

## **Driving directions for James River Batteau Festival**

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### **Near Lynchburg:**

If you leave Lynchburg traveling north on Route 29 Business

- STORE: Wal-Mart 3.5 miles after you cross the bridge, on the right;
- STORE: Food Lion 3.7 miles after you cross the bridge; also on the right.
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### **Lynchburg to Stapleton:**

The Stapleton site is on the north bank, in Amherst County.

- Take Route 29 (NOT 29 Business) north across the river to Route 210 West (Madison Heights).
- After about half a mile, turn right onto Route 622.
- STORE: After about 2 miles you'll come to the Triangle Market on Route 622.
- At Oakdale Baptist Church, Route 622 becomes Galt's Mill Road. It's about 1½ lanes wide w/lots of curves, so watch your speed.
- You'll get to Galt's Mill itself at the concrete bridge.
- The Stapleton campsite is about ¼ mile past Galt's Mill, in a hayfield on the right. Watch for festival signs. You'll be able to see the river as well.
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### **Stapleton to Bent Creek:**

The Bent Creek site is on the south bank, in Appomattox (?) County.

- Turn right on Route 622; it will eventually pull away from the river.
- After 9½ miles turn right onto Allens Creek Road, which is still Route 622.
- At 12.1 miles the road comes to a T; turn left.
- At 13.4 miles turn right onto Gladstone Road.
- At 14.3 miles you'll pass the Gladstone post office.
- You'll come to Route 60 at 15.7 miles. You can see the batteau camp from the bridge.
- STORE: The Goff grocery store is just north of the bridge (on Route 60).
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### **Bent Creek to Wingina:**

The Wingina site is on the north bank, at the state boat ramp in Nelson County.

- From the Goff store, go east on Route 60 for 6.9 miles, then turn left on Route 604.
- STORE: There is another small market 6.6 miles from the Goff store.
- At 12.9 miles turn left on Route 56
- At 14 miles you'll see a sign pointing to Yogaville.
- Cross the river, and turn left after the bridge, at the boat ramp sign.

### **Wingina to Howardsville:**

The Howardsville site is on the north bank, in Albemarle County.

- From the boat ramp at Wingina, turn left onto Route 56.
- After 2½ miles turn right onto Route 626.
- Go 10½ miles, and turn right at the Howardsville store (on left).

### **Howardsville to Scottsville:**

The Scottsville site is on the north bank, at the state boat ramp and adjacent property in Albemarle County.

- From Howardsville, turn right onto Route 626 and go 6.3 miles to Route 727 (Route 626 veers off to the left at this point; keep going straight).
- Once on Route 727, follow signs that keep you on James River Road.
- STORE: When you start getting close to downtown Scottsville, you'll pass a strip mall on the left with a Food Lion in it.
- Turn right onto Valley Road, which runs through downtown Scottsville.

NOTE: Almost immediately after you make that turn, the speed limit drops from 45 to 25, and the local cops sit in a used car lot on the right. An Albemarle County speeding ticket is NOT cheap, so watch yourself.

- Turn left onto Route 6, and follow signs to boat ramp.

**Scottsville to Slate River:**

The Slate River site is on the Solite property on the south bank, in Buckingham County.

- Take Route 20 across the bridge and out of Scottsville; go 6.2 miles, and turn left on Route 652 (at Scottsville Power & Equipment).
- Take Route 652 17.2 miles to the Solite entrance on your left.

**Slate River to Cartersville:**

The Cartersville site is on the south bank, at the state boat ramp, in Cumberland County.

- From Solite, turn left onto Route 652. Go about half a mile, and turn left on Route 15 north, which becomes Route 6 at Fork Union.
- Pass through Columbia (STORE: very small market on the right).
- After 20 miles, turn right onto Route 45 south at the Cartersville sign.
- After 25.3 miles and crossing the river, turn left at the sign for the Cartersville boat ramp.

**Cartersville to Maidens:**

The Maidens site is on the south bank, at the state boat ramp, in Powhatan County.

- From Cartersville, go north on Route 45 and turn right on Route 6.
- Take Route 6 through the Goochland Courthouse area, and turn right onto Route 522 (There's a traffic light).
- STORE: If you turn left onto Route 522 instead, it'll take you to a strip mall with a Food Lion in it on the right.
- Cross the river into Powhatan, and turn right at the Maidens boat ramp sign.

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