

FORT BELVOIR



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FORT BELVOIR: IN-DEPTH WELCOME CENTER (2022 EDITION)

Oct 19, 2020 – **Kevin Lankes**

Introduction

Fort Belvoir is an Army post on the Potomac River in Fairfax County, Virginia. It's a large post that's divided into three main areas: the main post, Davidson Army Airfield, and Fort Belvoir North. Settled on land that was once a plantation, and founded during World War I, Fort Belvoir originally served as a training school for the U.S. Army Engineers. Now, nineteen agencies and numerous divisions, battalions, and commands use Fort Belvoir as their operating headquarters.

You'll also find the U.S. Army Prime Power School, a Marine detachment, the U.S. Army Audit Agency, and more. As of the 2010 census, 7,100 people lived in the census designated place that encompasses the post and over 51,000 people worked there.

Read on to find out how to transition into your new home at Fort Belvoir.

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WHERE IS FORT BELVOIR?

9625 Middleton Road
Building 1189
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-4084

FORT BELVOIR MAP

FORT BELVOIR DIRECTIONS

Fort Belvoir is 21 miles south of Washington, D.C. It's a short drive from major metro suburbs and many other military installations.

Driving Directions to Fort Belvoir

From D.C.

1. Take I-395 S
2. Merge onto I-95 S
3. Take Exit 166A toward Fort Belvoir
4. Follow VA-286 S to Fort Belvoir

From the South

1. Take I-95 N to Mount Vernon
2. Take Exit 161 to US-1 N
3. Turn right onto Pohick Rd
4. Continue onto 12th Street

5. Follow Signs to Fort Belvoir

From the West

1. Take I-66 E to VA-286 S
2. Merge onto VA-286 S/Fairfax County Parkway
3. Take the ramp to I-95
4. Turn Right onto Pohick Rd
5. Continue onto 12th Street
6. Follow Signs to Fort Belvoir

Amtrak

The [Amtrak Auto Station in Lorton, VA](#) is the closest rail station to post. It's a short 15 minute car ride.

Greyhound

The [Greyhound bus stop in Springfield VA](#) is a brief 20 minute drive from the post.

Public Transportation

If you happen to be in the metro area, there are [buses and subways](#) from D.C. that will take you to Fort Belvoir for much less than the cost of a Greyhound or Amtrak ticket.

Flights to Fort Belvoir

There are several airports surrounding the fort that serve domestic flights, though none of them are very close. If you are coming from somewhere via plane, one of the best options might be to fly to D.C. and take public transportation into post, or simply take a cab from the airport.

[Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport](#)

2401 Smith Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22202

FORT BELVOIR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

If you're still puzzling over your options, [the transportation office](#) can help. They'll assist you in finding the best route for your exact circumstances, whether you're coming by yourself or with family and a house full of furniture.

Fort Belvoir Transportation Office

9325 Gunston Road
Building 1466
Suite N110
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-4900



Entering Fort Belvoir and Post Amenities

You'll need to provide your military ID for inspection by gate personnel to secure entry into the post. Your spouse and/or children will need a dependent ID card in order to gain access. If you're driving, you'll likely have to show your license and

registration. If you're driving a rental car, then the rental agreement will suffice. If you're visiting for an event or other activity, you'll need to stop by the visitor center and get a pass.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

Soldiers will need to check in with their unit of assignment, then move on to the welcome center. Bring your assignment orders and arrive in duty uniform.

Fort Belvoir Welcome center

18th St.
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-4084

FORT BELVOIR VISITOR CENTER

Visitors to Fort Belvoir will need to check in here to secure a visitor pass. Use Tulley Gate to enter the installation.

Fort Belvoir Visitor Center

9500 Pohick Rd
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-4892

FORT BELVOIR DEERS

Turn up at the DEERS office at Fort Belvoir to get your CAC and ID cards for yourself or family, enroll in DEERS for the first time, or reset your pin.

Fort Belvoir DEERS Office

9625 Middleton Road
Bldg. 1189
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703)-805-5578

FORT BELVOIR GATE HOURS

Please check for updated gate hours, as they may change suddenly and without notice.

- **J.J. Kingman Gate:** 0600 to 1800 daily egress only 1800 to 2000
- **Tulley Gate:** 24 hours daily
- **Pence Gate:** 0530 to 2100 daily
- **Farrar (Davison Army Airfield) Gate:** 24 hours daily. Special credentials are required to enter here.
- **Lieber Gate:** Closed
- **Telegraph Gate:** Closed
- **Walker Gate:** Closed for bridge repair.



FORT BELVOIR COMMISSARY

Fort Belvoir Commissary
6050 Gorgas Rd
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-6674

Fort Belvoir Commissary Hours

- **Monday-Friday** – 0900 to 2100
- **Saturday** – 0800 to 2000
- **Sunday** – 0900 to 1900

FORT BELVOIR EXCHANGE

At Fort Belvoir Exchange, you'll find a barber shop, several food vendors, laundry, cell phone repair, and much more.

Fort Belvoir Exchange

8651 John J Kingman Rd Bldg 2321
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-5416

Fort Belvoir Exchange Hours

- **Monday-Saturday** – 0900 to 1900
- **Sunday** – 1000 to 1800



FORT BELVOIR BARBER SHOP

Barber Shop Locations and Hours

Fort Belvoir Main PX Barbershop
8651 John J Kingman Rd Bldg 2321

Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 799-4975

Hours:

- **Monday-Saturday** – 0900 to 1700
- **Sunday** – 1000 to 1900

Fort Belvoir Square Barber Shop
9142 E, Richmond Hwy
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (571) 509-0949

Hours:

- **Monday-Friday** – 0900 to 1900
- **Saturday** – 0900 to 1800
- **Sunday** – 0900 to 1700

Southpost Barber Shop
6014 12th St
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 781-3770

Hours:

- **Monday-Saturday** – 0900 to 1700
- **Sunday** – 1000 to 1500

Gino Morena Enterprises
9300 DeWitt Loop
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 781-5820

FORT BELVOIR POST OFFICE

The U.S. post office at Fort Belvoir offers everything you'll need to mail packages and letters, buy stamps, and pick up incoming parcels.

Fort Belvoir Post Office
5875 21st St
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (800) 275-8777

Hours:

- **Monday-Friday** – 0900 to 1700
- **Saturday** – 0900 to 1300
- **Sunday** – Closed



At the finance office on post, you'll find help with a variety of financial issues. Make an appointment to talk about strategies for managing your money, forming a budget, planning for retirement, and supporting your family. The resources and friendly staff at the finance office are here to help you succeed through and beyond your military career.

Fort Belvoir Finance Office
9875 Michie Place Bldg 219
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (800) 275-8777

Fort Belvoir Finance Office Hours

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday** – 0800 to 1200 and 1300 to 1530
- **Wednesday** – 0830 to 1200

FORT BELVOIR LEGAL OFFICE

The legal office on post is open for soldiers and their families who come up against specific legal challenges. Here the available attorneys will help you navigate the complex minutiae of the law and figure out a good strategy to move forward. You will also find notary and power of attorney services here.

Fort Belvoir Legal Office

9990 Belvoir Drive
Bldg. 257
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 805-2856

Fort Belvoir Legal Office Hours

Note: Attorney consultations are by appointment only.

