

CHESAPEAKE BAY

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.

UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES

2. Giant Waterman's Boots

As you explore the region, keep an eye out for the fascinating Giant Waterman's Boots. Scattered in various locations, these enormous sculptures pay tribute to the area's maritime heritage. It's a unique and Instagram-worthy experience for anyone looking to add some quirky fun to their journey.

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5. Colonial Beach Escape the tourist crowds and discover the charm of Colonial Beach, a hidden gem known for its sandy shores and laid-back atmosphere. Stroll along the Potomac River, indulge in local eateries, and relish the tranquility that makes this town a well-kept secret among locals.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Bay's bounty.





3. Westmoreland State Park - Montross

Embark on an exciting treasure hunt for ancient shark teeth and fossils at Westmoreland State Park. Situated in Montross, this hidden gem offers a thrilling hands-on experience, providing a glimpse into the prehistoric past and the chance to find some remarkable souvenirs.

FOR FIRST-TIME TRAVELERS

4. Urbanna Oyster Festival - Urbanna

If you happen to visit during November, don't miss the famed Urbanna Oyster Festival. Celebrating Virginia's oyster culture, this lively event features delicious seafood, live music, and a unique small-town charm that will leave a lasting impression on any traveler.

UNDERRATED EXPERIENCES

6. Merroir - Topping

A beloved local favorite, Merroir is a culinary paradise for seafood enthusiasts. Set on the waterfront, this cozy restaurant serves freshly caught oysters and other seafood delicacies, offering a true taste of the Chesapeake 🗴 MEETS ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS OF THE VIRGINIA GREEN PROGRAM 🛛 🗒 PROVIDES PRINTED MATERIAL IN BRAILLE 🛛 🖾 PROVIDES DESCRIPTIONS BY A TRAINED AUDIO DESCRIBER 🛛 🟘 PROVIDES SIGN LANGUAGE 🚯 OFFERS ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR HAVE LOW VISION 🛛 📓 PROVIDES A DEVICE USED FOR COMMUNICATION WITH AND BETWEEN HEARING IMPAIRED 📝 PROVIDES ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEMS 🛲 BUSES/GROUPS WELCOME 🛛 🌞 PET-FRIENDLY FACILITY 💲 ADMISSION REQUIRED 🕹 ADA-COMPLIANT



Gloucester Point Beach Park

1255 Greate Rd., Gloucester Point; 804-693-2355;

beach, picnic tables, grills,

Historic Courthouse Circle

6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804

Virginia's oldest courthouse

circle, 1832 debtor's prison.

1870 jail, 1896 clerk's office,

Machicomoco State Park

Rd., Hayes; 804-642-2419;

1255 Greate Rd., Gloucester

Interpreted walk along York

River explains area's history

ecology, significance. 🛲 🗳

3601 Timberneck Farm

virginiastateparks.gov/

machicomoco

The Point Walk

Point: 804-693-2355:

visitgloucesterva info/pr

and more. 🛲 🕊

693-3215; visitgloucesterva.org.

fishing pier, snack bar.

visitgloucesterva.info/pr. Sandy

Northern Neck Tourism Commission 457 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; northernneck. org. The Northern Neck National Heritage area offers presidential birthsites, and

waterfront recreation. Northern Neck Heritage

Bicycling Route 457 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; nps.gov/thingstodo/ bicycle-northern-neck-heritagetrail. Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail's Northern Neck segment. Map available.

Northern Neck Water Trails 457 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; virginiawatertrails. org. Water trails along the creeks and tributaries of the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers and Chesapeake Bay.

