

# STOP AND STAY AWHILE.



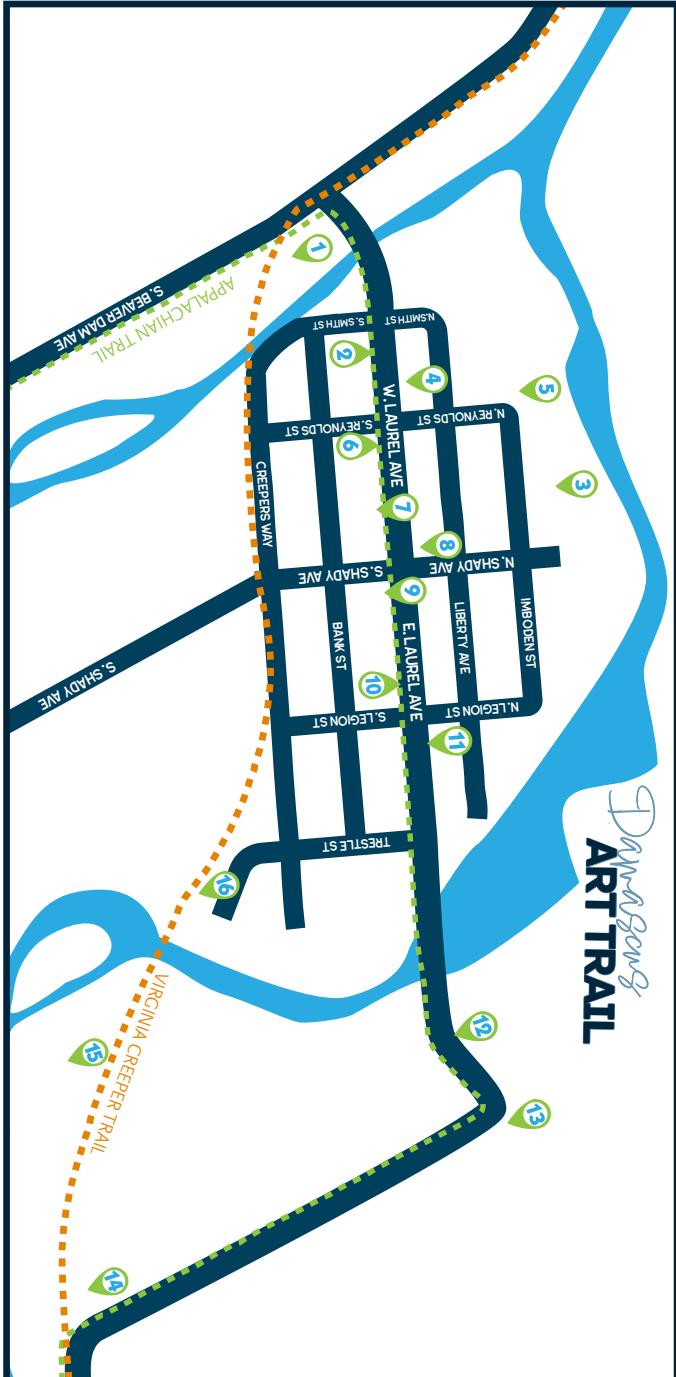
# TAKE A PIECE OF DAMASCUS HOME WITH YOU!

SHOP FOR HANDCRAFTED  
GOODS FROM LOCAL  
ARTISANS AT OUR  
STOREFRONTS DOWNTOWN.



## MORE DOWNTOWN HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Damascus Trail Center
- Get new outdoor gear at local outfitters
- Shop locally handcrafted goods
- Savor hand-dipped ice cream
- Relax at the brewery, bourbon bar, or distillery
- Enjoy live music on most weekends
- Find indoor + outdoor seating at restaurants
- Bike, hike, fish, and more right from downtown!



# Dawsons ART TRAIL



Use this self-guided tour to find your way to inspiration at the **heart** of Damascus!

Many of the stops on the Art Trail are inspired by the natural beauty found on the trails that pass through town. The Art Trail is well suited for walking or biking and some of it is wheelchair accessible.

