

# Welcome to Virginia



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# Commonwealth Icons



Dog-American  
Foxhound

**Sic Semper Tyrannis**  
Virginia's official state motto  
(Thus Always to Tyrants).



Floral Emblem-  
American  
Dogwood

Boat-Chesapeake  
Bay Deadrise



Insect- Tiger Swallowtail  
Butterfly

Shell-  
Oyster



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Tree-Flowering  
Dogwood



Beverage- Milk



Bat-Virginia Big  
Eared Bat



State Nickname-  
"Old Dominion"

# Virginia Fun Facts

- Virginia was named after?
  - England's "Virgin Queen," Elizabeth I.
- Why is Jamestown so important?
  - Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in the U.S. It was also the first capital of Virginia.
- Why was Jamestown founded?
  - Jamestown was founded for the purpose of silk cultivation. Silk to be traded with the Court of King James. After blight fungus destroyed the mulberry trees (silkworm food), sericulturist planted tobacco as a cash crop.
- What was Virginia's major cash crop?
  - Virginia is tobacco and many of the people who live there earn their living from the tobacco industry.
- How many civil war battles were fought in Virginia?
  - Over 1/2 the battles fought in the civil war were fought in Virginia. Over 2,200 of the 4,000 battles.
- How many US Presidents were born in Virginia?
  - Eight : George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, William Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, and Woodrow Wilson.

# The Colonial Capital of Williamsburg



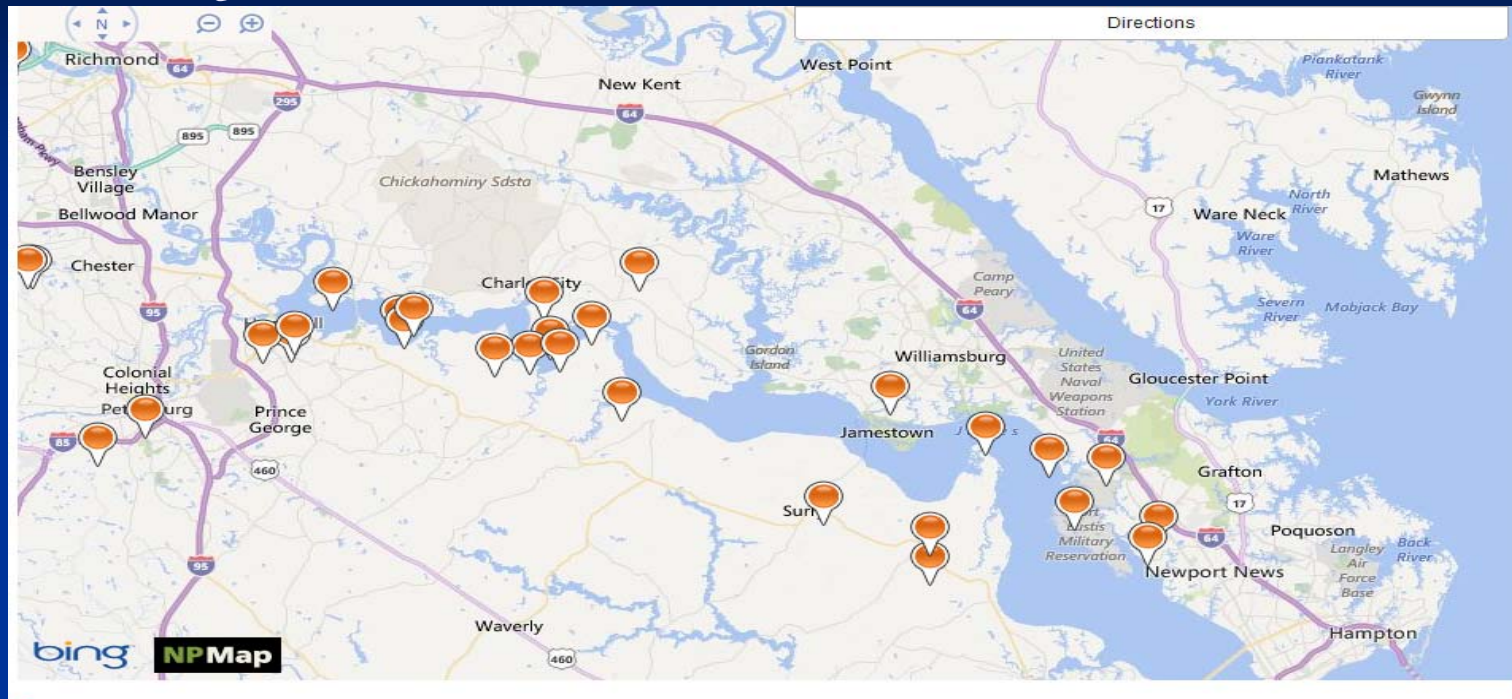
- The original capital, Jamestown was the first permanent English-speaking settlement in the New World founded in 1607.
- Williamsburg was founded as the capital of the Virginia Colony in 1699.
- Colonial leaders petitioned the Virginia Assembly to relocate the capital from Jamestown to Middle Plantation, five miles inland between the James and the York Rivers.
- The new city was renamed Williamsburg in honor of England's reigning monarch, King William III.
- Williamsburg celebrated its 300 th Anniversary in 1999.



The corners of Virginia's Historic Triangle mark major events in the story of colonial America. Linked by the scenic 23-mile Colonial Parkway, Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown were important stops on our nation's journey from the first lasting English settlement to the final battle that secured liberty and independence for the citizens of the new nation.

- Colonial Williamsburg- Passes are available at the Visitor's Center for a discounted rate of \$20
- Jamestown Settlement- Cost is \$16.75
- Yorktown Victory Center- Cost is \$9.75
- Combo Ticket for Jamestown Settlement/Yorktown Victory Center- \$21.00

# James River Plantations



- 33 Plantations “open” to the public within 1 hour radius (many minutes away)
- Historic RT #5 West will provide many opportunities to visit some of the largest plantations.
- More information:
  - <http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/jamesriver/index.htm>
  - <http://www.jamesriverplantations.org/>





# Questions?

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