# 2019 James River Days

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#### **Continuing through April** Fridays-Sundays • **Riverfront Canal Cruises (Ed), (H), (S)** Enjoy a 40-minute historically narrated tour of the James River and Kanawha Canal along the historic Canal Walk in a covered boat.

Tours accommodate up to 35 passengers. (Map-X) Canal Turning Basin, 14th and Dock streets, 23219, Friday and Saturday, noon-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Cruises leave every hour, on the hour, \$8/adults, \$6/ seniors and children 5-12, ages 4 and under free with an adult, Venture Richmond, (804) 788-6466, contactus@venturerichmond.com, venturerichmond.com Saturdays • **James River Park HQ Clean Up! (Ed), (En)** 

Help us clear the James River Park of

invasive plants so we can restore the native landscape! Bring sturdy shoes, long pants, gloves, water and a lunch. Groups welcome! (Map-P) Reedy Creek Trailhead, 4111 Hillcrest Road, 23225, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., FREE, all ages, Ryan Ginsburg, Invasive Plant Task Force,

(703) 587-8457, InvasivePlantTaskForce@ gmail.com, jamesriverpark.org/invasives/

L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School (R)

variety of water programs such as kayaking

levels. (Map-4) Tucker Park, 1301 Maidens

and stand-up paddleboarding for different skill

Road, 23102, various times, \$25-\$69, L.L. Bean,

(888) 534-5803, jmclaughli@llbean.com, llbean.

**Saturdays-Sundays of First Two Weekends** 

Experience a two-hour boat tour viewing

Bottom Boat Landing, 9525 Deep Bottom

Road, 23231, 7-9 a.m. & 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$50, Discover the James, (804) 938-2350, mike@

discovertheJames.com, discovertheJames.

In the Beginning...Virginia, Along the Trail

participants the chance to ponder the impact

of enslavement on the enslaved, as shared

in their own words and from their own view.

Immerse yourself in past occurrences that

impact our perspectives today. Contact for

reservation. (Map-EE) Manchester Dock and

Trail of Enslaved Africans, 1308 Brander St.,

HandsOn Greater Richmond invites you to

checkout the many James River service

3900, story1@efsinc.org, efsinc.org

Take Action On the James!

(Ed), (En), (H), (R), (S)

23224, \$15, Elegba Folklore Society, (804) 644-

bald eagles in their natural habitat.

Binoculars provided. (**Map-NN**) Deep

The Outdoor Discovery School will host a

**Saturdays-Sundays** •

com/llb/shop/515733

**Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

of the Month •

com

Monthly •

Ongoing •

of Enslaved Africans (H)

An interactive experience that gives

projects happening year-round in the Richmond region! Visit handsonrva.org and type keyword: James River. Various locations and times, Community Foundation, (804) 409-5595, sglenn@cfrichmond.org, handsonrva. org (keyword James River) **Spring Break Camps** 

Monday-Friday, April 1-5 ●

henricus.org

Spring Break Camp (Ed), (En), (H)

Join us for a one-day immersive program of your choice or sign up for multiple programs

and receive a discount. (Map-LL) Henricus

23836, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$40/day per child, \$36/day

\$33/day, ages 8-12, Henricus Foundation, (804)

748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com,

per child for multiple days; Henricus patrons

Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road,

Date: 4/1 Archaeology Date: 4/2 Science of the 17th Century Date: 4/3 Environment of the James River Date: 4/4 Sir Thomas Dale's Colony Date: 4/5 Indian Summer **April** Monday, April 1 • **Explore Powhatan Creek by Kayak (Ed),** (H), (R)Join JRA for a guided tour of Powhatan Creek by kayak. Participants will learn about the

natural and historic resources of Powhatan

Creek and the James River. Kayaks, paddles

and personal flotation devices are provided

County Marina, 2054 Jamestown Road, 23185,

5:30-7:30 p.m., FREE, ages 16 and over, Justin

Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-

8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org

Tuesday, April 2 • Spring & Earth Day

Spring exhibits at Art Works are a variety

honor Earth Day with artwork made from

recycled materials. Six galleries include new

contemporary art ranging from photography

and assemblage to mixed media and paints. (Map-Z) Art Works, 320 Hull St., 23224, 12-6

p.m., FREE, Art Works, (804) 291-1400, info@

artworksrichmond.com, artworksrichmond.

of subjects and mediums. Local artists

**Exhibits at Art Works (S)** 

by James City County. (Map-9) James City

com Wednesday, April 3 • Explore Richmond's Riverfront by Canoe (Ed), (H), (R) Join JRA for a guided tour of Richmond's riverfront by canoe. Participants will learn about the natural and historic resources of Richmond's riverfront and the James River. Canoes, paddles and personal flotation devices are provided. (Map-BB) Great Shiplock Park, 2803 Dock St., 23223, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$15, ages 16 and over, Justin Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-8811, ext.

212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org

Wednesday, April 3 • James River Outdoor

**Coalition Monthly Meetings (Ed), (En), (R)** 

These monthly meetings are open to anyone

interested in finding out how to give back to the James River Park System (monthly

work projects and annual fundraisers) and

to learn about regular developments within

the park. (Map-P) James River Park System Headquarters, 4001 Riverside Drive, 23225, 6-7:30 p.m., James River Outdoor Coalition (JROC), (305) 775-0184, jrocmail@gmail.com, iroc.net/ Saturday, April 6 ● Appomattox Regional **River Park 5K Trail Run (R)** The 4th annual Appomattox River Regional Park 5K Trail Run is open to participants at all levels. Prince George County hosts a run through the woods and along the Appomattox River Trail (ART). Register at raceit.com. (Map-6) Appomattox Regional River Park, 800 FOLAR Trail, 23860, 9-11 a.m., \$20, Prince George County and Friends of the Lower Appomattox River, (804) 458-6164, recreation@princegeorgecountyva.gov, runsignup.com/Race/VA/NPrinceGeorge/ AppomattoxRiverRegionalPark5KTrailRun

Mondays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29 ● Toddler

Time at Maymont: Out and About (Ed)

Tie on your sneakers, strap the kids in a

hearing with a variety of short activities.

(Map-M) Maymont Nature Center and

stroller or backpack and join us on a walk

through Maymont. Along the way, we'll stop and explore our senses of touch, smell and

Grounds, 2201 Shields Lake Drive, 22320, 10-11

a.m., \$36/parent and child pair, \$29/members

(includes all sessions and Nature Center

must accompany child, Maymont, (804)

358-7168, environedu@maymont.org,

admission), ages 18 months-4 years, adult

maymont.org Wednesday, April 10 • **Introduction to Canoeing (R)** Join JRA for canoe instruction at Turkey Island Creek. Participants will learn introductory canoeing skills from JRA staff members certified by the American Canoe Association. Canoes, paddles and personal flotation devices are provided. (Map-00) Turkey Island Creek, 5501 New Market Road, 23231, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$15, ages 16 and over, Justin Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org Saturday, April 13 ● Family Tides (R) Join us on a family canoeing excursion along the calm waters of Four Mile Creek. We'll leisurely paddle up the creek looking for wildlife. (Map-NN) Deep Bottom Park, 9525 Deep Bottom Road, 23231, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$15, ages 8 and over, registration of a paying adult is required with children ages 8-14, Henrico Recreation & Parks, (804) 652-1417, hil078@henrico.us, henrico.us/rec/ Sunday, April 14 ● **Recreational Tree Climbing (R)** Join the professional arborists from Riverside Outfitters as they take you to new heights. For young and old alike, if you ever enjoyed climbing in trees, here's your chance to

really go up. Using specialized tree-climbing

trees. (Map-I) Pony Pasture, 7310 Riverside

Drive, 23225, 1-3 p.m., \$22, ages 8 and over,

Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation,

ages 8-13 must be accompanied by an adult,

equipment, the staff of Riverside Outfitters will assist you as you ascend into the canopies of

(804) 748-1124, velzyg@chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks Tuesday, April 16 • 50+ Kayak Sampler -**Calm Water** Geared towards the never-too-mature-tohave-fun crowd (50+), here is your opportunity to see if the growing sport of kayaking is for you. Professional instructors will teach the basic safety and paddling techniques needed to get out for an evening paddle on calm water. Sit-on-top and touring kayaks will be available for sampling. Swimming ability is required. Max. weight 250 pounds due to kayak limitations. (Map-KK) Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 6-8:30 p.m., \$35, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@ chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks Wednesday, April 17-21 • **River City Whitewater Festival (R)** This spring RVA Paddlesports will be celebrating Richmond's amazing whitewater and the community that paddles it with the inaugural River City Whitewater Festival. The festival includes competitions within many disciplines of whitewater paddling. Kicking off the festival competitions will be a youth slalom race on Thursday, kayak freestyle on Friday, a raft race and "any boat goes" race

on Saturday, kayak boater cross will mark

celebrate our whitewater gem that is the

rvapaddlesports.com

Thursday, April 18 •

(804) 330-8932

the end of the festival on Sunday. Come out

falls of the James River. RVA Paddlesports,

**Historic Falls of the James Scenic River** 

stewards of the James River from Williams

Island to Orleans Street, meets monthly to

management and protection of the James.

