

Colonial National Historical Park

Historic Jamestown ~ Colonial Parkway ~ Yorktown Battlefield

Capt. John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail

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250 Signature Events In 2026

We invite you to join us in commemorating the 250th anniversary of American independence



Junior Ranger Day

August 22 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Historic Jamestown & Yorktown Battlefield

Join us for a fun-filled day of hands-on history and exploration at Historic Jamestown and Yorktown Battlefield. Kids and families can tackle exciting Junior Ranger challenges, discover the stories of America's beginnings, and earn their official Junior Ranger badge — a special commemorative 250th badge available only this year. Come explore, learn, and have fun with us!



Yorktown 1781: Before the Siege

September 12-13 • Yorktown Battlefield & along historic Main Street

Step back into 1781 as living-history reenactors bring the British occupation of Yorktown to life with dynamic demonstrations of camp life, military drills, hands-on activities, and booming artillery fire. It's an immersive journey into the sights, sounds, and stories of wartime Yorktown.



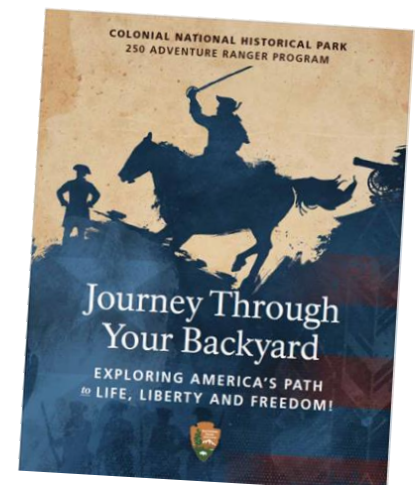
Yorktown Day & Victory Weekend

October 17 - 19 • Yorktown Battlefield & along historic Main Street

Join us for the 245th Commemoration of the Victory at Yorktown, marking the decisive 1781 surrender that ended major combat in the American Revolution. The weekend features artillery salutes, living-history demonstrations, hands-on activities, ranger-led programs, special exhibits, a festive parade, musical performances, and wreath-laying ceremonies. Celebrate this milestone and experience the pride, pageantry, and history of Yorktown.

250 Adventure Ranger Program

Grab your family and friends and set out on an exciting quest through Virginia's Revolutionary history. The park invites visitors of all ages to join the 250 Adventure Ranger Program, a hands-on challenge that explores iconic sites and encourages stewardship and civic awareness. Inspired by the popular Junior Ranger program, adventurers complete fun activities and collect stamps in a special book to document their journey. Finish your quest and you will be eligible to receive a special commemorative medallion. Pick up yours today exclusively at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. **Collect your stamps, complete your quest, and claim your place in history!**





Entrance Fees

Colonial National Historical Park requires a visitor entrance pass for all persons, age 16 & older.

This pass provides access to the following resources managed by the park, including the Yorktown Visitor Center and Battlefield Tour Roads, Jamestown Visitor Center, Glasshouse, Island Drive Tour Road, New Town, and recreational access along the Colonial Parkway. For more information: nps.gov/colo/planyourvisit/fees.

Artillery Demonstrations

Feel the *boom* of History!

Through October, volunteer members of the Royal Artillery and Lambs Artillery are conducting live artillery firings at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center on select weekends. Witness the power, precision, and pageantry of Revolutionary War-era cannon firings—an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages.

Find the full schedule on our website and follow us on social media for updates.



Ranger-Led Programs

Whether you're strolling through Jamestown or exploring the battlefield at Yorktown, let our expert park rangers bring the past to life with engaging guided programs offered year-round

Programs are scheduled daily, starting at the Jamestown Visitor Center and the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. For details, just ask a ranger at the front desk. *Please note: programs are subject to change or cancellation.*

Prefer to explore at your own pace? Try our **self-guided walking and driving tours**. And don't forget to ask about our popular **Junior Ranger Program**—perfect for young adventurers!

Hours of Operation

Yorktown Visitor Center	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Jamestown Visitor Center	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tour roads and grounds	9 a.m. – sunset	Jamestown Island grounds	9 a.m. – sunset
		Historic Glasshouse	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All programs are subject to change or cancellation. For updated information, please reach out to us:



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