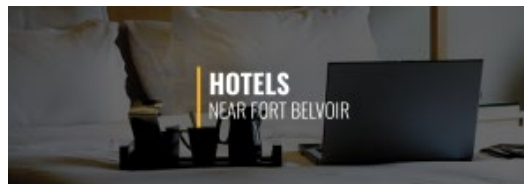
- **Monday – Thursday** – 0900 to 1500
- **Friday** – 0900 to 1400

FORT BELVOIR LIBRARY

The library at Fort Belvoir has services and resources for everyone. In addition to their collection of books, music, and movies, they provide story hours for children, reading groups, study areas, free wifi, gaming groups, and more.

Fort Belvoir Library

9800 Belvoir Road Bldg 200
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 805-4244



[Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Fort Belvoir Alexandria South](#)

8843 Richmond Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone: 1 (703) 619-7026

[Candlewood Suites Alexandria – Fort Belvoir](#)

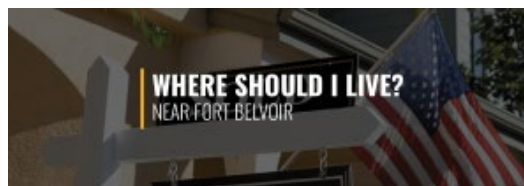
8847 Richmond Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone: 1 (703) 780-1111

[Best Western Mount Vernon/Ft. Belvoir](#)

8751 Richmond Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone: 1 (703) 360-1300

[Embassy Suites by Hilton Springfield](#)

8100 Loisdale Rd
Springfield, VA 22150
Phone: 1 (571) 339-2000



When looking for a home near Fort Belvoir, there are a lot of good choices. The factors that

are going to be key to your decision are probably things like cost of living, home and rent prices, access to amenities, and neighborhood atmosphere. Read on for a sampling of surrounding areas and their respective characteristics.

If you're considering living on post, check out the [available on-post housing options](#). Otherwise, read on to find out more about living off post.

CITIES NEAR FORT BELVOIR

The two biggest cities near Fort Belvoir are Alexandria and Washington, D.C. These are both major U.S. cities with metropolitan areas and plenty of great neighborhoods to settle down in.

BEST PLACES TO LIVE NEAR FORT BELVOIR

Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. is a majorly historic city filled with over 700,000 people. There are so many things to see and do here, a fact that's affirmed by the close to 25 million tourists who visited in 2019 alone. Jobs are available in all sectors and at every salary range. The industry is booming here, with a GDP of \$141 million. If you see yourself in a bustling metropolitan area, or

even in a quieter neighborhood on the banks of the Potomac, then this could be the city for you.

Newington

Close to post and populated by a modest 12,000 people, Newington is a census-designated place founded in 1760. It's a quaint and intimate place with its share of amenities, like parks and restaurants and access to highways and neighboring cities. At just a 15-minute drive from post, though, it's hard to beat.

Alexandria

Alexandria is a much smaller city than D.C., with an estimated population of just under 160,000. The historic district of Old Town is home to many cultural centers and entertainment options that'll keep you busy for a long time. The city is full of professionals who work for the government in support or active military roles. You'll find a wealth of neighborhoods with varying price points like Braddock Heights, Rosemont, and the Berg.

Woodbridge

Woodbridge is another census-designated place near post, with a huge coast and a natural wildlife preserve. The population

of Woodbridge was over 54,000 as of the 2010 census. Inside Woodbridge, you'll find a lot of great shopping, including Potomac Town Centre and Potomac Mills. Home prices are good in this suburban, family friendly area.

Mason Neck

Mason Neck is a small census-designated place on the peninsula of Mason Neck. It takes up just 20 square miles and houses just 2,000 people. Mason Neck is a nature enthusiast's paradise. It's home to wetlands, state parks, and a wide variety of wildlife living alongside the human population. Best of all, it's just a 20-minute drive to post. If rural living is your jam, then this could be the place for you.

HOT TIP

Look for Fort Belvoir homes and apartments for rent or sale, and find BAH, PCS, TLA & ETS military housing information at AHRN.com.

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Fort Belvoir Schools

The closest school district to Fort Belvoir is Fairfax County Public. You'll find the schools conveniently right on post. More options are also available in the surrounding area, including private school options. Daycare is available at the child development centers around Fort Belvoir. And don't forget about the library programs like storytime and other group activities for children.

For more detailed information about schools, [check out our guide here](#).



Fort Belvoir Weather

The temperature around post is generally moderate, with a hot season that lasts over 3 months and can spike above the 80s. It can get muggy and wet in the summers. In the winter, temperatures are in the 20s and 30s with freezing conditions in the mornings. There's a good amount of cloud coverage year-round, with overcast days becoming relatively common in the winter months. Spring and fall are short, with temperatures declining or inclining into the

following season. It'll be cool for the most part and long sleeves will likely be necessary.

For a full guide to Fort Belvoir Weather, [read more here](#).



Things to do Near Fort Belvoir

Because Fort Belvoir is close to the metro areas of two major U.S. cities, there's no shortage of things to do. Museums, monuments, and culture all await. With the wilderness preserves, national parks, and wetlands surrounding the Potomac and various bays and inlets, there's also a plethora of outdoor activities to engage in as well. You could find yourself kayaking down the river or following the nesting habits of the area's many bald eagle families.

For a complete list of things to do near Fort Belvoir, [access our guide here](#).

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Conclusion

Fort Belvoir is rich with activity, and if you're lucky enough to be stationed here, you'll never be bored. There's something here for wilderness lovers, city dwellers, and the intellectually curious. Your kids will grow up in a family-friendly place with lots to do and get involved with, and with access to the diverse offerings of major cities. Finding yourself at Fort Belvoir is a great opportunity to really have it all.

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FORT BELVOIR HOUSING: 15 ON POST OPTIONS (2022 EDITION)

Nov 13, 2020 – **Chris Walker**

Suggested Read: [Fort Belvoir Virginia: In-Depth Welcome Center](#)



FORT BELVOIR
BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING

Introduction

Welcome to [Fort Belvoir, Virginia](#)! Now that you've received your orders and are preparing to depart on your next adventure, you may be stressing about finding a good place to settle. House hunting can be tedious or even a little overwhelming. So we've compiled a guide to help you find a starting point and give you an idea about your choices for housing on post.

Fort Belvoir BAH

You can follow [this link](#) to look up your Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for your rank and zip code. This will help you create your budget and guide your home search.

To learn more about what goes into your military BAH rate, visit our [in-depth guide here](#).

Fort Belvoir Barracks

The Unaccompanied Personnel housing is for single or unaccompanied soldiers from the rank of E5 or below and can be reached at 1 (703) 805-5386 for barrack options.



Fort Belvoir Housing Office

The [Housing Services Office](#) should be your first stop. This office offers relocation services and information and support for soldiers and families as they move to their new post.

Fort Belvoir Housing Services Office
9851 Harding Place, Building 258
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 805-3019
Hours: Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Fort Belvoir Housing Options

For families and those of higher rank, you can contact The Villages at Belvoir at 1 (703) 619-3877 to check the availability of housing for your rank and family size.

THE VILLAGES AT BELVOIR

The Villages offer family homes in varying floor plans across 15 unique villages. [Check here](#) to input your rank and family size to see which types of floor plans you qualify for. Most homes are between 3-5 bedrooms and 2-3 bathrooms. Single and two-story homes are available which feature single and two-car garages. Town-home style units are also available which features small balconies and parking in a communal lot.

The communities feature lots of [amenities](#) such as fitness centers, community gardens, volleyball, tennis, and basketball courts, dog park, swimming pool, event spaces, business center, walking, jogging, and bicycle trails, and access to 24-hour emergency maintenance.

If you have children the [primary and upper schools](#) and Child Development Center (CDC) are conveniently located adjacent to The Villages.

Family Housing Welcome Center

5994 12th St.

Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Phone: 1 (888) 740-9851

Note: Even though some villages may include all ranks, only certain units within that village may be available to certain ranks.

1. Belvoir Village

Ranks: O6, O7-O10, W5

This village is for senior officers and features 61 historic and five new colonial-style, multi-story houses.

2. Cedar Grove Village

Ranks: O4-O5, W3-W4, ADA

Featuring 82 colonial-style four and five-bedroom homes with fenced-in backyards, this village is located near the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and within walking distance of the Town Centre and playground.

3. Colyer Village

Ranks: E6, E7-E8, O1-O3, O4-O5, W1-W2, W3-W4, ADA

This village is made up of 72 larger colonial-style four and five-bedroom homes with fenced-in backyards, patios, and two-car garages.

4. Dogue Creek Village

Ranks: E1-E5, E6, E7-E8, E9, O1-O3, O4-O5, O6, O7-O10, W1-W2, W3-W4, W5, ADA

The traditional-style military housing neighborhood features three, four, and five-bedroom brick homes with assigned parking. The area has lovely Potomac River views and lots of mature trees and rich greenery. It is within walking distance of playgrounds, picnic areas, and adjacent to the CYSS Markhams School Age Center.

5. Fairfax Village

Ranks: E9, O4-O5, W3-W4, ADA

101 Colonial-style houses with four and five bedrooms make up this village, six of which are available to E9 families. Homes include a fenced-in backyard, outdoor patio, two-car garages, and has walking trails, a basketball court, and grill stations.

6. Gerber Village

Ranks: E7-E8, E9, O1-O3, O4-O5, O6, W1-W2, W3-W4

Features 75 historic homes in three and four-bedroom duplexes and single-family home configurations. Within walking distance to the Library, Post Office, an indoor pool,

walking trails, picnic area, and basketball court.

7. George Washington Village

Ranks: E1-E5, E6, E7-E8, O1-O3, O4-O5, W1-W2, W3-W4, ADA

196 Colonial-style three, four, and five-bedroom homes with fenced-in backyards, outdoor patios, and two-car garages make up this village. There is a large neighborhood center with event and meeting rooms, playgrounds, picnic areas, and volleyball and basketball courts.

8. Herryford Village

Ranks: E1-E5, E6, E7-E8, E9, O1-O3, O4-O5, O6, O7-O10, W1-W2, W3-W4, W5, ADA

This village has 171 three, four, and five-bedroom homes in vibrant Colonial-style and features the first Town Center on post which has a Starbucks and Subway as well as shopping. Homes have fenced-in backyards, outdoor patios, and two-car garages. The majority of floor plans in this neighborhood are only available to E1-E5 with a select floor plan open to all other ranks.

9. Jadwin Loop Village

Ranks: O1-O3, O4-O5, W1-W2, W3-W4

This neighborhood has historic, colonial-revival three and four-bedroom homes with spacious porches, two-car garages, and landscaped yards. There are multiple playgrounds, a basketball court, and access to the Fairfax Village Neighborhood Center nearby.

10. Lewis Village

Ranks: E1-E5, E6, E7-E8, E9, O1-O3, O4-O5, W1-W2, W3-W4, ADA

Located next to the Fort Belvoir Primary and Upper Schools, this neighborhood has 274 colonial-style three, four, and five-bedroom homes with fenced-in backyards, outdoor patios, and two-car garages. The Neighborhood Center has a large outdoor pavilion and several playgrounds.

11. Parker Village

Ranks: E9

Featuring 22 craftsman-style homes and two fully restored historic homes, each house has two-car garages, wood-flooring, and a fireplace.

12. River Village

Ranks: E1-E5, E6, E7-E8

186 three-bedroom duplexes with private, fenced-in backyards and front porch

swings make up this neighborhood. Enjoy waterfront views, a playground, basketball court, and a nature garden.

13. Rossell Village

Ranks: O1-O3, O4-O5, W1-W2, W3-W4, ADA

A charming neighborhood with 70 colonial-style four and five-bedroom homes with fenced-in backyards, outdoor patios, and two-car garages. The neighborhood features basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds, and a picnic area.

14. Vernondale Village

Ranks: E6, E7-E8, O1-O3, W1-W2, ADA

This centrally located neighborhood is made up of 162 colonial-style three, four, and five-bedroom homes with two-car garages, fenced-in backyards, and outdoor patios. The neighborhood amenities include playgrounds, picnic areas, and easy access to shopping and dining at the Town Center.

15. Woodlawn Village

Ranks: E1-E5, E6, E7-E8, E9, O1-O3, O4-O5, W1-W2, W3-W4

Traditional four and five-bedroom homes with attached

garages, private, fenced-in backyards, and a state of the art community center with outdoor pool and fitness center, multiple playgrounds, ball courts, dog park, community garden, and biking trail.

Conclusion

Know before you go! There are lots of great on post housing options and we hope this guide will help you select the one that is best for you and your family. Be sure to check availability based on rank and waiting lists through the above information or by contacting your housing office.

More like this: [21 Of the Best Things to Do in Fort Belvoir](#)



FORT BELVOIR WEATHER: WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN MOVING HERE

Oct 9, 2020 – **Rachel Childs**

Introduction

If you're headed to [Fort Belvoir, Virginia](#), you'll find yourself in a humid, subtropical climate with temperate weather. You'll enjoy all four distinct seasons, with hot summers and mild winters. Read on to find out more about the weather at Fort Belvoir, so you can be prepared for any activity, whether it be extensive outdoor training or leisurely evenings spent in your own backyard.

Suggested Read: [Fort Belvoir: In-Depth Welcome Center](#)

Spring

High temps: High 50s to mid 70s

Low temps: Mid 30s to mid 50s

Nighttime may feel cool, but spring days at Fort Belvoir are comfortable. Dressing in layers is a great way to adjust to the varying temperatures throughout the day. You may also need an umbrella and a rain jacket for those rainy spring days. And while it may be true that "April showers bring May flowers," you should know that rain falls throughout the year at Fort Belvoir.



Summer

High temps: Mid to high 80s

Low temps: Low to high 60s

Summers in Virginia are hot and muggy, which can be a tough adjustment if you're not used to the humidity. Thankfully, cooler nights provide relief. Light fabrics and colors can help you stay cool. Don't forget to put on sunscreen, even when there's cloud cover. You can still get sunburned on a cloudy day!

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Because of the area's high summer temperatures, it is important to take precautions to avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If possible, stay indoors when temperatures are extreme. Drink cool liquids often, particularly water, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic beverages as they dehydrate the body. Eat small, frequent meals and avoid foods high in protein, as they increase metabolic heat.

If you must venture outdoors, avoid going out during midday hours. Avoid strenuous activities and keep hydrated. Heat exhaustion symptoms include heavy sweating; weakness; cold, pale and clammy skin; a fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; and fainting. If you experience symptoms of heat exhaustion,

you should move to a cooler location. Lie down and loosen your clothing, then apply cool, wet cloths to your body. Sip water. If you vomit, seek immediate medical attention. You should also seek out immediate medical attention if you experience symptoms of heat stroke, such as a body temperature of more than 103 degrees; hot, red, dry or moist skin; a rapid and strong pulse; or unconsciousness.

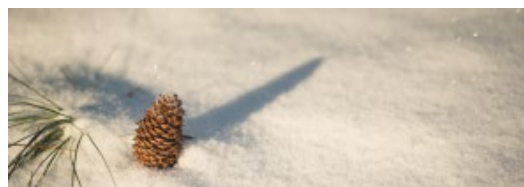
And remember: NEVER leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.