Conference Room, 900 E. Broad St., 23219, noon-1:30 p.m., FREE, Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee,

(Map-W) Richmond City Hall, 5th Floor

advise on all matters related to conservation,

Advisory Committee Meeting (Ed)

Advisory Committee, state-appointed

Historic Falls of the James Scenic River

(804) 898-0697, rvapaddlesports@gmail.com,

Friday, April 19 ● Owl Prowl (En), (Ed), (R) Gather after sundown for a sneaky stroll through the park in search of elusive owls. Audio playback may be used to draw owls in or we will listen for them ourselves. Please bring a bottle of water and come prepared to hike. (Map-I) Pony Pasture Parking Lot, 7310 Riverside Drive, 23225, 7-9:30 p.m., \$5 suggested donation, all ages, James River Park System, (804) 921-8166, tyler.twyford@ richmondgov.com, jamesriverpark.org Saturday, April 20 • Wildflower Walk (En), (Ed), (R) Walk down from 42nd Street to a few secluded islands along the river to enjoy spring wildflowers. Depending on water level, some wading through slow moving water about knee high is possible. Come prepared with river-appropriate footwear and a bottle of water. A dry bag will be provided for safe transportation of personal gear. (Map-N) 42nd Street Parking Lot, 4300 Riverside Drive, 23225, 10 a.m.-noon, \$5 suggested donation, ages 8 and over, James River Park System, (804) 921-8166, tyler.twyford@richmondgov.com, jamesriverpark.org Saturday, April 20 • JROC Gear Swap 2019 (R) Buy and sell used outdoor gear at the Earth Day Festival. 20% of proceeds from each sale will go to the James River Park System and

the other 80% to the seller. Find great deals or

get rid of that old gear you've been meaning

Festival, 102 Hull St., 23224, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.,

James River Outdoor Coalition, (305) 775-0184,

Join us on a family kayaking excursion along

the calm waters of Bailey Creek. We'll take a

casual paddle on the water exploring sights and local wildlife. (Map-NN) Deep Bottom

Park, 9525 Deep Bottom Road, 23231, 3-6 p.m.,

\$15, ages 13 and over, registration of a paying

adult is required with children ages 13-14,

**April & May Exhibits Reception at Art** 

April and May exhibits are a celebration of Earth Day and garden shows through art. You'll see an exhibit of floral paintings.

nature shows and no garden is complete without a rabbit. Janine Matthews' exhibit

has us Contemplating the Rabbit Hole.

Art Works, 320 Hull St., 23224, 6-9 p.m., FREE, Art Works, (804) 291-1400, info@

Exhibit continues through May 18. (Map-Z)

hil078@henrico.us, henrico.us/rec/

Thursday, April 25 •

Works (S)

Henrico Recreation & Parks, (804) 652-1417,

to sell! (Map-Y) Style Weekly Earth Day

Saturday, April 20 • Kayak Tour (R)

jrocmail@gmail.com, jroc.net/

artworksrichmond.com, artworksrichmond. com Saturday, April 27 • **Recreational Tree Climbing (R)** For the young and the young at heart! Professional arborists from Riverside Outfitters will take you safely to new heights, teaching the proper climbing systems to ascend and explore the canopies of trees. A great activity for parents and kids! (Map-MM) Dorey Park, 2999 Darbytown Road, 23231, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$10, ages 8 and over, Henrico County Recreation & Parks, (804) 652-1417, hil078@henrico.us.henrico.us/rec/ Saturday, April 27 • RiverFest! on the ART (R) Enjoy a day of family fun outdoors to celebrate and learn about our river heritage, nature and recreation. Includes exhibits, hands-on activities, kayaking workshops, climbing wall, food trucks, live music and more! (Map-5) Ferndale Appomattox Riverside Park, 24909 Ferndale Road, 23805, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., FREE, Friends of the Lower Appomattox River and Dinwiddie County, (804) 861-1666, contactus@ folar-va.org, folar-va.org/ Saturday, April 27 • **Shad Migration Celebration Walk** Come walk the area where the fall line ends

and the tidal James begins to see migratory shad making their way upstream! This event

is a hallmark of warmer weather to come

and displays the wonderful bounty of our oceans. We will take a stroll beside and

along the floodwall focusing on the fall line

and seasonal change and then speak with some local fishermen about their catch. Be

prepared for a short hike on stable terrain.

water bottle. (Map-Y) Floodwall at Diversity

suggested donation, ages 8 and over, James

Dress for changing weather and bring a

Park, 101 Hull St., 23224, 10-11:30 a.m., \$5

River Park System, (804) 921-8166, tyler.

Come celebrate The Mariners' Museum

Park and Noland Trail with family games,

demonstrations, make-and-take crafts and

much more! (Map-10) The Mariners' Museum

and Park, 100 Museum Drive, 23606, 11 a.m-3 p.m., FREE, The Mariners' Museum and Park,

interactive environmental displays and

(757) 596-2222, Mariners Museum.org

Enjoy a pleasant afternoon of fishing for

a striper! This is a great way to celebrate

shad. If you are lucky, you might even catch

spring! Limited to eight participants. Rods and

twvford@richmondgov.com.

**Celebrate the Park (Ed), (En)** 

jamesriverpark.org

Saturday, April 27 •

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Shad Fishing (En), (Ed), (R)

reels will be provided. All participants over the age of 16 must have a valid Virginia fishing license, available for \$23 annually at https:// www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/ licenses/#fees. (Map-Y) Floodwall at Diversity Park, 101 Hull St., 23224, 1-3:30 p.m., FREE, ages 12 and over, James River Park System, (804) 921-8166, tyler.twyford@richmondgov. com, jamesriverpark.org Saturday & Sunday, April 27 & 28 • **Kayaking 201 - Beginner Whitewater** Join the region's most experienced professional instructors to learn how to paddle whitewater the correct way! Spend Day 1 on flatwater learning technique, safety and control in true whitewater kayaks. Day 2 is a whitewater river trip to introduce river reading and running and refine skills. Swimming ability required. All equipment

provided. Max. weight 235 pounds due to

Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road,

23836, (Map-I) Pony Pasture, 7310 Riverside Drive, 23225, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$140, ages 13 and

over, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation,

(804) 748-1124, velzyg@chesterfield.gov,

Saturday & Sunday, April 27 & 28 •

Battle at Osborne's Landing –

chesterfield.gov/parks

kayak limitations. (Map-KK) Dutch Gap

American and British encampments as they re-create the 1781 Battle at Osborne's Landing. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, \$9/adults,

**Revolutionary War Re-enactment (Ed), (H)** 

Visit Revolutionary War re-enactors in their

\$7/children ages 3-12; Henricus patrons: FREE, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.org

Sunday, April 28 • **Kayaking 101 - Introduction to Calm Water** 

Paddling (R) Join the region's most experienced staff and learn how to paddle the correct way with professional instructors! This class is designed for the person who wants to learn

the basics of flatwater kayaking. The class covers entries, exits, strokes, safety and the equipment needed to start kayaking. An optional tour of the Dutch Gap Conservation

Area is included. Rental includes kayak and all equipment. Swimming ability is required. Max. weight 250 pounds due to kayak limitations. (Map-KK) Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 9

a.m.-4 p.m., \$70 (\$80 w/ rental), ages 11 and over, ages 11-13 must be accompanied by an actively participating adult, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124,

parks

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streets, 23219, Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Cruises leave every hour, on the hour, 4 and under free with an adult, Venture Richmond, (804) 788-6466, contactus@

\$8/adults, \$6/seniors and children 5-12, ages

venturerichmond.com, venturerichmond.com Tuesdays • **Sportable Flatwater Kayaking (Ed), (R)** 

along the James River within Greater

& Recreation, Sportable offers flatwater

**OAP River Outings (En), (R)** 

Sportable offers rowing to athletes with

9. (Map-R) Outing Rental Center, 130 S. Linden St., 23220, fee varies, ages 17 and over, VCU Outdoor Adventure Program, (804) 828-6004, recsports.vcu.edu Thursdays • **Sportable Rowing (R)** In partnership with the Virginia Boat Club and Richmond Community Rowing, physical disabilities and visual impairments. Opportunities are available for regional and

Adventure Program! We will head to the river in kayaks, SUPs and rafts from May 13-Aug.

