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happens when you're in the moment and your moment awaits here! A mouthwatering meal on a patio or in a candlelit corner, a special glass of wine or a cold brew, or a special cup of coffee to start your day. A concert on the river or at The Beacon and they play your song. When you feel the adrenaline rush as the racecar engine fires, or you jump and the parachute opens, or you are on that exciting zip line! It could be a quiet moment on a kayak, or hiking or biking the trails along the rivers, through the battlefield or historic neighborhoods. Perhaps, when you are struck by the rich history on hallowed grounds, historic homes, courthouses, churches; the stories of valor in military museums, of perseverance of African Americans. Or your moment may come in a shop or a gallery, or when you visit a farm, meet the cows and eat ice cream, or you see the tractors and antique toys that take you back to a childhood memory, or when the giraffe playfully eats out of your hand. Those are but a few of the moments that are here just for you!



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##### PETERSBURG

15 West Bank Street  
Petersburg VA 23803  
(804) 835-9630

##### HOPEWELL-PRINCE GEORGE

4100 Oaklawn Boulevard  
Hopewell VA 23860  
(800) 863-8687

Petersburg Area Regional Tourism represents Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie County, Hopewell, Petersburg & Prince George County.





Perhaps you are visiting our region to explore our history, or maybe you are stationed at Fort Lee, or you are our neighbor, or simply passing through, whatever brings you here, the dining choices are abundant. If Southern comfort food is what you love, we have it in plentiful supply. Love to dine on the waterfront, we offer that too. There is also Cajun and vegan. Barbecue – it’s pretty much a designated food group around here. We are proud to share that King’s Famous Barbecue Sauce and Saucy’s Bar.B.Q. have been touted in *Southern Living*.

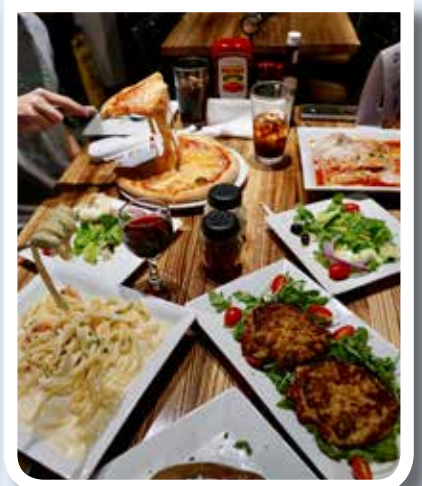


“ When we make local dining an integral part of travel, we elevate a trip from the ordinary to the extraordinary. ”



**ELLA DICKINSON**

“From my Porch to Peru” | Travel & Culinary Blogger



Many of our historic buildings house wonderful eateries and whether you are dining by candlelight or cozying up to a Pub bar, you can appreciate the history of our area while experiencing our local food. Visitors often feel like locals because of the warm welcome they receive and the people they meet while here. We like to think that we serve up a healthy dose of Southern Hospitality!



**Farm to Table**

Many of our restaurants source ingredients from local suppliers and growers, embracing the farm-to-table movement. We also have Farmer's Markets selling seasonal produce, local eggs, pasture-raised meats alongside the creations of our many artisans.



You'll find many international styles of food in our region: Italian, German, British, Greek, Mexican, South American, Japanese, Asian Fusion, just to name a few. There is so much variety and so many interesting cuisines to try!





**STEAM BELL BEER WORKS**

Steam Bell Beer Works is family and brewer owned with a philosophy that a long day should be celebrated with great beer and even better friends. Guests will discover a multitude of excellent craft beers to try. On the weekends there is typically live music - always festive and fun!  
 1717 Oak Lake Boulevard  
 Midlothian, VA 23112  
 (804) 721-1876



**TRAPEZIUM BREWING COMPANY**

Experience Trapezium's lively taproom and brewery in Old Towne Petersburg where the pizzas and wings are delicious accompaniments to a variety of their beers. The core beers are the White Ale, IPA, Session IPA & a unique Lemon Honey Ginger, but there are also always seasonal brews. Come for trivia nights, live music, outdoor movie nights; there is always something fun. When the weather is warm, you will love the red umbrellas, the music, the vintage boat - a great place to hang out.  
 423 3rd Street  
 Petersburg, VA 23803  
 Brewhouse: (804) 477-8714  
 Taproom: (804) 477-8703



*Family, passion, community and quality...the key ingredients for all the craft beverages that we LOVE in The Best PART of Virginia*

**BRAD COOPER** with daughter, **CAROLINE**

Owner | Steam Bell Beer Works



**AMMO BREWING**

Beer happy! AMMO is comfortable, a craft beer lovers dream! On any given day there are 16 varieties to try and you will LOVE the names: Wheat Wheat Don't Tell Me, Crater Hop Bomb, Rosemary's Baby among them and all are made on-site. There is also great food, including vegetarian and vegan options and a great Sunday brunch. A wonderful patio area welcomes you and your dog, who gets a treat, and families can enjoy board games, dartboards and a pool table.  
 235 N. Market Street  
 Petersburg, VA 23803  
 (804) 722-1667

**HALEY'S HONEY MEADERY**

Beyond just producing honey, the Haley family has opened a small urban meadery in downtown Hopewell. What is mead? It is a very old alcoholic drink that is fermented honey mixed with fruits or herbs to produce different flavors. The Haleys produce one basic batch at a time which is fermented into 5 different batches, each with a distinctive flavor, and a heavy emphasis on locally-sourced ingredients. Try a tasting flight to experience the differing flavors.  
 235 E. Broadway  
 Hopewell, VA 23860  
 (804) 310-6845





**THREE BROTHERS' DISTILLERY**

A drive down a country road to the county line...a little hidden bar down in the woods. The tasting room is a speakeasy, how fun is that and the distillery is right next door for you to see. Did you see Three Brothers on Discovery Channel's Moonshiners: Whiskey Business in March? These 3 brothers are producing Silk Jacket Naval Strength Compound Gin and KABLAM Unaged Corn Whiskey; George Straight Rye Whiskey will be next. It is open on Saturdays and they host Songs & Spirits at the Speakeasy, a music jam and you are invited to come out and listen or play great music and enjoy a cocktail.

