

Colonial

National Historical Park
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO VISIT COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

We are glad that you are planning to visit our area soon. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to complete your visit to the Historic Triangle by visiting two of the most important sites in our country's history: Jamestown and Yorktown.

Colonial National Historical Park contains the sites of Jamestown - the first permanent English settlement in North America, and Yorktown - site of the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. The beautiful Colonial Parkway, also part of the park, connects these two sites. Within just 23 miles, you can travel through 174 years of colonial history.

Admission fee to Jamestown is \$8.00 per car, \$2.00 per bicyclist and/or pedestrian. The fee for members of bus groups is \$2.00 per person. A commercial vehicle permit of \$3.00 allows the driver and guide to be admitted free of charge. Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access passports to the National Parks are accepted.

Admission to the Yorktown Visitor Center, the historic houses and the Battlefield is free.

You will find special films and exhibits relating to each site's history in our two visitor centers. Guided tours of the ruins of the "cittie" of Jamestown or the British defense lines at Yorktown will give you insights into the personalities and events that shaped colonial history.

Facilities for the handicapped are available at all picnic areas and visitor centers. The Jamestown site tours are accessible for wheelchair users. The Nelson House at Yorktown is also accessible with advanced notice.

Jamestown is jointly administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Yorktown is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Inquiries should be addressed to the Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park, P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, Virginia 23690. Telephone: (804) 898-3400.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Winter (Effective 10/26/92)

9:00-5:00 Jamestown Visitor Center
8:30-4:30 Jamestown Entrance Station
8:30-5:00 Glasshouse
9:30-4:30* Dale House
(Wed-Sun)

8:30-5:00 Yorktown Visitor Center
Closed** Nelson House
Closed Moore House

Spring (Effective 4/3/93)

9:00-5:30 Jamestown Visitor Center
8:30-5:00 Jamestown Entrance Station
8:30-5:30 Glasshouse
9:30-5:00 Dale House
(Wed-Sun)

8:30-5:30 Yorktown Visitor Center
TBA Nelson House
1:00-5:00 Moore House
(Sat & Sun)

Summer (Effective 6/19/93)

9:00-6:00 Jamestown Visitor Center
8:30-5:30 Jamestown Entrance Station
8:30-6:00 Glasshouse
9:30-5:00 Dale House

8:30-6:00 Yorktown Visitor Center
10:00-4:00 Nelson House
10:00-5:00 Moore House

Fall (Effective 8/23/93)

9:00-5:30 Jamestown Visitor Center
8:30-5:00 Jamestown Entrance Station
8:30-5:30 Glasshouse
9:30-5:00 Dale House

8:30-5:30 Yorktown Visitor Center
TBA Nelson House
1:00-5:00 Moore House
(Sat & Sun ***
thru 10/18)

*** Open Yorktown Day, October 19, 10:00-5:00. Closed after October 19.

* Closed January and February
** Nelson House Holiday, December 18, 1993 - January 2, 1994, 10:00-4:30 daily

1993 SPECIAL EVENTS

April 3-4	Revolutionary War Weekend	Yorktown	August 25	National Park Service Anniversary	Yorktown Jamestown
May 15-16	Jamestown Weekend (celebrating the founding of Jamestown)	Jamestown	October 19	Yorktown Day (anniversary of Cornwallis' surrender)	Yorktown
May 29-31	Civil War Weekend (a look at Yorktown's role in the Peninsular Campaign of 1862)	Yorktown	December 18- January 2	Nelson House Holiday	Yorktown
July 3	Yorktown's Old Fashioned Fourth of July (sponsored by York-Gloucester Fourth of July Committee)	Yorktown			
July 31- August 1	First Assembly Day (commemorates the beginning of representative government)	Jamestown			



Following is a list of interpretive programs currently being offered by the National Park Service at Jamestown and Yorktown. Information about a particular day's schedule is available at the visitor center.

JAMESTOWN

RANGER PROGRAMS (Beginning at the visitor center)

Old Town Tour (30-40 minutes)

Learn about the struggles the early settlers endured as they endeavored to establish a permanent English settlement in the New World.

