Local Interests and Activities

Visitor Information Center
2100 Parks Ave
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
Visitor Information: 1.800.822.3224
Phone: 757.437.4919  Fax: 757.437.4918
www.vbgov.com/dept/cvd/vic.asp
EMail: vabvc@vbgov.com

Virginia Marine Science Museum –
An expanded museum that features a 300,000-gallon tank with sharks, barracuda, and other aquatic species.
Activities: group tours/walking tour
717 General Booth Blvd.
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451
United States
Tel: 757-437-4949
http://www.vmsm.com

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge –
Activities: hiking, birdwatching
4005 Sandpiper Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456
United States  Tel: 757-721-2412
www.backbay.fws.gov/

Chrysler Museum of Art
245 West Olney Road
Norfolk, VA 23507
(757) 664-6200
www.chrysler.org

Admissions Fee
The New York Times described the Chrysler collection as "one any museum in the world would kill for." Comprising over 30,000 objects the collection spans over 5000 years of world history. American and European paintings and sculpture from the middle ages to the present day form the core of the collection. (In our impressionist gallery alone, visitors can admire works by Monet, Degas, Renoir, Gauguin, Rodin, and Cezanne). The Museum also houses one of the world's great collections of glass (including outstanding works by Louis Comfort Tiffany), distinguished holdings in the decorative arts, and a fine and growing collection of photography. The arts of the ancient world, Asia, Africa, and Pre-Colombian America are also well represented. Open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday. 1-5 pm on Sunday.
**Contemporary Art Center of Virginia**  
2200 Parks Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(757) 425-0000  
[www.cacv.org](http://www.cacv.org)

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is a nonprofit, non-collecting institution that explores contemporary art through regularly changing exhibitions and educational programming. The Center organizes the Boardwalk Art Show along the Virginia Beach Oceanfront each summer.

**Colonial Williamsburg**  
Duke of Gloucester St.  
Williamsburg, VA  
(800) 447-8679  
[www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/)

Step back in time to experience the ideas and dreams of both great and everyday people on the eve of the American Revolution. The process of defining our country's values and beliefs started in Williamsburg more than 200 years ago, and it continues to this day.

In the 173 acres and more than 500 restored and reconstructed buildings of Colonial Williamsburg, you'll discover hundreds of people representing actual citizens from 18th century Williamsburg. Skilled craftsmen create items like saddles, garments and cartwheels for the use of other Colonial Williamsburg tradespeople and citizens; people actually live in the homes you'll pass by, and real commerce takes place within the town's many shops and taverns. Not just during a few hours each day for a limited season, but day and night, all year round.

**Jamestown Settlement, Williamsburg**  
Rt 31 South  
Williamsburg, VA 00000  
(888) 593-4682  
(757) 253-4838  
[www.historyisfun.org/](http://www.historyisfun.org/)

Admissions Fee  
Re-live the adventure of 1607 when 104 Englishmen dropped anchor and began to build America's first permanent English colony in Jamestown, Virginia. Explore life at the dawn of the 17th century inside the palisade of a re-created colonial fort, discover the world of Pocahontas in the Powhatan Indian village, and experience the four-month passage to the New World on board re-creations of the three ships that brought the settlers to Virginia. Extensive indoor galleries tell the compelling stories of Jamestown, from its beginnings in England through its often turbulent first century, and of Virginia's Powhatan Indians. The dramatic film, Jamestown: The Beginning, chronicles the endurance of the first settlers as they struggled to build a lasting colony.
Yorktown Victory Center, Yorktown
Old Route 238
Williamsburg, VA 00000
(757) 888-6375
http://www.historyisfun.org/

Admissions Fee
The drama of the American Revolution and the birth of a great nation come to life at Yorktown Victory Center. In provocative indoor galleries, witness the Revolution through the eyes of those who were there—from soldiers on the battlefields to women on the home front, from American Indians to African Americans. The evocative film, A Time of Revolution, places you in a Continental Army encampment where soldiers spend an evening reminiscing and musing on their lives and the war that has brought them together. Outdoors, experience the sights and sounds of the Revolutionary War in the re-created Continental Army encampment. On the re-created 18th-century farm, interpreters in the garden, tobacco house, farmhouse and kitchen introduce you to life in 1780s Virginia.

Busch Gardens
Rt 60
Williamsburg, VA 23187
(800) 772-8886
(757) 253-3350
www.buschgardens.com/
With four of the world's top-rated roller coasters, European foods and gifts, and dazzling stage shows, all set in recreated 17th-century villages, this is big fun.

Fort Monroe, Hampton
757-727-3391
www.fort.monroe.army.mil/monroe/
Completed in 1834, Fort Monroe is one of the most historic attractions the Army has to offer.

Virginia Beach Amphitheatre
Events, concerts, and more. See website for summer schedule.
www.verizonwirelessamphitheater.com/vabeach/

Virginia Beach Pavilion Theatre
1000 19th Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(757) 437-4747
(757) 437-4774
www.virginiasymphony.org
Admissions Fee
Handicap Accessible
Symphony, drama, and musicals in a 1000-seat theater. Call for a complete schedule.
Virginia Air and Space Museum
600 Settlers Landing Road
Hampton, VA
(757) 727-0900
www.vasc.org/

Admissions Fee
Handicap Accessible
Children Welcome
The Center is an out-of-this-world place that captures Hampton's heritage as the original site of NASA and America's space program. Artifacts include a three-billion-year-old moon rock and the scorched Apollo 12 Command Module. Don't miss a larger-than-life IMAX film and shopping in the gift shop.

