Not far from the hustle and bustle of major Virginia cities, the CHESAPEAKE BAY region invites you to relax and unwind in its quiet, coastal charm. More than 1,800 miles of riverside shoreline beckon boaters, paddlers and all water lovers to explore the region’s natural beauty, iconic history and quaint small towns – where living the Bay and “rivah” life wouldn’t be complete without a feast of fresh local seafood paired with award-winning regional wine.

**CHESAPEAKE BAY**

**Vorhees Nature Preserve, Oak Grove**
Explore four miles of hiking along the Rappahannock River with benches, picnic areas, scenic beaver ponds, places for reflection and forest-bathing! Large expanses of water surprise visitors emerging from tall canopy forests on the edge of cliffs overlooking the Rappahannock, a designated scenic river in this spot.

**Machicomoco State Park, Gloucester**
Take advantage of tent, vehicle and yurt camping, in addition to hiking opportunities and a car-top boat launch at one of Virginia’s newest state parks. An open-air interpretive pavilion provides information on the culture, landscape and movement of Virginia Indians through displays and a walking path in the landscape.

**Bay Aviation, Topping**
Take to the sky and see the Rappahannock and Piankatank River from a bird’s eye view. For those with an adventurous heart, choose the open cockpit Warbird PT-19 with optional aerobatic maneuvers like rolls, loops and spiral descents. For those who want a serene, scenic Chesapeake Bay tour, select the Cessna 172.

**The Dog & Oyster Micro-Vineyard and Oyster Bar, Irvington**
Discover a unique micro-winery at The Hope and Glory Inn, where your taste buds will have an exquisite experience of four delicious varietals paired with classic Rappahannock oysters just the way you love them. Make the most of your evening with a locally sourced meal at The Colonade restaurant and an overnight stay at the charming boutique B&B.

**Inn at Warner Hall, Gloucester**
Experience nearly 380 years of American history on the banks of the picturesque Severn River when you stay at this beautifully restored B&B. A major architectural and genealogical significance in American history, as well as the ancestral home of George Washington, Warner Hall served as the headquarters for Nathaniel Bacon where he invited his countrymen’s “Oath of Fidelity.”

**RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER**

**Topping**

**Everything Oyster in Virginia’s River Realm, Regional**
With 465 miles of shoreline, eight great small towns and hundreds of unique attractions, you can enjoy the perfect oyster any day of the week, whether at the Urbanna Oyster Festival or by learning to roast your own from local purveyors. From waterfront dining to boutique shops and art installations, a love of oysters abounds where the Rappahannock River meets the Chesapeake Bay.

Add these experiences to your travel bucket list for the region!
Northern Neck Tourism Commission
467 Main St, Warsaw; 804-334-1972, northeast.org. Historic sites, waterfront recreation, crafts, local foods and seasonal events.

Northern Neck Watertrails
467 Main St, Warsaw; 804-334-1972, northeast.org. Water trails along the creeks and tributaries of the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers and Chesapeake Bay.

Dahlgren
Dahlgren Heritage Museum & Tourist Information Center

Gloucester County

Inland: 
- Gloucester Museum of History
  156 King Carter Dr., Irvington; 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Artifacts and boats of mixed pine-hardwood forest, dunes and salt marshes on Bethel Beach Rd., Mathews; 804-725-5022; gwynnsislandmuseum.org. Historic building, kayak launch, scenic trail, wilderness, birding trails system.

Beaches:
- Steptoe’s Ordinary, settled in 1799; 1870 jail, 1896 clerk’s office. 693-3215; visitgloucesterva.org.
- Fishing pier and snack bar.
- Deltaville Maritime Museum & Museum of Natural History
  11617 Caledon Rd., Deltaville; 804-776-4200; dcmuseum.org. Marine museum, docent-led and audio tours, extensive genealogical library, extensive genealogical library, interpretive signs.

Kilmarnock

- Off-Airport Motorcycle Museum
  2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Parking, restrooms, and equipment.
- Middlesex Wine Museum

Mathews County

- Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello
  3740 Paramount Dr., Monticello; 804-982-9800, monticello.org. Historic Monticello, historic grounds, and equipment.
- Virginia State Parks
  1872 jail gallery, Colonial courthouse, country store, Rappahannock Tribe.

Richmond

- Virginia Safari Park
- National Museum of African American History & Culture

- Reddick

- Colonna’s Diner
  4707 Main St., Richmond; 804-240-2200, reddicksriverboat.com. A working waterfront site, wildlife, birding trails system.

- Tappahannock

- Historic Christ Church & Museum
- Northumberland County

- Middlesex County

- Middlesex Museum of History & Historical Society

- Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge

- Colonial Beach

- Westmoreland County

- Middlesex County

- Colonial Beach LoveWork
  41 Court St, Monticello; 804-224-7181; visitcbva.com. View the Charles Willson Peale 1768 portrait of Sir John Sargent, rear view.
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SHOP & DINE

A waterfront downtown with exceptional offerings for eating, shopping, drinking, or meeting a friend. Enjoy More!

DISCOVER

Discover a town rich in history, with a picturesque environment. Abound with outdoor activities on land and on the Rappahannock River. Discover More!

EVENTS

Explore Tappahannock Main Street invites you to our many events. Make your own memories and be part of the fun. Experience More!

Make your escape to the Northern Neck, where you’ll find hidden culinary gems, waterfront heritage sites, charterboat fishing, wineries, artisan shops and markets covering a variety of interests. Come by boat, or by car. Stay for a day, a weekend, or longer. Your getaway is safe with us. Start exploring at www.northernneck.org.