

James River Association

JAMES RIVER WATER TRAIL
Lower Section*Map 2 of 5: Presquile National Wildlife Refuge to Kennon Marsh***18 Bermuda Hundred**

Oldest continuously-inhabited settlement in Chesterfield. Prior to its settlement, an Indian town (called 'Apamatuck' by John Smith) resided nearby.

24 VCU Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences

An earthen dam marks this 300-acre research facility for Virginia Commonwealth University. Archaeological evidence in this area shows Native American occupation, and historical records reveal its use by President John Tyler, as well as the Union Army.

VCU Life Sciences • 804-828-7202 • www.vcu.edu/rice

26 Westover

Built in 1730 by William Byrd II, the founder of Richmond. A small structure contains a dry well with passageways that led under the house and to the river as an escape from the Indians. This location on the River provides great viewing of ospreys, bald eagles, and other wildlife.

804-829-2882

www.jamesriverplantations.org/Westover.html

29 Lawrence Lewis Jr. Park

Formerly Wilcox Wharf, the northern terminus of the Civil War-era Federal pontoon bridge, the site is marked now by the fishing pier and park operated by Charles City County. The habitat makes eagles, herons, gulls and ospreys common in the summertime.

804-829-2480 • www.co.charles-city.va.us

30 Kittewan Wildlife Management Area

Kittewan was set aside as a refuge for wintering and migratory waterfowl. There is no public access to the Wildlife Management Area as conveyed by the donors.

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries • 804-367-1000
www.dgif.virginia.gov

31 Fort Powhatan

Designed to protect the major travel route between the Chesapeake Bay and Richmond during the Civil War. Manned by African-American troops, the fort played a crucial role in preserving the Union line of communications from Hampton Roads to Grant's Headquarters at City Point.

32 Upper Brandon

Part of an original land patent known as Brandon and granted to Captain John Martin, one of the founders of Jamestown. In 1807, the 7,000-acre property was divided with William Byrd Harrison inheriting 3,555 acres that became Upper Brandon.

757-866-5000 • www.upperbrandon.com

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G Hopewell City Marina

(804) 541-2370

An excellent launch point to explore the James or Appomattox Rivers. Local market is within walking distance, and historic Hopewell is a short bike ride away.

Lat: -77.29851; Long: 37.0998

H Jordan Point Yacht Haven

(804) 458-3398

The Dockside Restaurant, offering dinner with a full view of the James, is a short walk south of the marina on Rt. 156.

Lat: -77.22177; Long: 37.31211

17 Presquile National Wildlife Refuge

Eroding banks on both sides of the channel are a reminder that this route is man-made. Habitants have included prehistoric Native Americans, Union scouts, and thousands of wintering Canada geese, ducks, and mallards. Wood ducks are often seen nesting along the banks of the two refuge creeks and in the old-growth forest. White-tailed deer hunting allowed on refuge with permit. Occasional trips can be scheduled by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • 804-829-9020
www.refuges.fws.gov

19 Shirley Plantation

Prominently displayed across from the Turkey Island cutoff, Shirley is Virginia's oldest plantation (1616) and the oldest family-owned business originating in North America (1638). Civil War General Robert E. Lee received part of his schooling in the laundry house from his mother, who was born at Shirley.

804-829-5121 • www.shirleyplantation.com

20 City Point at Hopewell (PNBP)

Provided a base of operations for Ulysses Grant and the Union Army during the Siege of Petersburg. Visited only days after settlers arrived at Jamestown, it was the site of an Indian massacre in 1622, and witnessed Revolutionary fighting in 1781. City Point Historical Park interprets Civil War history, and Grant's headquarters remain on the original site.

Petersburg National Battlefield Park • 804-732-3531
www.nps.gov/pete

21 Weston Manor

This elegant 18th-century plantation is a classic example of Georgian architecture, with preserved interior and exterior. Open to the public.

Historic Hopewell Foundation • 804-458-4682

22 Appomattox Manor (PNBP)

Part of a 2,300-acre farm, the Eppes family lived there until 1862 when Appomattox Plantation became the office of Union forces. The family did not return until 1866.

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www.nps.gov/pete

23 River Islands

Islands dot the water between Hopewell and the Benjamin Harrison Bridge, some of which are natural, and some of which are sunken barges that have "taken root."

25 Berkeley Plantation

Built in 1726 of brick fired onsite and said to be the oldest 3-story brick house in Virginia that can prove its date. Former owner President Benjamin Harrison was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and George Washington, among others, enjoyed hospitality at Berkeley. Harrison's Landing located at this site, was the birthplace of the military bugling call "Taps."

888-466-6018 • www.berkeleyplantation.com

27 James River National Wildlife Refuge

Created in 1991 to protect nesting and roosting habitat for the threatened bald eagle, which now thrives on the River. Each summer, up to 2,000 bald eagles migrate north to the Chesapeake Bay Region, a phenomenon unknown in other parts of the country. More than 230 individual eagles, the highest density on the River, roost on the 4,200-acre refuge.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • 804-829-9020
www.refuges.fws.gov

28 Flowerdew Hundred Plantation

A hundred pontoon boats, each 31 feet long, were lashed together with planking across the River between an area around this point and the fishing dock opposite on the northern bank. In 1864, the Army of the Potomac created this temporary bridge to cross 115,000 men to Flowerdew Hundred Plantation over the course of three days. An onsite museum interprets centuries of life along the James, including artifacts from archaeological digs.

804-541-8897 • www.flowerdew.org

Legend

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

Buoy and beacons indicated are spaced approximately 5 miles apart.

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