Fall

High temps: High 50s to low 80s

Low temps: High 30s to low 60s

Fall at Fort Belvoir is colorful and cool. The leaves put on a vibrant show that you won't want to miss, but by October, you'll be reaching for your jacket when you head out the door. Dress in layers to stay comfortable throughout the day.



Winter

High temps: Mid to high 40s

Low temps: High 20s to low 30s

Fort Belvoir has mild winters, but you'll likely have a few snow days during your tour here. Warm clothing for cooler winter temperatures will help you stay toasty, even when Jack Frost comes for a visit. Winter jackets, fleece sweaters and pullovers, wool socks, gloves, and tightly knit caps can all help keep heat close. The yearly average snowfall for Fort Belvoir is about 17 inches.

Weather Hazards at Fort Belvoir

Possible weather hazards at Fort Belvoir include thunderstorms, floods, tornadoes, and winter storms. For more information on protecting yourself from weather hazards at Fort Belvoir, check out the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#) website.

THUNDERSTORMS

A severe thunderstorm can knock out power; bring high winds, lightning, flash floods, and hail; and spin into a twister in seconds. Pay attention to storm warnings. Remember the rule: "When thunder roars, head indoors." The National Weather Service recommends following the 30/30 rule: People should seek shelter if the "flash-to-bang" delay — the length of time in seconds from the sight

of the lightning flash to the arrival of its subsequent thunder — is 30 seconds or less, and remain under cover for 30 minutes after the final thunderclap.



FLOODS

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. If you are outdoors during a rainstorm, seek higher ground. Avoid walking through any floodwaters — even water 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. If you are driving, avoid flooded areas. The majority of deaths in floods occur when people drive through flooded areas. Roads concealed by water may not be intact. Water only a foot deep can displace a vehicle. If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water can engulf a vehicle and sweep it away.

TORNADOES

Tornadoes can happen at any time of the year, but they are most common in spring. Tornadoes can develop quickly, with minimal warning, so it is important to have a plan in

place before they occur. If a tornado watch is issued, that means weather conditions favor the formation of tornadoes, such as during a severe thunderstorm. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado funnel is sighted or indicated by weather radar. You should take shelter immediately during a tornado warning.

WINTER STORMS

Fort Belvoir has mild winters, but winter storms are still possible.

Prepare for winter storms by assembling a disaster supply kit for your home and vehicle. Have your car winterized before the winter storm season arrives. Listen to weather forecasts and plan ahead.

When winter storms and blizzards hit, dangers include strong winds, blinding snow, and frigid wind chills. Avoid unnecessary travel during storm watches and warnings and stay indoors.

Winter storms can also cause power outages. During a power outage, gather in a central room with an alternative heat source. Use fireplaces, wood stoves, and other heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside. Never use an electric generator or a gas or charcoal grill indoors. The fumes are deadly. If you use a space heater, keep the heater away from any object that may

catch fire (drapes, furniture, or bedding) and never leave it unattended. Avoid letting pipes freeze and rupture by leaving faucets slightly open so they drip continuously.

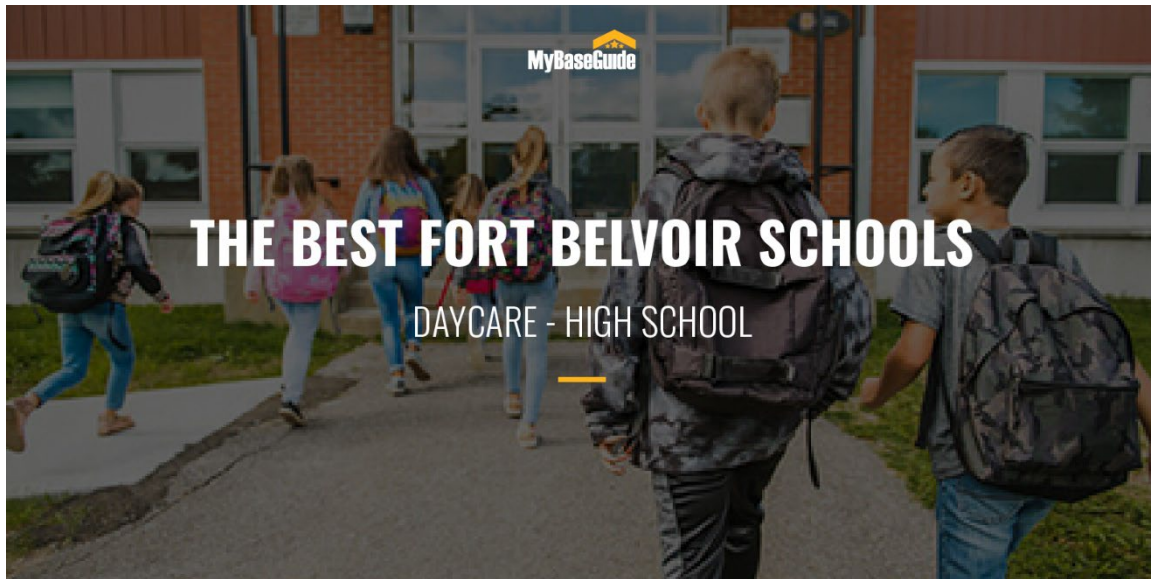


Field & Training Expectations

From hot summer days to cold winter nights, Fort Belvoir experiences a wide range of weather. But, with few exceptions, the Army doesn't stop training exercises for colder temps or heat waves. Be sure to bring or acquire an assortment of personal field gear that can handle any situation, whether you're training with weapons in January or running an obstacle course in July. A wide range of uniforms and clothing is important to remain healthy and effective in the field from the cold nights of winter to the sweltering days of summer. If summer days are dangerously hot, service members will be notified of red or black flag conditions. During these days, outdoor training may be interrupted or postponed to avoid heat illness among personnel.

Conclusion

With preparation and adaptation, you'll appreciate all four seasons at your new home at Fort Belvoir. And if you're still not sure what the day ahead will bring, you can always check the latest forecasts and other related announcements online or from local news stations.



FORT BELVOIR SCHOOLS: DAYCARE – HIGH SCHOOL (2022 EDITION)

Oct 16, 2020 – **Tracy Fuga**

Introduction

Moving to a new duty station can be stressful. You have to secure housing, find out where everything is (grocery stores, doctors, clothing stores, etc.), and figure out where to send your kids for school or research childcare options. Luckily, there will be no shortage of quality education and childcare options for your children in and around the [Fort Belvoir](#) area. See for yourself.

Suggested Read: [Fort Belvoir: In-Depth Welcome Center](#)

Virginia School Enrollment

To be enrolled in a Virginia school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 30 of the current school year. Registration typically requires a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For details on Virginia's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the [Virginia Department of Education](#) website. Check with individual schools for additional requirements prior to enrollment.

Schools in Fort Belvoir

Elementary school-age children living on post can enroll and attend Fort Belvoir Primary School or Fort Belvoir Upper School, both part of Fairfax County Public Schools. There are special considerations for military families who are moving into Fairfax County. Reach out to your [School Liaison Officer](#) for help or find more information [here](#) about registration requirements and policies for new students. The on-post elementary schools at Fort Belvoir are convenient for military families and feed into other schools in the Fairfax County Public School district. Middle and high school students attend off-post schools, Whitman Middle School, and Mount Vernon High School.



