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Celebrate Independence Day in Yorktown! 2023 lineup includes free patriotic fun for the whole family

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The public is invited to Yorktown's 44th [Independence Day Celebration](#) on Tuesday, July 4. This free family-friendly event includes activities on Historic Main Street and along the waterfront at Riverwalk Landing. Visitors can take advantage of special programming at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (free for York County, James City County, and City of Williamsburg residents) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



4th of July Schedule of Events

- 8 a.m. **The Yorktown Independence Day 8K/5K Run/Walk** (virtual & in-person)
- Race Day registration/packet distribution begins at 7 a.m. *Medals will be distributed at the finish line for the first 600 registered runners.*
 - **Please see additional race info below**
 - Location for beginning/end of Run/Walk: Lot next to York High School tennis courts
- 9 a.m. **Patriotic Parade**
- *Coordinated by VFW 824*
 - Festive music provided by DJ Ben Herrick
 - Locations: Water & Main Streets
- 1 p.m. **Family Activities**
- Outdoor games and kids' activities – presented by Riverwalk Landing Business Association
 - Hot dog eating contest - presented by Carrot Tree & Toby's Dog House
 - Location: Riverwalk Landing

- 2 p.m. **Festival Music**
 - Acoustical Guitarist Phil Poteat performs
 - Location: Riverwalk Landing Performance Stage

- 3 p.m. **Patriotic Food Pavilion Opens**
 - Location: Riverwalk Landing

- 4 p.m. **Evening Event Parking Opens**
 - Location: Yorktown Battlefield (Cook Road & Ballard Street)
 - *Will close at capacity*

- 7 p.m. **Sounds of Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony**
Fifes and Drums of York Town Perform
Reading of the *Declaration of Independence*
 - Location: Riverwalk Landing Performance Stage

- 8 p.m. **Super Jazz Band Concert featuring Conni Ironmonger**
 - Location: Riverwalk Landing Performance Stage

- 9:15 p.m. **Spectacular Fireworks Display**
 - Location: Over York River – visible from Yorktown Waterfront & Victory Monument

**The York County Historical Museum is still accepting registrations for its annual Independence Day 8K/5K Run/Walk and offers both in-person and virtual options this year. The 8 a.m. 8K race takes place along the scenic tour roads and trails of the Yorktown Battlefield—the same path American and French allies took to win the last major battle of the Revolutionary War to secure our nation’s independence. The Fifes and Drums of York Town will lead a procession at the beginning of the race on the tour road near York High School. Participants registered by June 27 receive a t-shirt. Those signed up after that date will receive a t-shirt while supplies last, so sign up early to ensure you get one! At the finish line, runners will receive a medal designed by a York High School student artist. The family-friendly 5K Fun Run is not timed, but finishers will receive a challenge coin. [Registration](#) is \$45 for the 8K and \$35 for the 5K. *Refreshments will be served at the finish line. Awards and prizes will also be given.*



Important Parking Information

All-day street traffic blockades include Zweybrucken Road, Comte de Grasse Street, a portion of Water Street, Ambler Street, and Main Street (from Zweybrucken to Ballard). The Beach Picnic Area will also be closed to vehicular traffic. *Pedestrian traffic only.* Church, Nelson, Smith, and Bacon Streets will be restricted to residents only.

Beginning at 4 p.m., unless you are a Yorktown Village resident, Historic Yorktown Village business owner, or have an official pass—you will not be able to enter Historic Yorktown by car. Visitors attending the evening activities must park on the Yorktown Battlefield at the corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street, which can be accessed by Cook Road or the Colonial Parkway. The Battlefield will remain open to the public *until it reaches capacity*.

Morning parade closures include Water Street (from Read St. to Mathews St.) from 8:45 to 10 a.m., and Ballard Street (from Water St. to Alexander Hamilton Blvd.) from 8:45 to 10 a.m. Traffic coming into town off George Washington Memorial Highway via Alexander Hamilton Boulevard from 8:45 to 10 a.m. will be directed away from the parade route. The town will re-open to vehicular traffic following the parade.



[The Yorktown Trolley](#), the only form of public transportation in Yorktown, will run from approximately 10 a.m. (following the parade) until 5 p.m. It is free, air-conditioned, handicap accessible, and includes several convenient stops:

- York County Courts & Office Complex
- Intersection of Main and Ballard Streets (York Hall)
- Riverwalk Landing
- Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center
- Watermen's Museum
- American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Additional Info:

- www.visityorktown.org/fourth
- Facebook, TikTok, & Instagram: Visit Yorktown
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Additional photos are available at <https://bit.ly/45VQN1I>.