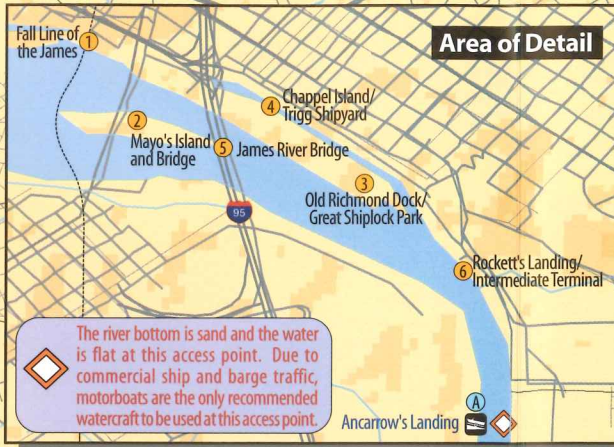


James River Association

JAMES RIVER WATER TRAIL
Lower SectionMap 1 of 5: Richmond to Presquile
National Wildlife Refuge

City of Richmond Safety Information
City ordinance requires that life jackets be worn by anyone in or on the river when water level is 5 feet at Westham gauge. When river level is 9 feet, the river is closed to all except those issued a permit by the Department of Public Safety. Please call 757-899-4200 for river levels at Westham and elsewhere in the James River.

**A Ancarrow's Landing**

P (804) 646-8911
Lat: -76.76770; Long: 37.23696

Area of the first building in Richmond (William Byrd's Trading Post), the first railroad in Virginia (coal line from Midlothian), the Confederate Naval Shipyard and the infamous Manchester Slave Docks. More enslaved people were exported from these docks than any other place in America, primarily to Louisiana as additional slave labor.
James River Park System • 804-646-8911
www.jamesriverpark.org

B Osborne Landing

P (804) 367-1000
Public access site adjacent to Kingsland Reach Marina with boat ramp and fishing pier. Quiet boaters in this area may encounter gulls, bald eagles, osprey and waterfowl on the river.
Lat: -77.38520; Long: 37.40067

C Kingsland Reach Marina

P (804) 795-1213
Full-service marina with boat slips available. Lilypad Restaurant offers varied menu.
Lat: -77.38520; Long: 37.40067

D Dutch Gap Access

P (804) 367-1000
Public ramp offers land access via trail to Henricus and Dutch Gap Conservation Area.
Lat: -77.37717; Long: 37.38163

F Deep Bottom Park

P (804) 501-PARK
County park with abundant wildlife, from blue grosbeaks to bald eagles. Trails throughout. An important crossing site for Union troops in 1864. Public access to James and Fourmile Creek by canoe, kayak or boat.
Henrico County Recreation and Parks
www.co.henrico.va.us/rec/
Lat: -77.30549; Long: 37.40785

9 Barge Wrecks Along James River

Long and flat abandoned barges litter the shoreline, many deposited on the shore from floods and forgotten. Numerous ships and boats also lie buried in the James from wars and commerce.

10 Fort Brady (RNBP)

This well-preserved Union fortification kept Confederate gunboats bottled up to the north, and helped anchor the Union line.
Richmond National Battlefield Park • 804-226-1981
www.nps.gov/rich/index.htm

11 Henricus Historical Park

Steep, high bluffs mark Henricus Historical Park, a recreated settlement of the 1611 'Citie of Henricus'. Henricus was poised to become the next Jamestown prior to an Indian attack in 1622.
804-706-1340 • www.henricus.org

12 Dutch Gap Conservation Area

Ships from Revolutionary War battles likely reside here in the silt of the James, and Union engineers began a canal finished after the Civil War in what is the current channel to Richmond. The Henricus Park Trail and boardwalk (1.5 miles) follows the shoreline from the public boat ramp to Henricus, providing views of songbirds. Open daily during daylight hours.
Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation • 804-706-9690
www.co.chesterfield.va.us/tourism/d_gap.asp

13 Farrar's Island

William Farrar chose the island site for his home in 1622. Explore the marshy flatwater around the island, once the original river channel. Battery Dantzler, a Confederate battery located adjacent to the island, provided impetus for Union channelization efforts.

