

CHESAPEAKE BAY

The Tides Inn—Irvington



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 “rivah life” wouldn't be complete without a feast of fresh local seafood paired with award-winning regional wine.

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FAT 'N HAPPY OYSTER COMPANY (HEATHSVILLE); SARAH HAUSER / LOVEWORK (COLONIAL BEACH); CHRIS MUIZZER

SIP

Wine lovers visiting the region can't miss the **Chesapeake Bay Wine Trail**. With seven premiere wineries, you'll sample award-winning varietals, learn pairing tips and tour winemaking facilities. Bring a picnic to make it a picture-perfect day! Or perhaps you're more of a beer drinker, in which case, stop in for a cold one at **Old Rappahannock Brewing Company** in Warsaw, opened in late 2019. Locally sourced ingredients, a large tap room and outdoor beer garden are just the beginning of your brewery adventures.

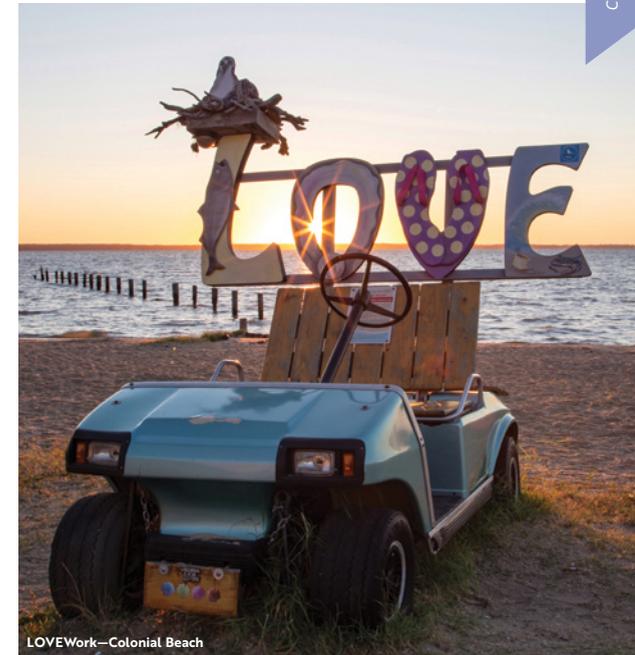
CRUISE

Virginia's River Realm is full of opportunities on the water. If you're bringing your own boat to shore, dock at the local marinas, such as **Deltaville Yachting Center**, and explore the quaint downtowns. For those seeking a learning experience, take a class at one of the many local sailing schools, such as **Norton Yachts, Stingray Point, Fishing Bay, Christchurch** or **Premier**. Grab your paddleboard or canoe to explore eight beautiful **Virginia Water Trails and Blueways** or enjoy a sunset from your kayak on the Potomac River from **Stratford Hall**.

SLURP

Oyster lovers have a multitude of unique experiences to enjoy, such as events like the **Urbanna Oyster Festival**, where guests can see the industry in practice, as well as try all of the different ways to eat their beloved bivalves. Join the **Virginia Oyster Academy**, where you'll learn about Virginia's oyster history, ecology and tools of the harvest before heading out on the water with a traditional waterman for a one-hour harvest excursion. **Waterman Tours** offer a unique look at the history and traditions of their hard work, and give families an authentic look of the working watermen's culture.

Fat 'N Happy Oyster Company—Heathsville



LOVEWork—Colonial Beach

SPLASH

Take a dip at **Colonial Beach**, the second largest sandy beachfront in the state. Whether you love to swim, water ski, jet ski, kayak or canoe, there's room for everyone. (When you're worn out from the water, stroll the Boardwalk for even more fun!) **Westmoreland State Park**, one of six original parks in the state, has one-and-a-half miles of water frontage along the Potomac River, and **Horsehead Cliffs** offers a scenic walk while scouring the sands for fossilized shark's teeth. Don't forget to stop in at **Kilmarnock's Town Centre Park**, open daily from dawn to dusk with seasonal events in their open air amphitheater, “Water Works” splash pad, playground, farmers market and **Scottie Yard dog park**.

UNWIND

Rest your head at a wide range of accommodations, from the historic **Tides Inn** in Irvington or an adorable B&B such as **Belle Grove Plantation, Kilmarnock Inn** or the stylish **Hope & Glory Inn**. If you're traveling with your RV or appreciate a more rustic stay, try **Bethpage Camp-Resort**, known as the Best RV Resort in the Nation and voted National Park of the Year for the third time by the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds; kids of all ages will love the water park, mini golf course and aqua jump! Finally, in Topping, head to the family-owned **Merroir** to enjoy oysters with world-famous wines and crisp ciders sure to delight your tastebuds.



HEATHSVILLE

Bush Mill Stream Natural Area
VA 642, 804-225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Freshwater meets saltwater of the Great Wicomico River, blue herons.

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

Northumberland County Historical Society Ball Memorial Museum & Library
86 Back St., 804-580-8581; northumberlandvahistory.org. Extensive genealogical library and programs in Heathsville's Historic District.

Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern
73 Monument Pl., 804-580-3377; rhhtfoundationinc.org. 18th-century tavern, heritage arts center & guilds. Farmers market.

INDIAN NECK

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

IRVINGTON

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

JAMAICA

Virginia Motor Speedway
4426 Tidewater Trl., 804-758-1867; vamoratorspeedway.com. 1/2-mile semi-banked dirt oval raceway and pit mud bog.

KILMARNOCK

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

Kilmarnock Museum

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

KING GEORGE

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

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Westmoreland County

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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 pick fruit at the Berry Farm. There's more to see and do in Westmoreland County.

VISITWESTMORELANDVA.ORG
804.493.8440

COLONIAL BEACH

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

Colonial Beach Boardwalk
Beach Terrace, 804-224-7181; visitcbva.com. On the shores of the Potomac River. Stunning views, water sports, food, entertainment.

Colonial Beach Municipal Fishing Pier
Beach Terrace, 804-224-7181; colonialbeachva.net. Fishing pier extending over the Potomac River. Open daily.

James Monroe Birthplace Site
4460 James Monroe Hwy., 804-214-9145; monroefoundation.org. Birthplace of the 5th U.S. president. Open weekends Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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

DAHLGREN

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

DELTAVILLE

Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park
287 Jackson Creek Rd., 804-776-7200; deltavillemuseum.com. Museum, 34-acre park, picnic areas, trails, waterfront, pier, kayak launch, pavilion/banquet room rentals and year-round events center. Open daily.

GLOUCESTER

Gloucester Visitor Center
6504 Main St., 804-693-0014; visitgloucesterva.org. Visit the clerk's office, now the visitor center, for maps, area brochures and information. Revolutionary War and Native American exhibits.

Beaverdam Park
8687 Roaring Springs Rd., 804-693-2107; visitgloucesterva.info/pr. Fishing, interpreted hiking trails, biking, horseback riding, boat rentals.

Gloucester Blueways Watertrails

6504 Main St., 804-693-0014; visitgloucesterva.info. Self-guided maps, water trails suited for kayaks in Gloucester.

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

Gloucester Nature and Birding Trail
6504 Main St., 804-824-2476; visitgloucesterva.info/pr. Self-guided maps, eight sites, part of Virginia birding trails system.

Historic Courthouse Circle
6504 Main St., 804-693-0014; visitgloucesterva.org. Virginia's oldest courthouse circle, 1832 debtor's prison, 1870 jail, 1896 clerk's office and more.

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

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

GLOUCESTER POINT

Whitley's Peanut Factory
1977 George Washington Memorial Hwy., 804-642-1975; whitleyspeanut.com. Certified Visitor's Center, retail store selling peanut products and souvenirs.

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

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

HARTFIELD

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

HAYES

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

Float through History

Discover the creeks, rivers, and bays that have shaped life and culture in the Northern Neck over hundreds of years. Rent a kayak at historic Menokin, sail aboard an authentic skipjack at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, take a waterman's tour around steamboat landings and waterfront villages, or create your own adventures along our miles of waterways and heritage trails. Start exploring at www.northernneck.org.

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Urbanna LOVework



Rappahannock Oyster Company—Topping

Barnesfield Park
3360 Barnesfield Rd., 540-775-4386; kinggeorgecountyyva.gov
Ball-fields, trails, picnic shelters, and playground.

Caledon State Park
11617 Caledon Rd., 800-933-7275; virginiaastateparks.gov.

Cedell Brooks Jr. Park
11259 Henry Griffin Rd., 540-775-4386; kinggeorgecountyyva.gov
Home to the Central Rappahannock Native Plant Gardens. Trails, ball-fields and a playground.

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

Sealston Sports Complex
11050 Fletchers Chapel Rd., 540-775-4386; kinggeorgecountyyva.gov
Ball-fields, picnic shelter.

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

Pamunkey Indian Reservation and Museum
175 Lay Landing Rd., 804-843-4792; pamunkey.net.
Open daily except Mondays. Confirm by calling.

St. John's Church
103 St. John's Church Ln., 804-769-4560; stjohnewp.org/oldstjohns.
Guided tours available by appointment. Call for tours. Musical programs.

KINSALE
Kinsale Foundation and Museum
449 Kinsale Rd., 804-472-3001; kinsalefoundation.org. Oldest customs port. Steamboat-era museum.

LANCASTER
Belle Isle State Park
1632 Belle Isle Rd., 800-933-7275; virginiaastateparks.gov.

Hickory Hollow Nature Preserve
VA 604 in Lancaster, Regina Rd., 804-720-4295; dcr.virginia.gov. 254 acres of mixed pine-hardwood forest, ravines and Cabin Swamp form an important habitat for migratory songbirds, wild turkey and a rare plant.

Lancaster VA Historical Society- Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library
8346 Mary Ball Rd., 804-462-7280; mbwm.org.
Lancaster County exhibits, historic district buildings and genealogy research center.

