

CHESAPEAKE BAY

Welcome to the Chesapeake Bay region, where quaint waterfront communities are steeped in rich history, from the Virginia Indian tribes to the watermen who carry on maritime culture and traditions. Food enthusiasts will love the abundance of seafood here, especially the local oysters.



COLONIAL BEACH LOVEWORK
Colonial Beach



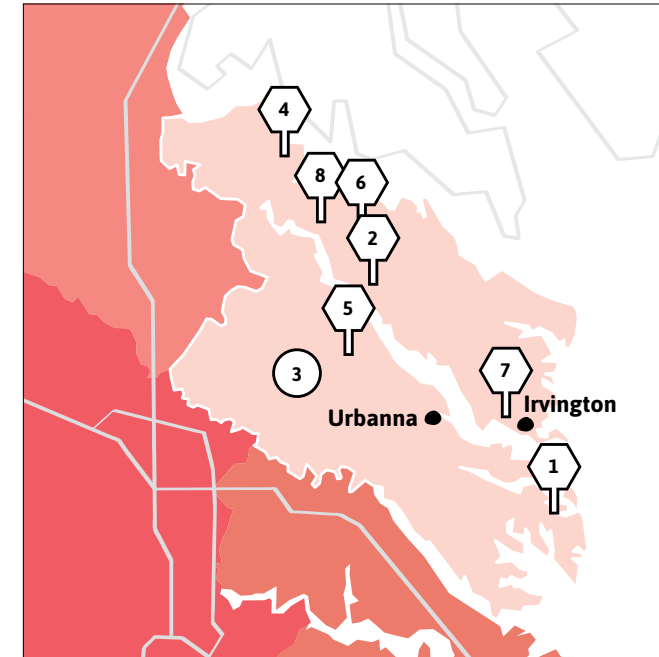
MERROIR
Topping



REEDVILLE FISHERMAN'S MUSEUM
Reedville



KILMARNOCK
Kilmarnock



unexpected experiences

- 1. Hatchery Tour at Oyster Seed Holdings • Gwynn Island**
Experience Chesapeake Bay's oyster farming history with a hatchery tour and tasting paired with local wine. *Seasonal*
- 2. Revolutionary Women of Menokin Tour • Warsaw**
Learn how free and enslaved women helped make the American Revolution a success and fought for their representation.

follow this trail

- 3. Northern Neck Hidden History Trail • Throughout Region**
Uncover the lesser-known stories and heritage of the Tidewater's Black, Indigenous, and European peoples.

pit stop destination

- 4. Colonial Beach LOVEworks • Colonial Beach**
This waterfront town is a mini LOVEwork destination, with a handful of giant LOVE signs you can't miss, including one on their beach boardwalk and one at the Dockside Tiki Bar.
- 5. NN Burger • Tappahannock**
Sink your teeth into what's been deemed Virginia's best burger. Pair it with one of their famously decadent "Freakshakes" for the ultimate cheat meal.

for the first time traveler

- 6. Stratford Hall Historic Preserve • Stratford Hall**
This stunningly-preserved estate highlights the prominent Lee family, whose members were important in the founding of our nation, including two signers of the Declaration of Independence (Francis Lightfoot Lee and Richard Henry Lee) and Hannah Lee Corbin, one of the country's earliest advocates for women's rights.

for families

- 7. Compass Entertainment Complex • Irvington**
This one-stop shop for family entertainment includes a movie theater, indoor arcade, ropes course, climbing wall, outdoor mini golf, go-carts, batings cafe, restaurant, and more!
- 8. Westmoreland State Park • Montross**
Pack your tent for a weekend getaway of hiking, fishing, and hunting for ancient shark teeth along the Potomac River.



TIDES INN
Irvington

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CAMP CARDINAL RV RESORT
Hayes

Northern Neck Tourism Commission
457 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; northernneck.org. Designated National Heritage Area with presidential birth sites and waterfront recreation.

THINGS TO DO

Northern Neck Heritage Bicycling Route
457 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; <https://www.nps.gov/pohe/planyourvisit/maps.htm>. Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail's Northern Neck segment. Map available.

Northern Neck Watertrails
457 Main St., Warsaw; 804-333-1919; virginiawatertrails.org. Watertrails 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 COMMUNITY
Includes Gloucester Point, 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; whitleyspeanut.com/locations. 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 cemetery.

Beaverdam Park
8687 Roaring Springs Rd., Gloucester; 804-693-2107; gloucesterva.gov/pr. Hiking trails, boating, and fishing.

Fine Arts Museum of Gloucester
6894 Main St., Gloucester; 804-280-1187; fineartsmuseumofgloucester.org. Museum open Tuesday-Friday from 10am-5pm. The 9th edition of the Gloucester Arts Festival kicks off on June 6, 2025!

Gloucester Blueways Watertrails
6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; visitgloucesterva.info. Self-guided maps, water trails suited for kayaks in Gloucester.

Gloucester Museum of History
6539 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-1234; gloucesterva.info. Static and changing exhibits of early Gloucester and its people.

