



Rockville, MD

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO
THIS IDEAL, WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOOD

Top Things You Need to Know About Rockville

In this guide, you'll get a general feel for the neighborhood, get to know the community, and learn why people choose Rockville over other communities in the D.C. area.

We'll highlight locals' favorite things to do in the neighborhood from outdoor activities to dining and shopping to seasonal community events and more.



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Section 1:

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The Neighborhood

Rockville in a Glance

With [over 65,000 residents](#), Rockville is home to a host of dining, retail, and entertainment options. Residents enjoy the beautiful and abundant parks and wide array of restaurants and retail, all just a few Metro stops to the heart of Downtown D.C. and many of the area's top attractions. Consistently [ranked a top place to live](#), Rockville is uniquely situated to feel like a larger city while still offering residential comforts.

The city of Rockville is also the county seat of Montgomery County, MD, making it a hub for local government as well as a booming business district. Many people are drawn to the area for employment with over 370 companies and organizations in the scientific and technology fields such as NIH and MedImmune.

If you're looking for excitement, a wide range of professional job opportunities, and easy access to D.C. and beyond, Rockville may be right for you. Read on to find out more about what the neighborhood has to offer and why residents are proud to call Rockville home.



Getting Around

Rockville is a large, but walkable city that offers residents plenty of ways to get around or commute.

One of the easiest ways to get to Rockville is by metro. The Metro Red Line has [several stops](#) at White Flint, Twinbrook, Rockville Town Center, and Shady Grove.

The Rockville Metro station also connects commuters to the MARC train, which runs between West Virginia, Northern Maryland, and Washington, D.C., and [Amtrak](#), which runs through several states like Pennsylvania and Illinois for further travel.



In addition to driving, residents in Rockville can also access alternate modes of transportation, such as [Metrobuses](#) and [Capital Bikeshare](#), making Rockville a commuter-friendly town.

Section 2:

Where to Dine in Rockville

With such a diverse food scene in Rockville, you'll want to eat out every night

If You Love Brunch

If breakfast is the most important meal of the day, brunch is the most important meal of the weekend.

Rockville is home to a wide variety of restaurants offering brunch deals. Here are a few spots to check out:



Voted one of OpenTable's 100 Best Brunch Restaurants in America, [Founding Farmers](#) serves a mix of all-American classics alongside their own innovative creations.

[Mosaic Cuisine](#) is a modern French restaurant that offers a unique twist on brunch with its café-style atmosphere. Inspired by cuisines from around the world, their sweet and savory brunch menu is available until 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

Fresh, friendly, and fast are the pillars of [First Watch](#)'s philosophy. They serve a variety of breakfast and lunch options from classic omelets and French toast to power bowls and sandwiches.

If You Love Unique Restaurants

Change things up by trying some of these restaurants that think outside the box.

Looking for a change of pace? Experience something new at one of these popular spots.



Check out [Urban Hot Pot](#) for an all-you-can-eat personal hot pot experience. It gets rave reviews for its variety of options, add-ins brought to you on a conveyor belt, and overall food quality.

[Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge](#) is unique for its lodge style decor, which creates a cozy ambiance. Its seasonal menu includes ever-changing, classic American dishes.

You'll find some of the best barbecue in the area at [Mission BBQ](#). Make sure to sample their 7 signature sauces, or one of their 7 other special sauces that differ by region.

[Summer House Santa Monica](#) is a New American restaurant featuring delicious California fare, homemade breads, and a variety of beverages in a beach house-inspired setting.



If You Love Happy Hour Deals

Rockville is a hot spot for happy hour any day of the week.

Rockville is the perfect city to stop by a happy hour after work. Here are some you shouldn't miss.

At [Botanero Restaurant](#), you can enjoy happy hour specials on weekdays from 3-6:30 pm at the bar, patio & lounge. You'll find beer, wine, sangria, and a variety of specialty cocktails for as little as \$6.

