

## MBC Students: Things to Do for Under \$10

Whatever coins your pocket holds, you can find cool things to do off campus. Sure, Staunton (pop. 24,000) offers fine dining, upscale shops, and first-rate theatres, but the city is also proud of its activities for little — or no — cost. An active arts scene, coffee shops, and easy access to Shenandoah National Park and George Washington National Forest means you can make the most of our great location. What can you do for \$10 or less? Lots. Here's a sampling.

### WALK THERE!

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- Blackfriars Playhouse** Watch the American Shakespeare Center players perform in dress rehearsal for free — call 540-885-5588 to arrange. If you volunteer to usher, you get a free ticket to use on any performance during the season.  
10 S. Market Street, Staunton • 540-851-1733  
[www.americanshakespearecenter.com](http://www.americanshakespearecenter.com)
- Coffee's Brewing** Lots of options, some with outdoor seating. Find your favorite cup at  
[www.visitstaunton.com/dining/dining\\_coffee.htm](http://www.visitstaunton.com/dining/dining_coffee.htm)
- Downtown Dixie Theater** Watch a new movie in an old, newly renovated theatre!  
125 East Beverley Street • 540-885-8445  
\$4 for students with MBC ID cards • [www.thedixietheater.com](http://www.thedixietheater.com)
- Free Movies** Get a library card and check out new releases for free!  
Staunton Library • 1 Churchville Ave • 540-332-3902
- Gallery Walking** Get your minimum daily art workout on a walking tour you devise to see any or all the many downtown galleries.  
[/www.visitstaunton.com/shopping/shopping\\_art.htm](http://www.visitstaunton.com/shopping/shopping_art.htm)
- Gypsy Hill Park** Check out this Web site for a wide variety of activities offered in good weather — music, movies, plays, art ...  
Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton • [/www.visitstaunton.com/attractions/attractions\\_outdoor.htm](http://www.visitstaunton.com/attractions/attractions_outdoor.htm)
- Farmer's Market** Fresh regional farm produce, plants, flowers, herbal products for sale every Saturday 7 a.m.–noon, April through Thanksgiving.  
Johnson Street parking lot in downtown Staunton • [www.safarmersmarket.com](http://www.safarmersmarket.com)
- Music, Sweet Music** Mill Street Grill features live jazz every Wednesday (no cover, but you do need to be seated at bar or table and order drinks or meal).  
Baja Bean presents live music every Sunday night (no cover, and inexpensive drinks, food).
- Walk through History** You can take a walking tour of historic Staunton (who knew Staunton was so historic) no cost, of course. Maps are available a downtown visitor's center and in many of the stores. Check out the stained glass by Tiffany & Co. in Trinity Episcopal Church, too.

## (SHORT) ROAD TRIPS!

- Blue Ridge Parkway** Find your perfect vista on one of the parkway's many pull-offs.  
I-64 exit 99 • [www.nps.gov/blri](http://www.nps.gov/blri)
- Charlottesville Ice** Ice skating almost year around.  
Downtown Mall in Charlottesville • \$7 admission (\$5 on Wed), \$1.50 skate rental •  
[www.icepark.com](http://www.icepark.com)
- Green Valley Book Fair** Great low prices! Open only certain days each year.  
Between Staunton and Harrisonburg, exit 240 off I-81. • [www.gvbookfair.com](http://www.gvbookfair.com)
- Hull's Drive-In** Catch a double-feature at a real drive-in movie theatre — movies start at sunset on weekends.  
Route 11 North (4 miles north of Lexington) • \$5 • [www.hullsdrivein.com](http://www.hullsdrivein.com)
- Skatetown USA** Roller skating like it used to be!  
1311 Barterbrook Road • \$3 admission (\$2 on bargain nights) \$1 skate rental •  
540-885-3798
- Staunton Lanes** Bowling for dollars ... Mondays and Thursdays, 9–11 p.m.  
831 Greenville Ave • \$1 per game • 540-885-1655
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## OR, STAY ON CAMPUS!

The MBC campus is a busy place during the academic year, and you won't want to miss unique events, because everyone will be talking about them the next day! To find out what's going on, check the MBC Announcement Digest sent daily to your MBC e-mail, and pay attention to posters/flyers that wallpaper doors and boards.

Gallery art by students and renowned artists in Hunt Gallery in the Dining Hall • Music recitals and concerts by visiting artists, faculty, students • Plays and theatrical performances in Deming Hall or Francis Auditorium by the theatre department, Kuumba Players, or visiting artists • Mixers, movies, midnight snacks, and other special student events • The Balls — Junior Dads, Signature, Military • Traditional events like Apple Day, Founders Day, Charter Day, Spring Fling • Events celebrating our diversity like Kwanzaa, Black History Month, and Las Posadas