9935 County Line Road  
Disputanta, VA 23842  
(757) 204-1357



**SEDONA TAPHOUSE**

A vibrant fun atmosphere offering one of the largest craft beer selections on the East Coast, along with an expansive wine list, handcrafted cocktails and a varied menu that changes so as to be seasonal.

435 Charles H. Dimmock Parkway  
Colonial Heights, VA 23834  
(804) 930-8277



**Spring Run Vineyards**

Spring Run is a family-owned and operated boutique "nano" farm winery that offers a memorable and unique tasting experience on the backroads of rural Chesterfield County. Grapes have been growing only since 2005, but they make blackberry and pumpkin wines using fruit grown on the farm. Because of the smaller production, the tastings schedule is on weekends in May, June, September, & October. You will really enjoy Wine Down Wednesdays in the summer. What a lovely relaxing setting.

10700 Spring Run Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832  
(804) 382-4529



**ASHTON CREEK VINEYARD**

Another great local family business! The beautiful tasting room and outdoor patio offer the perfect surroundings to enjoy tastings or a glass – a dozen or so choices are available, as well as delightful small plates, soups, desserts. Often there is music – perfect for a date night. While there peek in to see the gorgeous wedding/ event venue next door.

14501 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Chester, VA 23831  
(804) 896-1586



**APPOMATTOX RIVER PEANUT & WINE**

The Sealeys use only the largest Virginia peanuts and are proud to say they sell locally and ship around the world from downtown Hopewell. Their unique roasting process results in 30 different nut products. Check out the very large selection of domestic and imported wines. You will LOVE the shopping!

424 S. 15th Avenue  
Hopewell, VA 23860  
(804) 458-4741



Enjoy the outdoors here! We sit along the Appomattox & James Rivers; Lake Chesdin is between Dinwiddie and Chesterfield Counties. Trails take you through the woods, along the rivers, and through our history. The Appomattox River Trail will soon be 22+ continuous miles. Along the Appomattox there are 10 parks, a conservation area and marinas, so come with your boat, canoe or kayak, and bring your fishing pole. The James River brought settlers here originally and more parks, trails, and conservation areas are waiting. Visit Hopewell's City Point and absorb the beauty of the confluence of our two rivers!



**Paddle Battle**

Whether you're out on the Appomattox River for a slow, relaxing float in the summer sun or your heart is set on winning, Friends of the Lower Appomattox River's annual Paddle Battle event is for you! Bring your canoe or kayak out to the race or just enjoy the calm water, historic sites, and beautiful scenery! [www.folar-va.org](http://www.folar-va.org)

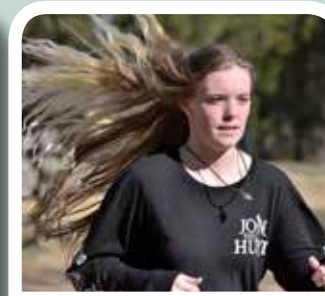


*"Pocahontas State Park has some of the best single-track mountain bike trails in Virginia."*

**CLARK JONES**

New Trails Volunteer | Pocahontas State Park

The 7,900 acres of Pocahontas State Park offer 64 miles of trails, including mountain biking & horseback riding, two lakes, an aquatic center, boating, camping, a nature center, concerts in the amphitheater, and more. You and your horse are welcome to the trails of Petersburg National Battlefield – enjoy the outdoors and soak up some history, so don't forget those walking shoes. Another walk through history is on the Breakthrough Battlefield Trails at Pamplin Historical Park.





**The Next Inning is Right Around the Corner!**

No matter the season, the game is always on in The Best PART of Virginia. Our quality sports complexes attract youth, high school, college and adult baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, field hockey and swim teams from around the country.



**Golf Courses**

Get ready to hit the links! Our region is home to courses perfect for the experienced golfers and bright-eyed beginners alike.



**Mid-Lothian Mines**

First Commercially Mined Coal in America Coal was discovered near the James River in 1701. "Mid-Lothian" coal was used to support the Revolutionary War and later fueled the Confederacy's Tredegar Iron Works. You can tour the old mines or hike the many miles of forest trails surrounding the site.

13301 North Woolridge Road  
Midlothian VA 23114



**Falling Creek Ironworks Park**

This park is the site of the first ironworks in the New World. The close proximity of raw iron ore, wood for fuel and power provided by the falling water made the Falling Creek site perfect for this development. Today this archaeological site yields information about iron production.

6407 Jefferson Davis Highway  
North Chesterfield VA 23234







**Action - Adrenaline - Adventure**

The Best PART of Virginia is not for the faint of heart. The roar of the dragsters' engines, a freefall from the sky, a zip line high above the zoo, 20 epic obstacles including a fire jump at Rugged Maniac, bouldering and climbing, trampolines, glow in the dark jumping & dunking!

**Virginia Motorsports Park**

This 500+ acre property has a ¼-mile Drag Strip, Motocross facility, BMX facility, Mud Pit, and a Motorhome/RV Park. There are great events weekly from March - November. The NHRA Nationals are held in the spring, the only national drag race event in Virginia.  
8018 Boydton Plank Road  
Dinwiddie, VA 23803  
(804) 862-3174

**Peak Experiences**

Tops for: Rope Climbing, Load Climbing, Bouldering & Auto-Belay System.  
11421 Polo Circle  
Midlothian, VA 23113  
(804) 897-6800



**Thunderbolt Indoor Karting**

Reawaken your sense of competition on this ¼-mile track! Adult and junior karts. Virtual Reality Game Room too.  
1365 Carmia Way  
Chesterfield, VA 23235  
(804) 370-6066



**LAUNCH Trampoline Park**

Trampoline Courts, Basketball, Dodgeball, Fury Laser Tag, The Challenger, Battle Pit, the Arcade and more; Ignite is Glow in the Dark Jumping & Dunking!  
10903 Hull Street Road  
Midlothian, VA 23112  
(804) 419-5753

