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.

**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.

**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 waterfront 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.
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HEATHVILLE
Bush Hill Stream Farm Natural Area
VisitVA.ORG 804.425.2727

Bush Hill Stream Farm is a historic farm that demonstrates the lifestyle of a farmer and his family in a typical 18th-century corn planter's house. The farm includes a working garden, livestock, and orchard. Bush Hill Stream Farm is open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information, visit buhhillstreamfarmva.org.

Northern Neck Farm Museum
2705 Northumberland Hwy., 804.701.5752

Northern Neck Farm Museum is a working farm that provides a glimpse into the agricultural practices of the 18th century. The museum includes a historic barn, a museum building, and an outdoor area that features a garden, a orchard, and a stream. Northern Neck Farm Museum is open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information, visit northernneckfarmmuseum.org.

Indian Neck
Rappahannock Tidal Channel Center
120 Indian Neck Rd., 804.701.0200

Rappahannock Tidal Channel Center is a nature center that offers educational programs and exhibits about the tidal channel of the Rappahannock River. The center is located on the shore of the Rappahannock River. For more information, visit rappahannocktidalchannelcenter.org.

Great House Tour
Great House Tours are available at Stratford Hall, a historic 18th-century plantation house. The tours include a guided tour of the house and its grounds, and visitors can experience life in the 18th century. Stratford Hall is located at 483 Great House Road, Stratford, VA 22558. For more information, visit stratfordhall.org.
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