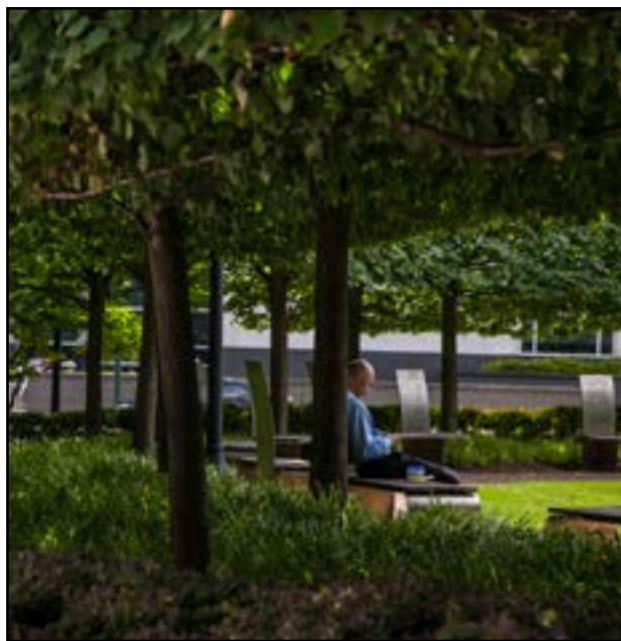
Stop by happy hour Monday-Friday from 3-7pm at [Stanford Grill](#). You can grab some upscale American cuisine in a lively atmosphere, featuring live jazz music and deals on draft beer, cocktails, and wine.

[World of Beer](#) is great for those looking for a casual atmosphere. It offers a large selection of beer (as the name implies) and food to snack on. Happy hour is Monday-Friday from 3-7pm.

Section 3:

What to Do in Rockville

Explore the multitude of shopping and entertainment centers, outdoors activities, and seasonal events that Rockville has to offer.



If You Love Shopping

Rockville is filled with areas that offer a wide variety of shopping and dining options for residents.

[Pike and Rose](#) is a modern mall and premier destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. A few popular stores here include REI, Bluemercury, Sephora, H&M, Sur La Table, Gap, and more.

[Rockville Town Square](#) is at the center of the city of Rockville. There, you can explore over 25 dining options, including El Mercat Bar de Tapas, Peter Chang, or Lebanese Taverna. You'll also find gyms, spas, Dawson's Market, the Rockville Memorial Library, and [more](#).

[Rio Lakefront](#), a waterfront shopping and entertainment center, is another popular spot for Rockville residents. You'll find over 40 different shopping and dining options like Nando's Peri-Peri, Copper Canyon Grill, Uncle Julio's, Target, South Moon Under, and Dick's Sporting Goods.

Take a stroll through [Downtown Crown](#) and explore various salons and spas and 13 different restaurants, including Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, &pizza, and Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar. Or you can stop by the [Fallsgrove Village Center](#) for Bethesda Bagels, Safeway, Chipotle, Mamma Lucia, Starbucks, and more.

Rockville shopping and dining options are seemingly endless—you can find everything you could ever need or want at one of the several popular shopping centers.



If You Love Being Active

Rockville residents have plenty of opportunities to stay active—here are some of the best places to get outdoors.



[Lake Needwood](#), part of [Rock Creek Park](#), is a great place to stop by when the weather's nice for boating or water activities. You can rent kayaks, rowboats, canoes, or pedal boats, spend the afternoon fishing, or take a hike on the trails around the scenic 75-acre lake.

If you want some kid-friendly entertainment and love adventure, the nearby [Go Ape Treetop Adventure Course](#) offers ziplines, high-ropes obstacle courses, and swings for all ages.

If you're looking for something more relaxing, head to one of the several public golf courses near Rockville. [Needwood Golf Course](#) and [Falls Road Golf Course](#) are all frequented by residents for their natural rolling landscapes and entertaining courses.