FORT BELVOIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1. Fort Belvoir Primary School

5970 Meeres Road
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 781-2700

[Fort Belvoir Primary School](#) enrolls roughly 900 pre-K through second grade students every year. The primary school was constructed after the district was awarded a grant in 2014. It was built on the same campus where Fort Belvoir Upper School sits. It is one of four paired schools in Fairfax County Public Schools. The facility is equipped with the latest technologies to help immerse students in the digital age. The campus has a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Lab, a science center, and a STEAM resource teacher to provide hands-on lessons to all students.

2. Fort Belvoir Upper School

5980 Meeres Road
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (571) 982-1300

[Fort Belvoir Upper School](#) enrolls roughly 500 fourth through sixth grade students every year. The original elementary school on Fort Belvoir opened its doors in 1998. It replaced three former elementary schools on the installation. The school was modified after the Fort Belvoir Primary School was constructed, and now the two schools sit side by side on a single campus. The Upper School is known for its technology offerings, as well as the musical programs it has to support budding musicians.

Student leadership is nurtured through safety patrols, student council, peer mediators, and in-hour morning shows at both schools.

FORT BELVOIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

All middle schools are off post and [listed below](#).

FORT BELVOIR HIGH SCHOOL

All high schools are off post and [listed below](#).



Schools Near Fort Belvoir

Families that choose to live in off-post housing will need to enroll in schools within their associated district. Public school districts generally don't allow out-of-district enrollment. There is one public school district near Fort Belvoir, in Fairfax County.

Fairfax County Public School District

Gatehouse Administration Center
8115 Gatehouse Road

Falls Church, VA 22042
Phone: 1 (571) 423-3000

[Fairfax County Public Schools](#) has plenty of choices for its nearly 188,000 students living in Fairfax County. The district is the 10th largest school division in the U.S., with 198 schools and centers split up into five regions. This enormous district doesn't leave children behind though. Academics are at the root of everything; [parents regularly relocate to the area](#) to take advantage of the quality education their children can expect at a Fairfax County Public School. Over 90 percent of students graduate on time, and around the same number plan to pursue post-secondary education. Students have the option of taking Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes in high school. Many students have ties to nearby Fort Belvoir so the district offers [military transition services](#) to make things as easy as possible for transferring students.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS NEAR FORT BELVOIR

Riverside Elementary School

8410 Old Mount Vernon Road
Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone: 1 (703) 799-6000

[Riverside Elementary School](#) is an elementary school serving roughly 840 students from pre-K through sixth grade and is an advanced academic placement center for qualified students in third through sixth grade. The elementary school was built in 1968 on land that was once owned by George Washington. Riverside Elementary serves a culturally rich and economically diverse community. Students at the school are challenged by high expectations and have a wide variety of learning opportunities with reduced class sizes. Those in fourth through sixth grade can participate in chorus, band and strings classes, or work on the morning news team.



MIDDLE SCHOOLS NEAR FORT BELVOIR

Whitman Middle School

2500 Parkers Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306
Phone: 1 (703) 660-2400

[Whitman Middle School](#) enrolls nearly 1,000 seventh and eighth-graders. The middle school opened in 1961 and was named after the famous poet, Walt Whitman. The campus

previously sat on Old Mount Vernon Road where Mount Vernon High School is today. The diverse student population has a number of programs to help guide them toward a successful future once they begin attending high school. There are after-school activities (tutoring, clubs, and sports), staff/mentor-mentee and literacy programs, and a focus on college preparatory.

HIGH SCHOOLS NEAR FORT BELVOIR

Mount Vernon High School

8515 Old Mount Vernon Road
Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone: 1 (703) 618-3100

[Mount Vernon High School](#) enrolls approximately 2,000 high schoolers from ninth through 12th grade. The school sits less than a mile from George Washington's home and is steeped in tradition. Founded back in 1939, the school has a world-class curriculum and students can choose from a wide offering of advanced courses. Mount Vernon High School offers students a broad range of extracurricular activities tailored to the broad range of student interests. Contributing to the school's unique character and strength is its diversity with more than 50 countries and 30

languages represented in its student population.

CHARTER SCHOOLS NEAR FORT BELVOIR

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students, and have open enrollment. There is a list of eight charter schools that are nearby Fort Belvoir; however, there are only two that are about an hour drive each way. For more information about the charter schools in Virginia, visit the [Virginia Department of Education's](#) website.

1. [Middleburg Community Charter School](#)

101 N Madison St.
Middleburg, VA 20117
Phone: 1 (540) 687-5048

2. [Hillsboro Charter Academy](#)

37110 Charles Town Pike
Purcellville, VA 20132
Phone: 1 (540) 751-2560



PRIVATE SCHOOLS NEAR FORT BELVOIR

Parents who choose to send their children to a private school near Fort Belvoir are met with quite a few options. Nearly half of the private schools in the area have a religious affiliation but they do not skimp on academics. According to [Private School Review](#), these are some of the best private schools in the Fairfax County area.

1. Browne Academy

5917 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22310
Phone: 1 (571) 451-1006

[Browne Academy](#) is a day school committed to helping children by providing extraordinary teaching, exceptional academic programs, and offering a nurturing community. Small classes and hands-on learning nurture each child's academic, social, and emotional growth. The academy enrolls children from preschool through eighth grade and helps equip them to navigate life after graduating.

2. Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy

6401 Missionary Lane
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
Phone: 1 (703) 323-8100

[Fairfax Baptist Temple](#)

[Academy](#) places among the top private schools in Virginia for its size (a student body of nearly 300). The co-ed school was founded in 1976 and offers grades pre-K through 12th. The school is fully accredited by the North American Christian School Accreditation Agency as well as the American Association of Christian Schools. The academy maintains smaller class sizes and a low student-teacher ratio of 14 students for each teacher to offer students individualized attention.

3. Oakcrest School

1619 Crowell Road
Vienna, VA 22182
Phone: 1 (703) 790-5450

[Oakcrest School](#) is an all-girls Catholic school serving grades sixth through 12th. The school, spanning over 23 acres, has an enrollment of nearly 300 and boasts small class sizes (15 students) with a ratio of six students for every teacher. The school offers a variety of advanced courses, such as AP History, AP Biology, AP Physics, and AP Music Theory. Students can pick from 10 sports and more than 20 extracurriculars, like debate team, marine biology club, National Honor Society, Latin club, and Stewards of Earth club.

4. St. Ambrose School

3827 Woodburn Road
Annandale, VA 22003
Phone: 1 (703) 698-7171

[St. Ambrose School](#) is a parish school founded in 1995 serving about 210 students from preschool through eighth grade. It offers plenty of sports and extracurriculars, including basketball, cross country, soccer, tennis, volleyball, chess club, yearbook, garden club, STEM club, band, choir and drama club, among others. Class sizes are small, with about 19 students in each class, and a student to teacher ratio just slightly above the national average, with one teacher for every 15 students.

5. Westminster School

3819 Gallows Road
Annandale, VA 22003
Phone: 1 (703) 256-3620

[Westminster School](#) is a beautiful school sitting on nearly seven acres in the heart of Fairfax County. The school was founded in 1962 and serves nearly 250 students from preschool through eighth grade. It offers sports like basketball, soccer, softball and karate, and 20 extracurriculars, including chess club, French club, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Olympiad, music class, theater arts, dance, Builders Club, art and chorus,

among others. Class sizes are very small, with an average of 12 students in a class and a student-teacher ratio of nine to one.



DAYCARES NEAR FORT BELVOIR

Leaving your child in someone else's care is not easy for many parents. When looking for the right daycare facility, reading reviews on [Care.com](#) and [Yelp](#) and visiting a few options when possible is the best way to make a decision about where to send your child. Or, if you're looking to secure childcare on post at Fort Belvoir, there are different options to choose from. [On-post child care centers](#) offer full-day, part-day and hourly care for your child. There are also options for Parents' Night Out or Parents' Day Out child care.

