



VIRGINIA HISTORY TRAILS

On May 14, 2018 Virginia Governor Ralph Northam joined the 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution™ in announcing the launch of the Virginia History Trails mobile application. The Virginia History Trails app, which was curated by the Library of Virginia and Virginia Humanities, offers 20 themed trails, more than 400 stories and more than 200 historic sites that span the Commonwealth. The app's content illuminates what happened, who was involved, and why each site is important to Virginia and American history.

- The 20 themed trails that appear on the app include:
 - African American
 - American Revolution
 - Citizenship
 - Civil Rights
 - Civil War
 - Conflicts
 - Culture
 - Education
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Exploration
 - Immigration
 - Innovation
 - Military
 - Preservation
 - Presidents
 - Religious Liberty
 - Representative Government
 - Resistance
 - Virginia Indians
 - Women

- Virginia History Trails is an easy-to-use app that puts 400 years of Virginia and American history at your fingertips. Using your phone's GPS feature, Virginia History Trails turns your immediate surroundings into a live history lesson. You can click anywhere on the map of Virginia under the "Near Me" category and instantly get an in-depth description of why dozens of sites in your vicinity are important to Virginia's development.

- Users can also create their own profiles, "check in" at sites and issue updates using #VAHistoryTrails to earn badges.

- Virginia History Trails is one of many legacy projects of the Virginia's 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution and aligns with our mission to elevate the importance of democracy, opportunity and diversity. The Virginia History Trails app is now overseen by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.
- The Virginia History Trails app is now available for download in the app store and Google Play. The app is also available for download at the American Evolution website.
- The Virginia History Trails app is a tourism driver that provides a way for everyone (travelers, families, history lovers) in the Commonwealth to engage, participate in the commemoration, and learn about our country's rich history in a rewarding and exciting way.

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