



Summer Starts in Historic Yorktown

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With the onset of warm weather, Historic Yorktown is the place to be for popular events such as Sounds of Summer Concert Series at Riverwalk, Fourth of July, and Yorktown Market Days.

June is packed with fun for the whole family. The **Schooners Alliance and Serenity** continue to offer two-hour sails and a sunset sail daily on the beautiful York River. Bring the kids to **Captain Mayhem's School of Piracy** aboard the Yorktown schooners and let the kids set the sails, steer the schooner, and learn to tie knots on the **Pirate Adventure Cruises** at Riverwalk Landing

Yorktown Market Days, the weekly farmers markets, occur every Saturday through October 28 (excluding October 7) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., featuring fresh produce, meat and seafood, cut flowers, gourmet herbs, cheeses, baked goods, quality art, chef demonstrations, and entertainment.

Don't miss the **Gallery at York Hall's** two special exhibits - "*Stained Glass*" featuring artist Brenda Marion, and "*Photography*" featuring artist Paul Stevens. Dog and Cat Portrait artist Christine Rich will be featured in the lobby for the month of June. Book signing events are scheduled for Sundays, June 4 & 11 featuring Children's Author Andy Lightner. The Gallery is located in York Hall, 301 Main Street. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The popular concert series and local favorites return on Thursdays, June 8-29 and July 13-27, with the Yorktown "**Sounds of Summer**" Concert Series at Riverwalk from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The series features some of the area's top acts playing beach favorites, Motown, Disco, Funk, R&B, Pop and more.

Take in one of the many **Fifes and Drums of York Town** performances held in various locations including the Victory Monument, Yorktown Battlefield, and the Yorktown Waterfront.

Enjoy your evenings with great food and live music at **Water Street Grille** on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings on the Yorktown waterfront throughout June and July as well as live music at the **Yorktown Pub** on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown** hosts the inaugural special exhibition: "AFTERWARD" lecture series where you can follow the incredible stories of Veterans of the Siege of Yorktown and how they went on after the war to help shape the America we know today. The first of a series of lectures takes place on June 10.

The Watermen's Museum is hosting a **Military Appreciation Weekend** on June 10 and 11 as a patriotic salute to the armed forces, including living history, music, dancing, cannon firings, crafts, vendors and a USO-style dance.

The Celebrate Yorktown Committee kicks off its **Summer Concert Series in the Grace Churchyard** beginning Sunday, July 2, with a performance by the York River Concert Band. Other line-ups for the series include Chisman Creek, The Mullins Sisters, Runaway String Band,

Something Different Duo, Lana Puckett & Kim Person, Timeline Jazz Quartet, Magic of Harmony Show Chorus, and Poisoned Dwarf.

July 4th features the annual **Yorktown 4th of July Celebration** full of entertainment, an 8 a.m. 8K run/5K walk beginning at York High School, 9 a.m. patriotic parade on Water and Main Streets, and evening activities featuring a bell-ringing ceremony at 7 p.m., live musical entertainment at 8 p.m., and spectacular fireworks at 9:15 p.m. The **Liberty Celebration** held at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown is a must-see on July 4 and includes military drills, role-playing demonstrations and artillery to salute the anniversary of America's independence.

Join the crew of the Watermen's Museum for an evening of music and song with the **York River Floating Folk Jam** series held on the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 9 p.m., the **Music Jamboree Concerts** on the first Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., **Yorktown Story Slam** on the fourth Monday, and **Swing Dance** on the June 19.

Auntie M's American Cottage offers Felt workshops on June 4 and 24.

On the Hill Gallery hosts a "repurpose and paint a suitcase" art class with facilitator Kathy Wahl on June 4 as well as an Art Class with Lew Thatcher June 23-25 showcasing his 1-2-3 Method – Drawing, Values, and Color workshop. Don't miss the summer relief children's art classes select weeks this summer. The On the Hill members are hosting a "Blue" theme art show from June 3 through July 3 and the gallery will be filled with variations of blues created by members.

Patriot Tours & Provisions offers guided Segway tours and bicycle, kayak and paddle board rentals in historic Yorktown. Visit the store for a great selection of kites, flags, beach supplies, and sundries.

Take a private sail with **Let's Go Sail** on a 32-foot modern sloop departing from Riverwalk and perfect for couples, families, or small groups up to 6.

While in Yorktown, don't miss the opportunity to take a ride on our free air-conditioned **Yorktown Trolley** - a great way to see the entire town at no cost. The trolleys are equipped with modern amenities including air conditioning, televisions, and more. The trolleys are also ADA compliant, featuring wheelchair access and a talking bus stop announcement system that accommodates both the hearing and visually impaired. The trolley is a great convenience during peak times with the route beginning at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center making stops at the Victory Monument, Historic Main Street, Riverwalk Landing and the Watermen's Museum, among others, on its way to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown on the other side of town.

Event parking is available at Riverwalk Landing in the two-level parking terrace. Additional parking is available in Yorktown at York Hall, the County Administration Building, and the Courthouse/Finance Building Complex - all within two blocks of the waterfront.

For more information on these activities or any other events in York County, visit www.visityorktown.org.

*Dates, times and activities are subject to change.



