

About Your Visit:

Historic Jamestowne offers many activities for exploring the first permanent English settlement in North America. Witness on-going archaeology at the 1607 James Fort excavation; tour the original 17th-century church tower and 1907 Jamestown Memorial Church; take a guided walk through the remains of the original settlement along the picturesque James River; “meet” a 17th-century personality; view at the Archaearium recent artifact discoveries; and learn about the three cultures that were part of early Jamestown through visitor center exhibits.

Historic Jamestowne is jointly preserved and administered by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA Preservation Virginia) and the National Park Service.



APVA Preservation Virginia

APVA Preservation Virginia was founded in 1889 to save Historic Jamestowne and other historic properties from decay and destruction. The APVA acquired 22.5 acres of land around the old church site at Historic Jamestowne in 1893. They have preserved and maintained the property for over 100 years. The National Park Service purchased the remainder of the island in 1934.

APVA operates the Museum Store at Historic Jamestowne. Additionally, the APVA owns or administers 34 historic properties, representing three centuries of Virginia and American history, located throughout the state.



At **Yorktown Battlefield**, begin at the Visitor Center, located behind the British defensive earthworks, with the 16-minute film, “Siege of Yorktown.” View General George Washington’s military tents and artifacts from the siege; and join guided tours of the battle area and 18th-century Yorktown. In Yorktown, visit the Nelson House (open seasonally), home of Thomas Nelson, Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Drive the self-guided, seven mile battlefield tour, along American and French siege lines and stop at the Moore House (open seasonally), site of surrender negotiations ending the siege, and Surrender Field, where the British army grounded their weapons in an elaborate ceremony.



Two museums, operated by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, also help tell the story of America’s beginnings through living history, film, and artifact-filled galleries. At **Jamestown Settlement**, learn about the people of 17th-century Virginia, while at the **Yorktown Victory Center**, discover the lives of people who witnessed the American Revolution. For information on admission and programs, call 888-593-4682 or visit their website at www.historyisfun.org.



Eastern National

Eastern National, chartered in 1945, is a cooperating association operating in more than 130 national parks and other public trusts from Maine to the Caribbean, providing quality educational products and services. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$54 million to the National Park Service.

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Eastern National operates retail shops at the Jamestown Glasshouse and Yorktown Visitor Center.

Hours of Operation:

Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Visitor Centers open 9:00-5:00 daily, except Christmas Day and New Years Day.

An entrance fee covers both sites.

For seasonal park hour changes and special event information contact:

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Historic Jamestowne & Yorktown Battlefield

Two centuries of history in 23 miles!

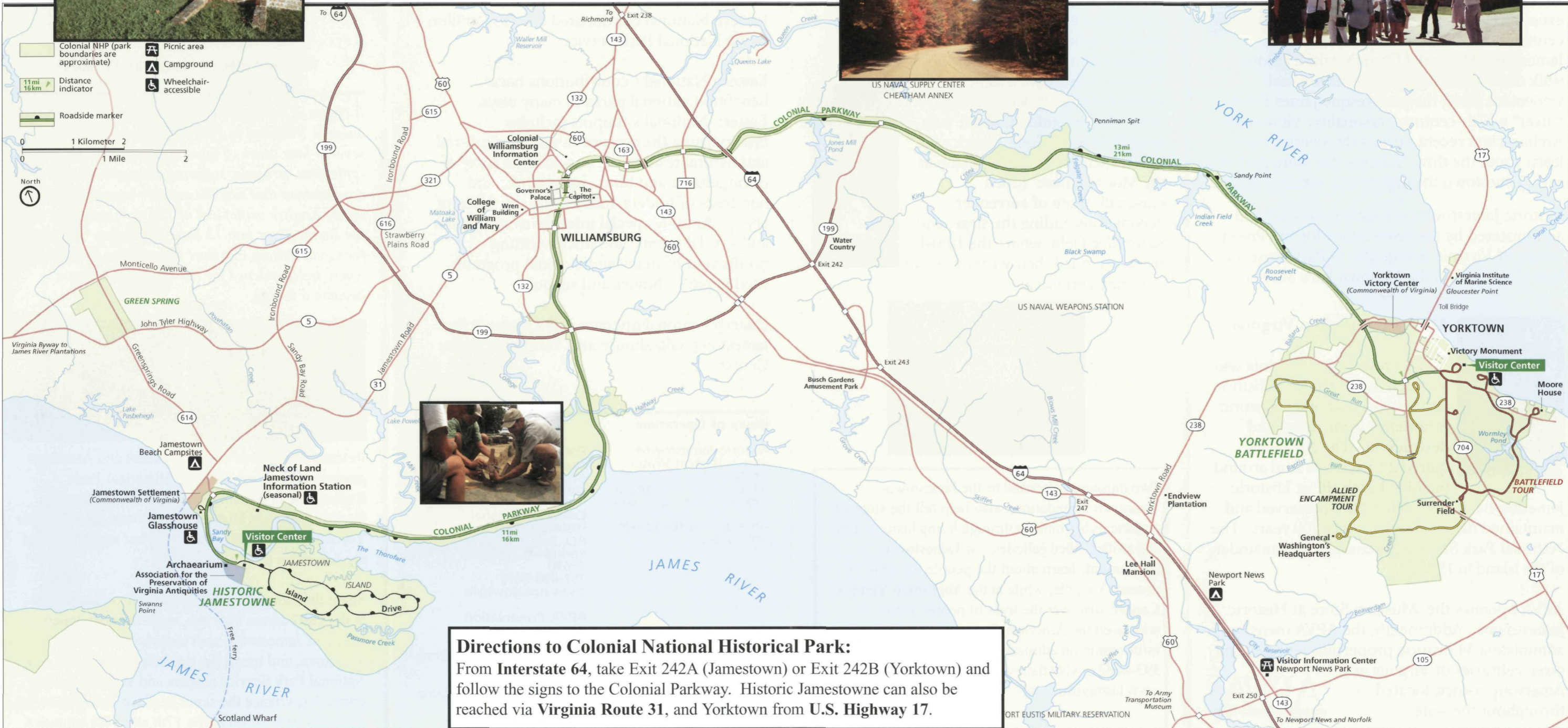
It began at Jamestown in 1607. It ended and began anew at Yorktown in 1781. One hundred and seventy-four years of hope, adventure, discovery, settlement, struggle, suffering, war, growth and development that saw the country expand from a lonely English settlement of 104 men and boys on the James River into 13 British colonies. It ended for Great Britain in a port town on the York River, where independence for the new United States became a reality.



Retrace the steps of colonial settlers and American patriots at Colonial National Historical Park. Explore the first permanent English settlement in North America at Historic Jamestowne and discover Yorktown Battlefield, site of the last major battle of the American Revolution.

Share the moment of discovery with archaeologists at the 1607 James Fort site, walk the abandoned streets of Jamestown, visit historic buildings in Yorktown, and travel the battlefield auto tour. Join National Park Service rangers and staff for guided tours. Experience the sense of place that formed the character of a nation in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The Colonial Parkway, a 23-mile scenic byway, links Virginia's Historic Triangle of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown. Spectacular views of the James and York Rivers, and turnouts along the Parkway offer glimpses of the area's rich natural and cultural history.



Directions to Colonial National Historical Park:
 From **Interstate 64**, take Exit 242A (Jamestown) or Exit 242B (Yorktown) and follow the signs to the Colonial Parkway. Historic Jamestowne can also be reached via **Virginia Route 31**, and Yorktown from **U.S. Highway 17**.