Welcome to Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area

DAILY PROGRAMMING GUIDE: November 23, 2026 – January 3, 2027

Most sites are open 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Open 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Christmas Day

DAILY

10:00 AM (25 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Interactive: Under Arms: The Business of Riflemen
Military Encampment

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Starts at 11:00 AM on Dec. 25
Rare Breeds: Meet and Greet the Rare Breeds
Next to Prentis Store

10:00 AM (45 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Tour: Centennial!
Art Museums

10:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM, & 2:45 PM (30 Min) Except Dec. 25
Interactive: Order in the Court
Courthouse

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Except Dec. 25
Interactive: Talk of the Town: Christmastide
Palace Green

10:30 AM (30 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Performance: Visit a Nation Builder
Charlton Stage

10:30 AM (25 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Presentation: Rifle Demonstration: The "cursed, twisted guns"
Military Encampment

10:30 AM & 1:30 PM (60 Min) | 1:30 PM only on Dec. 25
Tour: Christmas Decorations Walking Tour
James Geddy House $15

12:00 PM (25 Min)
Interactive: The Weight of Liberty
Military Encampment

12:00 PM (45 Min)
Tour: Art Museums Highlights - Holiday Edition
Art Museums

12:30 PM (45 Min)
Music: Wassailing in Williamsburg
Chowning's Cider Stand

1:00 PM (60 Min)
Tour: Stables Behind-the-Scenes
Corner of Botetourt and Nicholson Streets $8

1:30 PM (30 Min)
Performance: Visit a Nation Builder
Charlton Stage

2:30 PM (30 Min)
Performance: A Season of Change
Charlton Stage

3:30 PM (30 Min)
Interactive: Company of Comedians
In front of Charlton's Coffeehouse

4:00 PM (45 Min) | Except Dec. 3-5, 11-12, 18-19, & 24-27
Performance: Beat the Retreat
Military Encampment

7:00 PM & 8:30 PM (60 Min) | Except Dec. 5, 12, 19, & 25
Tour: Haunted Williamsburg
In front of the Courthouse $20

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Family–Friendly

$ Separate Ticket Required

SUNDAY

10:15 AM & 11:30 AM (45 Min) | Except Jan. 3
Performance: Of Christmas Past
Governor's Palace East Advance $5

11:00 AM (20 Min)
Interactive: Tune into the Past
Play House Stage

11:00 AM (45 Min)
Performance: Patrick Henry and the Last Christmas
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

1:30 PM & 4:00 PM (60 Min) | Except Jan. 3
Music: Hennage Holiday Concert Series
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $15/$10

MONDAY

11:00 AM (20 Min)
Interactive: Tune into the Past
Play House Stage

11:00 AM (45 Min)
Performance: Christmas with the Washingtons: 1776
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

1:30 PM (60 Min) | Except Nov. 23
Presentation: History of Williamsburg Holiday Traditions
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

4:00 PM (55 Min)
Performance: A Holiday Medley
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $10/$5

7:30 PM & 9:00 PM (60 Min)
Interactive: Cry Witch
Capitol $20

TUESDAY

11:00 AM (20 Min)
Interactive: Tune into the Past
Play House Stage

11:00 AM (45 Min)
Performance: Pursuing Happiness
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

1:30 PM (45 Min)
Presentation: Death Never Takes a Holiday
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Music: Music in the Galleries (Drop-In)
Art Museums

4:00 PM (60 Min)
Performance: Live from Williamsburg: A Restoration Radio Play
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $15/$10

6:00 PM (20 Min) | Starts at 4:45 PM on Nov. 24; Except Dec. 29
Music: Fifes & Drums March
Military Encampment

7:30 PM (60 Min)
Music: Palace Concert
Governor's Palace $20/$12

WEDNESDAY

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM | Except Nov. 25
Interactive: Happy 100th CW! A Centennial Craft Party
Art Museums