Richmond, 6-8 p.m., Sportable membership 340-2991, info@sportable.org, sportable.org Get a taste of the river with the VCU Outdoor

In partnership with Chesterfield County Parks

kayaking to athletes with physical disabilities and visual impairments. Various locations \$15/month, ages 13 and over, Sportable, (804) Wednesdays-Fridays (STARTING MAY 13) •

\$15/month, ages 14 and over, Sportable, (804) 340-2991, info@sportable.org, sportable.org Fridays (EXCEPT MAY 17) ● **Friday Cheers (S)** Friday Cheers, a Richmond tradition, is

entering its 35th season! With fun-filled

Brown's Island, 500 Tredegar St., 23219,

6466, contactus@venturerichmond.com,

venturerichmond.com

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**Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

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hopewellrecandparks.com

llbean.com/llb/shop/515733

jamesriverpark.org/invasives/

**Saturdays** •

concerts with nationally recognized bands,

series held along the James River! (Map-T)

6-9:30 p.m., \$5 or \$10, ages 12 and under are FREE, all ages, Venture Richmond, (804) 788-

James River Park HQ Clean Up! (Ed), (En)

L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School (R)

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Friday Cheers is the only summer concert

national competitions for qualifying athletes. (Map-DD) Virginia Boat Club, 4708 E. Old Main St., 23231, 6-8 p.m., Sportable membership

**Rockin' on the River (S)** Get ready for another summer of live music on the Appomattox River! Each concert will feature a different local band and a variety of genres will be showcased throughout the series. (Map-7) Hopewell City Marina, 1051 Riverside Ave., 23860, 7-9:30 p.m., FREE, all ages, Tabitha Martinez,

Hopewell Recreation & Parks, (804) 541-2353,

Take Action On the James! (Ed), (En), (H), (R), (S)See Continuing through April listing for details, handsonrva.org (keyword James River) May Wednesday, May 1 •

**James River Outdoor Coalition Monthly** 

See April 3 listing for details, jroc.net/

Meetings (Ed), (En), (R)

Thursday, May 2 • 50+ Kayak Sampler - Calm Water See April 16 listing for details, chesterfield. gov/parks Saturday, May 4 • **Whitewater 101 - Sit-on-Top River** Kayaking (R) No previous whitewater experience is needed for this trip, which is designed for

those wanting to explore the easier rapids of the James River, from Pony Pasture to Reedy Creek in Richmond, on user-friendly sit-on-top kayaks. This is a great way to get a feeling for whitewater paddling without the rigors of being inside a true whitewater kayak. Swimming ability required. Rental includes kayak and all equipment. Max. weight 235 pounds due to kayak limitations. It is strongly suggested that you have some previous paddling experience. (Map-I) Pony Pasture, 7310 Riverside Drive, 23225, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$70 (\$80 w/rental), ages 11 and over, ages 11-13 must be accompanied by an actively

participating adult, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@ chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks Saturday, May 4 • **Falling Creek Ironworks 400th Anniversary** Celebration (H) Falling Creek Ironworks will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the beginning of industry in the New World with special events throughout the day, including re-enactors, music, dancing and games for children. (Map-**GG**) Falling Creek Ironworks, 6407 Jefferson Davis Highway, 23234, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., FREE, all ages, Bryan Truzzie, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 751-4946 Saturday, May 4 •

HenROCKus (S), (R) Bring your lawn chairs, enjoy a brew (or two!) and wine, rock out to local bands and enjoy the outstanding views of the mighty James River – all while supporting educational programming at Henricus Historical Park. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 1-8 p.m., \$5, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus. org Saturday, May 4 • Whitewater Rafting (R) **Experience Riverside Outfitters' Lower James** River rafting trip on Richmond's awardwinning whitewater. Paddle into the biggest

rapids the James River has to offer, right through the heart of downtown, with a break for provided refreshments at Belle Isle. The excursion will begin and end at the Riverside Outfitters shop in Stratford Hills, shuttle provided. This is easily one of Richmond's best adventures. (Map-J) Riverside Outfitters, 6836 Old Westham Road, 23225, 1:30-4 p.m., \$60, ages 12 and over, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyq@ chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks Sunday, May 5 •

Kanawha Canal Paddle (R) (H) Join us paddling on the historic Kanawha Canal in Richmond. Use sit-on-top kayaks for this exploratory journey on the first commercial canal system in the country that has been vacated for decades. The instructors cover basic paddling technique, safety and canal history for this step back in time. Rental provides all needed equipment. Max. weight 235 pounds due to kayak limitations. (Map-L) Pump House Park, 1708 Pump House Drive, 23221, 8:30-11:30 a.m., \$35 (\$40 w/rental), ages 11 and over, ages 11-13 must be accompanied by an actively participating adult, Chesterfield County

Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@ chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks Monday, May 6 ● **Explore Powhatan Creek by Kayak** (Ed), (H), (R)

See April 1 listing for details, jrava.org Wednesday, May 8 • **Explore Richmond's Riverfront by Canoe** (Ed), (H), (R) See April 3 listing for details, jrava.org Wednesday, May 8 • **Whitewater Kayak Play Days (R)** 

This after-work, informal instructional time is for newer whitewater kayakers (especially those without a boat) to get time on the water. Instructors will answer questions and give pointers. Sessions will stay at Pony Pasture Rapids with no downriver runs. Completion of a previous Whitewater Kayak class is required. All equipment is provided. (Map-I) Pony Pasture, 7310 Riverside Drive, 23225, 6-8:30 p.m., \$29, ages 13 and over, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/ parks

Wednesday, May 8 •

James River Advocacy Night (En)

This educational event will focus on climate

River. Learn more and participate in a James

River-themed printmaking and art session!

(Map-U) Sierra Club Virginia Chapter Office,

and environmental impacts to the James

Mezzanine, 100 W. Franklin St., 23220, 6:30-8 p.m., FREE, all ages, Sierra Club Virginia Chapter, (804) 225-9113, jessica.sims@ sierraclub.org, sierraclub.org/virginia Thursday, May 9 ● Bald Eagle Tours (En) Join Capt. Mike Ostrander of Discover the James' Bald Eagle Tours on his 24foot pontoon boat for this unique and spectacular experience on the James River. After boarding the boat, watch the sun rise while seeing our national symbol up close and personal. Space is limited, register early. Private charters are also available.

(Map-NN) Deep Bottom Boat Landing, 9525

Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@

chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks

Belle Isle History Hike (En), (Ed), (H), (R)

Join us for a family-friendly hike to one of

Richmond's historic gems, Belle Isle. Learn

about the geologic and human history of the

Saturday, May 11 •

Deep Bottom Road, 23231, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$50, ages 15 and over, Chesterfield County

area and the role Richmond played in the development of our nation. Bring water, a snack and good shoes. (Map-T) Tredegar Parking Area, 300 Tredegar St., 23219, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5 suggested donation, ages 8 and over, James River Park System, (804) 921-8166, tyler.twyford@richmondgov.com, jamesriverpark.org Saturday, May 11 • **Recreational Tree Climbing (R)** See April 14 listing for details, chesterfield. gov/parks

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**Advisory Committee Meeting (Ed)** 

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p.m., \$40 (\$45 with rental), Chesterfield County

Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@

chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks

**Kayaking - Sit-on-Top River Paddling -**

safety and the basic techniques needed

to get out for a brief evening paddle down a short stretch of the James River through

very mild whitewater, on user-friendly sit-

Professional, certified instructors will teach

Thursday, May 16 ●

**Full Moon Trip (R)** 

on-top kayaks, with the bonus of a rising full moon. Swimming ability is required. Max weight 235 pounds due to kayak limitations. Previous River paddling experience is strongly recommended for this trip. (Map-I) Pony Pasture, 7310 Riverside Drive, 23225, 6-9 p.m., \$40 (\$45 with rental), Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@ chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks Friday-Sunday, May 17-19 ● **Dominion Energy Riverrock (En), (S), (R)** Dominion Energy Riverrock is the nation's premier outdoor sports and lifestyle festival, featuring a variety of outdoor sporting events and live concerts during the three-day event. Learn more at riverrockrva.com. (Map-T)

Brown's Island, 500 Tredegar St., 23219,

Festival attendance is FREE, registration fee

Backers & Venture Richmond, (804) 285-9495,

info@sportsbackers.org, venturerichmond.

