Go to Pointer Rd and turn right. Follow road to Virginia International Raceway



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PRESENTS:

Travel Southern Virginia Driving Tour 2: Gentlemen Start Your Engines 2 Days/2 Nights

Gentlemen, start your engines, and go off to the races in southern Virginia! There's no wonder southern Virginia is called Virginia's Racing Region. Home to no less than six speedways and raceways, there's plenty of NASCAR, motor sport and track racing. You can even stay at the Virginia International Raceway, immersed in racing as your whole experience. Come for a day, a weekend, a week or a season. You'll love it all. Try our Driving Tour to visit them all.



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You won't recognize the VIR Raceplex as the plantation it once was, but, as you check into your accommodations, you'll experience the same southern hospitality at the Plantation Clubhouse, a restored 1840's mansion, the Lodge, Paddock Suites, and Oak Tree Tavern, all surrounding a 3.27 mile track with two crossovers to allow simultaneous events. Opened in 1957 as one of the country's first permanent road racing locations, VIR reopened in 2000 as America's first "motorsports resort" to rave reviews. Automobile and motorcycle races have been joined by the new Virginia Institute for Performance Engineering and Research and JOUSTER (Joint Unmanned Systems Testing Engineering and Research) the first test site dedicated to scientific experimentation in unmanned vehicles. 2006 races include the Rolex Sports Car Series, the Grand-Am Cup Series, the 7th Annual Gold Cup Invitational Historic Races and GT Live!

After making your way from VIR to South Boston, you can stroll through one of the largest and architecturally interesting historic districts in southern Virginia, complete with well preserved tobacco warehouses, including the award winning Prizery,

Begin the tour at the Tucker Watkins Bridge, where South Boston itself began in 1854 as a railroad depot. In addition to its historical importance, the district is significant for its late Victorian commercial and residential architecture and a variety of late 19th and 20th century homes.

From there, it's on to the racetrack affectionately known as SoBo by fans. The South Boston Speedway has undergone tremendous renovations making it one of the nation's premier short tracks. After 44 years of operation, the South Boston Speedway now hosts the NASCAR Grand National events as well as Late Model Stock Car races. With a full racing schedule in place, you can become a part of the racing traditions at South Boston and enjoy the same level of



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Visit Birch Creek Motorsports Park, Lake Sugartree Motorsport Park, Martinsville Speedway, Oak Level Raceway, and Wood Brothers Racing Museum.

From VIR travel south on Ractrack Rd. and turn right on Broad St. Travel through Milton to Virginia and SR-62. SR-62 crosses US-58, US-360 and becomes Ringgold Depot Rd and then Ringgold Church Rd. When you come to Kentuck Rd, turn right. Stay on Kentuck Rd past Laurel Grove Rd (on right) till you reach Birch Creek Motorsports Park.

Return southwest on Kentuck Rd to US-58&360 and turn right. Travel into Henry County and turn right on Movie Movers East to Lake Sugartree Motorsport Park.

Return to US-58&360 and turn right. Travel to Martinsville and take US-58 southwest to US-220 Business and turn right. Take a right at the third street on right on Speedway Rd to Martinsville Speedway.

Return to US-220 Business and turn left. Go to US-58&220 and turn right. Stay on US-220 to Rockwood Park Rd on right and turn right. Continue to Raceway Dr on right and turn right to enter Oak Level Raceway.

Return south on Rockwood Park Rd and left on Us-220. At SR-57 (Fairystone Park Highway) turn right. Continue till it reaches SR-8 (Woolwine Highway) and turn left. Just past Central Academy Rd (on right) is the entrance to Wood Brothers Racing Museum.

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Today, four more racetracks and a racing museum await. Nestled in the picturesque mountains of Pittsylvania County, Birch Creek Motorsports, featuring a 1.75 mile outdoor motorcross track, was established in 1993. The fast and challenging track includes plenty of off chamber turns, table tops, a long downhill and inverted whoop section referred to as the "snake pit."

Lake Sugar Tree is more than a race track. It has facilities for MX racing, All Terrain Vehicle Racing, Motorcross and more. Activities for the whole family include horseshoes, shaded picnic areas and nature trails along picturesque streams.

Martinsville Speedway's 2006 season marks the track's 59th year of operation. Founded by H. Clay Earles the year before NASCAR was formed, Martinsville Speedway is one of the oldest tracks in America that's still a part of the Nextel Cup series. Beginning in 1947 with 750 seats, it is the only original NASCAR-sanctioned track still running Nextel Cup events. Richard Petty, now a car owner, holds the track's winning record with 15 victories. Although it is the shortest track on the NASCAR circuit, the 800 foot straights, coupled with turns banked at only 12 degrees, makes the track perform like "two drag strips with a turnaround on each end." The demanding layout consistently produces some of the wildest fender scrubbing and push and shove racing on the tour.

The Oak Level Speedway is a dirt track where many NASCAR drivers learned the excitement of racing. Every Friday night, from April through October, fans pack the Oak Level Raceway grandstands for a fun-filled evening of family entertainment. In the pits, professional and semi-professional drivers from all over the region gather together for an evening of spirited competition. Young, up and coming drivers prepare to challenge the grizzly veterans of years of dirt track battles. As race time nears, the air crackles with excitement and the sound of highly tuned race engines being prepared for the evening's events. And then, GREEN FLAG!, the night's racing action is underway.

One of the most successful teams in NASCAR history, the Wood Brothers team is the oldest operating team in the NASCAR NEXTEL cup. In 2003, the team introduced Ricky Rudd as the man behind the wheel of the #21 Motorcraft Racing Ford Taurus. The museum illustrates the colorful and successful history of the racing team.



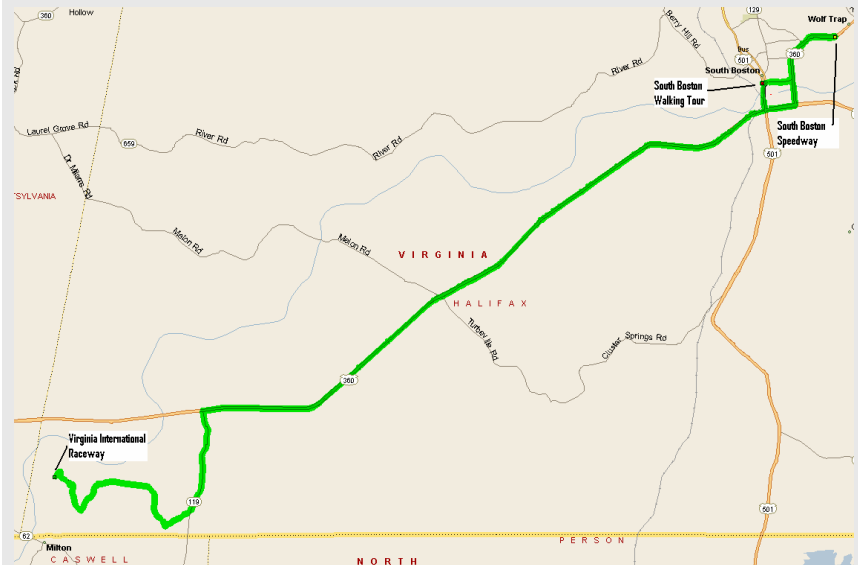
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