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Music: Governor's Musick in the Wythe Parlor
George Wythe House

11:00 AM (20 Min)
Performance: The Accidental Proposal
Play House Stage

11:00 AM (45 Min)
Performance: Becoming History
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM (60 Min)
Tour: Archaeology Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Campbell Archaeology Center $15

1:30 PM (45 Min) | Except Dec. 2
Music: Christmastide with Governor's Musick
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Music: Music in the Galleries (Drop-In)
Art Museums

4:00 PM (55 Min)
Performance: Jane Austen: Winter Revels at Pemberley
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $10/$5

6:00 PM (20 Min) | Except Nov. 25 & Dec. 30
Music: Fifes & Drums March
Military Encampment

7:30 PM (60 Min)
Music: Dancing at the Governor's Palace
Governor's Palace $20/$12

THURSDAY

10:15 AM & 11:30 AM (45 Min) | Except Nov. 26
Performance: Of Christmas Past
Governor's Palace East Advance $5

11:00 AM (20 Min)
Performance: The Accidental Proposal
Play House Stage

11:00 AM (45 Min) | Except Nov. 26
Performance: The Comet Comes to Williamsburg
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

1:30 PM (45 Min)
Presentation: Fashions of Tsenacommacah
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Music: Music in the Galleries (Drop-In)
Art Museums

4:00 PM (55 Min) | Except Nov. 26 & Dec. 24
Performance: A Holiday Medley
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $10/$5

7:30 PM & 9:00 PM (60 Min)
Performance: Trial of a Patriot
Capitol $20

FRIDAY

10:15 AM & 11:30 AM (45 Min) | Except Nov. 27; 11:30 AM only on Dec. 25
Performance: Of Christmas Past
Governor's Palace East Advance $5

11:00 AM (20 Min)
Interactive: Tune into the Past
Play House Stage

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Music: Governor's Musick in the Wythe Parlor
George Wythe House

11:00 AM (45 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Performance: The Story Goes On
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM (60 Min) | Except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
Tour: Archaeology Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Campbell Archaeology Center $15

1:30 PM (45 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Presentation: Twelve Days of Fashion for the Christmastide Bride
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Music: Music in the Galleries (Drop-In)
Art Museums

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Except Dec. 25
Interactive: Holiday Dance Program
Governor's Palace

4:00 PM (60 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Performance: A Charles Dickens Christmas
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $15/$10

7:30 PM & 9:00 PM (60 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Interactive: Cry Witch
Capitol $20

7:30 PM (60 Min) | Except Dec. 25
Music: Dancing at the Governor's Palace
Governor's Palace $20/$12

SATURDAY

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Except Nov. 28, Dec. 26, & Jan. 2
Interactive: Hands-on Archaeology!
Campbell Archaeology Center

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Special Event: A Gown for the Holiday Bride
Milliner & Mantua-Maker

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM | Except Nov. 28
Interactive: Hands-on: The Art-Full Tree
Art Museums

10:15 AM & 11:30 AM (45 Min)
Performance: Of Christmas Past
Governor's Palace East Advance $5

11:00 AM (20 Min)
Interactive: Tune into the Past
Play House Stage

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Music: Governor's Musick in the Wythe Parlor
George Wythe House

11:00 AM (45 Min)
Performance: Faith of our Founders
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM (60 Min)
Tour: Archaeology Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Campbell Archaeology Center $15

1:30 PM (45 Min)
Music: A Heart-Felt Touch: The Genius of Scottish Songs
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Music: Music in the Galleries (Drop-In)
Art Museums

4:00 PM (60 Min)
Music: Dean Shostak's Crystal Carols
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $15/$10

PLAN YOUR DAY

TIPS FOR READING PROGRAM TIMES

When a time is listed as 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM, it means the program runs continuously during that time and you may enter and exit at any point.

When a time is listed as 12:00 PM (30 Min), it means the program will begin at the time indicated and late arrivals may not be accommodated.

