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Virginia is a southern state in the USA. Hitchhikers seem to think hitching in Virginia is decent.

Law

46.2-929. Pedestrians soliciting rides. Pedestrians shall not stand or stop in any roadway for the purpose of soliciting rides.

46.2-100. Definitions. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the shoulder.

Federal Districts

Note:All land owned by the National Park service prohibits hitchhiking under the Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 section 4.31: Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation is prohibited *except in designated areas and under conditions established by the superintendent.*

- Blue Ridge Parkway

4.31 has not been amended here, so hitchhiking is prohibited.

- Shenandoah National Park

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted: Along Skyline Drive and in developed areas when associated with hiking within the park

- Green Springs National Historic Landmark District

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- Prince William Forest Park

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Experiences

Not so difficult but definitely stay off the interstate freeways. It is legal to hitchhike on other roads. Good state for train hopping. Almost all trains lead in or out of Roanoke.

The Appalachian Mountain region of the western part of the state makes for the easiest hitching around, particularly near the Appalachian Trail where hikers regularly hitch to and from nearby towns.

"Virginia gets a bad rap for hitchhiking. But I've gotten a hitch across the road from a Prison up in the mountains. It can be done!" - Anonymous Hitchhiker

Hitching in Virginia is not nearly as bad as people seem to think. I-81 runs from the northern bit of the state all the way down almost to Asheville, North Carolina. Rides tend to be short but there are many small towns along the way with good ramps (including two college towns with younger more liberal populations) and you won't wait terribly long between rides. Scenery is beautiful. Up north, I-66 is surprisingly easy in both direction (into DC and out to the mountains.) The last exit on 66 before the junction with 81 is Front Royal; the ramps are beautiful with

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plenty of traffic and I've even had a couple cops drive by and just nod.

I am hitching through Virginia as I write this from Lynchburg and have had a decent experience so far. My rate of catching rides has been about equal to the national average, maybe a little better, and so far I have yet to have a police encounter. [Thewindandrain](#) 00:24, 28 August 2012 (CEST)



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