DAHLGREN

THINGS TO DO Dahlgren Heritage Museum & Tourism Information Center 3540 James Madison Pkwy., Dahlgren; 540-663-3680; dahlgrenmuseum org Interpreting stories that make Dahlgren a jewel of national defense. 🕊

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COM

Includes Hayes, White Marsh

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

Whitley's Peanut Factory 1977 George Washington Hwy., Hayes; 804-642-1975; whitlevspeanut.com/location Certified visitor's center, retail

store selling peanut products

and souvenirs THINGS TO DO

Abingdon Episcopal Church 4645 George Washington Hwy., White Marsh; 804-693-3035; abingdonchurch.org. Virginia's largest Colonial church built mid-18th century; historic cemeterv

Fine Arts Museum of Gloucester

6894 Main St., Gloucester; 804-280-1187; fineartsmuseumofgloucester. org. Museum open Fridays from noon-4pm. Gloucester Arts Festival kicks off on May 31st, 2024.

Gloucester Blueways Watertrails

Gloucester

people.

6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-**Rosewell Ruins** 5113 Old Rosewell Ln., 693-3215; visitgloucesterva. info. Self-guided maps, water Gloucester; 804-693-2585; trails suited for kayaks in rosewell.org. Preserved ruins of one of Colonial America's grandest mansions. \$

Gloucester Museum of History 6539 Main St., Gloucester; 804-Tyndall's Point 693-1234; visitgloucesterva.org. 1376 Vernon St., Gloucester: 804-693-2355; gloucesterva. Static and changing exhibits info/facilities/facility/details, of early Gloucester and its yndalls-Point-Park-10. Historic site open daily

Gloucester Nature and Birding Walter Reed's Birthplace

Trail 6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; visitgloucesterva. info/pr. Self-guided maps, eight sites, part of Virginia birding trails system. 🛲 🕊

Corner of Rts. 616 & 614, Gloucester; 804-693-3992; preservationvirginia.org. Circa 1850 building, birthplace of Dr. Walter Reed, medical hero of the Spanish-American War.

Ware Episcopal Church 7825 John Clavton Memorial Hwy., Gloucester; 804-693-3821; warechurch.org. Historic early 18th-century church and

Woodville Park

cemeterv

3904 Woodville Park Rd. Haves: 804-693-2355: visitgloucesterva.info/pr. Nature park with wetlands, woodlands, trails, picnic tables, memorial gardens.

HEATHSVILLE

THINGS TO DO Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern

73 Monument P Heathsville; 804-580-3377; rhhtfoundationinc.org. 18thcentury tavern, heritage arts center, and guilds. Farmers

market. 🛲 **INDIAN NECK**

THINGS TO DO

Rappahannock Tribe Cultural Center 5036 Indian Neck Rd. Indian Neck; 804-769-0260; rappahannocktribe.org. Come experience Native American historical exhibits of culture and tradition. 🛲 📽

IRVINGTON

THINGS TO DO

Steamboat Era Museum 156 King Carter Dr., Irvington; 804-438-6888; steamboateramuseum.org. Original "Potomac" pilothouse installation dioramas artifacts, models, paintings, and photos. 🛲

KILMARNOCK

Town of Kilmarnock Economic Development & Tourism 1 North Main St., Kilmarnock 804-435-1552: virginiasriverrealm.com lmarnockva.com. Small town charm meets river lifestyle with boutique shopping and lodging, local seafood cuisine, and friendly coastal vibe. Be where the locals go - Kilmarnock - It's the Main Thing!