New Towne Tour (Spring and Fall - 45 minutes)

As the population grew, so did Jamestown. Explore the remains of the town that grew outside the fort. Learn about life at Jamestown during the mid-late 1600's.

COSTUMED INTERPRETATION

Glasshouse

View the remains of an original glasshouse from 1608. Watch a demonstration of the art of glassblowing, one of the first industries attempted in the New World, at the reconstructed glasshouse.

Dale House Pottery (March - December)

Watch as potters demonstrate and explain the art of pottery making as it relates to Jamestown.

Living History Programs (Weekends, Spring and Fall; Daily, Mid-June - Labor Day, 40 minutes)

Enjoy first person accounts of life at Jamestown as portrayed by living history interpreters.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Young Settlers (Summer - 20 minutes)

By dressing in the clothing of the period and interacting with 17th century reproduction artifacts, this hands-on program helps children learn about the daily life of the Jamestown settlers and the Powhatan Indians.

Pinch Pot Program (Summer - 20 minutes)

Children can learn the importance of pottery at Jamestown and create their own clay pinch pot at the Dale House Pottery.

Colonial Junior Ranger (Summer - Children 6-12)

Children can learn about Jamestown while enjoying a series of related activities with their families. Upon completion of the activities, each child will become a Colonial Junior Ranger and earn a patch and certificate. (This program is designed for family groups only.)

SELF GUIDED TOURS

Audio tapes (45 minutes) for the towne site and loop drive are available for a nominal rental fee in the Bookstore.

YORKTOWN

HISTORIC HOUSES

Nelson House

During the summer, informal tours of this early 18th century home are offered during the morning hours. Beginning at 12:30, a historical drama reveals the Revolutionary War contributions of Thomas Nelson, Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Governor of Virginia, and commander of the Virginia Militia during the siege at Yorktown. In the spring and fall, informal tours are offered.

Moore House

Located behind the allied siege lines, this house was used as the stage for the surrender negotiations between Allied and British representatives. Today, amidst colonial furnishings, tours of the house and a living history program provide a personal viewpoint of the Yorktown siege.

RANGER PROGRAMS (Beginning in the visitor center)

British Inner Defense Line Tours (30 minutes)

Walk with a Ranger around a portion of the British Defenses and learn of the events of the Siege of Yorktown.

Artillery Demonstrations (20 minutes)

Join a Park Ranger for a hands-on, non-firing artillery demonstration and discover the important role artillery played in the Siege of Yorktown.

Town Tours (30-40 minutes)

Explore the town of York, established in 1691 as a colonial seaport. Enjoy a walk along Main Street past buildings that have witnessed 300 years of American history, and learn of the town's role in the siege.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Battlefield Auto Tour and Allied Encampment Auto Tour

Pick up a visitor guide at the visitor center and follow the RED auto tour markers to enjoy the seven mile Battlefield Tour or explore the Allied Encampment area on the nine mile tour by following the YELLOW auto tour markers. (For the Battlefield Tour, a taped narration and cassette player are also available from the visitor center bookstore for a nominal rental fee.)

Town Tour

Enjoy the beauty of the 300 year old town at your leisure. Maps are available at the visitor center for a self-guided.

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For additional information about the Historic Triangle, you may wish to contact:

Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation - a state agency which administers Jamestown Settlement (a living history museum of 17th century colonial Virginia and the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown) and Yorktown Victory Center (a museum of the American Revolution which chronicles America's struggle for independence.)
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
Drawer JF
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
(804) 229-1607 Jamestown Settlement
(804) 887-1776 Yorktown Victory Center

Colonial Williamsburg - an 18th century community restored to the time when it was the political and cultural center of the British colony.
The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
Drawer C
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
1-800-HISTORY

Virginia: For more information on the State of Virginia, contact:
The State Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Division of Tourism
202 North 9th Street, Suite 500
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Accommodations/Attractions: For information on hotels, motels, campgrounds or other attractions and recreational activities in the area, contact:

The Williamsburg Area Convention and Visitor Bureau
P. O. Drawer GB
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187
(804) 253-0192

City of Newport News Tourist Information Center
13560 Jefferson Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23602
(804) 886-7777