14 Varina-Enon Bridge (I-295)

Unusual clearance allows commercial ship traffic through to the Port of Richmond, and is one of the few suspension bridges found in the United States.

15 Varina Plantation

Henrico's first county seat. Home of John Rolfe and his wife, Pocahontas. Also noted for producing Virginia's first crop of tobacco.

16 Brown & Williamson Conservation Area

Newly committed 262-acre conservation site extends almost a mile along the James River. Future plans call for a public education and access center, camping opportunities, fishing on an inland lake, and trail systems.

1 The Fall Line of the James

A band of granite rock that stretches from Georgia to New Jersey, it marks the River's transition from freshwater to tidal. Rocks prevented early explorers John Smith and Christopher Newport from traveling upstream. More square rocks are likely quarry remnants of industrial Richmond. Also the first area in Richmond where water power was harnessed for mills and factories.

2 Mayo's Island and Bridge

White perch from the Chesapeake Bay spawn at the base of the rapids; striped bass and shad push through to spawn upstream. Hurricane Camille (1969) caused the James to rise halfway up the light poles that exist on the bridge. This provided impetus for the floodwall (as seen on the north shore and berm on the south shore), completed in 1999.

3 Old Richmond Dock/Great Shiplock Park

One of few reminders of the James River and Kanawha Canal System first envisioned by George Washington in the 1780s. The Shiplock was the primary port for Atlantic vessels up to 200-feet long, allowing them to load and unload their cargo out of the tide.
James River Park System • 804-646-8911
www.jamesriverpark.org

4 Chappel Island/Trigg Shipyard

Site of the famous but short-lived Trigg Shipyard in the early 20th century; tugboats, small destroyers, and an early oil tanker were produced here. Parts of the Trigg-manufactured steamship Virginia are on display at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News.
James River Park System • 804-646-8911
www.jamesriverpark.org

5 James River Bridge (I-95)

The height of this bridge was designed to avoid large-scale flooding. Footprint of the bridge marks the site of a small hand-rowed ferry boat service that preceded the construction of the Mayo's Island Bridge.

6 Rockett's Landing/Intermediate Terminal

'Rocketts' or 'Rockets' Landing began converting tugs and steamers to ships and building ironclads for the Confederates, where the Richmond Intermediate Terminal Building now exists. The Richmond Raft Company, headquartered here, offers whitewater rafting trips on the Falls of the James.
Richmond Raft Co. • 804-222-7238 • www.richmondraft.com

7 Deepwater Terminal, Port of Richmond

Huge cranes and piles of shipping containers mark the most inland port with direct access to the Atlantic. Small craft should be aware of constant commercial ship traffic.

- 1) Do not anchor in the deep navigational channel.
- 2) Prepare to handle the large waves that are generated by the bow and wake.
- 3) Anchor on shore with an extra long line to allow for the temporary rise and fall of the water.

8 Fort Darling/Drewry's Bluff (RNBP)

High bluffs and natural oxbow in the James provided Confederates unmatched firepower to deter Union ships from traveling to Richmond. Abundant yellow-billed cuckoos, woodpeckers, and fruit-eating birds among the upland species of oak, hickory, maple, and dogwood.

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www.nps.gov/rich/index.htm

Buoys and beacons indicated are spaced approximately 5 miles apart.

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Legend

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| Public Boat Access | Telephone | Park/Preserve/Natural Area Information |
| Private Marina | Caution | Rivers, Streams, Lakes |
| Restrooms | Navigation Buoy/Beacon | Park/Preserve/Natural Area |
| Parking | Warning Buoy/Beacon | Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Member |
| Food/Grocery | Points of Interest | County Boundary |
| Drinking Water | Access Sites | Roads/Highways |
| Fuel | Historical Information/Other | Interstates |
| Fishing Access | Water-Related Information | Primary Roads |
| Birding Area | | |
| Paddling Area | | |