**Wildlife Encounters at Maymont (Ed)** 

ambassadors during scaly, feathered and furry close encounters. Different animals

will be featured at each program and may

include an alligator, snake, turtle, bird of prey or an animal of the Chesapeake Bay. Register

online by May 17. Walk-ups welcome, space

permitting. (Map-M) Maymont Nature

Center, 2201 Shields Lake Drive, 23220,

Maymont, (804) 358-7168, environedu@

11-11:30 a.m. or 2-2:30 p.m., \$8/person, \$6/

members (includes Nature Center admission),

Meet some of Maymont's animal

com

Saturday, May 18 ●

required for some events, all ages, Sports

maymont.org, maymont.org Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19 • **Drewry's Bluff Anniversary Weekend**  $(Ed)_{\ell}(H)$ The Battle of Drewry's Bluff on May 15, 1862 saw the Union navy defeated in their effort to capture Richmond. Drewry's Bluff will once again host an encampment of Confederate soldiers, sailors and marines. Visitors are welcome to visit the fort, walk the trails, view the river, explore the re-enactor camps and more! (Map-HH) Drewry's Bluff, 7600 Fort Darling Road, 23237, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, FREE, Richmond National Battlefield Park, (804) 226-5023, Andrea\_DeKoter@nps.gov, nps.gov/rich

**Explore Powhatan Creek by Canoe** 

Join JRA for a guided tour of Powhatan Creek

Creek and the James River. Canoes, paddles

and personal flotation devices are provided

by the James River Association. A shuttle is provided by James City County. (Map-9)

by canoe. Participants will learn about the natural and historic resources of Powhatan

Monday, May 20 ●

(Ed), (H), (R)

Powhatan Creek Park, 1831 Jamestown Road, 23185, 5:30-7:30 p.m., FREE, ages 16 and over, Justin Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org Wednesday, May 22 • Whitewater Kayak Play Days (R) See May 8 listing for details, chesterfield.gov/ parks Thursday, May 23 • **Presquile National Wildlife Refuge Land** and Water Tour (Ed), (En), (H), (R) Travel the waters of the James River with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff as your guide. A pontoon boat will transport participants alongside the historic Shirley

Plantation and around the remote island of Presquile National Wildlife Refuge. (Map-PP) Presquile National Wildlife Refuge, exact address will be provided upon registration, 23836, 7:30-10:30 a.m., FREE, all ages, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (804) 829-9020, cyrus\_ brame@fws.gov, fws.gov/refuge/presquile Thursday, May 23 ● **May & June Exhibits Reception at Art** Works (S)

May and June exhibits feature local high

wild by Donna Frostick and seacapes by

Alexangel Estevez. Also, local Virginia artists

school exhibits and portraits from the

com

showcase their artwork in the All Media Show. Exhibit continues through June 22. (Map-Z) Art Works, 320 Hull St., 23224, 6-9 p.m., FREE, Art Works, (804) 291-1400, info@ artworksrichmond.com. artworksrichmond.

Saturday, May 25 • America's First College (Ed), (H) In May 1619, King James I allowed a school to be established in the colony of Virginia. This event will demonstrate and commemorate the charter of America's first English formal school, the "College of Henrico," initially

intended for Powhatan boys. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$9/adult, \$7/ children ages 3-12; Henricus patrons: FREE, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611,

henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.org **Return to Index** Go To Maps

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about plants and trees in our watershed, check out bald eagle and osprey nests and learn to explore by canoe. (Map-8) Rice Rivers Center, 3701 John Tyler Memorial Hwy., 23030, \$325, rising 4th and 5th graders, VCU Outdoor Adventure Program and VCU Rice Rivers Center, (804) 828-6004, recsports.vcu. edu **Dates:** June 24-28 **OAP Nature Camp (Ed), (En), (R)** Our summer Nature Camp at the Rice Rivers Center returns! We will explore the natural world through hands-on science at VCU's river campus and spend plenty of time adventuring outdoors. Join us at our beautiful 350-acre campus on the James River. (Map-8) Rice Rivers Center, 3701 John Tyler Memorial Hwy., 23030, \$325, rising 6th-8th graders, VCU Outdoor Adventure Program and VCU Rice Rivers Center, (804) 828-6004, recsports.vcu. edu **Dates:** June 17-21 **Outside Camp (R)** From fishing to mountain biking to tubing to kayaking to just looking under rocks in the river to see what's there, we explore the natural environment of the James River Park System and other area parks. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$200+, ages 6-11, Virginia Outside, (804) 272-6362, tsclarkson@virginiaoutside.com, virginiaoutside.com Dates: June 24-28 - St. Christopher's School,

23229 (Map-G)

**Rock and River Camp (R)** 

com, PassagesRVA.com

**Dates:** June 10-14

**Dates:** June 17-21 Dates: June 24-28

Saturday, June 1 •

**Clean the Bay Day (En)** 

org/events/clean-the-bay-day

Monday, June 3 •

Wednesday, June 5 •

Wednesday, June 5 ●

Meetings (Ed), (En), (R)

Thursday, June 6 •

sportable.org

org

Friday, June 7 ●

Saturday, June 8 •

henricus.org

Wednesday, June 12 •

Friday, June 14 •

chesterfield.gov/parks

Friday, June 14 •

(Ed), (H), (R)

**Introduction to Canoeing (R)** 

See April 10 listing for details. (Map-00)

Turkey Island Creek, 5501 New Market Road,

23231, 6-8 p.m. \$15, ages 16 and over, Justin Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-

8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org

Each year, the golden swamp warbler, or

prothonotary warbler, returns to the Tidal Lagoon. Paddle the lagoon as we search,

listen and learn about this special warbler.

(Map-KK) Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 5-8 p.m.,

\$13/person, ages 7 and over, an adult must

accompany and participate with child,

Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation,

(804) 748-1623, battistam@chesterfield.gov,

**Explore Hopewell's Riverfront by Canoe** 

Join JRA for a guided tour of Hopewell's

riverfront by canoe. Participants will learn about the natural and historic resources of

Hopewell's riverfront, the Appomattox River

and the James River. Canoes, paddles and

Ave., 23860, 6-8 p.m., \$15, ages 16 and over,

Justin Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org

James River Batteau Festival (Ed), (H), (R)

(Map-7) Hopewell City Marina, 1051 Riverside

personal flotation devices are provided.

Saturday-Saturday, June 15-22 •

The JRBF is a week-long journey from

Lynchburg to Richmond on handmade

replicas of cargo vessels dating from the

late 1700s. Canoe along and experience

navigating the shallow rapids of the

gmail.com, vacanals.org/batteau

Tuesday, June 18 ●

Thursday, June 20 ●

Friday, June 21 ●

Friday, June 21 •

Friday, June 21 ●

jamesriverpark.org

henricus.org

Tuesday, June 25 ●

Saturday, June 22 •

Trades of Antiquity (Ed), (H)

Firefly Foray (En), (Ed), (R)

Celebrate the summer with a fabulous display

of fireflies! Fireflies emerge for a few weeks in the summer and use their bioluminescence

blanket to sit and enjoy this amazing natural

(Map-K) Wetlands Park, 3401 Landria Drive,

23225, 9-10:30 p.m., \$5 suggested donation,

921-8166, tyler.twyford@richmondgov.com,

See demonstrations of life skills and trades

Virginia such as flint knapping, fire starting,

wood turning, broom weaving, soap making,

trapping, hide prep and blacksmithing. (Map-

Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$9/adult, \$7/

LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus

children ages 3-12; Henricus patrons: free

Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611,

This early literacy story time focuses on

rivers, lakes and other bodies of water. Hear

stories, sing songs and make a craft! (Map-B)

henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com,

**James River Story Time (Ed)** 

from the pre-contact and Colonial eras in

all ages, James River Park System, (804)

show and learn about fireflies in our area.

to find a mate. Bring a chair or a picnic

**Maymont (Ed)** 

(H), (R)

the challenge and thrill of 40-foot bateaux

beautiful James. (Map-1-4) James River,

3806 S. Amherst Hwy., 24572, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,

\$5 camping fee per night, all ages, Virginia

Belle Isle History Hike (En), (Ed), (H), (R)

**Historic Falls of the James Scenic River** 

**Explore Powhatan Creek by Canoe (Ed),** 

Powhatan Creek Park, 1831 Jamestown Road,

23185, 6-8 p.m., FREE, ages 16 and over, Justin

Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org

Who's Awake? A Family Night Hike at

See May 20 listing for details. (Map-9)

Advisory Committee Meeting (Ed)

See April 18 listing for details.