THINGS TO DO

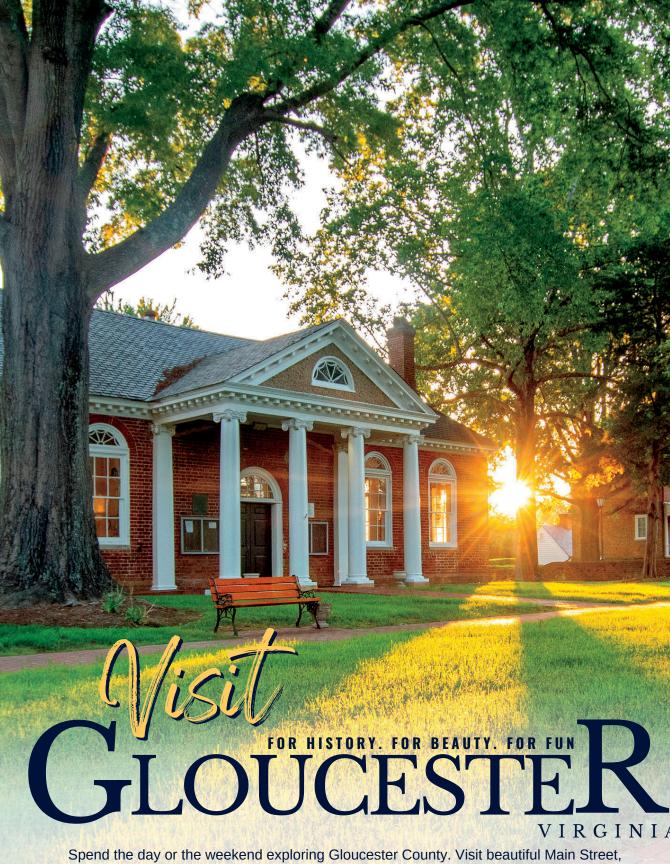
Kilmarnock Museum 76 N. Main St., Kilmarnock; 804-436-9100; northernneck. org. Recalls early days of the bustling town, first known as Steptoe's Ordinary, settled in 1719. 🖚

KING GEORGE COUNTY

King George County Citizens

Center 8076 Kings Hwy., King George; 540-775-4386; kinggeorgecountyva.gov Gateway to the historic Northern Neck of Virginia.

THINGS TO DO



Spend the day or the weekend exploring Gloucester County. Visit beautiful Main Street, explore local and state parks, and take in the beauty that is Gloucester. Visit our website below for more details on upcoming events & must dos!



WWW.VISITGLOUCESTERVA.ORG

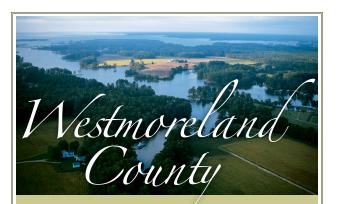
VIRGINIA

LOCATED IN THE HISTORIC NORTHERN NECK

18TH-CENTURY GREAT HOUSE & GROUNDS FOSSIL HUNTING & NATURE TRAILS RUSTIC & COMFORTABLE LODGING



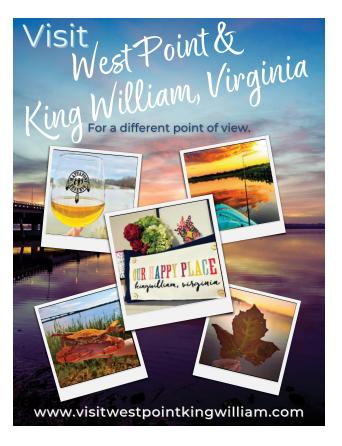




More Beaches, More Parks, More Wine, More History.

Come visit historic Westmoreland County, explore scenic byways, stop at the wineries and enjoy the county's small-town charms. Discover the birthplaces of George Washington, James Monroe and the Lee family. Enjoy the sunrise at Westmoreland State Park or the beaches, see artisans at work and enjoy nature's bounty of fresh seafood, produce, and other culinary treasures. There's more to see and do in Westmoreland County.

VISITWESTMORELANDVA.ORG 804.493.8440



Belle Grove Plantation B&B, birthplace of President James Madison **KING GEORGE, VIRGINIA**

Walt in the Footsteps of Presidents

Visit the Northern Neck National Heritage Area to see the birthplaces of George Washington, James Madison and James Monroe, along with the historic sites of Stratford Hall, Historic Christ Church, and Menokin. Between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers, the Northern Neck