Outdoor sites and programs are weather dependent. For the latest schedule, special events, and exclusive programs, scan the QR code.

Tickets can be purchased online or at any ticket office.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 26 | 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM (45 Min)
Special Event: Thanksgiving Proclamation
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

November 27 & 28 and December 24 & 26 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Special Event: Lighting of the Cressets
Duke of Gloucester Street

Nov. 28 & Dec. 26 | 7:30 PM & 9:00 PM (60 Min)
Dec. 6, 13, & 20 | 7:30 PM (60 Min)
Performance: Trial of a Patriot
Capitol $20

December 1-4 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
December 5 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Special Event: Firing of the Brick Kiln
Brickmaker

December 3 | 5:00 PM (30 Min)
Special Event: Community Christmas Tree Lighting
Courthouse Steps

December 3-6 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Special Event: Decorated Wreath Sales
Art Museums

December 3, 10, & 17 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Special Events: Artful Winter Evenings and Concert Series
Art Museums $25/$10
(Ticket required for concert only)

December 3, 10, & 17 | 7:00 PM (60 Min)
Music: Capitol Concert
Capitol $20/$12

December 4 | 7:00 PM (120 Min)
Music: One Street Over
Kimball Theatre $20/$10

December 4 & 18 | 7:30 PM (60 Min)
Music: Christmastide at the Courthouse
Courthouse $20/$12

December 4, 11, & 18 | 10:15 AM (60 Min)
DIY Craft: Quilting
Art Museums $5

December 4, 11, & 18 | 6:00 PM (90 Min)
Special Event: A Celebration of the Yule Log
Powder Magazine Yard

December 5 & 6 | 1:30 PM & 3:00 PM (55 Min)
Music: Holiday Pops - Williamsburg Symphony
Kimball Theatre $ (Tickets available online)

December 5, 6, 12, & 13 | 3:00 PM (90 Min)
December 8 & 10 | 12:30 PM & 3:00 PM (90 Min)
Horticulture Workshop: Wreath Decorating
Landscape Design Studio $90

December 5 & 12 | 12:30 PM (90 Min)
Horticulture Workshop: Fresh Fruit Decorations
Landscape Design Studio $30

December 5, 12, & 19 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Special Event: Public Auction
Market House

December 5, 12, & 19 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
(Fireworks begin at 7:00 PM)
Special Event: Grand Illumination
Capitol and Governor's Palace

December 6 & 13 | 12:30 PM (90 Min)
Horticulture Workshop: Small Centerpiece
Landscape Design Studio $50

December 7 & 11 | 12:30 PM & 3:00 PM (90 Min)
Horticulture Workshop: Candle Centerpiece
Landscape Design Studio $60

December 9 | 6:00 PM (120 Min)
Presentation: Archaeology After Dark
Campbell Archaeology Center $75 (Must be 21 or over)

December 10 & 23 | 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM (120 Min)
(On-screen captions on Dec. 10 at 3:30 PM)
Film: White Christmas
Kimball Theatre $8

December 11 | 6:00 PM (45 Min)
Presentation: Decorating the Private Homes
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium

December 12 & 13 | Scan QR code for showtimes (120 Min)
Performance: Christmas Dreams - Institute for Dance
Kimball Theatre $ (Tickets available online)

December 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, & 30 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Interactive: A Child's Colonial Christmas
George Wythe House

December 14 & 15 | 7:30 PM (90 Min)
Music: A Big Band Christmas
Kimball Theatre $ (Tickets available online)

December 16-20 | Scan QR code for showtimes (120 Min)
Music: A Crooner's Christmas
Kimball Theatre $ (Tickets available online)

December 21 | 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Special Event: Truss a Cask
Cooper & Wheelwright

December 24 | 4:00 PM (60 Min)
Music: Profound Joy
Art Museums – Hennage Auditorium $15/$10

December 24 | 5:00 PM (45 Min)
Special Event: Firing of the Christmas Guns
Powder Magazine Yard

December 24 & 31 | 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM
Interactive: Hands-On: Toy Making!
Art Museums

Explore over 300 acres *of living history.*

Step into the past as you visit historic places, stroll through two world-class art museums, and discover unique places to shop and dine. From captivating live performances to one-of-a-kind handcrafted goods at Historic Trade shops and Merchants Square, Colonial Williamsburg offers more than a visit—it's an unforgettable journey through America's past.

