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Plan a Trip to Historic Yorktown for Spring Break!

The town prepares to welcome back locals & tourists

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Soon, boats will once again be tied up at Riverwalk Landing Piers, Yorktown Beach will be bustling with activity, and guided Segway tours will be seen rolling through town. For Virginia residents who are looking for family fun without having to travel too far—Yorktown is the place to be this spring!

Experience the Town in Unique and Memorable Ways

The **Yorktown Trolley** is one of the best ways to see Historic Yorktown and the complimentary amenity to visitors hits the streets **April 1** to kick off a new season. Friendly guides offer helpful information about each stop, so you can relax and focus on the scenery. The designated route takes you from the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, making several convenient stops along the way. Each trolley is ADA accessible and features infotainment and an interactive tracking system. Just download the SPOT ETA mobile app and get an estimated time of the trolley's arrival at various attractions.

Riverwalk Landing Piers are staffed beginning **April 1**. The piers provide for overnight stays as well as daily docking for recreational boaters. After tying up, it is just a short walk to attractions, restaurants, shops, museums, special events, and fun touring opportunities.

The **Schooner Alliance** also returns **Friday, April 1** with history sightseeing explorations and romantic sunset cruises through April 16 for Spring Break, before returning for the regular season on May 1. Sail past the Yorktown Battlefield where our country won its independence, and relive sailing's Golden Age when a young American clambered aboard vessels similar to the *Alliance* to find adventure. Pirate Adventure Cruises begin **Saturday, April 2**, and run through April 16 for Spring Break, before returning for the regular season on May 28. The popular homeported ship will remain a part of the York River skyline through early November.

While it isn't quite warm enough in early April to rent paddleboards and kayaks from **Patriot Tours & Provisions** to explore the York River—visitors *can* rent bicycles to ride in



and around Historic Yorktown, including the trails on the Yorktown Battlefield. Families with teenagers can also book guided Segway tours with routes that travel along the beautiful waterfront and up along Historic Main Street. During the longer 2-hour tour, riders will learn the basic history of Yorktown during the Colonial, Revolutionary, and Civil War periods.

The excitement in town isn't just during the day! Be sure to come back after the sun goes down to explore with **Yorktown Ghost Walks**. Learn about the history and haunts of Colonial Yorktown as told by actual paranormal investigators.

Galleries Offer Unique Souvenirs to Remember Your Trip!

The **Gallery at York Hall** re-opens **April 1** with regular hours of Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The Gallery features the work of more than 300 local artists along with a variety of themed exhibits that change every six to eight weeks. This year's season kicks off with a **Quilts Past & Present Exhibit for April and May**. It remains one of the most unique locations to purchase one-of-a-kind Yorktown souvenirs, including items featuring the popular Yorktown Onion; Fifes and Drums of York Town; Revolutionary-era soldiers, and nautical-themed art. The Gallery's volunteers serve the community by maintaining a visitor information area—offering brochures, maps, and discounts, along with friendly service and hospitality to more than 18,000 visitors each year.



On the Hill Gallery offers unique and sought-after artwork from local and regional artists. Located on Historic Main Street in a quaint little building, visitors will find everything from paintings and jewelry to home and office decor.

Sneak in a Few Living History Lessons While You're Here!

The Watermen's Museum reopens **Friday, April 1**, with four exciting new exhibits! Learn about Sea Level Rise and Land Subsidence, Oyster Harvesting and Aquaculture, Maritime Trades, and Comparative Energy. This unique museum will give you an understanding of the role Chesapeake Bay watermen, from pre-colonial to modern times, have played in the shaping of our nation. Don't miss the 7th Annual Tartans and Tie-Dye Celebration on April 9, and on April 16, take part in York County History Day. Look for music, storytelling, living history, a cannon firing, and even a chili cook-off at several locations throughout the day.

The **York County Historical Museum** opens for the season on **April 1**. View artifacts that tell the rich and varied stories of York County's past—from the time of the earliest Native Americans, colonial-era Yorktown, and both the battlefield and home fronts of the Revolutionary War through World War II. The museum is free and located in the lower level of York Hall. Hours vary based on the availability of volunteers.

The **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown** is a great way to get in a little learning and have loads of fun at the same time! Be sure to check out the short (just 10 minutes) immersive film entitled "The Siege of Yorktown" shown in the Experiential Theater. There are always hands-on activities taking place in the outdoor living history exhibits. You don't want to miss periodic musket firings in the Continental Army

encampment and an opportunity to enlist in the army. At the Colonial-era farm, see 18th-century recipes cooked over an open hearth. If you're lucky, you might be selected to help volunteer in the kitchen! *Museum admission is free to all York County, James City County, and Williamsburg residents.*



Explore the fields, earthworks, and historic buildings where American independence was won when you visit **Colonial National Historical Park - Yorktown Battlefield.**

Driving tours of the battlefield include siege lines and encampment areas. Celebrate National Park Week with free admission on April 16! To avoid lines, consider purchasing Colonial 7-day or annual passes online in advance of your visit. These experiences are administered by the National Park Service as part of Colonial National Historical Park.

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