

{ *A Revolutionary Riverfront Treasure* }

# historic yorktown



As you stroll through historic Yorktown, let the past envelop you and imagine hearing the sound of horse-drawn carriages clip-clop down the street, or the low thunder of tobacco barrels being rolled to the riverfront for transport back to England. Turn a corner and find yourself face to face with an authentic fifes and drums performance.

Immerse yourself in 300 years of history and enjoy lodging in a hotel

or bed and breakfast nestled among the village streets and paths or overlooking the York River. Here you can experience many 18th century homes, visit the location where the surrender terms for the Battle of Yorktown were negotiated or the home of the commander of the Virginia militia with its walls still bearing the scars of cannonballs fired upon the village in 1781. Explore the battlefields, fortifications and historic buildings

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The best of America can be found in Yorktown. Historic battlefields, museums, sunset sails, waterfront dining, delightful shops, a beautiful beach and exceptional hospitality.

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where American independence was won. Be sure to see the monument commissioned by the Continental Congress in 1781 and completed in 1884 to commemorate the victory at Yorktown and to memorialize those who lost their lives for freedom.

Picturesque streets are the backdrop for art galleries, antique and specialty shops. Visit the museums offering hands-on programs and exhibits. Stroll along the scenic riverwalk and relax on the sandy beach at river's edge. Take a ride on our free trolley then march to the beat of The Fifes and Drums of York Town. Relax and enjoy the riverfront and its charming 18th century ambiance and reflect on the events that led to the creation of a new nation. Dine at one of our charming restaurants, some with a beautiful view of the York River.

When the sun goes down don't miss a sunset sail on the York River aboard the Schooner *Alliance* (May - October). A visit to Yorktown is a must-see for anyone who wishes to fully understand the story of our nation's birth. Americans won their independence here during the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War on October 19, 1781, when British troops surrendered to General George Washington and his French allies. Yorktown played a very important role in American history.

Today, Yorktown is joined by the scenic Colonial Parkway to Williamsburg and Jamestown and is located just 12 miles east of Williamsburg. It remains much as it was during the waning days of the Revolution. Although Yorktown is best known as the site where America won its independence, no battles are being fought here today, which leaves Yorktown a charming and peaceful riverside village.

Whether it's reliving the chronicles of America's struggle for independence, touring the historic homes and battlefields, visiting our museums, a

leisurely riverwalk stroll, a trolley tour, watching a fifes and drums parade, enjoying the many unique shopping and dining experiences or just relaxing on the beach, Yorktown has something for everyone. For information about seasonal special events in historic Yorktown, see the Calendar of Events section of the magazine or call 757-890-3300.

For a complete updated listing of events visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/tourism](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/tourism). "Come to Yorktown – Where Yesterday & Today Meet on Main Street." ■

## Watermen's Museum & Gift Shop

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From its location on the York River to its indoor and outdoor exhibits, the museum gives visitors insight into the impact that watermen have had on the history, economy and ecology of this region for over four hundred years. Exhibits include boat models, tools, photos and artifacts.

Gift shop features a variety of nautical items including local artwork, Yorktown items and much more!

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April 1 - Thanksgiving Tues. - Sat.  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.  
Dec. 1 - March 31: Weekends Only



309 Water Street, Yorktown, VA • [www.watermens.org](http://www.watermens.org)

### DINING

- 1 Nicks Riverwalk Restaurant
- 12 Ben & Jerry's/Green Mountain Coffee Cafe
- 16 Island Cafe & River Room (Duke of York Hotel)
- 17 Waterstreet Landing
- 18 Yorktown Pub
- 24 Carrot Tree in the Cole Digges House

### MUSEUMS & HISTORICAL SITES

- 13 Yorktown Victory Center
- 14 Watermen's Museum
- 20 Freight Shed
- 21 Grace Episcopal Church
- 22 York County Historical Museum
- 27 Custom House
- 30 Poor Potter Archaeological Site
- 31 Nelson House
- 32 Cornwallis' Cave
- 33 Yorktown Victory Monument
- 34 Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center
- 35 Moore House
- 37 Museum on Main

### SHOPPING

- 2 Colonial Fiber Arts
- 3 Studio Foray
- 4 Stars & Stripes Forever
- 6 Yorktown Republic
- 7 The Yorktown Onion
- 8 Viccellio Goldsmith
- 9 Kinks & Quirks
- 10 Claire Murray
- 11 Founding Fathers
- 19 Black Dog Gallery
- 22 The Gallery at York Hall
- 23 Period Designs
- 25 Swan Tavern Antiques
- 26 Yorktown Shoppe
- 28 Redcoat Antiques
- 29 Nancy Thomas Gallery


### LODGING

- 16 Duke of York Hotel
- 36 Marl Inn B & B
- 38 The Moss Guest Cottage
- 39 York River Inn B & B

### TOURS/CRUISE INFORMATION

- 5 The Schooner *Alliance* (seasonal)
- 15 Dockmaster

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#### TROLLEY SCHEDULE

Daily 10 am - 6 pm, March 15 - October 31

Free trolley stops at nine locations approximately every 20-25 minutes. Holiday routes and times may vary.

Map not to scale