**Sky Zone**

Speed Zone, SkySlam, Foam Zone, SkyLadder, Warped Wall, Ultimate Dodgeball, Freestyle Jump, Parkour Blox, Ninja Warrior Course, Glow and more!  
1345 Carmia Way  
Richmond, VA 23235  
(804) 379-2500

**Virginia Skydiving Center**

An exhilarating Bucket List experience! You will receive training and your first jump will be a tandem jump to a beautiful, picturesque drop zone.  
Dinwiddie County Airport  
23301 Airport Road, #2  
Dinwiddie, VA 23803  
(804) 466-0215



**Treetop Zoofari Zipline & Adventure Park at Metro Richmond Zoo**

This is truly a bird's eye view of the zoo, as you are swinging high in the forest canopy looking down on the monkeys, kangaroos, giraffes, antelopes, toucans & more. It's exercise, it's fun, it's an adventure!  
8300 Beaver Ridge Road  
Moseley, VA 23120 (western Chesterfield Co.)  
(804) 739-5666

**Escape Rooms in The Best PART of Virginia**

Interactive game spaces with mysteries to solve requiring teamwork, communication, logic & strategy. They feature Mysteries, Espionage, Thrills, Fantasy and more. Part problem solving, part adrenaline.

**Breakout Games**

9101 Midlothian Turnpike  
Richmond, VA 3235  
(804) 420-1211

**Last Second Escape**

11001 Midlothian Turnpike  
Richmond, VA 23235  
(804) 517-8693

**Escape Old Towne**

104 N. Sycamore Street  
Petersburg, VA 23805  
(804) 203-5434

**Room ESC**

244 E. Broadway  
Hopewell, VA 23860  
(757) 535-5936





**Ignite Your Passion for the Arts**

Whether it's musical, visual or performing arts, venues are located throughout the region. *Friday for the Arts* is a celebration every 2nd Friday night of the month in Old Towne Petersburg: gallery shows, dining, wine tastings, live music.

**Music**

Experience the Petersburg Symphony, Chesterfield Concert Band, Tri-Cities Community Band, concerts at Pocahontas Park, on the lawn at Weston, at the Appomattox Boat Harbor, the Hopewell Marina, or the VA Opera at Battersea.



**Theatre**

Live theatre happens at the 350 year old Swift Creek Mill, Fort Lee Theatre Co., Appomattox Governor's School and the Illuminated Stage Theatre Co. Drag shows are popular throughout the region.

**The Beacon Theatre**

A shining 1928 beacon for Hopewell's downtown and for all looking to be entertained. See the Old Dominion Barn Dance, or the Masters of Motown, the Oak Ridge Boys or The Winery Dogs, the Ultimate Queen Celebration or Graham Nash, all up close and personal - Feel the Vibe!



*“As the art community grows here, the conversation about what we share as people becomes more nuanced, deeper and richer.”*

**AIMEE JOYAUX**

Artist



Ronald Walton



Ed Hatch

**Art**

Discover the Walton Gallery, Morena Bohemia Gallery, LAMB ARTS, Side Street Gallery, the Ward Center; Get to know Aimee Joyaux, Ronald & Eric Walton, Steven Lloyd, Ed Hatch, Milly Youngblood- Horner, Henry Kidd, Dolly Holmes & Mark Pehanich, Petersburg Area Art League. We've only touched the surface!



**Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum**

It began with a young boy's love for a tractor. You will see hundreds of farm tractors and tractor trucks, some as early as 1917, plus classic cars, country store memorabilia, vintage signs & toys – the last century of agricultural heritage. You will LOVE the Bar-B-Q restaurant inside too.  
 880 W. Roslyn Road  
 Colonial Heights, VA 23834  
 (804) 524-0020

**Willows Bend Farm**

This farm is "a way of life", working with nature instead of against it. No chemicals; fertilizer comes from the plants themselves. Heirloom vegetables, plants & herbs; the hens provide fresh eggs. The kitchen serves breakfast all day, lunch, and you can call in the morning to order dinner for pick-up. Home Arts Center classes: cooking, knitting, sewing, Tea & Paint, herbs & aromatherapy. On-site shop.  
 20413 Carson Road  
 Dinwiddie, VA 23841  
 (804) 892-7588



**Richlands Dairy Farm – Richlands Creamery**

Four generations are operating a beautiful 800-acre dairy farm in western Dinwiddie County that has been operating since the mid-1700s. Their fresh from the cow milk and ice cream will be available in the new creamery in summer, 2019. October is Fall Festival every weekend, so get everybody in the car and tour the farm, go on a hayride, select your pumpkin, navigate a corn maze, milk a cow, and see what farm life is like. Group tours can be scheduled during May – October and watch the calendar for Dinners on the Dairy. This is a VA farm that's all about using Virginia products.  
 116 Cox Road, Blackstone, VA 23824  
 (804) 895-0696



*"The region offers history, diversity, sense of community, and progressive attitude that complements all the attractions and things to do."*

**KIMBERLY ANN CALOS**  
 Owner, Petersburg Pickers | www.petersburgpickers.com



**Find That Special Something You're Sure To LOVE**

Shoppers know the fun is in the finding. Shops are filled with wonderful, authentic, and quirky antiques in Old Towne Petersburg, downtown Hopewell, Colonial Heights and Chester Village, but there are also treasures to be found along our country roads. All are local treasure troves of history and stories. You can also find specialty gifts, vintage clothes, locally-made crafts and more.



