

VAAS Attendees: Directions, Accommodations, and Local Restaurant Information

**Directions to: NRAO Headquarters, 520 Edgemont Road
Charlottesville, VA 22904, Tel: 434 296-0211**

- ***From the Washington, DC area:***
 - If coming from Dulles International Airport (IAD), proceed to the exit towards Washington, and be prepared to take the exit for US Route 28 *South* and Centerville. Then proceed about 6 miles until you see the signs for Interstate 66; take I-66 *West* towards Front Royal.
 - If coming from the Beltway, proceed to I-66 *West*. NOTE: there are two exits for Rt. 29, you want the *second* one for Gainesville.
 - On I-66, proceed for about 12 miles to 29 South at exit 43A (Gainsville/Warrenton). This can be a confusing exit as it is labeled 43A & 43B, but there is a single exit that splits to be 43A & 43B with the second one being 43A). Rt. 29 *South*.
 - Continue with the next section ("*From the North via US Route 29*").

- ***From the North via US Route 29:***
 - Proceed on Rt. 29 past Warrenton and Culpeper (about 2 hours drive). *Warning!* This section of road is often rigorously patrolled by police, and they will give speeders a ticket.
 - The density of shopping centers and traffic lights (and the number of lanes) increases as you get close to Charlottesville. You will pass two major intersections (Rio Road [pronounced rye-oh; don't ask why!] and Hydraulic Road). Keep going straight on Rt. 29.
 - After passing a K-Mart on the left and an Exxon gasoline station on the right (near Hydraulic Rd), you will see an overpass with exits for US 250 *West*, Rt. 29 *South* and US 250 *East*. Do **NOT** take these exits; instead, continue straight ahead on what is now Business Rt. 29.
 - You will pass another intersection (Barracks Rd.), and a shopping center on the right (with a McDonalds, Burger King, Bed Bath and Beyond, Harris Teeter, and Taco Bell). You will see university housing on the left, and a large stadium-like building (John Paul Jones Arena) on the right. Rt. 29 is now called "*Emmet Street*".
 - After you pass under a stone railroad bridge, you come to a traffic light, where there is a motel (the *Cavalier Inn*) on your right, and a gas station on your left. Turn *right* here onto Ivy Road (and note that the street is called University Avenue to the left).
 - Proceed past a parking garage (on your right) and turn *left* at the **second** traffic light; this is just past a 7-11 also on the right, and there are banks on both corners. You are now on Alderman Road.
 - Drive to the next traffic light (past a modern church and the "physical plant services", both on the right).
 - Turn *right* onto McCormick Road. The UVA Astronomy department is now directly on your right.

- At the first stop sign, turn right again onto Edgemont Rd; there will be dormitory buildings on your left, and the Slaughter recreation center in front of you.
 - Proceed past a small recycling center on the right, around a couple of bends in the road, and turn right into the first NRAO parking lot; it's clearly marked with a sign. Visitor parking is on the left; if this is full, veer right instead to the staff parking area.
- ***From the Northwest via I-81:***
 - Proceed *South* towards Staunton and Roanoke.
 - Take the exit I-64 *East* towards Charlottesville.
 - After passing over the Afton Mountain pass (*note*: this section of highway is notorious for thick fog; **slow down** if such conditions arise!), proceed to exit 118; this is a cloverleaf exit, so take the *second* off-ramp towards Charlottesville.
 - Immediately after getting past this interchange, get in the *right* lane for the Fontaine Avenue (Business Rt. 29) exit.
 - The off-ramp splits into three lanes; stay in the middle one. It turns onto Fontaine Avenue and you have your own lane (no merge needed).
 - As soon as it's safe, change into the *left* lane (before the traffic signal; the others must turn right).
 - Proceed straight through the first traffic signal and turn *left* at the second traffic light.
 - Go through the stop sign, past Scott Stadium on the right, and take a *left* turn at the *first* traffic light.
 - You are now on McCormick Road; proceed with the last three instructions from the "*From the North via US Route 29*" list above.
- ***From the East (Richmond):***
 - Proceed *West* on I-64 to exit 118B; this is a cloverleaf intersection and you want the *first* exit, onto Rt. 29 North towards Charlottesville.
 - Stay in the rightmost lane (do not merge!) as this exits immediately onto Fontaine Avenue (Business Rt. 29).
 - Proceed with the fifth instruction above "*From the Northwest via I-81*".
- ***From Green Bank, WV:***
 - Take Route 92/28 *South* about 6 miles, then follow 92 as it splits off to the left.
 - At Frost, WV, turn left, taking route 84 *East* to US 220.
 - At US 220, turn left heading *North* to Monterey, VA.
 - At Monterey, turn right taking US 250 *East*.
 - Approaching Staunton, turn left on VA 275 (Woodrow Wilson Pkwy) *East*
 - Take the exit onto I-81 *South*
 - Take the Charlottesville / I-64 *East* exit
 - Use the "*From the Northwest via I-81*" instructions starting at the third bullet.
- ***From Charlottesville/Albemarle Airport (CHO):***
 - Exit the Charlottesville airport to Rt. 29, and turn right onto Rt. 29 South.