See May 11 listing for details, jamesriverpark.org

Canals and Navigations Society, Adshaw5@

**Paddle for the Prothonotary (Ed)** 

**Sportable Rowing (R)** 

Owl Prowl (En), (Ed), (R)

(H), (R)

(Ed), (H), (R)

Join us for the 31st annual Clean the Bay

Day! This event is a statewide cleanup where

citizens work together to remove thousands of pounds of trash from hundreds of miles of

shoreline. Register online. Various locations, 9 a.m.-noon, FREE, all ages, Chesapeake Bay

Foundation, (757) 622-1964, ctbd@cbf.org, cbf.

**Explore Powhatan Creek by Kayak (Ed),** 

**Explore Richmond's Riverfront by Canoe** 

**James River Outdoor Coalition Monthly** 

See Continuing through May listing for details,

See April 19 listing for details, jamesriverpark.

Help sow the seeds in our English Settlement

out and learn about Colonial horticulture and

methodologies. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical

Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-5

p.m., \$9/adult, \$7/children ages 3-12; Henricus patrons: FREE, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com,

Reap What You Sow Day (Ed), (En), (H)

and Powhatan town of Arrohateck! Come

See April 1 listing for details, jrava.org

See April 3 listing for details, jrava.org

See April 3 listing for details, jroc.net/

**June** 

Kayaking, rock climbing, rappelling, a 350-foot zipline plus a 5-mile kayaking trip are included

in every one-week session. Our experienced

exciting week for every participant! (Map-Q)

Belle Isle, 500 Tredegar St., 23219, 8 a.m.-5:30

Camp, (804) 897-8283, julie@peakexperiences.

p.m., \$695, ages 8-14, Passages Adventure

and enthusiastic staff quarantee a fun and

**June** 

**Mondays-Sundays** •

venturerichmond.com

Wednesdays-Fridays •

recsports.vcu.edu

**Friday Cheers (S)** 

venturerichmond com

**Saturdays-Sundays** •

of the Month •

Monthly •

efsinc.org

Ongoing •

(R), (S)

**Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

discovertheJames.com

of Enslaved Africans (H)

hopewellrecandparks.com

**June Camps** 

**Biking Camp (R)** 

virginiaoutside.com

(Map-D)

orq

Dates: June 24-28

**Dates:** June 17-21

**Dates:** June 24-28

Fishing Camp Ages 6-9 (R)

com, virginiaoutside.com

Fishing Camp Ages 9-14 (R)

virginiaoutside.com

(Map-0)

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Dates: June 24-28

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(Map-0)

llbean.com/llb/shop/515733

jamesriverpark.org/invasives/

Fridays •

**Saturdays** •

**OAP River Outings (En), (R)** 

sportable.org

**Continuing through June** 

**Riverfront Canal Cruises (Ed), (H), (S)** 

Sportable Flatwater Kayaking (Ed), (R)

Tuesdavs (THROUGH JUNE 18) •

See Continuing through May listing for details,

**James River Park HQ Clean Up! (Ed), (En)** 

L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School (R)

See Continuing through April listing for details,

**Saturdays-Sundays of First Two Weekends** 

See Continuing through April listing for details,

In the Beginning...Virginia, Along the Trail

See Continuing through April listing for details,

See Continuing through May listing for details,

Take Action On the James! (Ed), (En), (H),

handsonrva.org (keyword James River)

Richmond has some of the best urban

mountain biking trails around. Join our staff

mountain biking skills including: steering,

of experienced riders for a week on the trails. Campers will develop beginner/intermediate

shifting, hill climbing and safety. 8:30 a.m.-3:30

p.m., \$550, ages 8-13, Virginia Outside, (804) 272-6362, tsclarkson@virginiaoutside.com,

Dates: June 17-21 – Collegiate School, 23229

Camp Pocahontas (Ed), (En), (H), (S), (R)

In our re-created Powhatan settlement

of Arrohateck, campers will explore the

culture of the Powhatan people through

demonstrations, activities, and arts and

\$195/child, \$180/multiple children (same

**Fat Tire Mountain Bike Camp (S)** 

Our highly qualified staff will teach the

must provide their own bike and helmet.

Adventure Camp, (804) 897-6800, julie@

(Map-Q) Belle Isle, 500 Tredegar St., 23219,

peakexperiences.com, PassagesRVA.com

This one-week fishing camp is designed to spark the interest in fishing and teach basic

fishing tactics, as well as get our younger

campers outdoors and having fun. We fish a

combination of public and private ponds. 9:30

a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$425, ages 6-9, Virginia Outside,

(804) 272-6362, tsclarkson@virginiaoutside.

Dates: June 17-21 – Forest Hill Park, 23225

Dates: June 24-28 – Forest Hill Park, 23225

Our Richmond day camp for 9-14 year olds is designed to teach the entire process of

fishing from rigging rods, tying knots and

baiting hooks to driving boats with trolling motors, all while introducing campers to different fishing locations. 8:30 a.m.-4:30

p.m., \$575, ages 9-14, Virginia Outside, (804)

272-6362, tsclarkson@virginiaoutside.com,

Dates: June 17-21 – Forest Hill Park, 23225

Dates: June 24-28 – Forest Hill Park, 23225

River City Crew, a nonprofit youth rowing

for beginners in conjunction with our high school learn-to-row camps. New middle

program, is offering sculling camps designed

school rowers will learn sculling techniques in small, one-person boats. Campers will both

row and participate in on-land activities. Each

session will have a maximum of 12 campers

with no more than eight rowers on the water at any one time. An additional session may be

added if required. There will be both on-water

required. Rowers should wear casual clothing

provided. (Map-C) Robious Landing Park, 3800

James River Road, 23113, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,

\$235, rising 6th and 7th graders, Chesterfield

County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1124, velzyg@chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/

OAP Jr. Nature Camp (Ed), (En), (R)

Back by popular demand is the summer

Nature Camp at the Rice Rivers Center for

younger aspiring scientists! We will learn

and land supervision. All rowers will wear USCG-approved personal flotation devices

while on the water, but swimming ability is

that can get wet, running-type shoes with

socks, caps, sunglasses, sunscreen. Bring

a water bottle. Snacks and drinks will be

**Middle School Rowing Camps (R)** 

necessary skills to master the mountain bike trails of the James River Park System. Open to

beginning and advanced cyclists. Participants

8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$695, ages 10-16, Passages

family); Henricus patrons: \$165/child, ages

crafts. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park,

251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,

6-10, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.

environment and life of Pocahontas and the

See Continuing through April listing for details,

Monthly ● Rockin' on the River (S)

See Continuing through April listing for details,

Ever wonder who stays awake while you sleep? Meet some of Maymont's nighttime residents and learn about their nocturnal adaptations through experiments, games and a hike of the grounds for National Get Outdoors Month! (Map-M) Maymont Nature Center, 2201 Shields Lake Drive, 23220, 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$8/person, \$6/member, ages 4 and over, adult must accompany children ages 18 and under, Maymont, (804) 358-7168, environedu@maymont.org, maymont.org

Midlothian Library, 521 Coalfield Road, 23114, 10:30-11:15 a.m., FREE, ages 5 and under, Chesterfield County Public Library, (804) 751-2275, shepleyj@chesterfield.gov, library. chesterfield.gov Thursday, June 27 ● **June & July Exhibits Reception at Art** Works (S) Vacation. No, it's PLAYcation—an exhibit by Jacqui Fehl where she invited herself to break out of the routine and play artistically

at everything. See the results of this departure from the norm in Art Works' main gallery. Exhibit continues through July 20. (Map-Z) Art Works, 320 Hull St., 23224, 6-9 p.m., FREE, Art Works, (804) 291-1400, info@ artworksrichmond.com, artworksrichmond. com Friday, June 28 • **Abandoned Barges (Ed)** Paddle to the Graveyard and Labyrinth at low tide to explore the abandoned, wooden barges. How were they used? Why were they

ages 7 and over, an adult must accompany and participate with child, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1623, battistam@chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/ Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29 • Firefly Foray (En), (Ed), (R)

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abandoned? Find out how they have become

Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 5:30-8:30 p.m., \$13/person,

important habitat for wildlife. (Map-KK)

See June 21 listing for details.