**Taylor Made Chocolate Tours/Shop**

A bean to bar artisan chocolate company utilizing fair trade beans from Haiti. Tours begin with hand-sorting the beans and you walk through the entire manufacturing process. You will LOVE the inspiring story and you can't resist the beautiful truffles.  
 241 E. Hundred Road  
 Chester, VA 23836  
 (804) 571-6884

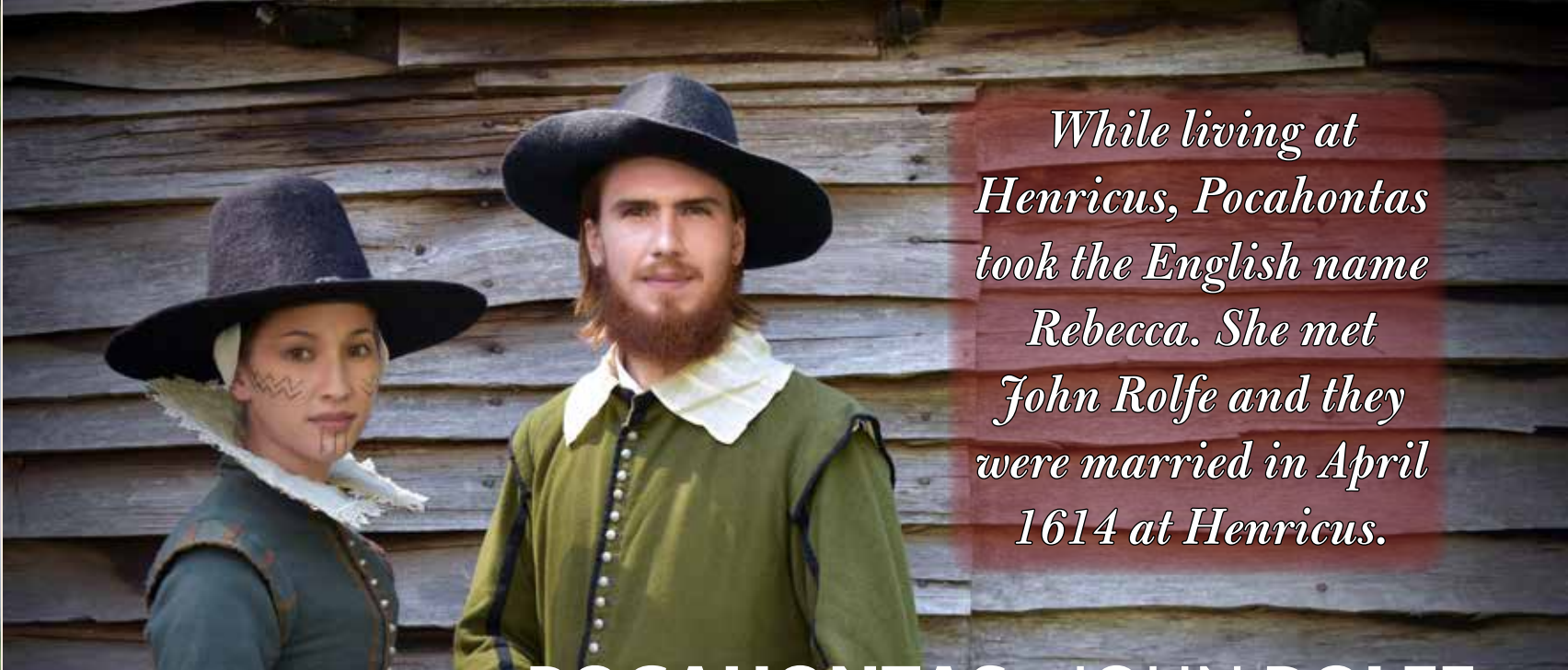


**Put PART of America's Past In Your Future**

History is all around us; visitors have been coming here for over 400 years. From colonial settlers heading west to British soldiers fighting to keep the land, from Union & Confederate troops ending a long war to Czech & Slovak immigrants coming to begin a new life, from those training to defend our country to the Civil Rights leaders seeking equality, and those who come every day to experience our past, history is all around, but sometimes easy to forget.

In many places, the last vestiges are fading away. But you can still find local museums and historic road markers guiding you to early settlements, plantations, monuments, earthworks, and trails that are tucked away from the rest of the world.

We're here to tell you that not only is history worth the effort, it's easier than ever to go out and reconnect with the roots of America's story right here in The Best PART of Virginia.



*While living at Henricus, Pocahontas took the English name Rebecca. She met John Rolfe and they were married in April 1614 at Henricus.*

**POCAHONTAS & JOHN ROLFE**

Re-enactors

**Henricus Historical Park**

The Second-oldest English Settlement in the New World - 1611 High on a bluff overlooking the scenic James River sits Henricus, encompassing an English fort, an English settlement and an Indian village. You will interact with period-dressed interpreters who may ask you to assist with cooking, blacksmithing, planting or harvesting. You will hear about the life of Pocahontas and meeting her husband, John Rolfe, our first LOVE story. Did you know that the first hospital in the new world was here? Check the calendar for youth camps, fascinating hands-on programming and spring & fall festivals on the river.

