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Winter/Spring 2024



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Civil War Trail
Milling History
Establishment
of the Town
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Water Basin
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The Dogue Indians
Occoquan River
Bridges

416 Mill St

Carbide Bunker
Rockledge

402 Mill St

Carriage Stone

314 Mill St

Virginia Historic
District
Methodist Church

302 Mill St

Mill Street

200 Mill St

1804 Occoquan
Town Plat

203 Washington St

The Town Of
Occoquan Prospers
Mamie Davis Park
Occoquan Wharves
Occoquan Riverwalk
1804 Boundary Stone

204 Washington St

Ogle Harris Store

209 Washington St

Ebenezer Baptist
Church

206 Union St

Old Hammill Hotel

308 Commerce St

Odd Fellows Hall

307 Commerce St

Commerce Street

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To learn about upcoming town events and activities visit [visitoccoquanva.com](https://www.visitoccoquanva.com), or for information on the town visit [occoquanva.gov](https://www.occoquanva.gov)

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OFF THE BEATEN PATH

BY COURTNEY WILLIAMS



You may be familiar with the shops and restaurants right on Mill Street, but have you explored what's just beyond the center of town?

From businesses whose doors have been open for nearly 50 years, like **Artists' Undertaking Gallery** (309 Mill St), to those such as **Graffiti Cat Pizza** (304 Mill St) who just started welcoming customers a few months ago, our Mill Street merchants have received a lot of love over the years!

But did you know that there are a wealth of other businesses hidden throughout town? Visit them today to explore more of what makes Occoquan so special.

JUST OFF MILL STREET

You've probably walked along Mill Street without even realizing the hidden gems just beyond your view. **Marin Woodturning** (313 Mill St, Suite F) is one such treasure. Located near River Mill Park, with views of the river, Marin features handcrafted wooden pieces that will make the perfect gift (if you can bring yourself to part with it!)

At the corner of Mill and Union, you'll enter our Courtyard Shops. Grab a bite of Greek cuisine at **Zorba's Grill** (201B Union St) before heading into **Leaf & Petal** (201C Union St) for specialty teas, herbal remedies, and carefully selected wellness-related products.

Ready to try out your scuba skills? **Patriot Diving** (305B Mill St) is tucked behind the blue building that houses **Glory Be** and **Puzzle Palooza** (305A Mill St), and offers classes ranging from diving lessons, to scuba training, to mermaid certification. Grab your fins and get ready for underwater exploration!

COMMERCE & BEYOND

Spring is just around the corner, and nothing welcomes the sunshine like stained glass. At **Sincerely Yours Stained Glass Studio** (214 Commerce St), their 30+ years of experience in teaching, selling, and restoring stained glass art have made them a must-see shop in town.

After a full day of exploring the town, treat yourself to some much needed relaxation at **Dansk Day Spa** (212 Commerce St.) Be transported to another land through their Scandinavian spa experience. With the use of aromatherapy and personalized care, you're sure to walk away restored, rejuvenated, and really really relaxed.

Keep the journey to new places going by grabbing a pint at Occoquan's own little Belgian bistro. **Cock & Bowl** (302 Poplar Alley) proudly serves always-fresh food plus 60 varieties of craft Belgian beer that are guaranteed to top off your time in town.

NEAR THE BRIDGE

Here in Occoquan, we're big fans of one-stop-shops. Enter: Riverwalk Shops (125 Mill St). With 14 businesses, you could almost spend your whole day in this one corner of town! Create your own original pottery artwork at **Paint Your Heart Out** before heading to **Bar-J Chili Parlor** for some classic Tex-Mex. Grab a perfectly snarky card at **Hitchcock Paper Co.** or discover the healing powers of crystals at **Earth Addictions**.

Cap off your day across the street at the newly opened **Mill Street Draft Garden** (200 Mill St) where you will find a family-friendly atmosphere with good food and great drinks.

In Occoquan, you'll find a little bit of everything. But remember - in order to find the treasure, you have to be willing to explore. Discover all that our town has to offer and plan your trip today at visitoccoquanva.com.