MEET OUR EXPERTS

Research, conservation, and preservation lie at the heart of our mission to present the stories of America's origins. See evidence of this ongoing work and how it shapes our programming.

ENJOY LIVE PERFORMANCES

History truly comes to life through first-person interpretation, staged plays, and musical performances. Witness historically clothed interpreters portraying the men and women of 18th-century Williamsburg who contributed significantly to the American story.

HISTORIC TRADES & SITES

Meet 21st-century craftspeople practicing authentic 18th-century trades. Discover how their work supports the community and learn about how their trades impacted the origin of our nation.

Our historical interpreters share real stories and bold debates that bring early America to life—using third-person storytelling to connect you with those who shaped our history.

ART MUSEUMS

Venture into time beyond the 18th century at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. From whimsical folk art to an extensive collection of British decorative art, explore the exhibitions at our world-class museums.

General admission to the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg is free, however some programming in the Museums's Hennage Auditorium requires a Colonial Williamsburg admission ticket or a special program ticket.

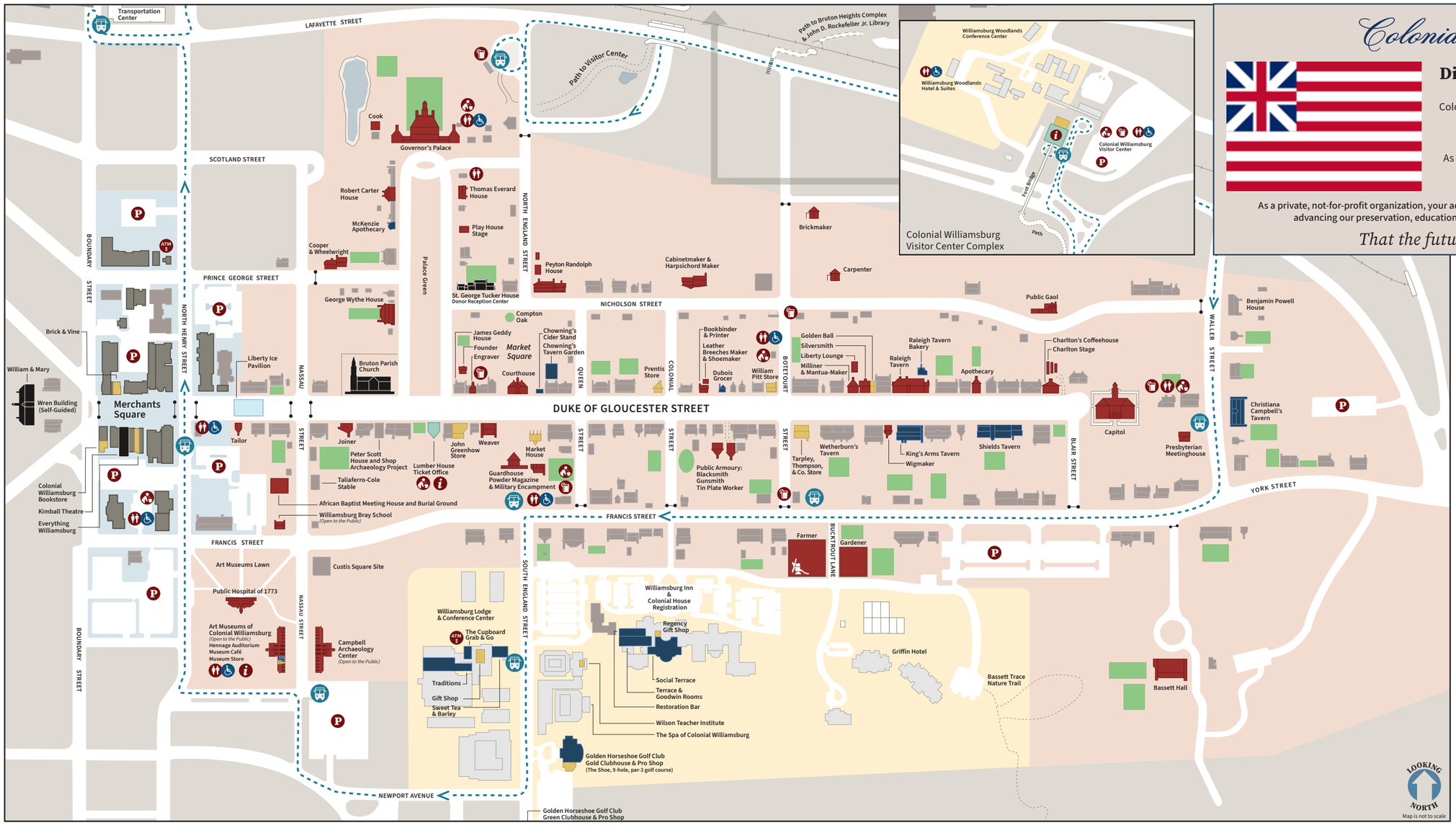
ADA AND BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY