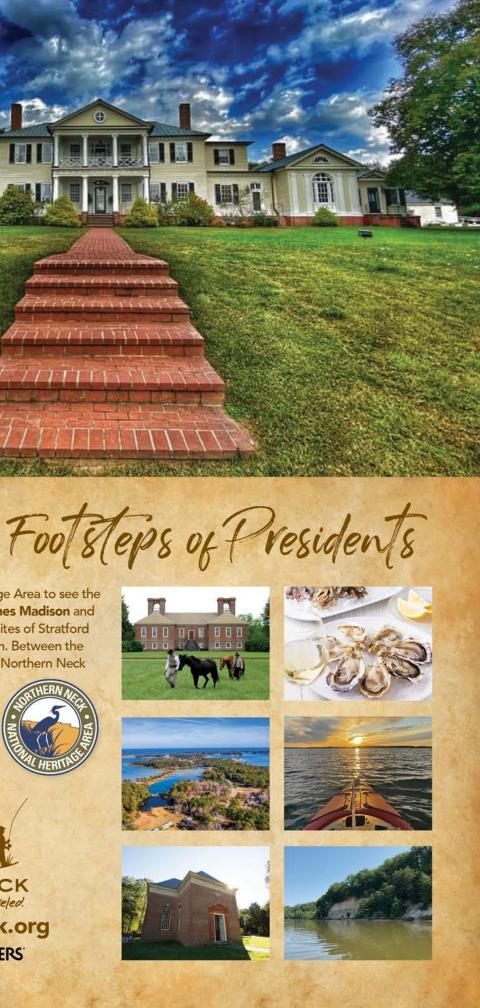
hosts state parks, natural areas, and the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge for hiking, paddling, or photography. Make it a weekend, or longer, at a bed & breakfast or country inn nestled in Kilmarnock, Irvington or Colonial Beach.





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Caledon State Park 11617 Caledon Rd., King George; 540-663-3861; virginiastateparks.gov/caledon \$**&&%**&

King George Museum Located at the Old Jail at the King George county courthouse, King George; 540-775-9477; kghistory.org Open Thursday and Saturday 10am-2pm or by appointment

LANCASTER COUNTY

Includes Morattico, Weem

THINGS TO DO

Belle Isle State Park 1632 Belle Isle Rd. Lancaster; 804-462-5030; virginiastateparks.gov/belleisle. \$ 🛲 🕊 🛓

Hickory Hollow Nature Preserve

VA 604 Lancaster: 804-225-2303: dcr.virginia.gov/ natural-heritage/natural-areapreserves/hickory. 254 acres of mixed pine hardwood forest, ravines, and Cabin Swamp.

Historic Christ Church &

Museum 420 Christ Church Rd Weems: 804-438-6855

christchurch1735.org. National Historic Landmark and one of America's finest Colonia churches. \$ 🛲 📽 告

Lancaster VA Historical Society- Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library

Gwynn's Island Museum 8346 Mary Ball Rd Old Ferry Rd Gwynn's Island Lancaster; 804-462-7280; Hudgins; 804-725-5022; lancastervahistory.org. gwynnsislandmuseum.org Lancaster County exhibits, Historic building, Cinmar historic district buildings, and B., artifacts, antiques, memorabilia, displays, exhibits, genealogy research center. gifts. 🛲 📽 📐

Cultural history of a working

Morattico general store. 🛲

Includes Hudains

Morattico Waterfront Museum Haven Beach Nature Preserve 6584 Morattico Rd Morattico. Haven Beach Rd Mathews: 804-462-7690; morattico.org.

804-725-4229; visitmathews. com. Nature preserve, kayak watermen's village in the 1901 launch, sandy beach, wildlife on the Chesapeake Bay.

