

COASTAL VIRGINIA: EASTERN SHORE

The small coastal towns that line the 70-mile peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean offer delectable seafood, sandy beaches, serene marshy landscapes, barrier islands, and the famous wild ponies of Chincoteague.



KIPTOPEKE STATE PARK
Cape Charles

unexpected experiences

1. View a NASA rocket launch • Wallops Island
Make plans to see, hear, and feel a large scale rocket launch from the shores of Virginia at the NASA Wallops Visitor Center.

follow this trail

2. Virginia Bird & Wildlife Trail Eastern Shore loop • Throughout Region
The Eastern Shore is part of the Atlantic Avian Flyway and is packed with wildlife refuges, natural area preserves, and barrier islands, making this a birding and wildlife watching paradise.

pit stop destination

3. Exmore Diner • Exmore
Satisfy your cravings for comfort food at this vintage '50s diner that sources its ingredients from local fishermen and farms.

4. Machipongo Trading Co • Machipongo
Say goodbye to coffee chains and hello to freshly-roasted brews, locally-sourced quick bites, and eclectic art. We promise this is one caffeine refueling station you won't want to miss!

for the first time traveler

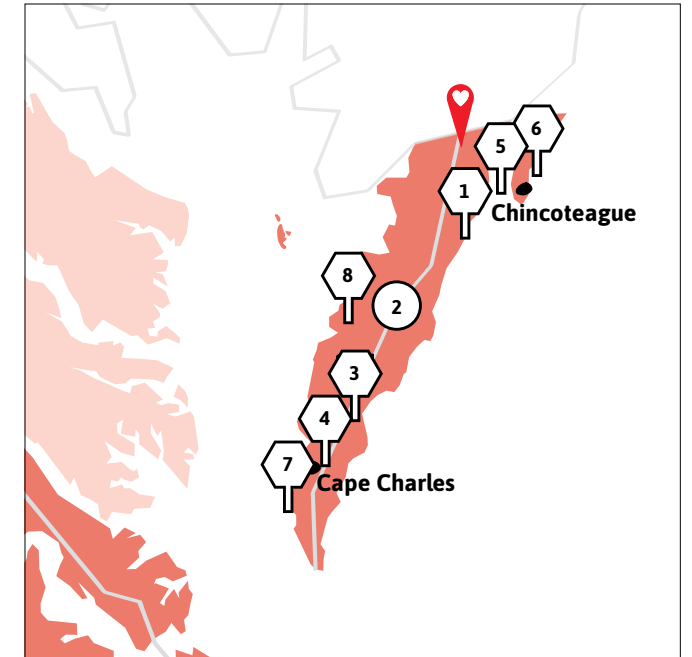
5. Climb to the top of Assateague Lighthouse • Chincoteague
Climb the 175-step spiraling staircase for breathtaking views of Chincoteague, Assateague, and Wallops Island.

for families

6. Maui Jack's Waterpark • Chincoteague
Beat the heat at this family-friendly water park featuring a splash zone, lazy river, body slides, concessions, and a bar and grill that serves up legit island cocktails in coconuts.

7. Sun Outdoors Family Camping Resort • Cape Charles
Upgrade your camping experience with private beach access, five swimming pools, a mini golf course, four fishing piers, playgrounds, an arcade zone, pickleball courts, and more. Did we mention they have glamping tents?!

8. Burnham Guides paddle/boat cruise • Onancock
Explore Virginia's barrier islands like a pro via guided paddles, boat cruises, kayak tours, and SUP lessons. For serious paddlers, check out their day or multi-day trips.



CAPE CHARLES LOVEWORK
Cape Charles

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CAPTAIN ZACK'S SEAFOOD
Chincoteague

Welcome Center at New Church
 Virginia Tourism Corporation
 Access U.S. Rt.13 North & Southbound
 U.S. 13, 3420 Lankford Hwy.
 New Church, VA 23415
 757-824-5000

Eastern Shore of VA Chamber of Commerce
 19056 Pkwy., Melfa; 757-787-2460; esvachamber.org.
 Contact for Eastern Shore information.