We're committed to a welcoming, inclusive experience. Historic trade interpretations can often be done outside trade shops at the guest's request. Visitors with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations at 1-888-965-7254.

CUSTOMS & COURTESIES

We are committed to creating an environment where together, we can explore our complex history in a manner that is respectful for all. For the safety of our guests and staff, violators of this policy will be asked to leave the premises. Please have your admission ticket ready to explore over 40 historic sites and trade shops. Some buildings are private homes and offices, and their varied uses help support ongoing maintenance and preservation.

Food, drinks, gum, smoking (including e-cigarettes), and pets are not permitted inside sites, shops, or restaurants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, visit: https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/faq



Colonial Williamsburg

Discover Over 40 Experiences Daily Across Programming, Buildings, and Sites

Colonial Williamsburg maintains over 700 structures, many buildings remain private homes or offices, helping support ongoing preservation.

Look for the Grand Union Flag

As you walk the streets of the Historic Area, look for these flags at the curb. They will help you identify open buildings and sites. Most sites open 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

As a private, not-for-profit organization, your admission ticket directly benefits The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, advancing our preservation, education, and civic engagement objectives and supporting our mission:

That the future may learn from the past.

Map Legend

- Information
- Automated Teller Machines
- Vending Machines
- Restrooms
- Water Fountains
- Accessible Restrooms
- Parking
- Accessible Bus Route & Stops

Building Color Key

- Historic Points of Interest and Museums *(Admission required, unless otherwise noted)*
- Other Historic Buildings
- Food and Dining
- Merchants Square
- Shopping in the Historic Area
- Private Homes and Offices
- Tickets
- Hotel & Conference

Zone Color Key

- Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area
- Gardens
- Merchants Square *Modern Shops & Dining*
- Hotel, Golf & Conference District

HISTORIC DINING TAVERNS

Enjoy historically inspired cuisine at one of our historic taverns. Experience modern takes on traditional 18th-century recipes, dining by candlelight, and the finest in entertainment.

To book a reservation, call 1-888-965-7254.

Historic Points of Interest & Museums

Most Historic Points of Interest & Museums are open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, except where indicated. Please note, outdoor sites and programs are weather dependent.