THINGS TO DO

Preserve

Bethel Beach Natural Area

Bethel Beach Rd., Mathews;

804-725-4229: visitmathews

dunes, and salt marshes on

Chesapeake Bay. 🛲 🕊

com. Sandy beach, low

MATHEWS COUNTY **Historic Williams Wharf** 1039 Williams Wharf Rd Mathews: 804-725-9685 Mathews County Visitor & Information Center

mathewslandconservancy 239 Main St., Mathews; 804org. Historic steamboat wharf 725-4229: visitmathews.com Waterfront public access, Outdoor adventure guides, fishing pier, kayak landing pavilion, docks. 🛲 📽 🗄 maps, brochures, artisan gallery, and displays. 🛲 📽 🕁

Mathews Birding and Nature Trails

239 Main St Mathews 804-725-4229; visitmathews. com. Self-guided maps, nine locations, part of Virginia Birding Trails system.

Mathews Blueways Water

Trails 239 Main St Mathews 804-725-4229 visitmathews com, Self-guided maps, 9 miles of water trails in and around Mathews.

Mathews Maritime Foundation

Museum 482 Main St., Mathews; 805-725-4444: mathewsmaritime. com Artifacts and boats celebrating the waterman's history. 🛲 🕊

New Point Comfort Lighthouse New Point, Mathews; 804-725-4229: visitmathews.com. The third oldest lighthouse (1805) on the Chesapeake Bay,

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Includes Deltaville, Hartfield, Saluda, Urbanna Middlesex Economi Development & Tourism 877 General Puller Hwy.

Saluda; 804-654-1363; virginiasriverrealm.com Your coastal river getaway featuring friendly small towns boating fishing local seafood camping, history, and year round events. 🛲 🕊 🗄

Urbanna Museum & Visitors Center

140 Virginia St., Urbanna; 804-758-2613; urbannava.gov Historic 18th-century building Houses original John Mitchell map. 📽 😓

THINGS TO DO

Chesty Puller Park 777 General Puller Hwy., Saluda; 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum com Beautifully landscaped memorial for Lt. General Chesty Puller. Picnic area. 🛲 📽 占

Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park

287 Jackson Creek Rd. Deltaville: 804-776-7200: deltavillemuseum.com Museum, 34-acre park, picnic areas trails waterfront pier, kavak launch, pavilion/ banquet room rentals, Groovin' in the Park concert series, farmer's market, and other events. Open daily.

Historic Clerk's Office 877 General Puller Hwy Saluda; 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com Insightful hands-on exhibit exploring 300+ years of official county records. Local brochures & maps. 🛲 📽 😓

Lower United Methodist

Church 120 Lower Church Rd. Hartfield; 804-776-6250; lowerumc.com. Circa 1717 Colonial Hipped brick church Sunday services. Tours June-September

Middlesex County Museum & Historical Society Inc.

777 General Puller Hwv. Saluda; 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com 804-453-6529: rfmuseum In the heart of Saluda's org. Fishing industry exhibits, heritage vessels, 1875 house, Historic District you will find prehistoric, Native American, model trains. \$ 🛲 military, Civil War, and **RICHMOND COUNTY** 400+ years of local history. Featuring Lt General Chesty Includes Warsaw Puller and Irene Morgan, Maps and Genealogy. 🛲 📽 😓

Virginia Motor Speedway 4426 Tidewater Trl. Middlesex; 804-758-1867; vamotorspeedway.com. 1/2-mile semi-banked dirt oval raceway and pit mud bog. 🛲 🗄 🖍

MONTROSS

THINGS TO DO Northern Neck of Virginia **Historical Society Research**

Library 15825 Kings Hwy., Montross; 804-493-1862; nnvhs. org. Covering genealogy of Westmoreland Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, King George, and Stafford counties.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Includes Heathsville, Kilmarnock

THINGS TO DO

Bush Mill Stream Natural Area Preserve VA 642 until vou see the sign for Bush Mill Stream Heathsville; 804-225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Freshwater meets saltwater of the Great

Wicomico River, blue herons. **Dameron Marsh Natural Area**

Preserve Ball's Neck Rd., to Cloverdale Rd to Guarding Point In Kilmarnock; 804-225-2303; dcr. virginia.gov. Trail, boardwalk, wildlife viewing platform, parking, kayak/canoe launch site.

