Welcome to the enchanting Chesapeake Bay region, where the allure of its delectable seafood, particularly the renowned oysters, beckons food enthusiasts from far and wide. Boasting dozens of picturesque small waterfront communities, this captivating destination embraces a rich maritime heritage, with watermen playing a pivotal role in shaping its fascinating culture and traditions.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

1. Camp Irvington - Irvington
For those seeking an immersive outdoor adventure, Camp Irvington offers the perfect escape. Nestled amidst nature’s beauty, this campsite provides a range of activities, including hiking trails, bonfires, and stargazing. Whether you’re a seasoned camper or new to the camping scene, Camp Irvington is sure to create lasting memories.

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47 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; northernneck.org. The Northern Neck National Heritage area offers preserved architecture, historic sites, and waterfront recreation.

**Northern Neck Heritage Bicycle Route**

**Northern Neck Water Trails**
47 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; virginawatertrails.org. Water trails along the creeks and tributaries of the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers and Chesapeake Bay.

**Northern Neck Tourism Commission**
47 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; northernneck.org. Stop by our Visitor Center 693-3215; visitgloucesterva.org.

**Gloucester Visitor Center**
6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; visitgloucesterva.org. Stop by our Visitor Center and Gift Shop.

**Whitley’s Peanut Factory**
2977 George Washington Hwy., Hayes; 804-642-3475; whitleyspeanut.com/locations. Certified woman’s center; retail store selling peanut products and souvenirs.

**THINGS TO DO**
Abingdon Episcopal Church

**One Arm Museum of Gloucester**
489 Main St., Gloucester; 804-882-1387; onearmmuseumofgloucester.org. Museum open Fri-Sun 1-4pm. Gloucester Arts Festival kicks off on May 21st, 2024.

**Gloucester Blameways Natural Area Preserve**
6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; virginawatertrails.org. Info. Guided guided hikes, water trails suited for kayaks in Gloucester.

**Gloucester Museum of History**
4139 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-5254; virginawatertrails.org. Static and changing exhibits of early Gloucester and its people.

**Gloucester Nature and Birding Trails**
Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; virginawatertrails.org. Self-guided maps, eight sites, part of Virginia’s birding trail system.

**Gloucester Point Beach Park**
1255 Great Rd., Gloucester Point; 804-693-2155; virginawatertrails.org. Fish on pier; snack bar.

**Historic Courthouse Circle**
1255 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3015; virginawatertrails.org. Virginia’s oldest courthouse circle. 1782 Delaware’s prison, 1870 jail, 1896 clerk’s office, and more.

**Machoure State Park**
5113 Old Rosewell Ln., Hayes; 804-693-2155; virginawatertrails.org/par. Park, fishing pier, trails, picnic tables, grills.

**The Point Walk**
1255 Great Rd., Gloucester Point; 804-693-2155; virginawatertrails.org/par. Interpretive walk along York River explains area’s history, ecology, significance.

**Rice’s Hotel/Hughlett’s Tavern**
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**Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve**
Kilmarock

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1039 Williams Wharf Rd., Mathews; 804-758-3330; west-point.va.us. Beach Park with picnic facilities, river access.

234 Queen Anne St., New Kent; 804-544-1570; newkentlibrary.org. One of the first African American high schools in Virginia. Historical artifacts and memorabilia.

Histories of the Town of New Kent.

3710 Main St., New Kent; 804-544-1773; newkentlibrary.org. One of the first African American high schools in Virginia. Historical artifacts and memorabilia.


3519 Main St., Mathews; 804-758-3666; mathewslandconservancy.org. Waterfront public access, fishing, tide pools, salt marsh, and creek views and access.

Port of Hollywood Tourist Center - Pamunkey Indian Historical Park and Visitor Center - Pamunkey Indian Historical Park - Pamunkey Indian Historical Park.