- Follow the directions "*From the North via US Route 29*" as described above.
- ***From Richmond International Airport (RIC):***
 - This is about a 1.3 hour drive. Exit the airport and follow signs to I-64 West.
 - You soon pass through Richmond and I-95 merges with I-64.
 - About 5 miles after that occurs, take the exit for I-64 West.
 - Then continue with instructions above "*From the East (Richmond)*".

Accommodations:

Below is a selected list of nearby area hotels, motels, and inns with contact information and the approximate distance from the hotel to the UVA Rotunda (which is approximately one mile North of NRAO Headquarters). The [Charlottesville/Albermarle Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) also has an extensive listing of accommodations.



[View hotels on a map](#)

200 South Street Inn

200 South Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(800) 964-7008
Distance to Rotunda: 1.2 mi

Boar's Head Inn

200 Ednam Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 296-2181
(800) 476-1988
Distance to Rotunda: 2.3 mi

Budget Inn

140 Emmet Street (Route 29 Business),
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 293-5141
(800) 293-5144
Distance to Rotunda: 0.4 mi

Cavalier Inn

105 N Emmet Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 296-8111
(888) 882-2129
Distance to Rotunda: 0.4 mi

Charlottesville Super 8 Motel

309 Greenbrier Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 973-0888
(800) 800-8000

Distance to Rotunda: 2.7 mi

Comfort Inn Monticello

2097 Inn Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 977-3300

Distance to Rotunda: 4.3 mi

Comfort Inn University

1807 Emmet Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 293-6188
(800) 228-5150

Distance to Rotunda: 1.8 mi

Courtyard by Marriott—Charlottesville North

638 Hillsdale Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 973-7100
(800) 321-2211

Distance to Rotunda: 3 mi

Courtyard by Marriott—U.Va./Medical Center

1201 West Main Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 977-1700
(800) 321-2211

Distance to Rotunda: 0.4 mi

Days Inn University Area

1600 Emmet Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 293-9111
(800) 329-7466

Distance to Rotunda: 1.7 mi

Econo Lodge North

2014 Holiday Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 295-3185

Distance to Rotunda: 1.7 mi

Econo Lodge University

400 Emmet Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 296-2104
(800) 553-2666

Distance to Rotunda: 0.6 mi

English Inn of Charlottesville

2000 Morton Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 971-9900
(800) 786-5400

Distance to Rotunda: 1.5 mi

Fairfield Inn

577 Branchlands Blvd.,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 964-9411
(800) 228-2800

Distance to Rotunda: 2.9 mi

Hampton Inn

900 West Main Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 923-8600
(800) 426-7866

Distance to Rotunda: 0.6 mi

Holiday Inn Monticello

1200 5th Street, S.W.,
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 977-5100
(800) 977-9991

Distance to Rotunda: 1.8 mi

Holiday Inn University Area and Conference Center

1901 Emmet Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 977-7700
(800) 242-5973

Distance to Rotunda: 1.9 mi

Omni Charlottesville Hotel

235 W. Main Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 971-5500
(800) 843-6664

Distance to Rotunda: 1.1 mi

Quality Inn University Area

1600 Emmet Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 971-3746
(800) 228-5151

Distance to Rotunda: 1.7 mi

Red Carpet Inn

405 Premier Circle,
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 973-8133

Distance to Rotunda: 2.8 mi

Red Roof Inn

1309 West Main Street,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 923-0300
(800) 331-3131

Distance to Rotunda: 0.3 mi

Sleep Inn & Suites

1185 Fifth Street Extd.,
Charlottesville, VA 22911
(434) 244-9969
(877) 244-9968

Distance to Rotunda: 1.6 mi

The Inn at Darden

100 Darden Boulevard,
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 243-5000

Distance to Rotunda: 1.4 mi

Restaurants:

UVA Observatory Hill Dining Hall

525 McCormick Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22904
434 982-5122

Best Restaurants in Charlottesville – Yelp:

<http://www.yelp.com/c/charlottesville/restaurants>