Conclusion

[Moving every few years](#) can certainly take its toll on you and your child. Ensuring that your child's education is taken care of or securing child care right away helps alleviate this burden. There are plenty of educational

options near (and on) Fort Belvoir to make sure your child's mental and physical well-being will be well taken care of. Use the above information to help narrow down the choices so you can rest easy and spend your time on something else, like [finding a new restaurant](#) to try out.

More like this: [25 of the Best Restaurants Near Fort Belvoir](#)



21 OF THE BEST THINGS TO DO IN FORT BELVOIR (2022 EDITION)

Oct 12, 2020 – **Chris La Porte**

Introduction

Your new posting at Fort Belvoir is surrounded by scenic hikes, historic landmarks, and the Potomac River. At Fort Belvoir, you are only about forty minutes outside of Washington, DC. There's plenty to do with the whole family, from canoeing on the Potomac to hiking the many nature trails around Belvoir to taking in a little history at Mount

Vernon. Fort Belvoir is especially famous as the home of the National Museum of the United States Army.

We have organized activities into categories below; click any of them to jump to the section if you already know what you want to do around [Fort Belvoir](#).

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- [\(5-8\)](#) Gyms
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Suggested Read: [Fort Belvoir: In-Depth Welcome Center](#)

Things to Do Near Fort Belvoir

Due to ongoing coronavirus concerns, it is best to call ahead to confirm temporary hours before you go.



FORT BELVOIR GOLF COURSE

1. Fort Belvoir Golf Club

8450 Beulah St #2920,
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-5878

The PGA professional staff takes great pride in making the [Fort Belvoir Golf Club](#), one of the best military golfing facilities. The facilities include a restaurant grille, clubhouse lounge, and lesson so you can play even if you're a newbie.

Alexandria

2. Mount Vernon Country Club

5111 Old Mill Rd,
Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone: 1 (703) 780-8700

Offering beautiful greens and friendly staff, the [Mount Vernon Country Club](#) is a great place to tee up. The courses provide a wide range of challenges for golfers of all skill levels.

Lorton

3. Pohick Bay Golf Course

10301 Gunston Rd,
Lorton, VA 22079
Phone: 1 (703) 339-8585

Nestled between Gunston Cove and Belmont Bay, [Pohick Bay Golf Course](#) is one of Virginia's most scenic and challenging golf courses.

4. Laurel Hill Golf Club

8701 Laurel Crest Dr,
Lorton, VA 22079
Phone: 1 (703) 493-8849

[Laurel Hill Golf Club](#) is a beautiful 18-hole course with a driving range and classes for all ages and skill levels.



FORT BELVOIR GYMS

5. Graves Fitness Center

2116 Abbot Rd,
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Phone: 1 (703) 806-5368

[Graves Fitness Center](#) is the home of the Fort Belvoir Sports and Fitness Program. Graves gym has everything you need, from free weights to cardiovascular equipment to basketball courts.

Lorton

6. New Day CrossFit

6825-C, Hill Park Dr,
Lorton, VA 22079

Phone: 1 (571) 237-6121

[New Day CrossFit](#) focuses on strength and conditioning training featuring coaches that provide a workout experience that feels like you constantly have your own personal trainers.

Alexandria

7. Mount Vernon Fitness

8459 Richmond Hwy,
Alexandria, VA 22309

Phone: 1 (540) 755-0241

[Mount Vernon Fitness](#) has personal training and

workout classes, including an Olympic weight lifting training class.

8. Planet Fitness

8796 Sacramento Dr,
Alexandria, VA 22309

Phone: 1 (703) 347-7764

[Planet Fitness](#) offers an all-around balanced experience with machines, free weights, and an experience that lets you go at your own pace.



FORT BELVOIR MOVIE THEATER

9. Wood Theater

6050 Abbot Rd,
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Phone: 1 (703) 806-5237

The [theater at Fort Belvoir](#) offers a rotation of movies mostly showing on Thursday and Sunday.

Alexandria

10. Regal Kingstowne ScreenX & RPX

5910 Kingstowne Towne Center,
Alexandria, VA 22315
Phone: 1 (844) 462-7342

Plush seats, the latest movies, and a ScreenX theater featuring select movies shown on multiple screens that give you a 270-degree movie experience, [Regal Kingstowne](#) is your stop for a memorable movie night.



FORT BELVOIR POOL *11. North Post Outdoor Pool*

8800 Wright Rd,
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone: 1 (703) 806-5013

[The Fort Belvoir Pool](#) has a year-round facility and two season facilities that offer fitness classes, swim lessons, and plenty of relaxing by the pool.

FORT BELVOIR OUTDOOR REC

Alexandria

12. Muddy Hole Farm Park

7941 Kidd St,
Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone: 1 (703) 324-8702

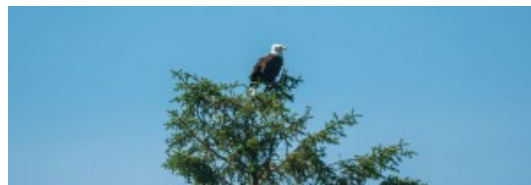
This walk in the park comes with a little bit of history. [Muddy Hole Farm Park](#) was one of the five farms that made up the Mount Vernon estate.

Lorton

13. Pohick Bay Regional Park

6501 Pohick Bay Dr,
Lorton, VA 22079
Phone: 1 (703) 339-6104

One thousand acres of bayside adventures wait for you at the [Pohick Bay Regional Park](#). Take the kids to the Pirate Bay Water Park, launch your boat or rent canoes to take into the bay, or even stay a little longer with cabin rentals and camping.



14. Elizabeth Hartwell Mason
Neck National Wildlife Refuge

High Point,
Lorton, VA 22079

Phone: 1 (703) 490-4979

Enjoy a day exploring
the [first wildlife
refuge](#) specifically
established to protect the
Bald Eagle.

Springfield

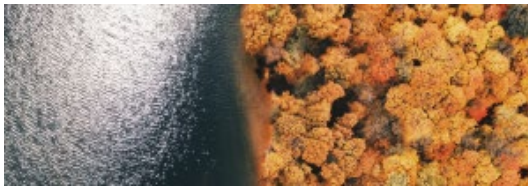
15. Pohick Creek Stream Valley
Park

Old Keene Mill Rd,
Springfield, VA 22152

Phone: 1 (703) 324-8591

Take a hike and escape into
the woods for a day. [This
beautiful trail](#) follows Pohick
Creek, and you may even see
a fox or two.

Fairfax Station



16. Lake Mercer

9500 Silverbrook Rd,
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Phone: 1 (703) 324-8700

[Lake Mercer](#) is surrounded
by 154 acres of wilderness
that mixes both paved and
gravel nature trails.

Mt Vernon

17. George Washington's Mount
Vernon

3200 Mount Vernon
Memorial Hwy,
Mt Vernon, VA 22121

Phone: 1 (703) 780-2000

The [historic estate of George
Washington](#) features period
pieces and a day's worth of
exploring an essential piece
of history.



FORT BELVOIR MUSEUMS

18. Army Museum Fort Belvoir

1775 Liberty Dr,
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Phone: 1 (800) 506-2672

Celebrating over 240 years of
history, the [National
Museum of the United
States Army](#) features exhibits
honoring army soldiers, past,
present, and future.

Lorton

19. Art Museum at Workhouse Arts Center

9601 Ox Rd,
Lorton, VA 22079

Phone: 1 (703) 584-2900

The [Art Museum](#) at the Workhouse Arts Center has art ranging from impressionist paintings to modern ceramics from artists worldwide.

