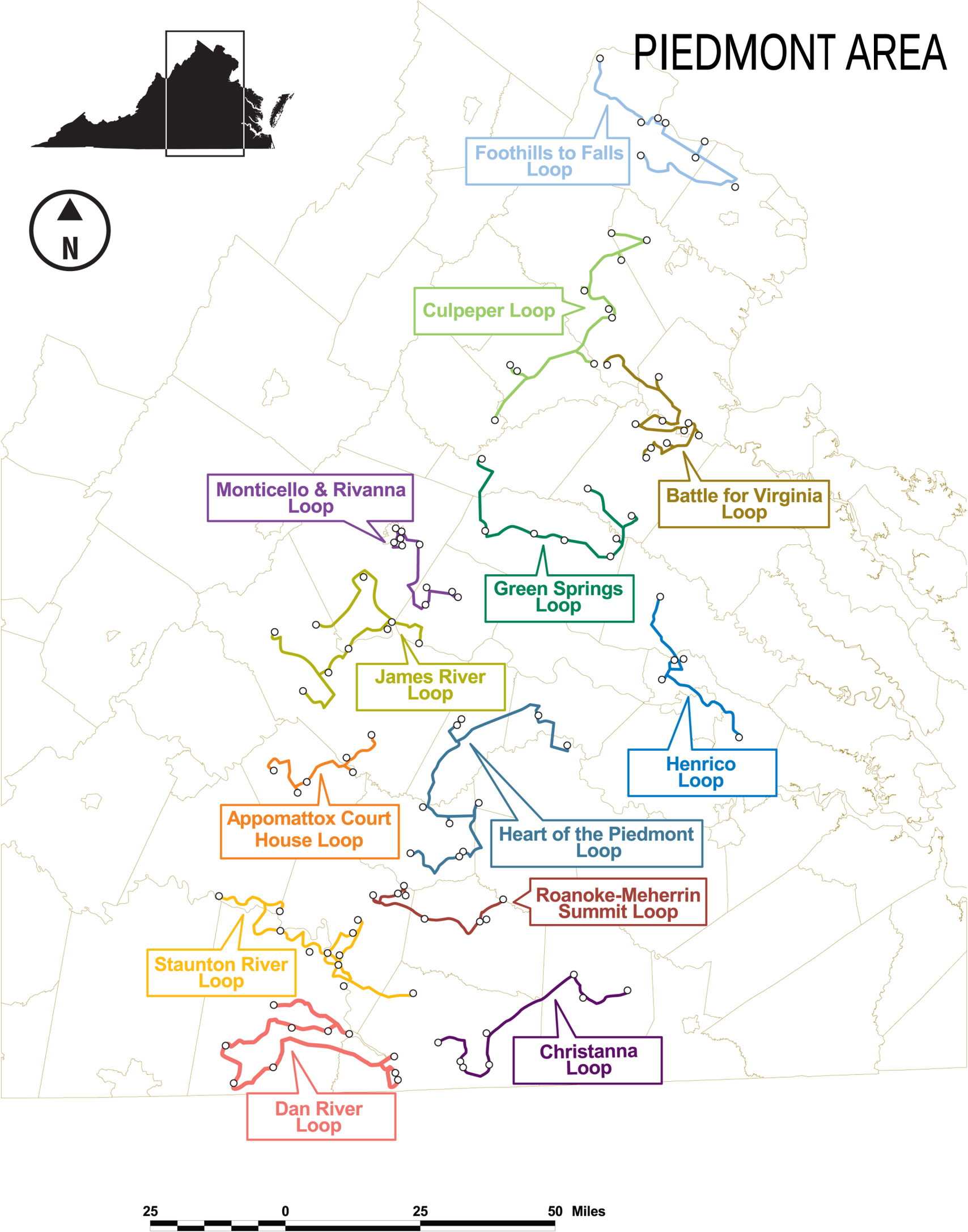PIEDMONT AREA