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## 1 THE TOWN PARK

HISTORIC RED CABOOSE & STEAM ENGINE

### A.T. ARCH (SOUTH END)

An Eagle Scout project by Bryan Neal Blevins in 1990

### WHEEL OF FREEDOM (SOUTH END)

By the Damascus Veterans Memorial Committee

## 4 MURAL: THE HIGH COUNTRY

*Damascus Trail Center, 209 W Laurel Ave*

By Heidi Nisbett, Sketching Summits

Hike into the Mount Rogers High Country right here in downtown Damascus with this interactive mural.

### MURAL: ON THE FLY

*Brinkwaters, 201 W Laurel Ave*

By Chris Dalton

## 5 MILL DAM LOVEwork

*Damascus Old Mill Inn, 215 W Imboden St*

## 6 MURAL: TRAIL TOWN USA

*Corner of Laurel Ave and Reynolds St*

Perhaps our most famous mural in town, yet the only thing we know about it is, "It was painted by a hiker passing through."

## 7 MURALS: DO IT IN DAMASCUS

*Damascus Outfitters, 128 W Laurel Ave*

By Caitlin Maupin

### MURALS: WHITETOP MOUNTAIN & HIKER

*Appalachian Heritage Distillery, 110 W Laurel Ave*

By Brant Bazner & Gino Di Dio



## 8 PINK FLOWERED WALL WITH STAINED GLASS

*Morgan's on Main, 100 W Laurel Ave*

By Black Horse

The perfect photo-op to show off your new outfit.

## MURAL: PAINTING THE A.T. WITH LOVE

*Corner of Laurel Ave and N Shady Ave*

By Laura Marie Blankenship (LaMB)

Part of a project where a local artist fundraised to hike the 500-mile Virginia section of the A.T. by painting free murals for trail angels along the way.



## 9 HERE TO THERE BIKES, TIRE KICKER SPECIAL & URBAN WILDERNESS SCULPTURE GARDEN

*Trails ARTware, 100 E Laurel Ave*

By Matthew S. Newman, owner of Trails ARTware

It's easy to get from here to there with a smile on your face and wind in your hair. So don't sit by the road like a stick or a stone, go for a ride with a friend or alone.



## 10 A.T. QUILT SQUARE

*Discover Damascus, 128 E Laurel Ave*

Organized by Emory & Henry College & Holston Mountain Artisans as part of a regional quilt trail.



## 2 APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY PATHWAY & THE FRIENDSHIP PATH

*Laurel Avenue sidewalk from Smith St to Legion St*

A series of commemorative bricks line the Appalachian Trail along Laurel Avenue. The original handpainted bricks were painted by Nancy Lamb and then etched bricks were added in 2016 in partnership with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and AmeriCorps VISTA.



## 3 LAUREL CREEK PARK

### STEWARDSHIP STUMP

By Stringham Carvings

Dedicated in honor of the Mount Rogers Appalachian Trail Club (MRATC) and all stewards of our wild places.

## MURAL: ROOTED IN APPALACHIA

By Heidi Nisbett, Sketching Summits

A cluster of scenes honoring the local community and culture of Damascus and greater Appalachia.

## TRAIL TOWN COMPASS



## 11 REGGIE THE BLACK BEAR

### MURAL: A VIEW OF WHITETOP

*The Dancing Bear Inn, 203 E Laurel Ave*

Sculpture by Malik Mabe & mural by Brant Bazner



## 12 MURALS: THE RIVER'S EDGE & AMERICANA

*The Bike Station, 401 E 3rd St*

By Gino Di Dio



## 13 HERE WE STAND & THE TREES OF 471 SOLES

*The Broken Fiddle Hostel, 104 Damascus Dr*

By Treehouse & the Broken Fiddle Crew

Here's to the vessels that have protected many a feet to their best ability, allowing hikers to achieve the milestone of 471 miles to Damascus, Virginia.



## 14 SUNDOG TROLL

*Adventure Damascus & Sundog Outfitter, 331 Douglas*

By Malik Mabe



## 15 WELCOME HOME ARCH

*Creeper Trail Cottages, 553 Atkins St*

By Matthew S. Newman, owner of Trails ARTware



FIND YOUR WAY TO INSPIRATION AT THE HEART OF TRAIL TOWN USA IN DAMASCUS VA.