Virginia Living Museum
524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd
Newport News, VA
(757) 595-1900
www.valivingmuseum.org/
Admissions Fee
Handicap Accessible
Children Welcome
Have a wild time in this aviary, aquarium, natural history museum, botanical garden and zoological park that features native Virginia flora and fauna.

The Virginia Zoo
3500 Granby Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(757) 624-9937
www.virginiazoo.org/
Email: vazoo@virginiazoo.org
Admissions Fee
Handicap Accessible
Children Welcome
Opens: 10:00 AM
Closes: 5:00 PM

The Virginia Zoo proudly announces the opening of our Africa exhibit. Journey to the Okavango Delta to experience the habitats of our lion, giraffe, zebra, elephant, rhino and many more! The Virginia Zoo currently houses nearly 350 animals representing more than 110 different species. We also have one of the finest Tiger habitats in the Nation.
The MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk
Memorial of General Douglas MacArthur, including films, exhibits, and his own collections. Also a three-story shopping mall, including a variety of restaurants.
757-627-6000
http://www.nauticus.org

Harbor Park/ The Norfolk Tides
Our hometown baseball team. Schedule is on their website!
757-622-2222
www.norfolktides.com

Norfolk Botanical Gardens
6700 Azalea Garden Road
Norfolk, Virginia 23518-5337
757-441-5830
757-853-8294  FAX
www.virginiagarden.org/
e-mail  NBGtours@aol.com

Surrounded by the cool waters of Lake Whitehurst, Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of many gardens covering 155 beautiful acres. The Garden dates back to 1938, when 200 African-American workers sponsored by a Works Progress Administration grant cleared the dense native vegetation and planted 4,000 azaleas. Today, Norfolk Botanical Garden features one of the largest and most diverse collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the east coast. Norfolk Botanical Garden is the nation’s only botanical garden that can be toured by both tram and boat, including a new train model that is wheelchair accessible.

Nauticus, The National Maritime Center
1 Waterside Drive
Norfolk, VA 23510
(757) 664-1000
www.nauticus.org/
Admissions Fee
Handicap Accessible
Children Welcome
Opens: 10:00 AM
Closes: 5:00 PM

A fun and exciting interactive science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. Nauticus features hands-on exhibits including computer and video interactives, films on a giant screen, exotic aquaria, touch pools, shark petting, national-caliber traveling exhibits, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, and the Battleship Wisconsin. Inside Nauticus and at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, numerous exhibits bring the battleship to life including BattleScopes, Design Chamber: Battleship X, City at Sea, and Wisky Walk: Fifty Years of
Service. Nauticus is 20 minutes west of Virginia Beach and 40 minutes east of historic Williamsburg. Admission: Adults, $9.50; children (4-12) $7; $1 discount for senior citizens, AAA members and military with ID; free for children 3 and under. Group rates available.

**USS Wisconsin**
1 Waterside Drive
Norfolk, VA 23510
(757) 664-1000
[www.battleshipwisconsin.org/](http://www.battleshipwisconsin.org/)

Berthed adjacent to Nauticus, the Battleship Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the U.S. Navy. Explore its deck through a self-guided or audio tour that will take visitors back in time to experience this majestic ship that earned five battle stars during World War II. The Battleship Wisconsin remains an asset of the U.S. Navy and its daily operations are managed by The Hampton Roads Naval Museum, located within Nauticus. There is no fee to tour the battleship, however, the audio tour is available for rental for $5 or $3 with Nauticus ticket purchase.

**Water Country USA**
176 Water Country Parkway
Williamsburg, VA 23187
1-800-343-SWIM
[www.watercountryusa.com/](http://www.watercountryusa.com/)

Located three miles west of Busch Gardens Williamsburg and historic Williamsburg. 150 miles from Washington, DC and 50 miles from Richmond, VA and the Virginia Beach resort area. Water Country USA, the mid-Atlantic's largest family water play park, features the world’s latest, greatest, state-of-the-art water rides and attractions, spectacular entertainment, shopping and restaurants -- all set to a colorful 1950's and '60s surf theme.

**Resort Oceanfront and Boardwalk**
The hotel lined resort strip offers 38 miles of beach, eateries, bars, souvenir shops, a boardwalk and bike path open for rollerblading and skating. The waters are open for swimming during lifeguard hours, surfing and bodyboarding at restricted areas. Crabbing and fishing are also available at the 14th Street Pier. Festivals and live entertainment at the 17th and 24th Street Parks are booked regularly during the summer.
[www.vbfun.com/](http://www.vbfun.com/)

**Mariner’s Museum**
Activities: group tours/walking tour
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606
Tel: 757-596-2222
[http://www.mariner.org](http://www.mariner.org)
First Landing State Park
2500 Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451
Tel: 757-412-2300
www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/1stland.htm
A park that consists of 2,700-acres of hiking trails, cypress swamps and nesting grounds for many species of birds. Activities: biking, hiking, jogging, walking, camping.