While the city of Rockville is booming with businesses and urban offerings, residents are still surrounded by many green spaces, including 65 different parks. [Rockville Civic Center Park](#), [Mattie JT Stepanek Park](#), [Crabbs Branch Park](#), and [the larger Rock Creek Park](#) are some areas where residents can bike, take a stroll, or just spend time outdoors. Find a complete list of Rockville parks [here](#).

If You Love Entertainment for the Whole Family

Explore your adventurous side at one of these local attractions, perfect for all ages.

Pike and Rose offers something fun for everyone, including your canine companion at [Bark Social](#), a popular outdoor bar and dog park. Gather with friends at [Pinstripes](#) for bowling and bocce, or head to [IPIC Theaters](#) for an upscale way to enjoy the latest films with plush seating and in-theater service.

There's more at [Rockville Town Square](#) than just dining and shopping. Skate at the ice rink in the winter, play around the Splash Pad while staying cool in the summer, or catch a movie at the Regal Rockville Theater. If you love art, the [VisArts Center](#) offers classes as well as rotating gallery exhibitions.



[Rio Lakefront](#) is a great place to take the family on the weekend. It houses family-friendly attractions like the Carousel, AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinema, Dave & Buster's, Muse Paintbar, and more. Stop by the [Washingtonian Paddle Boats](#) to take a boat ride around the lake or feed the fish.

Right across the road from Rio Lakeside, [iFly Indoor Skydiving](#) brings the thrill of skydiving to Rockville. Held up mid-air by fans, skydivers get to experience the freefall sensation of skydiving out of a plane in iFly's indoor wind tunnel.

If your young ones are curious about nature, check out the [Meadowside Nature Center](#) where kids can learn about natural and cultural history through trails, programs, and exhibits like the Curiosity Corner and Raptor Deck.

If You Love Local Events

Being the lively urban area that it is, Rockville has a ton of seasonal local events and attractions to check out.



Art fans will love the [Rockville Arts Festival](#), a two-day long festival held annually in early May. You'll find over 100 fine arts vendors in the festival's outdoor gallery in Rockville Town Square. Residents can shop for art, see artists at work, and enjoy local entertainment.

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend at the [Hometown Holidays Music Festival](#) in Rockville Town Square. The festival features over 30 free live performances, activities for kids, the Taste of Rockville, and ends with the annual [Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade](#).

[Rocktoberfest](#) brings Oktoberfest celebrations to Rockville Town Square featuring three stages of entertainment. Over 8,000 residents attend the annual festival for music, food, and activities. Of course, keeping with the spirit of Oktoberfest, local breweries supply plenty of beer for the festival.

Year-round, Rockville has several farmers' markets to provide fresh produce, plants, and other goods to residents. Two notable markets are the [Rockville Farmers' Market](#), which operates on Saturdays (9am-1pm) from May-November and the [Shady Grove Farmers' Market](#), which is open on Wednesdays from May-September (11am-2pm).

The residents of the Rockville community can always find reasons to come together at the many exciting local events and attractions each year.



Section 4:

Reasons Rockville is a Top Place to Live

Don't just take it from us. From ratings and reviews, Rockville's residents rave about their city.

Consistently rated a [Top 100 Place to live in the United States](#) by Livability, Rockville's ratings, reviews, and awards speak to its residents' level of both overall happiness and quality of life.

The more than 3,000 residents who participated in [Rockville's biennial community survey](#) consistently support the city's outstanding reputation. In 2018, 94% rated rockville's overall quality of life as excellent or good and 87% gave similar ratings to its overall quality of services that continue to this day.

When it comes to employment, CareerBliss rated Rockville 9th on its **10 Happiest Cities to Work**. Based on a high concentration of positive reviews by actual employees, the ranking analyzed key factors that affect workplace happiness.

Here are a couple more [studies](#) that speak to the city's quality of life:

- [Money, Magazine: Maryland's #1 Place to Live \(2018\)](#)
 - [CNBC.com: #9 Happiest Cities to Work \(2018\)](#)
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