

History

Hanover Tavern, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a unique destination, offering Southern charm, history, exceptional food, and professional theatre in a beautiful historic setting. Relax by the warmth of the fire as you enjoy a glass of wine with dinner.

After a \$5 million restoration and preservation, the Tavern re-opened to the public in 2005. The restored building offers the warm hospitality of an early Virginia Inn, but with modern amenities, plenty of restrooms, and is handicap friendly.

We offer a choice of menu, historic tour, and theatre options catered to the needs of motor coach and group tours. A buffet lunch or dinner may be served in one of two lovely dining areas, or for smaller groups, in a more private, intimate historic room. Tours may include the Tavern building and grounds, the Civil War exhibit, and the historic Hanover Courthouse (circa 1740) across the street from the Tavern.



Conveniently located just 5 miles off interstate 95 in Hanover, Virginia (20 miles north of Richmond), 2 hours North of Virginia's Finest beaches, 2 hours South of Washington, D.C. and 1 hour from historic Williamsburg.

Washington DC

Hanover Tavern

Richmond

Williamsburg

Virginia Beach

Dining

For the past 300 years, weary travellers could stop at Hanover Tavern for a refreshing drink and a hearty meal. Today, the tradition continues as the Tavern serves up Southern hospitality, unique drinks, and exquisite cuisine. A relaxed and comfortable setting, the Tavern serves every day, except Monday, from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

"A destination restaurant, we boast a premiere dining experience combined with with a high level of cultural and educational value."



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Lunch Buffet Options

- Virginia Pork Barbeque
- Buttermilk Fried Chicken Breast
- Baked Ziti in a Homemade Red Sauce
- Cole Slaw
- Southern Style Green Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rolls & Butter
- Cookies, Brownies, & Lemon Bars
- Non Alcoholic Beverages are Included

Dinner Buffet Options

- Grilled Meatloaf with Mushroom Gravy
- Sliced Grilled Chicken
- Large Green Salad with Ranch Dressing or Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Southern Style Green Beans
- Mashed Potatoes
- Rolls & Butter
- Cookies, Brownies, & Lemon Bars
- Non Alcoholic Beverages are Included

Theatre

Founded in 1953 at Hanover Tavern, the nationally recognized Barksdale Theatre is the oldest continually operating dinner theatre in America. A group of young actors from New York bought the Tavern, constructed a theater in the basement and raised their families on the floors above. In defiance of Jim Crow laws, Barksdale was Virginia's first performing arts organization to open its doors to integrated audiences. In 1973, Barksdale produced Virginia's first professional play based on the African American experience, Lorraine



Hansberry's "To Be Young, Gifted and Black". Performing today in our modern 155-seat Bradley Theater, Barksdale offers a varied selection of plays each year at



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the restored Tavern. The Tavern website provides information on the performance dates and times.

"Living with a theatre in your basement has two advantages: it makes living more dramatic and drama more livable."

Muriel McAuley