

York River



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The York River is in southeastern Virginia. It begins at the confluence, or intersection, of the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers. It then moves in a straight, southeast line to the bay. The town of Werowocomoco is located halfway down the river on its north bank. This is where Powhatan and the paramount chiefs before him lived. It was a place of political and religious importance. American Indians may have known the York River as the Pamunkey River.