

BUS FIELD TRIP: Scenic and Historic Route 5, an Evolving Conservation Corridor

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MAXIMUM 25 participants

Meet at 1 p.m. on April 8 outside the Amethyst Room of the downtown Hilton (rear of hotel facing Grace Street). After a brief orientation, board the bus for a three-hour tour of the Route 5 corridor

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During this interpretive bus tour, participants will journey along scenic Route 5 and Osbourne Turnpike to learn about the significance of these roads and surrounding historic landscape. The Dept. of Historic Resources will interpret the abundant historic highway markers along the route during the ride, the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District and the Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC) will discuss the partnership that protected significant large and small properties. The trip will culminate with a visit to Malvern Hill Farm, the only place in America that U.S. troops experienced activity during

the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, which was protected by CRLC in 2018 with the support of many local, state, and national partners. The Route 5 Corridor Coalition will discuss their efforts to preserve the special qualities of this significant byway and the James River Association will talk about future projects along the James River

Each participant will need to be able to-

- Get on and off buses at several locations along the corridor
- Walk to points of interest from the bus
- Stand or sit for several interpretive talks

Things to know and bring:

- Monitor the weather, dress in light layers and WALKING shoes.
- You can download the app to the historic markers. See back for more details.
- Bathroom stops are limited
- Bring a water bottle and snacks if desired
- This an easy bus and walking tour--most of the walk is basically flat on grassy fields or sidewalks. Complimentary bus has stairs, is rustic and not heated

Specific meeting point: Outside Amethyst Room of the Downtown Richmond Hilton

Give yourself time to park and register at the hotel before meeting promptly at 1 p.m. for a brief orientation before loading on the bus.

This field trip is sponsored by the [Capital Region Land Conservancy](#), [Route 5 Corridor Coalition](#), [Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District](#), the [James River Association](#), the [Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources](#), and [Riverside Outfitters](#).

Virginia Capital Trail Historical Highway Markers Audio Tour

With their texts of black lettering against a silver background and their distinctive shape, Virginia's state historical highway markers are hard to miss along the Commonwealth's roadways. There are now more than 2,500 of them erected in Virginia to commemorate people, places, or events of regional, statewide, or national significance. Virginia's historical marker program is the oldest such program in the nation, beginning in 1927 when a handful of markers were erected along U.S. 1 between Richmond and Mount Vernon.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has developed the Virginia Capital Trail Historical Highway Markers Audio Tour so that you can drive or bike between Richmond and Williamsburg and listen to the stories the markers tell as you pass by. From the heart of Richmond, to the Governor's Mansion in Colonial Williamsburg, the Virginia Capital Trail traverses a beautiful landscape as it parallels Route 5. The 51-mile trail travels through portions of Henrico, Charles City, and James City counties as it connects the Colonial Virginia capitals of Jamestown (1607 to 1699) and Williamsburg (1699 to 1780) to the current capital of Richmond. This region has been inhabited for millennia by Virginia Indians, and played a pivotal role in the first 250 years of African American and European history in the United States. There are more than 40 historical highway markers in the vicinity of Route 5, which itself is one of the Commonwealth's most venerable byways.

Because the Virginia Capital Trail Historical Highway Markers Audio Tour was designed with the safety of both motorists and bicyclists in mind, additional multimedia content has been eliminated to reduce distraction. Please enjoy the beauty of the scenic byway and listen to the history that surrounds you.

The audio tour can be accessed free of charge through the DHR's website at:

<https://izi.travel/en/f639-virginia-capital-trail-official-historical-highway-markers-audio-tour/en#589aa028-7dd1-4a79-8185-a75689138bee>

OR

By downloading the free izi.Travel app for your mobile device at:

<https://izi.travel/en/app>

Historical Highway Markers Database

For those interested in visiting historic Highway Markers within the City of Richmond, DHR maintains an online database of markers that is searchable by keyword, zip code, locality, route, or marker number.

<https://vcris.dhr.virginia.gov/HistoricMarkers/>

I-95 Border to Border Audio Tour

Most of the markers within a five mile buffer of I-95 have been recorded between the District of Columbia and the North Carolina border so that you can listen to them as you pass. Provided you obey the speed limit, you'll find that a steady stream of stories will keep you company the length of the I-95 corridor (including the portions of I-295, I-395 and I-495 connected to it). You can begin the tour from any point, and it will not matter which direction you are travelling.

The I-95 Corridor Audio Tour can be accessed free of charge through the DHR's website at:

<https://izi.travel/en/6427-virginia-historical-highway-markers-along-i-95/en>