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# **July**

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**Mondays-Sundays** • **Riverfront Canal Cruises (Ed), (H), (S)** 

venturerichmond.com

Tuesdays (STARTING JULY 9) • **Sportable Whitewater Kayaking (Ed), (R)** In partnership with Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation, Sportable offers whitewater kayaking to athletes with physical disabilities

and visual impairments. Various locations

See Continuing through May listing for details,

James River Park HQ Clean Up! (Ed), (En)

Swim, snorkel and hike across many of the

Center for a unique view of the park! Fun

flotation devices provided. Please bring

for all ages! Snorkels, masks and personal

closed-toe shoes, a water bottle and a lunch

if you would like to picnic! (Map-P) Reedy

Creek Headquarters, 4001 Riverside Drive,

all ages, James River Park System, (804)

921-8166, tyler.twyford@richmondgov.com,

Escape the heat but still bask in the sun with these leisurely floats down the James River.

We'll meet at the Park Headquarters, hike upstream along the banks of the river and

then float back down through Mitchell's Gut

rapids. Please bring water to drink and dress

to be in the water and sun. Sneakers or other

swimming in the James River. (Map-P) Reedy

Creek Headquarters, 4001 Riverside Drive,

23225, 2-4 p.m., \$5 suggested donation, ages

15 and over, James River Park System, (804)

921-8166, tyler.tvvyford@richmondgov.com,

L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School (R)

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Take Action On the James! (Ed), (En), (H),

handsonrva.org (keyword James River)

**Fat Tire Mountain Bike Camp (S)** 

See June Camps listing for details,

See June Camps listing for details,

Dates: July 8-12 – Forest Hill Park, 23225

Dates: July 15-19 – St. Catherines's School,

Dates: July 22-26 - Collegiate School, 23229

Dates: July 8-12 – Collegiate School, 23229

Dates: July 15-19 – Forest Hill Park, 23225

July 29-Aug. 2 – St. Catherines's School, 23229

This camp is perfect for campers who have

looking to do something a little different, or for

those who have never been with us before,

but who love being outside and in charge of their own destiny. (Map-D) Collegiate School,

23229, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$575, ages 11-15, Virginia Outside, (804) 272-6362, tsclarkson@

virginiaoutside.com, virginiaoutside.com

See June Camps for details, chesterfield.gov/

**OAP LEAP onto the James (Ed), (En), (R)** 

Environment and Adventure Program) on the

James River. This four-day overnight program

is for adventurous high school students who

are ready to push their leadership skills and develop their outdoor competence. (Map-8)

Rice Rivers Center, 3701 John Tyler Memorial

See June Camps listing for details, recsports.

Hwy., 23030, \$500 (scholarships available),

Adventure Program and VCU Rice Rivers Center, (804) 828-6004, recsports.vcu.edu

rising 9th-11th graders, VCU Outdoor

**OAP Nature Camp (Ed), (En), (R)** 

See June Camps listing for details,

Dates: July 8-12 - St. Christopher's School,

Dates: July 22-26 - St. Catherine's School,

Dates: July 29-Aug. 2 - St. Christopher's

See June Camps listing for details,

**Stand-Up Paddleboarding Camp (R)** 

No previous experience is required for this introduction to the exciting and fun world of

and drinks are included. Our experienced

staff guarantees a fun-filled week! (Map-Q)

Belle Isle, 500 Tredegar St., 23219, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$695, ages 10-15, Passages Adventure

Camp, (804) 897-6800, julie@peakexperiences.

This camp combines two favorite outdoor

We will run park trails in the morning and paddle the James River in the afternoon.

activities: trail running and paddleboarding.

Especially designed for middle school cross

Belle Isle, 500 Tredegar St., 23219, 8 a.m.-5:30

p.m., \$695, ages 10-14, Passages Adventure

Camp, (804) 897-6800, julie@peakexperiences.

We explore the sweetest spots of the James

River Park System with river swims, hiking, rope swings and a 350-foot zipline. Includes

all activities, equipment, lunch, snacks and

staff. (Map-Q) Belle Isle, 500 Tredegar St.,

Passages Adventure Camp, (804) 897-6800,

**Explore Powhatan Creek by Kayak (Ed),** 

**Explore Richmond's Riverfront by Canoe** 

**Independence Day Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

Experience a two-hour boat tour viewing

Bottom Boat Landing, 9525 Deep Bottom

Road, 23231, 7-9 a.m. & 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$50,

Discover the James, (804) 938-2350, mike@ discovertheJames.com, discovertheJames.

Explore and learn how the Tidal Lagoon was

formed by paddling to the old sunken tugboat

and the "skeletons" of wooden barges.

(Map-KK) Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 5:30-8:30

p.m., \$13/person, ages 7 and over, an adult

Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation,

**Diversity on the River Series Event -**

**Equestrian Equality: Engaging African American Presence in Horsemanship** 

Linda Arencibia looks at the little known, yet dynamic, presence of African Americans in

the equestrian world. She will explore the

lost history and legacy of African American participation in the horse industry from the time of the enslavement of Africans in the

United States to the present day. Location

Advisory Council, LaTika Lee, (804) 873-7363,

TBD. 6 p.m., FREE, all ages, James River

How did Powhatan and English families

spend the long days of summer? Join us as

we tend the crops, play games and celebrate the season with hands-on activities! (Map-LL)

Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park

adult; Henricus patrons: \$12/child with up to two free accompanying adults, \$5/additional

Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$15/child, \$10/

adult, ages 3-12, Henricus Historical Park,

Who's Awake? A Family Night Hike at

Ever wonder who stays awake while you

residents and learn about their nocturnal

sleep? Meet some of Maymont's nighttime

adaptations through experiments, games and

a hike of the grounds! Owls, bats, frogs and

shed some light onto their mysterious ways.

Register online by July 11. (Map-M) Maymont

Nature Center, 2201 Shields Lake Drive, 23220,

7:30-9:30 p.m., \$8/person, \$6/member, ages 4 and over, adult must accompany children

ages 18 and under, Maymont, (804) 358-7168,

story, craft and a visit with one of Maymont's

turtles, birds, insects or snakes. (Map-M)

Maymont Nature Center, 2201 Shields Lake Drive, 23220, 10-11 a.m., \$27/parent and child

pair, \$22/members (includes all sessions and

must accompany child, Maymont, (804) 358-7168, environedu@maymont.org, maymont.

This early literacy story time tocuses on rivers, lakes and other bodies of water. Hear stories. sing songs and make a craft! (Map-A) Clover Hill Library, 6701 Deer Run Drive, 23112, 10:15-

11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon, FREE, ages 5 and

under, Chesterfield County Public Library,

(804) 751-2275, shepleyj@chesterfield.gov,

**Historic Falls of the James Scenic River** 

Start your paddle as the sun starts to drop in the western sky and conclude after the sun sinks below the horizon. Learn about

the wildlife and plants unique to the Tidal

(804) 748-1623, battistam@chesterfield.gov,

**July & August Exhibits Reception at Art** 

Six exhibits open at Art Works and include

photography of nature by Libby Clark,

the All Media show by local artists and

PLAYcation in the main gallery by Jacqui Fehl. Exhibit continues through Aug. 17.

(Map-Z) Art Works, 320 Hull St., 23224, 6-9

p.m., FREE, Art Works, (804) 291-1400, info@ artworksrichmond.com, artworksrichmond.

**Advisory Committee Meeting (Ed)** 

See April 18 listing for details.

Nature Center admission), ages 1-4, adult

org

Wednesday, July 17 •

library.chesterfield.gov

Thursday, July 18 •

Friday, July 19 •

**Evening Paddle (Ed)** 

**James River Story Time (Ed)** 

environedu@maymont.org, maymont.org

many other creatures of the dark will help

(804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.

latika\_lee@yahoo.com, jrac-va.org

Friday, July 12 • Discovery Days: **Summertime in the 17th Century** 

(Ed), (En), (H), (R)

com, henricus.org

Friday, July 12 ●

Maymont (Ed)

must accompany and participate with child,

(804) 784-1623, battistam@chesterfield.gov,

bald eagles in their natural habitat.