Eastern Shore of VA Welcome Center
 32383 Lankford Hwy., Cape Charles; 757-331-1660; visitesva.com. Open seven days a week, 9am-5pm.

Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission
 19056 Pkwy., Melfa; 757-787-8268; visitesva.com.

250th Revolutionary Shore Driving Tour
 32383 Charles M. Lankford Jr. Memorial Hwy.; visitesva.com/things-to-do/listings/revolutionary-shore-driving-tour. A self-guided driving tour of Northampton County.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel
 32386 Lankford Hwy., US 13, Cape Charles; 757-331-2960; cbbt.com. An engineering marvel spanning the Chesapeake Bay (toll road). \$

Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge
 5003 Hallett Cir., Cape Charles; 757-331-2760; fws.gov/refuge/eastern_shore_of_virginia.

Seaside Water Trail
 804-698-4323; deq.state.va.us/coastal/seasidewatertrail. Kayak pristine and hidden waterways. Discover wildlife and the Shore's unique maritime heritage.

Virginia Barrier Islands
 757-331-1660; esvatourism.org. The East Coast's longest string of wild barrier islands.

Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail
 804-367-1000; dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/coastal-trail. Stop at designated areas along 70-mile-long peninsula.

CAPE CHARLES

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

THINGS TO DO

Cape Charles Lighthouse
 West side of southern section of Smith Island; lighthousefriends.com. Best view is from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel or by boat.

Cape Charles Museum & Welcome Center
 814 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles; 757-331-1008; smallmuseum.org/capechas. History of the town, railroad, ships, and operational diesel generator.

Custis Tomb
 SW of Cape Charles; 757-787-8268; esvatourism.org. Grave site for Custis family, including Mary Randolph Custis, wife of Robert E. Lee.

Kiptopeke State Park
 3540 Kiptopeke Dr., Cape Charles; 757-331-2267; virginiastateparks.gov/kiptopeke. \$

CHINCOTEAGUE

Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce & Certified Visitor Center
 6733 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague Island; 757-336-6161; chincoteaguechamber.com. Assisting travelers to the islands for a memorable experience.

THINGS TO DO

Assateague Island National Seashore - Toms Cove Center
 8586 Beach Rd., Chincoteague; 410-641-1441, option 2; nps.gov/asis. Beach combing exhibits, educational brochures, marine aquariums, bookstore, passes and permits, lost and found, and emergency services available. \$

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8231 Beach Rd., Chincoteague; 757-336-6122; fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague. \$

Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center
8231 Beach Rd., Chincoteague Island; 757-336-6122; fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague. Located in Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, enjoy our beautiful exhibits, trails, photography, Assateague Lighthouse, and more! \$

Museum of Chincoteague Island
7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague; 757-336-6117; chincoteaguemuseum.com. Local history, lighthouse lenses, shipwrecks, and home of "Misty." \$

EASTVILLE

THINGS TO DO

Eastville Courthouse
16404 Courthouse Rd., Eastville; 757-678-0466; co.northampton.va.us/gov/oldcourthouse. Contains the oldest continuous county court records in the United States, dating from 1632.

EXMORE

Explore Exmore
3305 Main St., Exmore; 757-442-3114; visitexmore.com. Exmore is the geographic heart of the ESVA peninsula and the ideal base for adventuring out to explore and enjoy the Shore. Antiquing, kayaking, boating, fishing, birding nature trails, historic sites, wine tastings plus other points of interest, are just minutes away.

Exmore History Walking Tour
3286 Main St., Exmore; 757-442-3114; visitexmore.com/exmore-history-walking-tour. Using map app on your phone and website, start at Southeast corner of Main St. and Bank Ave.