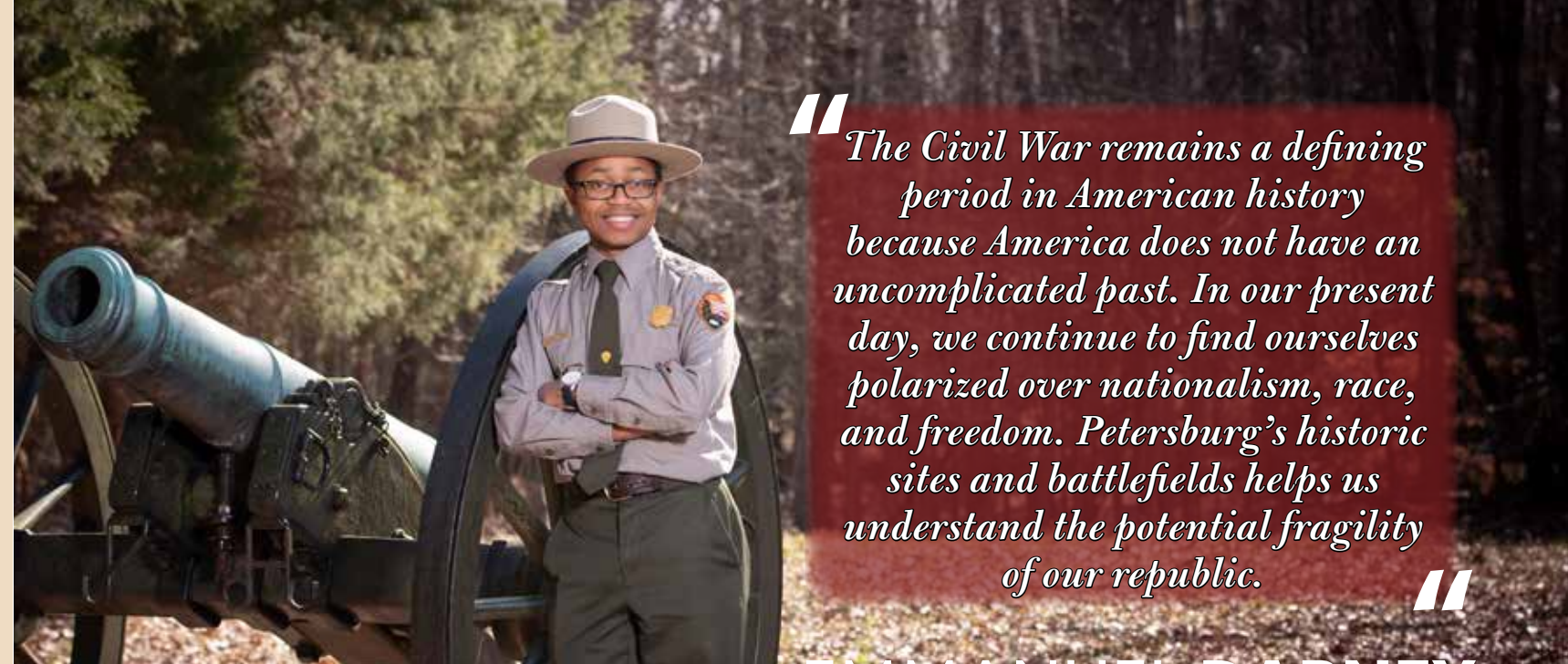
252 Henricus Park Road  
Chester, VA 23836  
(804) 748-1611





### Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier

Experience Life in Civil War America  
Essentially, the Civil War ended here on April 2, 1865, the Breakthrough Battle, when the final supply line was broken. That evening Petersburg and Richmond were evacuated. It is here that the stories of the everyday lives of 3 million Americans, from north & south, blacks & whites, immigrants and native-born, who fought in the ranks of Civil War armies, are told. Learn why slavery became such a divisive issue in American politics. Why did one of the most important battles take place on such a remote VA farm? You will see a film in the Battlefield Center, War So Terrible, which depicts the realities of Civil War combat. Tour Tudor Hall Plantation and see the animals and crops. Encounter costumed interpreters and a military encampment. The 4 miles of trails expose you to field fortifications and the Breakthrough Battlefield. There are youth camps, historical symposia, teas, speakers, special events throughout the year.  
6125 Boydton Plank Road  
Petersburg, VA 23803 | (804) 861-2408



*“The Civil War remains a defining period in American history because America does not have an uncomplicated past. In our present day, we continue to find ourselves polarized over nationalism, race, and freedom. Petersburg’s historic sites and battlefields helps us understand the potential fragility of our republic.”*

**EMMANUEL DABNEY**

Historian, Interpreter | Petersburg National Battlefield



**Duty Calls Me Here** brings visitors face-to-face with the soldiers. Personal digital players allow visitors to follow soldiers through 7 galleries using interactive computers, videos, life-sized dioramas, 700 original objects and multi-sensory battlefield simulation, Trial by Fire. The digital players continue to provide information as you move throughout the entire property.



### Petersburg National Battlefield

#### The Longest Siege on American Soil

Almost one quarter of the Civil War was fought here as Generals Lee and Grant battled for control of the railroads that the Confederacy desperately needed to survive. Petersburg National Battlefield tells the story of the long siege that resulted in the fall of Richmond and the war’s end.

#### General Grant’s Headquarters at City Point

Now the City of Hopewell, Grant established his headquarters at City Point, a port town at the confluence of two rivers. Overnight, the town became one of the busiest ports in the world as hundreds of ships delivered food, clothing, and bullets.

#### The Eastern Front

The Eastern Front features exhibits and audio-visual programs that introduce the story of the siege and its impact on the course of the war. Walk the battlefield to find the infamous Crater!

#### Five Forks Battlefield

One day before the Breakthrough, Union General Sheridan’s men overwhelmed Gen. Pickett’s soldiers at this pivotal road intersection, Five Forks, and the battle became known as the “Waterloo of the Confederacy”.

#### Poplar Grove National Cemetery

Over 6,000 Federal soldiers who fell in battles from Petersburg to Lynchburg have their final resting place in Dinwiddie County.