Binoculars provided. (Map-NN) Deep

See April 1 listing for details, jrava.org

See April 3 listing for details, jrava.org

julie@peakexperiences.com, PassagesRVA.

23219, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$695, ages 11-15,

drinks. Guaranteed fun with our experienced

country runners. Lunch included. (Map-Q)

paddleboarding. All equipment, lunch, snacks

Join the OAP for LEAP (Leadership

Middle School Rowing Camps (R)

been to our fishing camps before and are

See Continuing through April listing for details,

closed-toe shoes are required. All ages are welcome, but you should feel comfortable

23225, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5 suggested donation,

braided islands near the Reedy Creek Visitor

See Continuing through April listing for details,

along the James River within Greater Richmond, 6-8 p.m., Sportable membership \$15/month, ages 16 and over or 13 and over if individual has completed Sportable's Flatwater Program, Sportable, (804) 340-2991,

info@sportable.org, sportable.org

Wednesdays-Fridays •

recsports.vcu.edu

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**July Camps** 

PassagesRVA.com

Dates: July 8-12

**Dates:** July 15-19

virginiaoutside.com

(Map-0)

(Map-D)

(Map-D)

(Map-0)

(Map-H)

23229 (Map-H)

virginiaoutside.com

**Kayak Fishing Camp (R)** 

Dates: July 29-Aug. 2

**Dates:** July 22-26

Dates: July 8-11

vcu.edu

**Dates:** July 22-25

**Dates:** July 15-19

**Outside Camp (R)** 

virginiaoutside.com

23229 (Map-G)

23229 (**Map-H**)

School, 23229 (Map-G)

PassagesRVA.com

**Dates:** July 1-5

Dates: July 8-12 **Dates:** July 15-19

Dates: July 22-16

Dates: July 29-Aug. 2

com, PassagesRVA.com

com, PassagesRVA.com

**Dates:** July 15-19

The Blast (R)

com

**July** 

(H), (R)

(Ed), (H), (R)

com

Friday, July 5 ●

**Graveyard Paddle (Ed)** 

chesterfield.gov/parks

Tuesday, July 9 •

(Ed), (H)

Dates: July 29-Aug. 2

Monday, July 1 ●

Wednesday, July 3 •

Thursday, July 4 •

**Dates:** July 22-26

Surf-n-Turf (R)

**Rock and River Camp (R)** 

Fishing Camp Ages 6-9 (R)

Fishing Camp Ages 9-14 (R)

See June Camps listing for details,

(R), (S)

**Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

discovertheJames.com

of Enslaved Africans (H)

**Rockin' on the River (S)** 

hopewellrecandparks.com

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llbean.com/llb/shop/515733

**Saturdays** •

**OAP River Outings (En), (R)** 

jamesriverpark.org/invasives/

Frog's Eye Tour (En), (Ed), (R)

See Continuing through May listing for details,

**Toddler Time: Summer Fun at Maymont (Ed)** Too much summer sun? Head over to the Maymont Nature Center for some indoor fun! Each session in this three-week program includes free play in the Discovery Room, a

Tuesdays, July 16, 23 & 30 ●

Lagoon. (Map-KK) Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 5:30-8:30 p.m., \$13/person, ages 7 and over, an adult must accompany and participate with child, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation,

chesterfield.gov/parks

Thursday, July 25 •

Works (S)

com

Friday, July 26 ●

**Discovery Days: Water, Water Everywhere** (Ed), (En), (H) Water is essential for all living creatures and it is in abundance at Henricus! Learn how the people of the past relied on nearby water

free accompanying adults, \$5/additional adult, ages 3-12, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com,

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sources to survive and thrive while exploring the beauty of Dutch Gap Conservation Area. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-1 p.m, \$15/child, \$10/accompanying adult; Henricus patrons: \$12/child with up to two

# **August**

recsports.vcu.edu

**Saturdays** •

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See Continuing through May listing for details,

See Continuing through April listing for details, llbean.com/llb/shop/515733 **Saturdays-Sundays of First Two Weekends** 

L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School (R)

See Continuing through April listing for details,

In the Beginning...Virginia, Along the Trail

See Continuing through April listing for details,

See Continuing through May listing for details,

Take Action On the James! (Ed), (En), (H),

See Continuing through April listing for details,

Dates: Aug. 5-9 – St. Catherine's School, 23229

Dates: Aug. 19-23 – St. Catherine's School,

handsonrva.org (keyword James River)

See June Camps listing for details,

**Fat Tire Mountain Bike Camp (S)** 

See June Camps listing for details,

jamesriverpark.org/invasives/

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(R), (S)

**Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

discovertheJames.com

of Enslaved Africans (H)

**Rockin' on the River (S)** 

hopewellrecandparks.com

**August Camps** 

**Biking Camp (R)** 

virginiaoutside.com

(Map-H)

23229 (**Map-H**)

PassagesRVA.com

Dates: Aug. 5-9

**Dates:** Aug. 12-16

virginiaoutside.com

23229 (**Map-H**)

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Fly Fishing Camp (R)

virginiaoutside.com

Dates: Aug. 5-9

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Dates: Aug. 6-8

PassagesRVA.com

Dates: Aug. 5-9

**Dates:** Aug. 12-16

**Dates:** Aug. 19-23

PassagesRVA.com

**Dates:** Aug. 12-16

**August** 

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Friday, Aug. 2 •

on the James

The Blast (R)

**Rock and River Camp (R)** 

See June Camps listing for details,

See July Camps listing for details,

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virginiaoutside.com

Fishing Camp Ages 6-9 (R)

Fishing Camp Ages 9-14 (R)

See June Camps listing for details,

Dates: Aug. 5-9 – St. Catherines's School,

Dates: Aug. 12-16 – St. Catherines's School,

Dates: Aug. 19-23 – St. Catherines's School,

Dates: Aug. 26-30 – Forest Hill Park, 23225

This camp is a combination of classroom and

on-the-water experience where campers

will learn the basics of fly fishing from the

(Map-D) Collegiate School, 23229, 9 a.m.-3

p.m., \$500, ages 9-14, Virginia Outside, (804)

272-6362, tsclarkson@virginiaoutside.com,

cast to the knots to the flies to the fish.

James River Camp (Ed), (En), (H), (R)

Discover the features of the historic James

would have encountered it 400 years ago.

Understand the course changes made at

Dutch Gap and see how it is used today.

Kayaking and field trip included! (Map-

Park Road, 23836, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$200/

LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus

child, \$185/multiple children (same family);

Henricus patrons: \$170/child, ages 9-12,

Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611,

henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.

River as Powhatans and the Colonial settlers

See June Camps listing for details,

Dates: Aug. 12-16 – St. Catherines's School,

Dates: Aug. 19-23 – St. Catherines's School,

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See Continuing through May listing for details,

**James River Park HQ Clean Up! (Ed), (En)** 

See Continuing through April listing for details,

Sportable Whitewater Kayaking (Ed), (R)

venturerichmond.com Tuesdays (ENDING AUG. 20) ●

Family Scavenger Hunt (Ed) Explore Maymont's 100 acres in a whole new way! Crack secret codes for clues, and use

artworksrichmond.com

Saturday, Aug. 24 •

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**Riverfront Canal Cruises (Ed), (H), (S)** 

**Mondays-Sundays** •

maymont.org

**Discovery Days: Food, Food in the** 1600s (Ed), (H) Come and learn what breakfast, lunch and dinner might look like for a Powhatan or an English colonist in the 17th century! Program will include a story, interactive tour of our re-created 17th century site and a makeand-take craft. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$15/child, \$10/accompanying adult; Henricus patrons: \$12/child with up to two

accompanying adults free, \$5/additional adult,

748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com,

ages 3-10, Henricus Historical Park, (804)

henricus.org

Thursday, Aug. 22 •

during your scavenger hunt. (Map-M) Maymont Farm, 1000 Spottswood Road, 23220, 10 a.m.-noon., \$15/family or group (up to four people), \$12/members, ages 4 and over, adult must accompany child, Maymont,

23836, 5-8 p.m., \$13/person, 7 and over, an (804) 748-1623, battistam@chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/parks **Return to Index** 

Thursday, Aug. 1 ● Discovery Days: Flora & **Fauna (Ed), (En), (H)** What kinds of plants did the Powhatans

use or eat in the 17th century? How did the

English colonists raise farm animals in the

New World? Come see how both cultures

depended on a wide variety of plants

and animals in their daily lives. (Map-LL)

Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park

accompanying adult; Henricus patrons: \$12/

henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.

