

Sassafras River



**Captain John Smith
Chesapeake National
Historic Trail**



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The Sassafras River is in the upper part of the Bay on the east coast. The town of Tockwogh along the Sassafras River was palisaded – it had a wall around it. After being taken to the town, John Smith noticed people using iron and brass tools. The Tockwogh informed him that they had gotten these tools from their northern neighbors, the Susquehannock. They agreed to set up a meeting between Smith and the Susquehannock. The Susquehannock leaders sailed downstream in a fleet of canoes with sixty men and loads of gifts and items to trade.