**Blandford Church and Cemetery**

**Rare Treasures That Honor Fallen Soldiers**

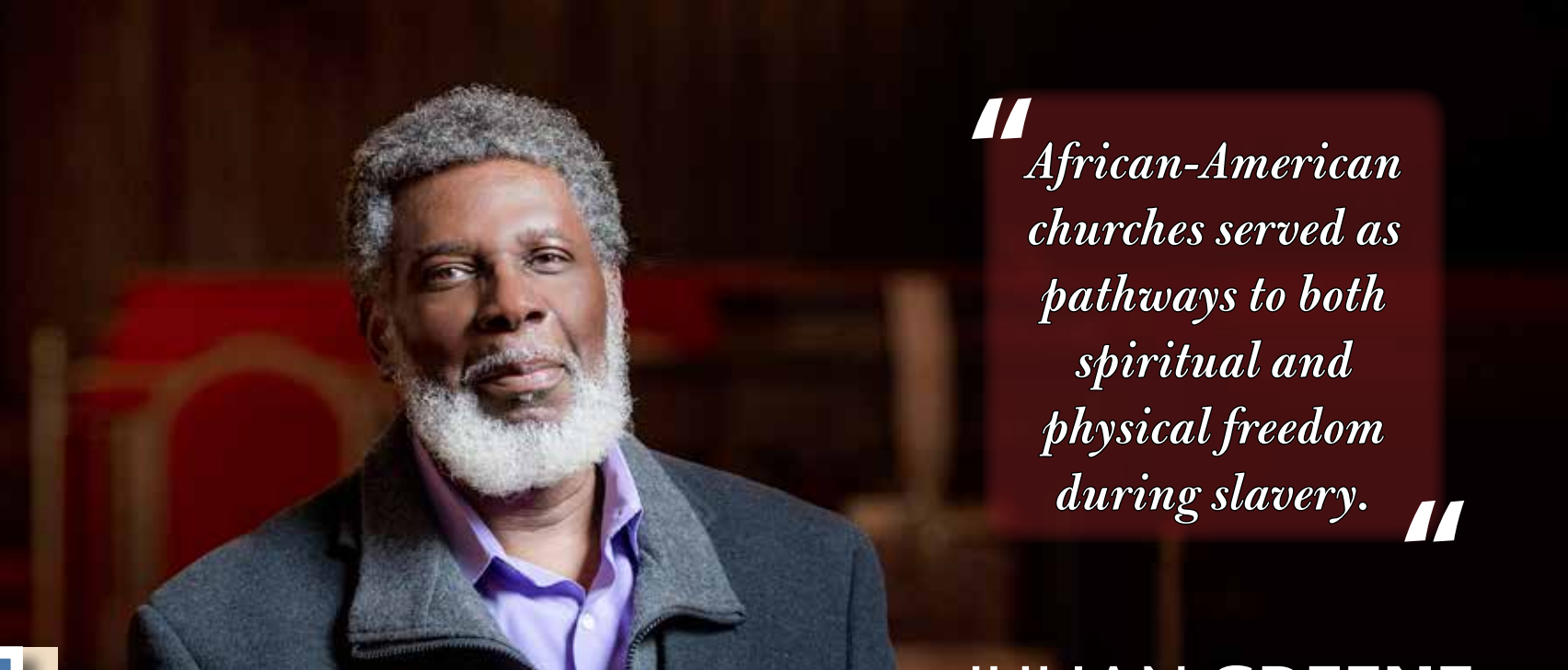
Blandford Church has 15 magnificent Tiffany stained glass windows, given by Confederate states to honor their fallen. A tour reveals its history as an 18th century house of worship, temporary abandonment, use as a Civil War field hospital, and restoration as a Civil War memorial. Blandford Cemetery is one of America's oldest. Here rests soldiers from almost all of America's wars, and members of prominent VA families such as the Bollings. A tour includes outstanding examples of 18th, 19th & 20th century gravestones, sculptures, and decorative iron fences.

319 S. Crater Road  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
(804) 733-2396



**Walk In Lincoln's Final Footsteps**

See what Lincoln saw, stand where Lincoln stood, and walk where Lincoln walked. Visiting City Point (today's Hopewell), Point of Rocks, Petersburg and the surrounding areas in the weeks just before his assassination, you can trace the steps of Lincoln's fateful journey in the closing days of the Civil War. Visit [walkinlincolnsfinalfootsteps.com](http://walkinlincolnsfinalfootsteps.com) for more information.



*"African-American churches served as pathways to both spiritual and physical freedom during slavery."*

**JULIAN GREENE**

Historian

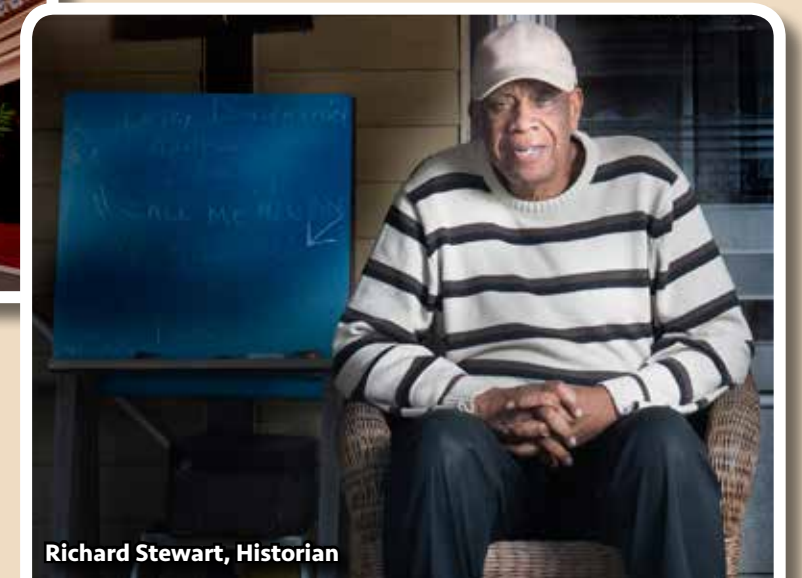


**First Baptist Church**

The earliest organized black church in America began in 1774 in Prince George County, moving to this 1870 building in Petersburg where the city's first black high school was started.  
236 Harrison Street  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
(804) 732-2341

**Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail**

Follow the Trail through The Best PART of Virginia to learn about the courage shown by those who pioneered the equality we enjoy today. Heritage Trail listings on [petersburgarea.org](http://petersburgarea.org).



Richard Stewart, Historian



**Pocahontas Island Black History Museum**

Pocahontas Island was home to Petersburg's earliest free African-American community and was once a stop on the Underground Railroad. The museum is home to a treasure trove of artifacts and other historical items of interest showcasing over 200 years of Black history.  
224 Witten Street  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
804-861-8889



**Violet Bank Museum**  
**Lee's Headquarters During the Siege**  
 Located on the first recorded settlement in Colonial Heights, this stately 1815 Federal style house is where General Lee received word of the massive detonation of gunpowder that began the Battle of the Crater. The furnishings interpret 1815-1873 and the Adam-style ceiling moldings are exquisite.  
 303 Virginia Avenue  
 Colonial Heights, VA 23834  
 (804) 520-9395

**City Point National Cemetery**

Seven hospitals at City Point (today's Hopewell) cared for the injured and mortally wounded and the cemetery there is the resting place for 5,000+ Federal soldiers, including nearly 1,400 African-Americans who died fighting for the Union. It remains a burial ground for veterans today.  
 10th Avenue at Davis Street  
 Hopewell, VA 23860



**Voices in the Shadows**  
 Haunted history is everywhere—from Civil War soldiers walking the battlefields and the halls of stately mansions, to paranormal investigators leading Spirited History Tours through historic jails and courthouses.