Bar J Chili Parlor
125 Mill Street
Occoquan, VA 22125
(571) 398-6294



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Occoquan, VA 22125
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202 Commerce Street
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TOWN DIRECTORY



SHOPPING & GALLERIES

- 13 Magickal Moons
- All American Makers
- Anderson's Country Store
- Andre Soriano Atelier
- ART a la Carte
- Artists' Undertaking Gallery
- Black Magic
- Crave Kangen
- Curate
- Earth Addictions
- Elements
- Gift and Gather
- Glory Be
- Hitchcock Paper Co.
- Jerry's Occoquan Jewelers
- Labela Bridal & Wedding Services
- Leaf & Moss
- Leaf & Petal
- Local Colour
- Man Overboard Enterprises
- Marin Woodturning
- Occoquan Optical
- Organic Allure
- Paint Your Heart Out
- Paradis Candles
- Patriot Diving
- Puzzle Palooza Etc
- Sincerely Yours Stained Glass Studio
- So Bohemian
- So Olive
- Spinaweb
- The Loft Gallery
- The Occoquan Outfitter
- The Secret Jewelry Garden
- Tulia Qi Integral
- Union Street Guitar Works
- Urban Posh Boutique
- VanEch Studio
- Verano

- 440 Mill St
- 204 Washington St
- 203 Union St
- 199 Union St
- 310 Mill St
- 309 Mill St
- 303 Commerce St
- 206 Union St
- 302 Mill St
- 125 Mill St #11
- 313 Mill St
- 307 Mill St
- 305A Mill St
- 125 Mill St #6
- 306 Mill St
- 313 Mill St
- 312 Commerce St
- 201C Union St
- 408 Mill St
- 310 Mill St
- 313 Mill St
- 125 Mill St #12
- 202 Union St
- 125 Mill St #7
- 125 Mill St #4
- 305B Mill St
- 305A Mill St
- 214 Commerce St
- 310 Mill St
- 125 Mill St #10
- 305 Commerce St
- 313 Mill St
- 406 Mill St
- 308E Poplar Alley
- 304 Mill St
- 205 Union St
- 203 Washington St
- 125 Mill St #5
- 125 Mill St #3

RESTAURANTS & FOOD

- Ballywhack Shack
- Ballywhack Shack Cafe
- Bann Thai
- Bar-J Chili Parlor
- Bottle Stop Wine Bar
- Cock & Bowl
- D'Rocco's Grille/The Taproom
- Graffiti Cat Pizza
- Grind N Crepe
- Madigan's Waterfront
- Mill St. Draft Garden
- Mill Street Sweets
- Nazbro Chocolates
- Potomac Chocolate
- Salad Saloon
- The Golden Plum
- The Secret Garden Cafe
- The Spot on Mill
- Third Base Pizza and Frozen Custard
- Zorba's Grill

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Angie's Nails
- ASM Chiropractic & Wellness
- Be Always Beautiful
- Dansk Day Spa
- Forever Young
- Good Hair Day Salon
- Healing Light Skincare and Reiki
- Leggy Lashes LLC
- Occoquan Family Chiropractic
- Salon 8 Hair & Nails Spa

- 304 Mill St
- 126 Commerce St
- 416 Mill St
- 125 Mill St
- 311 Mill St
- 302 Poplar Alley
- 301 Mill St
- 304 Mill St
- 301 Commerce St
- 201 Mill St
- 200 Mill St
- 305A Mill St
- 309 Mill St
- 304 Mill St
- 208 Poplar Alley
- 126 Commerce St
- 404 Mill St
- 406 Mill St
- 202 Commerce St
- 201B Union St

- 206 Union St
- 312 Poplar Alley
- 204 Ellicott St
- 212 Commerce St
- 206 Mill St
- 308 Mill St
- 300 Ellicott St
- 303 Commerce St
- 303 Union St
- 202A Washington St