Hughlett Point Natural Area TOWN OF COLONIAL BEACH

Preserve

From VA 200 between VisitCBVA Colonial Beach Wicomico Church and Kilmarnock, take a right onto **Tourist Center** VA 606, right onto VA 605. Beach Terrace. Colonial Beach: Wicomico Church: 804-225-804-224-7181[•] visitchva.com 2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Parking, CBVA's sandy beach. located trails, a woodland boardwalk, on the shores of the Potomac wildlife viewing platforms, River, is the second largest in interpretive signs Virginia

Northern Neck Farm Museum

12705 Northumberland Hwy.,

Heathsville: 804-761-5952

thefarmmuseum org Tells

the story of Northern Neck

agriculture. Events, exhibits

Memorial Museum & Library

Northumberland County

Historical Society Ball

86 Back St., Heathsville;

THINGS TO DO

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4037 Menokin Rd., Warsaw;

org. Waterfront property of

Declaration of Independence

Rappahannock River National

804-333-1776; menokin.

signer Francis Lightfoot

Wildlife Refuge 336 Wilna Rd., Warsaw;

Menokin

Lee. 🛲📽

504 Main St., Reedville;

Reedville Fishermen's Museum

equipment. \$

804-580-8581

THINGS TO DO

James Monroe Birthplace and Park 4460 James Monroe Hwy. Colonial Beach; 804-214-9145; monroefoundation.org Birthplace of the 5th US president. Open weekends Memorial Day to Labor

Museum at Colonial Beach

Day. 🛲 📽

northumberlandvahistory.org. 128 Hawthorne St., Colonial Extensive genealogical library Beach; 804-224-3379; and programs in Heathsville's museumatcolonialbeach Historic District. com History of 19th-century bathing and fishing resort on REEDVILLE Potomac River.

WEST POINT/KING WILLIAM COUNTY

Includes Aylett, Manaquin

West Point Chamber of Commerce 3560 King William Avenue West Point; 804-843-4620; westpointvachamber.com. A waterfront town with historic homes and charming Main Street.

THINGS TO DO

Acquinton Church

5703 Acquinton Church Rd., King William; 804-769-9619; kingwilliamhistory.org/ acquinton-church-renovation Historic Acquinton Church in King William dates back to 1755

Aylett Boat Ramp and Kayak/ Canoe Launch

804-333-1470; fws.gov/refuge/ 11275 West River Rd., Aylett; rappahannock_river_valley. 804-367-1000; dwr.virginia. gov Aylett Boat Ramp and **Richmond County Museum** Kavak/Canoe Launch on the 5874 Richmond Rd Mattaponi River. 📽

Glass Island Boat Landing. Fishing Pier, and Kayak Launch Glass Island Rd., West Point: 804-843-3330; west-point.va.us. Fishing pier, boat landing, and kavak launch in West Point é.

Historical Society of West

ecmhs.org. Rappahannock 709 Main St. West Point: 804-Indians, Colonial and Civil 506-3134; hswpva.org. Discover the history of the waterfront War eras, African American experience. Town of Ŵest Point. 🛲

King William Administration and Visitor Center 180 Horse Landing Rd., King William; 804-769-4952; kwc gov. King William County

max-silver-courtyard. Three outdoor exhibits highlight the history of Tappahannock and the park hosts living Visitor Center. history, outdoor programs, and children's events.

Warsaw: 804-333-3607: richmondcountymuseum org. 1872 jail gallery, Colonial courthouse, country store, Rappahannock Tribe, gifts

TAPPAHANNOCK

Historical Society

218 Water In In

Essex County Museum and

Tappahannock historic district.

Tappahannock; 804-443-4690;

Max Silver Memorial Courtvard

Tappahannock, ecmhs.org/

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY THINGS TO DO

Historic Chelsea 874 Chelsea Plantation Rd West Point; 804-683-4323; historicchelsea.com. Historic 1709 manor house situated on the Mattaponi River. 🛲

King William Historical Museum

King William County Historical

King William; 804-769-9619;

museum. Discover the history

Museum 227 Horse Landing Rd

kingwilliamhistory.org/

of King William County.