*"An effective move into the future requires an accurate understanding of the past for the Czech Slovak community in Virginia."*

**BRENDA SKALSKY** with granddaughter, **HALEY BOWKLEY**

Artist



**Prince George County Regional Heritage Center**

**A County's History Preserved by Artifacts, Exhibits, and Interpreters**

The fascinating history of one of Virginia's oldest counties, Prince George, is preserved here. The exhibits tell stories of the County's pre-history, Native American life, plantations, Civil War Beefsteak Raid, small farms, African Americans, and European immigrants.  
 6406 Courthouse Road,  
 Prince George VA 23875  
 (804) 863-0212



**Czech & Slovak Festival**

This free outdoor October event features musical performances, plays, polka dancing, beer, farm life exhibits, foods from the "old country" and fun activities for children. You will want to taste the baked goods, such as kolache.





**Point of Rocks Park  
& The Bermuda Hundred Campaign**

**The Battle Line Between Petersburg and Richmond**

In May 1864, Union General Benjamin Butler landed an army on the Bermuda Hundred Peninsula in Chesterfield County. His goal was to set up a base of operations and advance towards Richmond and Petersburg. Butler constructed his main defensive line at Point of Rocks, along with an army hospital. The anchor of this defensive wall was the artillery bastion situated atop Drewry's Bluff. Just weeks before his assassination, President Lincoln visited Point of Rocks. Today, the house Lincoln visited may be toured and the park is available for hiking and biking.

*Point of Rocks Park*  
201 Enon Church Road | Chester VA 23836 | (804) 751-4946  
*Drewry's Bluff*  
7600 Fort Darling Road | Chesterfield VA 23297 | (804) 226-1981

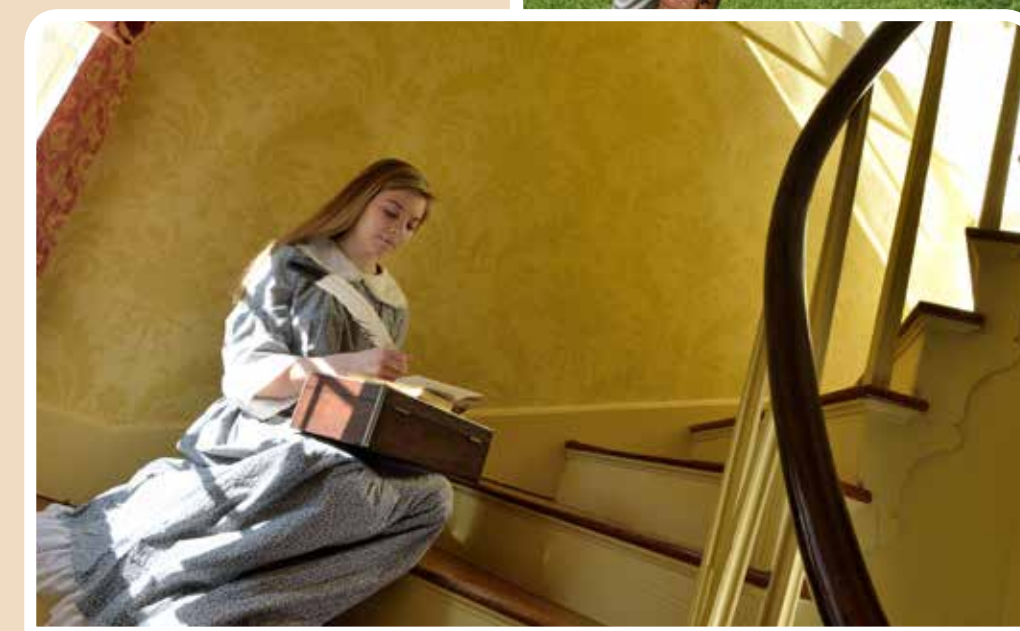


**Historic Dinwiddie Courthouse  
Dinwiddie's History Preserved in a  
Nineteenth Century Edifice**

Built in 1851, the Dinwiddie County Courthouse was the headquarters of Union General Philip H. Sheridan during the Battles of Dinwiddie and Five Forks. The Courthouse now serves as home to the Dinwiddie County Historical Society's museum.  
14101 Boydton Plank Road  
Dinwiddie, VA 23841  
(804) 469-5346

**Weston Plantation  
The Last Plantation on the  
Appomattox River**

Weston is the very essence of the eighteenth-century Tidewater plantation house. View exquisite furnishings and perfectly preserved architecture and learn about the generations of families who lived at Weston, including Emma and George Wood, children who lived there during the Civil War. Gift shop on-site.  
21st Avenue and Weston Lane  
Hopewell, VA 23860  
(804) 458-4682



**Centre Hill  
A Popular Movie Set**

Built in 1823 by Robert Bolling, IV, Presidents Lincoln (1865) and Taft (1913) have visited Centre Hill. The interior features outstanding examples of Greek Revival ornamentation, including plasterwork, columns and cornices. Exhibits in the basement gallery highlight Petersburg history and include furnishings from First Baptist Church. Centre Hill has become a favorite for Hollywood filmmakers as seen in: Lincoln, Killing Lincoln, TURN: Washington's Spies, Ithaca, and Mercy Street.  
One Centre Hill Court  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
(804) 733-2396





**Battersea  
A Hidden Treasure**

Battersea, built in 1768 by Col. John Banister, Revolutionary War Patriot, framer of the Articles of Confederation and Petersburg's first mayor, sits on the banks of the Appomattox River. Its characteristic Palladian style architecture and beautiful rolling lawn provide a memorable experience. Of particular interest is the Chinese Chippendale staircase. A greenhouse on the property was built between 1825 and 1835, one of few still in existence today. Tours are available by appointment; however, check the calendar for special events during the year including Oysters, Barbecue... Battersea each November. It's a lovely spot for weddings too.

1289 Upper Appomattox Street  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
(804) 732-9882

**Chesterfield County  
Museum & Old Jail**

**Story of a County and its People**  
This is the place to begin your journey through Chesterfield's rich history. Exhibits depict Native American culture, European settlements, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, ironworks and coal mines, along with life in the mid-20th century.  
6813 & 6819 Mimms Loop  
Chesterfield, VA 23832  
(804) 768-7311



**Magnolia Grange  
Gracious Southern Living**

Built in 1822 by Mr. William Winfree, this Federal style plantation house was originally part of a 1691 land grant. The tour presents life in a county mansion in the early 19th century. It is noted for its elaborate plaster and woodwork and beautiful authentic furnishings.  
10020 Iron Bridge Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832  
(804) 796-1498



**Fort Lee Museums**

Fort Lee Commemorated its Centennial in 2017

**The Stories of America's Army**

**The U.S. Army Women's Museum** reopened in 2018 after a huge expansion. It is the only one in the world dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and contributions of women to the Army. It shares amazing stories of female patriots through artifacts, interactive exhibits, educational programs and videos. Each of 5 galleries represents a different time period depicting how the role of women has progressed over time. You will go from exhibits about the "Camp Followers" in the American Revolution and Civil War who cooked and did laundry, or even disguised themselves as men, to WW II when the Women's Army Corps was established to do the jobs that would "free the men to fight", to Permanent Presence in 1948, to "Be All that You Can Be" in the 1980s & '90s, to the 21st century Army.

Building 5219, A Avenue  
Fort Lee, VA 23801  
(804) 734-4327



**The U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum** tells the stories of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps from Valley Forge and Little Big Horn to present day. The Quartermaster Corps is headquartered at Fort Lee. These are the soldiers that supply the Army on the battlefields and take care of the fallen. Significant artifacts here include our nation's first 50-star flag, Gen. George Patton's World War II jeep, and Gen. Eisenhower's field quarters.

2220 Adams Avenue, Building 5218  
Fort Lee, VA 23801  
(804) 734-4203





**June**

Get Your Butts to Broadway BBQ Festival (Hopewell)  
Halifax Jazz & Blues Festival (Petersburg)

**July**

Fourth at the Fort (Fort Lee)  
Independence Day at Pamplin Park (Dinwiddie)

**August**

Chesterfield County Fair (Chesterfield)

**September**

Publick Days at Henricus (Chesterfield)  
Festival of Grapes & Hops (Petersburg)  
Battle or Paddle on the Appomattox (Petersburg & Hopewell)  
ChesterFest (Chesterfield)  
Great Beefsteak Raid Dinner (Prince George)

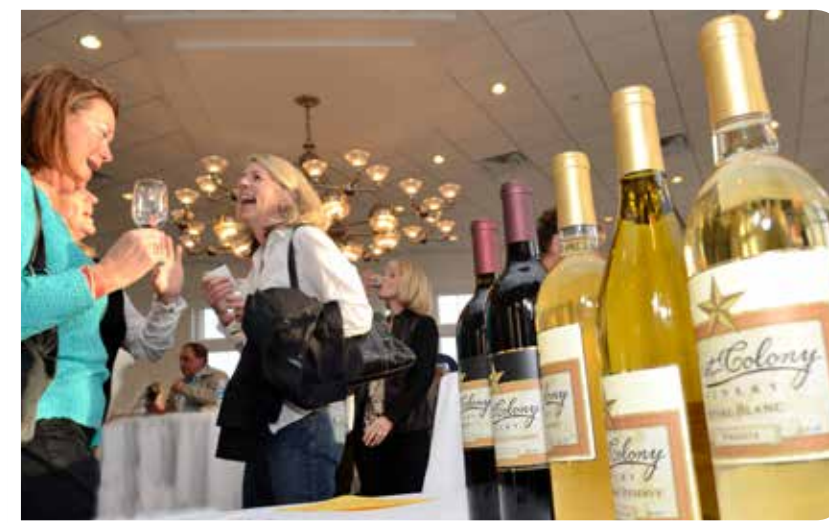


**April**

Wonder City Craft Beer Festival (Hopewell)  
RiverFest on the Appomattox (Dinwiddie)  
Petersburg Half Marathon and 5K (Petersburg)  
Battle at Osborne's Landing - Revolutionary War  
Reenactment (Chesterfield)

**May**

Festival at Falling Creek Ironworks (Chesterfield)  
Fort Clifton Art - Music - Crafts Festival  
(Colonial Heights)  
HenROCKus at Henricus (Chesterfield)  
Annual Shrimp Feast at Richard Bland College  
(Prince George)  
Memorial Day Celebration at Henricus (Chesterfield)  
Memorial Day Celebration at Pamplin Park (Chesterfield)  
NHRA Virginia Nationals at VA Motorsports Park (Dinwiddie)



**October**

Breakthrough Brew & Wine Fest at Pamplin Park  
(Dinwiddie)  
Mid-Lothian Mines Day (Chesterfield)  
VA Czech & Slovak Folklife Festival (Prince George)  
Dinwiddie County Fair (Dinwiddie)  
Pecan Festival in the Grove (Prince George)

**November**

Oysters, Barbecue...Battersea (Petersburg)  
Hops in the Park at Henricus (Chesterfield)  
Hopewell Wine Tasting Festival (Hopewell)

**December**

Historic Petersburg Holiday Homes Tour  
(Petersburg)  
Tacky Light Run (Chesterfield)  
Three Centuries of Virginia Christmas at Henricus  
(Chesterfield)