GENERAL

- Ajani Truth Photography
- Amaya Studios LLC
- Anthony R. DiFrancesco PhD PC
- Apple Tree Counseling
- Beltway Realty Group
- Blue List Partners, LLC
- Dominion Yachts
- Edward Jones
- Group Benefits Designers Inc
- Hitchcock Studios
- Law Office of Kathleen Grace Walsh
- Norma Fayak Photography
- Occoquan Masjid Al-Hussain Peace House
- Occoquan Spirits Ghost Tours
- Penguin Paddling
- PRM Integrated Systems
- Pure Palette
- Puritano Media Group Inc
- Ravensworth Custom Home Improvement
- Reilly Law, PLC
- Reinhardt, Harper, Davis
- Riverside Property Management
- Rodas Mc Multi Service LLC
- Safe Harbor Financial Advisors, LLC
- Starwishmusic
- Talent Acquisition Concepts
- Talutium Real Estate
- The Concrete Artisan
- The Good News Community Kitchen
- Title Write 1, Inc
- Waters Way Counseling, PLLC

- 306 Commerce St
- 308 Poplar Alley
- 214 Commerce St
- 210B Commerce St
- 204 Union St
- 300 Ellicott St
- 312 Poplar Alley
- 308 Commerce St
- 205 Union St
- 305A Mill St
- 206 Commerce St
- 125 Mill St #9
- 209 Washington St
- 408 Mill St
- 201 Mill St
- 306 Commerce St
- 312 Commerce St
- 309 Mill St
- 309 Mill St
- 300 Ellicott St
- 206 Commerce St
- 300 Ellicott St
- 311 Mill St
- 300 Ellicott St
- 306 Commerce St
- 306 Commerce St
- 304 Mill St
- 204 Commerce St
- 308 Poplar Alley
- 300 Ellicott St
- 308 Poplar Alley

FREE TIMED PARKING DISTRICT

- 4 HOUR PARKING
- 8 HOUR PARKING

OTHER

- Kayak/SUP Ramp
- Mamie Davis Park
- Mill House Museum
- Public Dock
- Public Restrooms (east side)
- Public Restrooms (west side)
- River Mill Park
- Rockledge Mansion
- Town Hall
- United States Post Office
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Visitors Information Kiosk (east side)
- Visitors Information Kiosk (west side)
- 111 Mill St
- 205 Mill St
- 413 Mill St
- 205 Mill St
- 200 Mill St
- 458 Mill St
- 458 Mill St
- 440 Mill St
- 314 Mill St
- 202 Mill St
- 204 Mill St
- 205 Mill St
- 413 Mill St

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

- Apiary Market
- EcoGlo Detailing
- Innovative Design & Renovation
- Inspired Events LLC
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- Patriots For Disabled Divers
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- pfdd.org
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New to Occoquan in 2023

AN END OF YEAR WRAP UP
TO OCCOQUAN'S NEWEST
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126 Commerce St | goldenplumbakery.com

GRAFFITI CAT PIZZA

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304 Mill Street | graffitcatpizza.com

LEAF & MOSS

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312 Commerce Street
shopleafandmoss.com

MILL ST DRAFT GARDEN

An outdoor oasis serving beer garden cuisine, with 16+ draft brews, sparkling wine, and craft cocktails.

200 Mill Street | millstdraftgarden.com

PATRIOT DIVING

Learn to dive, grab new gear, or book an excursion with our town dive shop, now under new ownership.

305B Mill Street | patriotdiving.net

SALAD SALOON

Serving specially crafted salads, sandwiches, tacos, wraps, bowls, smoothies and vegan selections.

208 Poplar Alley | saladsaloon.com

VERANO

A curated collection of vegan leather handbags and accessories, global gifts, jewelry, and more.

125 Mill Street | shopveranoboutique.com

Explore a complete list of the restaurants, shops, galleries and more at visitoccoquanva.com!



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MAKE A *weekend* OF IT

BY SARAH HITCHCOCK BURZIO



STAY WITH USA

Occoquan is frequently hailed as a perfect day trip for folks wanting the escape the city or relax as they stroll through a charming riverfront town. And we couldn't agree more. After all, with world class boutiques, art galleries representing over 70 local artists, award-winning restaurants, beer gardens, outdoor concerts, street festivals, and more, how could you *not* want to visit.

But what you may not know, is Occoquan is home to exceptional lodging, all within walking distance to your favorite downtown locations! Below are some of our favorite spots to book for a weekend of fun and relaxation in historic Occoquan, Virginia:

ANNE'S PLACE

A waterfront oasis in the heart of Occoquan! Anne's Place is a great spot to relax on your waterfront deck as kayaks make their way down the River. Be sure to pop into **Artists' Undertaking Gallery** on the main floor of the building.

THE DETAILS:

- 1 bedroom/1 bath (sleeps 2)
- 4.89 stars
- 2 night minimum
- Where to book: [AirBNB.com](https://www.airbnb.com) or [vrbo.com](https://www.vrbo.com)

OUR FAVORITE ASPECT:

- Amazing river views!



THE ELLICOTT

Lovely with plenty of space to relax or take your laptop and have a quiet space to work. The space is tastefully appointed, with hardwood floors and plenty of light. A small deck on the back is a great spot for your morning cup of coffee (or head next door for a cup of joe at **The Spot on Mill Street**).

THE DETAILS:

- 1 bedroom/1 bath (sleeps 4)
- 4.87 stars
- Children welcome
- 1 night minimum
- Where to book: [AirBNB.com](https://www.airbnb.com)

OUR FAVORITE ASPECTS:

- Bay windows and a lovely fireplace!

THE FARMHOUSE

Gorgeously decorated with a gourmet kitchen and spacious, bright living room (with a brick surround fireplace!). With two stories, this option is great for families or groups wanting to be right downtown.

THE DETAILS:

- 2 bedrooms/2.5 bath (sleeps 11)
- 4.90 stars
- Children welcome
- Where to book: AirBNB.com

OUR FAVORITE ASPECTS:

- The jetted tub is pure luxury and relaxing after a day of shopping the historic district



HARRY'S RIVER VIEW

Another great waterfront spot with a private porch and quiet building! Ideal for a relaxing weekend away. While you're there be sure to stop by **Nazbros Fudge & Chocolates** on the main floor.

THE DETAILS:

- 1 bedroom/1 bath (sleeps 2)
- 4.87 stars
- 2 night minimum
- Where to book: AirBNB.com or vrbo.com

OUR FAVORITE ASPECT:

- It's above an art gallery and a fudge shop!



STAY WITH USA

Located one block off of the historic districts main Mill Street, this space is located above the charming plant shop, **Leaf & Moss**. There are three private bedrooms you can rent in this 1901 historic home. It even features original windows and architectural details that add to the Hallmark vibe of the space.

THE DETAILS:

- 1 bedroom/1 bath (sleeps 2)
- 5 stars
- Children welcome
- 2 night minimum
- Where to book: AirBNB.com

OUR FAVORITE ASPECTS:

- You'll love lounging on the front porch



MCKENZIE ESTATE

If you are looking for a more secluded location, yet still walkable to everything Occoquan has to offer, this is the place for you. It is located on three acres with views of the woods, but still only a few blocks into the center of town.

THE DETAILS:

- 3 bedrooms/2.5 bath (sleeps 8)
- 4.9 stars
- Children & pets welcome
- 2 night minimum
- Where to book: AirBNB.com or vrbo.com

OUR FAVORITE ASPECTS:

- Quiet location with huge windows!



MEGHAN'S HOME

New construction (2022) with old town charm and tons of space for your whole family! This is arguably one of the largest properties we've found. It's 2 blocks from Mill Street, making it a nice distance from the hustle and bustle, but close enough to walk to everything.

THE DETAILS:

- 4 bedrooms/3.5 bath (sleeps 8)
- 4.92 stars
- Children welcome
- Where to book: AirBNB.com

OUR FAVORITE ASPECTS:

- Spacious and quiet neighborhood location



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