King William County

330 King William Park Rd..

Central Garage; 804-769-4981;

kingwilliamva.myrec.com/info/

default.aspx. Recreation Park

and picnic facilities located in Central Garage, Virginia.

Recreational Park

Virginia. 🛲

227 Courthouse Ln., King William; 804-769-9619; kingwilliamcounty.us. History of King William Open weekends and by appointment. 🛲

Pamunkev Indian Museum & Cultural Center

175 Lay Landing Rd., King William; 804-843-4792; pamunkey.org/museumcultural-center Pamunkey Indian Museum and Cultural Center - Pamunkey Indian Reservation.

Riverwalk Park

1000 Chelsea Rd., West Point; 804-843-3330; west-point.va.us. Park with picnic facilities, river and creek views and access **~***

Sandy Point State Forest

Route 641, King William; 804-492-4121; dof.virginia.gov/ education-and-recreation/ state-forests/virginia-st. 2,074acre state forest with nature trails and water access. 🛲 🕊

Seven Springs

6831 Dabneys Mill Rd., Manquin: 804-840-4694 sevenspringsva.com. 1732 Manor House and historic farm located in Manquin, Virginia.

St. John's Episcopal Church

103 St. John's Church Ln., King William: 804-769-4560: stjohnswp.org/oldstjohns. Guided tours available by appointment. Event venue. 🛲 📽

West Point 5th Street Beach 5th St., West Point; 804-843-

3330; west-point.va.us. Beach and kayak/canoe launch located on the Mattaponi River. 📽

West Point Beach Park

1st St., West Point: 804-843 3330 Historic beach on the York River in downtown West Point. 📽

West Point Creek Kayak Launch

1302 Lee St., West Point; 804-843-3330; west-point.va.us. West Point Creek kavak rental launch, and riverwalk trail. 📽

West Point Town Hall & Visitor Center

802 Main St. West Point 804-843-3330; west-point.va.us. Historic West Point Town Hall and Visitor Center.

Zoar State Forest

4445 Upshaw Rd., Avlett: 804-492-4121; dof.virginia.gov/ education-and-recreation/ state-forests/virginia-st 378-acre state forest with nature trails and water access. 🛲🕊

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Includes Kinsale, Montross, Oak Grove, Stratford

Westmoreland County Museum and Visitor Center

43 Court Sq., Montross; 804-493-8440; visitwestmorelandva com. View the Charles Willson Peale 1768 portrait of Sir William Pitt, artifacts, displays and programs related to county history and a research library. 🛲 🗳

THINGS TO DO

A. T. Johnson Museum African American Education & Culture 18849 King's Hwy., Montross: 804-493-7070; northernneck. org. One of the first African American high schools in area Historical artifacts and memorabilia. 🛲

George Washington Birthplace National Monument

1732 Popes Creek Rd., Oak Grove: 804-224-1732: nps.gov/ gewa. Birth site, Memorial House, Colonial kitchen. hiking and farm

Kinsale Foundation and Museum

449 Kinsale Rd Kinsale 804 472-3001; kinsalefoundation. org. Oldest customs port. Steamboat-era museum. 🛲📽 🗄

Stratford Hall Historic Preserve 483 Great House Rd., Stratford 804-493-8038: stratfordhall. org. Self-guided audio tours nature trails, fossil hunting lodging, gift shop. \$ 🛲 🗳

Voorhees Nature Preserve

Rt 634 nark at Westmoreland Berry Farm, Oak Grove; 804-224-9171; westmorelandberrvfarm.com Home to the bald eagle, four miles of trails, scenic views.

Westmoreland State Park

145 Cliff Rd., Montross: 804 493-8821; virginiastateparks. gov/westmoreland. \$**~~****5