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

Gloucester Point Beach Park
1255 Greate Rd., Gloucester Point; 804-693-2355; visitgloucesterva.info/pr. Sandy beach, picnic tables, grills, and fishing pier.

Historic Courthouse Circle
6504 Main St., Gloucester; 804-693-3215; visitgloucesterva.org. Virginia's oldest courthouse circle, 1832 debtor's prison, 1870 jail, 1896 clerk's office, and more.

Machicomoco State Park
3601 Timberneck Farm Rd., Hayes; 804-642-2419; virginiastateparks.gov/machicomoco.

The Point Walk
1255 Greate Rd., Gloucester Point; 804-693-2355; visitgloucesterva.info/pr. Interpreted walk along York River explains area's history, ecology, significance.

Rosewell Ruins
5113 Old Rosewell Ln., Gloucester; 804-693-2585; rosewell.org. Preserved ruins of one of Colonial America's grandest mansions.

Tyndall's Point
1376 Vernon St., Gloucester; 804-693-2355; gloucesterva.info/facilities/facility/details/tyndalls-point-park-10. Historic site open daily.

Walter Reed's Birthplace
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 Clayton Memorial Hwy., Gloucester; 804-693-3821; warechurch.org. Historic early 18th-century church and cemetery.

Woodville Park
3904 Woodville Park Rd., Hayes; 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 Pl., Heathsville; 804-580-3377; rhhfoundationinc.org. 18th-century 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; steamboatermuseum.org. Original "Potomac" pilothouse installation, dioramas, artifacts, models, paintings, and photos.

KILMARNOCK

Town of Kilmarnock
1 North Main St., Kilmarnock; 804-435-1552; virginiasriverrealm.com; kilmarnockva.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.

Discover what's ON TAPP



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www.visitwestpointkingwilliam.com

Walk 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.




VIRGINIA'S NORTHERN NECK
Experience the road less traveled.
www.northernneck.org
VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS



RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER PADDLING
Topping

KING GEORGE COUNTY

King George County Citizens Center

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

THINGS TO DO

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. 🚗

King George Native American Heritage Trail

10459 Courthouse Dr., Suite 200, King George; 540-775-9181; visitkinggeorge.com. Hands-on experience to visualize King George history through the perspective of Native American tribes.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Includes Gwynn, Lancaster, Mathews, Morattico, Weems

THINGS TO DO

Belle Isle State Park

1632 Belle Isle Rd., Lancaster; 804-462-5030; virginiastateparks.gov/belle-isle. \$ 🚗🐾🇺🇸

Hickory Hollow Nature Preserve

VA 604, Lancaster; 804-225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/natural-area-preserves/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 Colonial churches. \$ 🚗🐾🇺🇸

Lancaster VA Historical Society- Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library

8346 Mary Ball Rd., Lancaster; 804-462-7280; lancastervahistory.org. Lancaster County exhibits, historic district buildings, and genealogy research center. \$ 🚗

Morattico Waterfront Museum
6584 Morattico Rd., Morattico; 804-462-7690; morattico.org. Cultural history of a working watermen's village in the 1901 Morattico general store. 🚗

MATHEWS COUNTY

Mathews County Visitor & Information Center

239 Main St., Mathews; 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Outdoor adventure guides, maps, brochures, artisan gallery, & displays. 🚗🐾

THINGS TO DO

Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve

Bethel Beach Rd., Mathews; 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Sandy beach, low dunes, and salt marshes on Chesapeake Bay. 🚗🐾

Gwynn's Island Museum

1775 Old Ferry Rd., Gwynn; 804-725-5022; gwynnsislandmuseum.org. Historic building, Cinmar B., artifacts, antiques, memorabilia, displays, exhibits, and gifts. 🚗🐾🇺🇸

Haven Beach Nature Preserve

Haven Beach Rd., Mathews; 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Nature preserve, kayak launch, sandy beach, wildlife on the Chesapeake Bay. 🚗🐾

Historic Williams Wharf

1039 Williams Wharf Rd., Mathews; 804-725-9685; mathewslandconservancy.org. Historic steamboat wharf. Waterfront public access, fishing pier, kayak landing, pavilion, and docks. 🚗🐾🇺🇸

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, nine miles of watertrails 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

Rt. 14 to Rt. 600, Mathews; 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. The third oldest lighthouse (1805) on the Chesapeake Bay. 🚗🐾

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, kayak launch. \$ 🚗🐾🇺🇸

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Includes Deltaville, Hartfield, Saluda, Urbanna

Middlesex Economic Development & Tourism

877 General Puller Hwy., Saluda; 804-654-1363; virginiariverrealm.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. 🚗🐾🇺🇸

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, kayak launch. \$ 🚗🐾🇺🇸

Historic Clerk's Office

877 General Puller Hwy., Saluda; 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com. Hands-on exhibit exploring 300+ years of official county records. 🚗🐾🇺🇸

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 Hwy., Saluda; 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com. Prehistoric, Native American, military, Civil War and 400+ years of local history. 🚗🐾🇺🇸

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

THINGS TO DO

Bush Mill Stream Natural Area Preserve

VA 642 until you 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 Ln., Kilmarnock; 804-225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Trail, boardwalk, wildlife viewing platform, parking, kayak/canoe launch site.

Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve

From VA 200 between Wicomico Church and Kilmarnock, take a right onto VA 606, right onto VA 605., Wicomico Church; 804-225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Parking, trails, a woodland boardwalk, wildlife viewing platforms, interpretive signs.

Northern Neck Farm Museum

12705 Northumberland Hwy., Heathsville; 804-761-5952; thefarmmuseum.org. Tells the story of Northern Neck agriculture. Events, exhibits, and equipment. \$ 🚗

Northumberland County Historical Society Ball Memorial Museum & Library

86 Back St., Heathsville; 804-580-8581; northumberlandvahistory.org. Extensive genealogical library and programs in Heathsville's Historic District. 🚗

REEDVILLE

THINGS TO DO

Reedville Fishermen's Museum

504 Main St., Reedville; 804-453-6529; rfmuseum.org. Fishing industry exhibits, heritage vessels, 1875 house, model trains. \$ 🚗

RICHMOND COUNTY

Includes Warsaw

THINGS TO DO

Menokin

4037 Menokin Rd., Warsaw; 804-333-1776; menokin.org. Waterfront property of Declaration of Independence signer Francis Lightfoot Lee. 🚗🐾

Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge

336 Wilna Rd., Warsaw; 804-333-1470; fws.gov/refuge/rappahannock_river_valley. 🚗

Richmond County Museum

5874 Richmond Rd., Warsaw; 804-333-3607; richmondcountymuseum.org. 1872 jail gallery, Colonial courthouse, country store, Rappahannock Tribe, and gifts. 🚗

TAPPAHANNOCK

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

THINGS TO DO

Essex County Museum and Historical Society

218 Water Ln., In Tappahannock historic district, Tappahannock; 804-443-4690; ecmhs.org. Rappahannock Indians, Colonial and Civil War eras, African American experience. 🚗

TOWN OF COLONIAL BEACH

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

VisitCBVA Colonial Beach Tourist Center

Beach Terrace, Colonial Beach; 804-224-7181; visitcbva.com. CBVA's sandy beach, located on the shores of the Potomac River, is the second largest in Virginia.

THINGS TO DO

Museum at Colonial Beach

128 Hawthorne St., Colonial Beach; 804-224-3379; museumatcolonialbeach.com. History of 19th-century bathing and fishing resort on Potomac River. 🚗

WEST POINT/KING WILLIAM COUNTY

Includes Aylett, Manquin

King William Administration and Visitor Center

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

West Point Chamber of Commerce

3560 King William Ave., 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

11275 West River Rd., Aylett; 804-367-1000; dwr.virginia.gov. Aylett Boat Ramp and Kayak/Canoe Launch on the Mattaponi River. 🐾

Glass Island Boat Landing, Fishing Pier, and Kayak Launch

Glass Island Rd., West Point; 804-843-3330; west-point.va.us/pages/visitors/visitors.php#see. Fishing pier, boat landing, and kayak launch in West Point. 🚗🐾

Historic Chelsea

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

Historical Society of West Point

709 Main St., West Point; 804-506-3134; hswpva.org. Discover the history of the waterfront Town of West Point. 🚗

King William County Historical Museum

227 Horse Landing Rd., King William; 804-769-9619; kingwilliamhistory.org/museum. Discover the history of King William County, Virginia. 🚗

Pamunkey Indian Museum & Cultural Center

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

Sandy Point State Forest

Route 641, King William; 804-492-4121; dof.virginia.gov/education-and-recreation/state-forests/virginia-st.2074-acre 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. 🚗



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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/pages/visitors/visitors.php#see. 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/pages/visitors/visitors.php#see. West Point Creek kayak launch and riverwalk trail. 🐾

West Point Town Hall & Visitor Center

802 Main St., West Point; 804-843-3330; west-point.va.us. We're a little bit coastal, a little bit country, and a whole lot of charm. 🚗

Zoar State Forest

4445 Upshaw Rd., Aylett; 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 Colonial Beach, Kinsale, Montross, Oak Grove, Stratford

Westmoreland County Museum and Visitor Center

15803 Kings Hwy., Montross; 804-493-8440; westmorelandcountymuseum.org. View the Charles Willson Peale 1768 portrait of William Pitt, artifacts, displays, and programs related to county history and access the genealogical research library. 🚗🐾

THINGS TO DO

A. T. Johnson Museum African American Education & Culture

18849 King's Hwy., Montross; 804-493-7070; atjohnsonmuseum.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. 🚗

James Monroe Birthplace and Park

4460 James Monroe Hwy., Colonial Beach; 804-214-9145; monroefoundation.org. Birthplace of the fifth U.S. president. Open weekends Memorial Day to Labor Day. 🚗🐾

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

Bristol Mine Rd., Oak Grove; 434-295-6106; nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/voe. Home to the bald eagle, four miles of trails, scenic views.

Westmoreland State Park

145 Cliff Rd., Montross; 804-493-8821; virginiastateparks.gov/westmoreland. \$ 🚗🐾🇺🇸

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