MACHIPONGO

THINGS TO DO

Barrier Islands Center
7295 Young St., Machipongo; 757-678-5550; barrierislandscenter.com. Preserves history of those who once called deserted islands home. \$

Pear Valley
Pear Cottage Dr., Wilsonia Neck, Machipongo; 757-331-4689; preservationvirginia.org/visit/historic-properties/pear-valley. Structure dates to 1740. By appointment only.



PADDLE YOUR GLASS OFF KAYAK TOUR: CHATHAM VINEYARDS
Machipongo

NASSAWADOX

THINGS TO DO

The Nature Conservancy
11332 Brownsville Rd., Nassawadox; 757-442-3049; nature.org. Works to protect and restore the unique wildlife of the Virginia coast.

ONANCOCK

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

THINGS TO DO

Historic Onancock School
6 College Ave., Onancock; 757-665-5771; esvawatermen.org. Eastern Shore Waterman's Museum and Research Center with oral histories and research library. Art Studios, galleries, playground, nature trail, disc golf.

Historic Downtown Onancock

Onancock; 757-787-3363; onancock.com/Visitors. Unique shops, art galleries, restaurants, B&Bs, and dog park. Sail, cruise, kayak, and SUP Onancock creek. Enjoy nature trails, eco tours by water, and biking. Visit our Farmer's Market and Home and Arborist Tour.

Ker Place

69 Market St., Onancock; 757-787-8012; shorehistory.org. National Register 1799 mansion houses Eastern Shore history museum. \$

PAINTER/KELLER

Blue Crow Antique Mall
32124 Lankford Hwy., Rt. 13, halfway between Painter and Keller; Painter; 757-442-4150; bluecrowantiquemall.com. 35,000 square-feet, 200 antique shops under one roof. Bluecrowmall@gmail.com. 10am-5pm everyday.

PARKSLEY

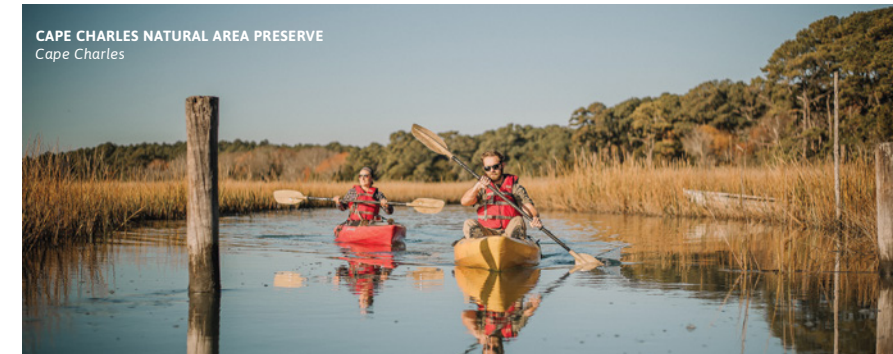
THINGS TO DO

Eastern Shore Railroad Museum
18468 Dunne Ave., Parksley; 757-665-7245; parksley.org/eastern_shore_railway_museum. Step into the restored station and step back in time. \$

TANGIER ISLAND

THINGS TO DO

Tangier Island Museum & Interpretive Cultural Center
16215 Main Ridge Rd., Tangier Island; 757-891-2374; tangierisland-va.com. Learn the Island's history, explore water trails with kayaks. \$



CAPE CHARLES NATURAL AREA PRESERVE
Cape Charles

WALLOPS ISLAND

THINGS TO DO

Chincoteague Bay Field Station
34001 Mill Dam Rd., Wallops Island; 757-824-5636; cbfieldstation.org. Learning adventures and programs that explore coastal ecosystems!

NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center
Bldg. J-20, Rt. 175, Wallops Island; 757-824-1404; nasa.gov/wallops/visitor-center. Exhibits, programs, and events featuring NASA's Wallops Flight Facility.

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