MATHEWS
Mathews County Visitor & Information Center
239 Main St., 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Outdoor adventure guides, maps, brochures, aquarium, artisan gallery & displays.

Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve
Bethel Beach Rd., 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Sandy beach, low dunes and salt marshes on Chesapeake Bay.

Gwynn's Island Museum
Old Ferry Rd., Gwynn's Island, 804-725-5022; gwynnsislandmuseum.org. Historic building, Colonial artifacts, antiques, memorabilia, displays and exhibits.

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

Historic Williams Wharf
Williams Wharf Rd., 804-725-9685; mathewstandconservancy.org.
Historic steamboat wharf. Steamboat museum located in the B. Williams store.

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

Mathews Blueways Watertrails
239 Main St., 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Self-guided maps, 100 miles of water trails in and around Mathews.

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

New Point Comfort Lighthouse
New Point, 804-725-4229; visitmathews.com. Constructed in 1805, third oldest lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay.

Tompkins Cottage/Mathews Historical Society
Brickbat Rd., 804-725-4229; mathewscounthistoricalsociety.org. Built in 1815, the oldest wooden structure in historic district.

MONTROSS
Westmoreland County Museum and Visitor Center
43 Court Sq., 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.

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

Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society Research Library
15825 Kings Hwy., 804-493-1862; nnvhs.org. Covering genealogy of Westmoreland, Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, King George and Stafford counties.

Westmoreland State Park
145 Cliff Rd., 800-933-7275; virginiaastateparks.gov.

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

OAK GROVE
George Washington Birthplace National Monument
1732 Popes Creek Rd., 804-224-1732; nps.gov/gewa.
Birth site, Memorial House, Colonial kitchen, farm, tours & programs.

Voorhees Nature Preserve
Rt. 634, park at Westmoreland Berry Farm, 804-224-9171; westmorelandberryfarm.com.
Home to the bald eagle, four miles of trails, scenic views.

Westmoreland Berry Farm
1235 Berry Farm Ln., 804-224-9171; westmorelandberryfarm.com.
Berries, peaches, asparagus & pumpkins, cafe, country store & hiking.

REEDVILLE
Reedville Fishermen's Museum
504 Main St., 804-453-6529; rfmuseum.org. Includes fishing industry exhibits, heritage vessels, 1875 house, model trains.

SALUDA
Middlesex County Visitor Center
795 General Puller Hwy., 804-758-3663. Local brochures, maps and pamphlets. Interesting displays. Helpful staff.

Middlesex Economic Development & Tourism
877 General Puller Hwy., 804-654-1363; virginiasriverrealm.com. Life on the river with friendly small towns, boating, fishing, local seafood, camping, history and year-round events.

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

Historic Clerk's Office
877 General Puller Hwy., 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com.
Insightful hands-on exhibit exploring 300+ years of official county records.

Middlesex County Museum & Historical Society, Inc
777 General Puller Hwy., 804-758-3663; middlesexmuseum.com.
Prehistoric, Native American, military Civil War and 400+ years of local history collections. Featuring Lt. General Chesty Puller and Irene Morgan. Maps and Genealogy.

STRATFORD
Stratford Hall
483 Great House Rd., 804-493-8038; stratfordhall.org.
Docent-led and audio tours, nature trails, fossil hunting, kayaking, lodging.

TAPPAHANNOCK
Essex County Museum and Historical Society
218 Water Ln., 804-443-4690; ecmhs.org. Rappahannock Indians, Colonial and Confederate eras, African-Americans and Rappahannock River steamboats.

URBANNA
Urbanna Museum & Visitors Center
140 Virginia St., 804-758-2613; urbannava.gov. Historic 18th-century building. Houses original John Mitchell map.

WARSAW
Northern Neck Tourism Commission
457 Main St., 804-333-1919; northernneck.org. Historic sites, waterfront recreation, oysters, craft beverages and relaxation!

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

Northern Neck Heritage Trail Bicycling Route
457 Main St., 804-333-1919; nps.gov/pohe/planyourvisit/maps.htm. Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail's Northern Neck segment. Maps available.

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

Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge
336 Wilna Rd., 804-333-1470; fws.gov/refuge/rappahannock_river_valley.
Wildlife viewing and photography, fishing, boating, walking, environmental education, nature.

Richmond County Museum
5874 Richmond Rd., 804-333-3607; co.richmond.va.us/visitors/richmond-county-museum. 1872 jail gallery, Colonial courthouse, country store, Rappahannock tribe, gift shop.

WEEMS
Historic Christ Church & Museum
420 Christ Church Rd., 804-438-6855; christchurch1735.org. National Historic Landmark and one of America's finest Colonial churches.

WEST POINT
West Point Chamber of Commerce
621 Main St., 804-843-4620; westpointvachamber.com.
Information on waterfront town with collection of Victorian homes.

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

WICOMICO CHURCH
Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve
VA 200 toward Burgess, right onto VA 606, right onto VA 605, 804-225-2303; dcr.virginia.gov. Parking, trails, a woodland boardwalk, wildlife viewing platforms, interpretive signs.