Alexandria

20. National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum

600 Dulany St,
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 1 (571) 272-0095

A little farther northeast from Fort Belvoir is the [National Inventors Hall of Fame](#). The admission is free to this museum and it's dedicated to our nation's greatest innovators.

Washington DC

21. Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

10th St. & Constitution Ave.
NW,
Washington, DC 20560
+1(202) 633-1000

It's easy to forget that Washington DC is just a 40-minute drive from Fort Belvoir. So how could we not mention one of the branches of the [Smithsonian](#)?

Featuring world-class exhibits, the Smithsonian is a must-see while stationed at Fort Belvoir.



Conclusion

With Washington DC a short drive away and the beauty of the natural wilderness surrounding you, your posting at Fort Belvoir is sure to create many memories. We hope that this guide has helped you narrow down some day trip options and given you a little more insight into the area immediately surrounding Fort Belvoir.

With the number of historic sites in the area, we are sure there is plenty more for you to do than can fit on this list. Don't forget to ask the locals for their favorite spots, and

we hope you find your own
near Fort Belvoir.



25 OF THE BEST RESTAURANTS NEAR FORT BELVOIR (2022 EDITION)

Oct 13, 2020 – **Chris Walker**

Introduction

Located less than an hour outside Washington DC in the Mt Vernon area, Fort Belvoir has a lot of options for restaurants both on and off post. Aside from the standard fast food options found on most military installations, there are some unique options in addition to the many off-post choices.

This list of restaurants near [Fort Belvoir](#) is just a starting point to help you get your bearings as

you explore and discover your new favorite spots.

Know what you're hungry for? Click the link to go straight to the information.

[\(1-2\)](#) American Restaurants on Fort Belvoir

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Suggested Read: [Fort Belvoir: In-Depth Welcome Center](#)

Fort Belvoir Restaurants

Dining options on post are available in many flavors and multiple locations. Check out the post's [MWR website](#) for more information on post restaurants and dining options. Fast food and food court options are listed on the [Exchange website here](#).

Due to ongoing coronavirus concerns, it is best to confirm restaurant hours before you go.



AMERICAN CUISINE

1. Niblick's Clubhouse Grill

Address: 8450 Beulah St, Bldg 2920, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone Number: 1 (703) 806-5878

Located at the Belvoir Golf Club, this easy and comfortable grill has indoor and outdoor seating

and offers sandwiches, cocktails, and beers.

2. Washington Lounge

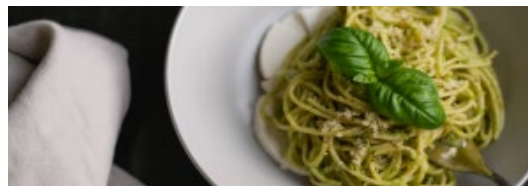
Address: 5500 Schulz Circle, Bldg 20 Fort, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone Number: 1 (858) 780-0930
On the first floor of the Officer's Club, this [British style pub](#) overlooks the Potomac River and Connolly Outdoor Pool.

MEXICAN AND SOUTHWESTERN CUISINE

3. Vortex Grill

Address: 5975 Middleton Rd, Bldg 1199, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone Number: 1 (703) 805-2991

Located in the Fort Belvoir Bowling Center, this spot offers tex-mex favorites, wings, salads, wraps, burgers, and healthy options.



ITALIAN CUISINE

4. Bozzelli Bros. Delicatessen & Caterers

Address: 10300 Taylor Rd, Bldg 1200, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone Number: 1 (703) 781-6861

Offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner, [the menu](#) has subs, sandwiches, salads, pizza, pasta, desserts, and more.

ASIAN CUISINE

5. *Rice King*

Address: 5976 12th St S Post, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone Number: 1 (703) 781-0890

[Fresh Asian cuisine](#) including Korean barbecue, Japanese, and Chinese options in combo platters and bowls.

Restaurants Near Fort Belvoir

Venture out into the area south of DC in Mt Vernon and Alexandria to discover lots of exciting food options!



VETERAN AND MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES

6. [The Mad Baker Romie](#)

Address: 8160 Mansion Ct N Unit A, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
Phone Number: 1 (571) 224-1281

This business — owned by a black, disabled combat veteran — makes all manner of cakes,

pies, and desserts. According to the Cheshire Cat and inspiration behind the bakery, “every adventure requires a first step,” and these desserts will take your palate on a flavor journey according to the locals. And if you’re looking for custom desserts, if you can dream it, they can bake it.

AMERICAN CUISINE

7. *The Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant*

Address: 3200 Mt Vernon Memorial Hwy, Mt Vernon, VA 22309
Phone Number: 1 (703) 799-5296

American cuisine with vegetarian and vegan options are offered at George Washington’s historic estate. [The menu](#) offers such tempting items as crab cakes, skillet mac and cheese with lobster, and drunken french toast. Reservations are accepted.



8. *Burton’s Grill & Bar*

Address: 6452 Old Beula St, Alexandria, VA 22315
Phone Number: 1 (703) 922-1730

Burton's Grill & Bar offers [pub food](#), a full bar, and serves vegetarian and vegan options for breakfast, lunch, or dinner by a friendly staff.

9. The Burger Shack

Address: 6468 Landsdowne Center Dr, Alexandria, VA 22315
Phone Number: 1 (703) 347-7555

Don't let the name fool you, [though this place's name](#) may make it seem small, is known for its big burgers packed full of flavor and delicious fries that come in many different varieties.

10. Olympians Family Restaurant

Address: 6430 Landsdowne Ctr, Alexandria, VA 22315
Phone Number: 1 (703) 550-503

[Olympians Family Restaurant](#) serves up a mix of American burgers and appetizers, pizza, Greek, and Mediterranean dishes so there is something for everyone to enjoy.

11. The Secret Garden Cafe

Address: 404 Mill St, Occoquan, VA 22125
Phone Number: 1 (703) 494-2848

This place is no secret to the locals. [This cafe](#) serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner with indoor

and outdoor seating warmed by a cozy fire during colder weather months. Their menu features items such as shrimp and grits, crab cakes, and desserts.



MEXICAN RESTAURANTS NEAR FORT BELVOIR VA

12. El Paso Mexican Restaurant

Address: 8746 Cooper Rd, Alexandria, VA 22009
Phone Number: 1 (703) 619-5123

[El Paso Mexican Restaurant](#) is known for their Mexican and Southwestern food served in large portions and if you're still hungry, great deserts.

13. Taco Jalisco

Address: 8645 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22009
Phone Number: 1 (703) 360-1253

If you're looking for authentic, Mexican-style tacos? Look no further than [Taco Jalisco](#)! Served on warm corn tortillas, this place brings all the flavor you want in a taco but without the frills.

14. Mezcalero Cocina Mexicana

Address: 8368 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309
Phone Number: 1 (571) 347-7995

And if you are searching for more options on Richmond Hwy, Mezcalero Cocina Mexicana is the place! Just down the road from Taco Jalisco they also serve authentic Mexican food but in a sports bar with indoor and outdoor seating so no matter the season you can enjoy a good meal!



SEAFOOD CUISINE

15. Chasin' Tails

Address: 2200 N Westmoreland St, Alexandria VA 22213
Phone Number: 1 (703) 653-0982

You won't be chasing your tail here for good seafood. [This place](#) serves up Cajun/Creole recipes and seafood options abound with a full bar in a fun setting.