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
African Baptist Meeting House and Burial Ground	*Opening Soon*						
Apothecary	•			•	•	•	•
Art Museums	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bassett Hall				•	•	•	
Blacksmith & Gunsmith	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bookbinder	•			•	•	•	•
Brickmaker	•	•			•	•	•
Cabinetmaker & Harpsichord Maker	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Campbell Archaeology Center		•	•	•	•	•	
Capitol (Closes at 4:00 PM on Dec. 5, 12, & 19)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Carpenter	•	•	•	•	•		
Charlton's Coffeehouse (Closes at 4:00 PM on Dec. 5, 12, & 19)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cook (Closes at 3:30 PM on Dec. 5, 12, & 19)	•	•			•	•	•
Cooper & Wheelwright	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Courthouse (Closes at 4:00 PM on Dec. 3 and 4:30 PM on Dec. 5, 12, & 19)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Engraver		•	•	•	•	•	
Farmer	•	•			•	•	•
Founder	•	•			•	•	•
Gardener			•	•	•	•	•
George Wythe House	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Governor's Palace (Closes at 3:30 PM on Dec. 5, 12, & 19)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Joiner	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Leather Breeches Maker & Shoemaker	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Liberty Lounge (Open to visiting military families)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Military Encampment (Closes at 4:00 PM on Dec. 3-5, 11-12, 18-19, & 24)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Milliner & Mantua-Maker	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Peyton Randolph House	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Presbyterian Meetinghouse	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Printer	•			•	•	•	•
Public Gaol (Jail)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Raleigh Tavern	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Robert Carter House 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM		•					
Silversmith	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
St. George Tucker House, Donor Reception Center 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Closed Nov. 26 & Dec. 25)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tailor	•			•	•	•	•
Thomas Everard House 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM			•				
Tin Plate Worker	•	•			•	•	•
Weaver		•	•	•	•	•	
Wigmaker	•	•	•			•	•
Williamsburg Bray School	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Tickets & Shopping

Hours may vary on weekends and holidays.

Art Museums Ticket Office	Daily: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Lumber House Ticket Office	Daily: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Visitor Center	Daily: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Brick & Vine	Daily: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Colonial Williamsburg Bookstore	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Everything Williamsburg	Daily: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Golden Ball	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
John Greenhow Store	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Market House	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Museum Store	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Prentis Store	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tarpley, Thompson, & Co. Store	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
William Pitt Store	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Williamsburg Inn Regency Gift Shop	Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Williamsburg Lodge Gift Shop	Daily: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Williamsburg Revolutions Store	Daily: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Food & Dining

Hours may vary on weekends and holidays.

Chowning's Cider Stand	Daily: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Chowning's Garden Snack Bar	Tue–Sat: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Christiana Campbell's Tavern (Reservations Recommended)	Tue–Sat: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
The Cellar at Christiana Campbell's Tavern (Walk-ins Only)	Tue–Sat: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
The Cupboard Grab & Go	Mon–Wed: 6:30 AM – 4:00 PM Thu–Sun: 6:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Dubois Grocer	Daily: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Gold Course Clubhouse Bar	Daily: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Gold Course Grill	Daily: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
King's Arms Tavern (Reservations Recommended)	Thu–Mon: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM *(light fare)*, & 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM
McKenzie Apothecary	Daily: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Museum Café	Daily: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Raleigh Tavern Bakery	Daily: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Restoration Bar at Williamsburg Inn	Sun–Thu: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM & 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM Fri & Sat: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM & 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Shields Tavern	Dinner at Shields Tavern on select days, check OpenTable for availability.
Social Terrace	Daily: 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Sweet Tea & Barley	Sun & Thu: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM Mon–Wed: 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM Fri & Sat: 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Terrace & Goodwin Rooms at Williamsburg Inn	Sun: 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, & 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Mon–Thu: 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, & 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Fri & Sat: 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, & 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Traditions at Williamsburg Lodge	Daily: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM