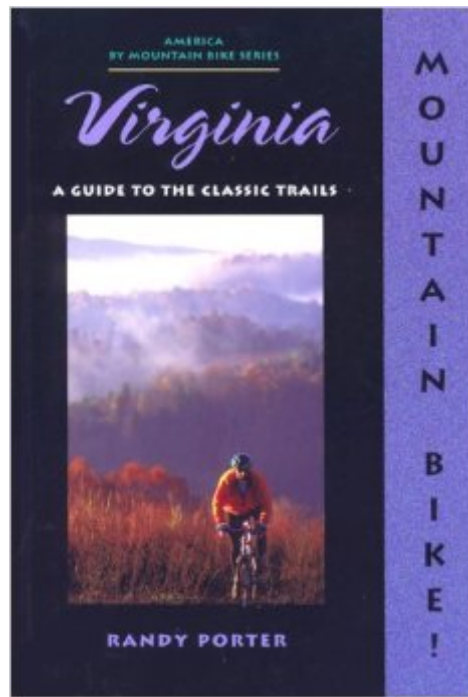


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# Mountain Bike! Virginia



## Synopsis

Follow in the steps of America's first settlers at Jamestown and uncover the adventures and challenges that define the Old Dominion. From historic converted rail trails to technical single track, Mountain Bike! Virginia will help you discover this state's most unforgettable rides. You'll find detailed information on over 90 trails in coastal Virginia, the piedmont, northern Virginia, the mountains of western Virginia, and the Blue Ridge Highlands. Author Randy Porter gives you the lowdown on trails in George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, York River State Park, Belle Isle, Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, the D.C. area, and many other fat-tire friendly places. Each route profile features at-a-glance information, a thorough ride description, a detailed trail map, helpful sources of information, proximity of important services, valuable commentary on elevation changes and possible hazards, and a rescue index. Mountain Bike! Virginia also features interesting and entertaining photographs, vivid descriptions of native flora and fauna and historical attractions, a glossary of mountain biking terms, tips on trail etiquette, and a list of ride recommendations for special interests.

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The rides tht Porter describes are fine but directions to getting there are terrible.I spent a long frustrating time in the car on the Presidents Day weekend trying to follow directions that were completely inaccurate. You CANNOT rely on his directions to get to the start of rides. Either he has

never been there or he has scribbled down directions without thinking properly. He assumes you know the roads of Old Dominion like a Virginian. Outside Harrisonburg he talks about turning off the 33 onto the 613 (fine that worked), then turning left onto the 612. WRONG the road number is the 763 that eventually links to the 612. This little error cost me 2 hours. Outside Staunton he talks about turning off for one ride 14.5 west on the 250 - fine. He then describes the turn off to another ride as being 25 miles west of Staunton. WRONG. The 2nd ride is 14.75 west on the 250 and the turn off can be seen from the first. With another mis-direction he cost me another 2 hours. Luckily an extremely helpful person in Deerfield set me straight. If you want to use this book get a detailed map of Virginia and a GPS system.

Porter has done an incredible job of ferreting out a wide range of supreme mountain bike destinations in Virginia. His conversational style of writing and accuracy make this book an indispensable guide for fat tire riders from beginners to experts. He covers the state from the coast to the mountain peaks like no other author has in a guide that offers information including difficulty level, length, and anecdotal remarks regarding any given area's history and natural history. If you have any inclination to pedal off the beaten path, *Mountain Bike! Virginia* by Randy Porter should be your first stop. And you, too, will agree that Virginia is for mountain bike lovers!

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