16. Crafty Crab

Address: 5770 Dow Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304
Phone Number: 1 (833) 488-5344

Hungry for chicken wings or chicken of the sea? Enjoy platters of giant crab legs, lobster, fish, and hush puppies, as well as non-seafood options such as chicken wings at [Crafty Crab](#).

17. [The Wharf](#)

Address: 119 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone Number: 1 (703) 836-2836

Experience Old Town Alexandria's classic seafood with excellent fresh seafood in a waterfront setting at [The Wharf](#).



ITALIAN CUISINE

18. Il Paradiso Trattoria

Address: 8723 Cooper Rd, Alexandria, VA 22009
Phone Number: 1 (703) 360-4105

Enjoy pasta and seafood at [Il Paradiso Trattoria](#) along with live music and dancing in a setting that is perfect for large groups.

19. Osteria Marzano

Address: 6361 Walker Ln, Ste 140, Alexandria, VA 22310
Phone Number: 1 (703) 313-9700

Not only can you enjoy some of the best authentic Italian in Alexandria, but you can also sign up for wine tastings and cooking events hosted by the owners at [Osteria Marzano](#).

20. *Federico Ristorante Italiano*

Address: 519 23rd St S, Arlington, VA 22202

Phone Number: 1 (703) 486-0519

[Federico Ristorante Italiano](#) offers great Italian seafood dishes inspired by the Mediterranean coastline. And if you're still hungry after enjoying some of the best Salmon al Pescatore (according to the locals) they also offer excellent desserts, leaving your belly and palate full and happy.



ASIAN CUISINE

21. *Thai Nakorn*

Address: 8733F Cooper Rd, Alexandria, VA 22309

Phone Number: 1 (703) 360-8288

[Thai Nakorn](#) offers outstanding Thai dishes with reliably great service offering lunch and dinner in a family-friendly neighborhood setting.

22. [Matsui Sushi](#)

Address: 6408 Landsdowne Ctr, Alexandria, VA 22315

Phone Number: 1 (703) 550-6100

This place might not look like much, but they choose to let their food do the talking. [Matsui Sushi](#) offers the Sushi, bulgogi, ramen dishes, and more, and is a "must go to" on our and the local's list!

23. *House of Dynasty*

Address: 7550 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA 22315

Phone Number: 1 (703) 922-5210

[This place](#) is one of the top reviewed Chinese restaurants in the area and offers all the familiar Chinese dishes that you know and crave!



DESSERTS AND MORE

24. *Sweet Frog Premium Frozen Yogurt*

Address: 6020 12th St, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Phone Number: 1 (703) 781-5990

Still hungry after checking out some of our favorite restaurants? Hit [this spot](#) to

grab deluxe yogurts with tons of topping options.

25. [*Paradise Ice Cream*](#)

Address: 7702 Backlick Rd,
Springfield, VA 22150

Phone Number: 1 (703) 913-9445

This place's name isn't called Paradise for no reason, your taste buds will thank you when you try their homemade ice cream with specialty flavors. And so you can enjoy their ice cream with your friends, coworkers, families, or relatives they also offer catering for parties and events.

Conclusion

Hungry for more? Be sure to check local city websites and get out there exploring! Remember that many businesses may still be operating under limits due to COVID-19 so check out their sites ahead of time. Bon appetit!

Got a hot dining tip? We want to know! Share it on [MyBaseGuide's Facebook](#), tag [@mybaseguide](#) on Instagram, or [@mybaseguide](#) on Twitter.

PHONE DIRECTORY

Army Community Service
Employment Readiness
Program

(703) 805-2605

Army Community Service
Family Advocacy Program
(FAP)

(703) 805-2693

Army Community Service
New Parent Support
Program (NPSP)

(703) 805-4547

Barracks Manager

(703) 806-0489

Base Operator

(703) 545-6700

Beneficiary Counseling
Assistance Coordinators

(703) 805-8371

Chaplain

(703) 806-3006

Child, Youth and School
Services (CYSS)/Family Child
Care (FCC)

(703) 805-9116

Civilian Personnel Advisory
Center

(703) 704-3009

Civilian Personnel Office

(703) 704-3009

Dental Clinic

(703) 806-4392

DeWitt Army Community
Hospital Information Desk –
EFMP Enrollment

(703) 805-0510

Directorate of Human
Resources/Military Personnel

(703) 805-3341

EFMP Family Support

(703) 805-1835

Emergency

911

Family Center

(703) 805-4590

Finance Office

(703) 805-2501

Fort Belvoir Child, Youth and
School Services – North Post
CDC

(703) 806-6540

Fort Belvoir Child, Youth and
School Services – South Post
CDC

(703) 806-4347

Fort Belvoir Non-
Appropriated Fund (NAF)
Personnel Office

(703) 704-4872

Hospital Main

(703) 805-0510

Housing Office

(703) 454-9700

ID Cards

(703) 805-5578

Information and Referral
Services

(703) 805-3413

Legal Services and JAG

(703) 805-2856

Personnel Support Office

(703) 805-3341

School Age Services (SAS)

(703) 805-9100

Welcome/Visitors Center

(703) 806-4892

Youth Services Center

(703) 805-4515

emergency relief services
Army Emergency Relief
(AER)

(703) 805-3130

Red Cross

(703) 805-2057

finance / legal
Army Community Service
Financial Readiness
Program (FRP)

(703) 805-2606

Belvoir Credit Union

(703) 730-1800

Finance Office

(703) 805-2501

Retirement Services Office

(703) 805-2675

Sexual Assault Response
Coordinator (SARC)

(703) 805-1832

Staff Judge Advocate

(703) 805-2856

Sun Trust Bank

(703) 781-4706

health and medical

DeWitt Army Community
Hospital

(703) 805-0510

Dewitt Army Community
Hospital – BCAC

(703) 805-8371

Fort Belvoir Veterinary
Service

(703) 805-4336

housing

Fort Belvoir Housing Services
Office

(703) 805-3018

Temporary Lodging/Billeting

(703) 704-8600

The Villages at Belvoir

(703) 454-9700

information and referral services

Army Community Service
Information and Referral
Program

(703) 805-4590

major units

12th Aviation Battalion

(703) 806-7304

249th Engineer Battalion
(Prime Power)

(703) 805-2661

Army Management Staff
College

(703) 805-4713

Criminal Investigation
Command

(703) 806-0184

Defense Logistics Agency

(703) 767-6200

DeWitt Health Care System

(703) 805-0510

Headquarters Battalion Fort
Belvoir

(703) 806-5650

Intelligence and Security
Command

(703) 706-1207

Joint Personal Property
Shipping Office, Washington
Area

(703) 806-4900

MDW Engineer Company

(703) 806-3751

Military Police Company

(703) 806-0624

*mwr (morale welfare and
recreation)*

Community Center

(703) 805-3714

outdoor recreation

Golf Course (North Post)

(703) 806-6016

religious

Fort Belvoir Chapel

(703) 806-4316

restaurants/fast food

The Fort Belvoir Community
Club

(703) 780-0962

schools

Barden Education Center

(703) 805-9264

Fort Belvoir School Liaison
Office

(703) 805-9119

Van Noy Library

(703) 806-3323

shopping

Army Air Force Exchange
Service (AAFES)

(703) 806-5800

Fort Belvoir Commissary

(703) 806-6674

Military Clothing Sales

(703) 805-2574

travel and transition

Army Career Alumni
Program (ACAP)

(703) 805-9247

Household
Goods/Transportation Office

(703) 806-4900

Loan Closet

(703) 805-5058

Relocation Readiness
Program (RRP)

(703) 805-5058