**Diversity on the River Series Event: Playing** 

Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$15/child, \$10/

child with up to two free accompanying

Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611,

adults, \$5/additional adult, ages 3-10,

A fun day for youths to explore safely

playing on the river by sampling kayaking

and learning about the James River with

certified instructors. Wear swim attire and

Which island is home to the herons? Which

one is a haven for young deer? Which island

is home for osprey? Paddle the Tidal Lagoon

Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus

ages 7 and over, an adult must accompany

County Parks & Recreation, (804) 748-1623,

battistam@chesterfield.gov, chesterfield.gov/

to explore the various islands. (Map-KK)

Park Road, 23836, 5-8 p.m., \$13/person,

and participate with child, Chesterfield

**Richmond International Dragon Boat** 

Rally your coworkers, friends and family for

dragon boating! Led by the rhythmic beat of

a drum, teams of 20 race up the river in 40-

foot canoes rigged with decorative Chinese

dragon heads and tails. (Map-DD) Rockett's

Landing, 4708 E. Old Main St., 23231, 8 a.m.-

3 p.m., \$1,095-\$1,595/team, Sports Backers,

(804) 285-9495, info@sportsbackers.org,

Richmond's biggest spectacle on water -

shoes that can get wet. Bring a towel and sunscreen. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., ages 12-17, FREE, James River Advisory Council and Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation and James River Park System,

804-717-6199, jrac-va-org

**Exploring Islands (Ed)** 

Friday, Aug. 2 •

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Saturday, Aug. 3 •

Festival (S), (R)

sportsbackers.org

Monday, Aug. 5 ● **Explore Powhatan Creek by Kayak (Ed),** (H), (R)See April 1 listing for details, jrava.org Wednesday, Aug. 7 • **Explore Richmond's Riverfront by Canoe** (Ed), (H), (R) See April 3 listing for details, jrava.org Friday, Aug. 9 • **Explore Hopewell's Riverfront by Canoe** (Ed), (H), (R) See June 14 listing for details, jrava.org

Friday, Aug. 9 • Who's Awake? A Family

See July 12 listing for details. Register online

**Night Hike at Maymont (Ed)** 

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 10-11 •

**Meteor Shower Bike Tour (R), (S)** 

After a scenic and challenging road ride

along the Virginia Capital Trail, we'll camp

under the stars at Chickahominy Riverfront

At its peak, we can expect to see between

60 and 100 meteors per hour. We'll return to

the city on our bikes the following morning.

Bring your own bike or borrow one of ours!

(Map-P) Reedy Creek Headquarters, 4001

Riverside Drive, 23225, departing at 8 a.m.

\$100, ages 18 and over, James River Park

richmondgov.com, jamesriverpark.org

This early literacy story time focuses on

rivers, lakes and other bodies of water. Hear

stories, sing songs and make a craft! (Map-F)

**James River Story Time (Ed)** 

Monday, Aug. 12 ●

Saturday, returning late afternoon on Sunday,

System, (804) 921-8089, Penelope.Davenport@

Park and watch the Perseid Meteor Shower.

by Aug. 8, maymont.org

LaPrade Library, 9000 Hull Street Road, 23236, 10:30-11:15 a.m., FREE, ages 5 and under, Chesterfield County Public Library, (804) 751-2275, shepleyj@chesterfield.gov, library. chesterfield.gov Thursday, Aug. 15 • **Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee Meeting (Ed)** 

See April 18 listing for details.

Thursdays, Aug. 15, 22 & 29 •

maymont.org

parks

org

Friday, Aug. 16 •

**Graveyard Paddle (Ed)** 

Saturday, Aug. 17 ●

Africans (Ed), (H)

See July 16, 23 & 30 listing for details,

**Toddler Time: Summer Fun at Maymont (Ed)** 

See July 5 listing for details, chesterfield.gov/

The Complex Journey of the 1619 First

Henricus interpreters will present and

demonstrate through lectures and living

history the circumstances, myths and realities

of the introduction of Africans into the lives

of the Powhatan and English communities.

Henricus Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$9/

adult, \$7/children ages 3-12; Henricus patrons:

free, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611,

henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.

(Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251

Monday, Aug. 19 ● **Explore Powhatan Creek by Canoe (Ed),** (H), (R)See May 20 listing for details, jrava.org Thursday, Aug. 22 •

**Reception at Art Works (S)** The dogs are back for Dog Days of Summer - the annual fundraiser benefiting FURS (Friends United with the Richmond Shelter). The event includes an art auction and guests are invited to bring their dogs. Six new exhibits open by Virginia artists. Exhibits

continue through Sept. 21. (Map-Z) Art Works,

320 Hull St., 23224, 6-9 p.m., FREE, Art Works,

(804) 291-1400, info@artworksrichmond.com,

maps and riddles to find your way around the

estate in this family-friendly scavenger hunt.

Bring your lunch and picnic on the grounds

**Dog Days of Summer & Other Exhibits** 

(804) 358-7168, environedu@maymont.org, Friday, Aug. 30 •

Muscadine, Tuckahoe, & Rice (Oh my!) (Ed) Paddle through wetlands and islands to find and reap the fruits of the growing season. Learn some of the plants that provide food for wildlife and people. (Map-KK) Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road, adult must accompany and participate with child, Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation,

## September

## **Continuing through September**

**Riverfront Canal Cruises (Ed), (H), (S)** See Continuing through May listing for details,

Mondays-Sundays •

venturerichmond.com **Saturdays** •

James River Park HQ Clean Up! (Ed), (En)

See Continuing through April listing for details, jamesriverpark.org/invasives/

Saturdays-Sundays •

L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School (R)

See Continuing through April listing for details,

llbean.com/llb/shop/515733 of the Month •

**Saturdays-Sundays of First Two Weekends Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

discovertheJames.com

See Continuing through April listing for details,

Monthly • In the Beginning...Virginia, Along the Trail

of Enslaved Africans (H)

See Continuing through April listing for details,

efsinc.org

Monthly • Rockin' on the River (S)

See Continuing through May listing for details, hopewellrecandparks.com

Ongoing • Take Action On the James! (Ed), (En), (H), (R), (S)See Continuing through April listing for details,

handsonrva.org (keyword James River) Ongoing •

2019 International Coastal Cleanup in Virginia (En) Dozens of cleanups are held along the James River and its tributaries as a part of the 2019

International Coastal Cleanup in Virginia

September

Wednesday, Sept. 4 •

Wednesday, Sept. 4 •

Meetings (Ed), (En), (R)

Day (Ed), (En), (H), (R)

Monday, Sept. 9 •

(Ed)

during September and October. Multiple locations and cleanup dates. Children must be accompanied by adult, FREE, Clean Virginia Waterways of Longwood University, (434) 395-2602, cleanva@longwood.edu, longwood.edu/ cleanva

and Water Tour (Ed), (En), (H), (R) See May 23 listing for details. (Map-PP) Presquile National Wildlife Refuge, exact address will be provided upon registration, 23836, 8:30-11:30 a.m., FREE, all ages, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (804) 829-9020, cyrus\_ brame@fws.gov, fws.gov/refuge/presquile

**James River Outdoor Coalition Monthly** 

See April 3 listing for details, iroc.net/

Fridays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27 •

**Presquile National Wildlife Refuge Land** 

See April 8, 15, 22 & 29 listing for details, maymont.org Saturday, Sept. 7 • **Presquile National Wildlife Refuge Field** 

Visit the 1,319-acre island to engage in

nature-related activities in an unspoiled

setting. Enjoy boat rides, nature walks

and wildlife demonstrations. Advanced

**Toddler Time at Maymont: Out and About** 

registration required. (Map-PP) Presquile National Wildlife Refuge, exact address will be provided upon registration, 23836, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., FREE, all ages, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (804) 829-9020, fw5rw\_evrnwr@fws. gov, fws.gov/refuge/presquile

**Explore Powhatan Creek by Kayak (Ed),** 

(H), (R)See April 1 listing for details, jrava.org **James River Week** (**September 14-21**) Saturday, Sept. 14 •

The cleanup is a cooperative, regional event

spanning more than 75 miles of the James

River. Powerboats, paddle craft, hikers,

waders and sorters all needed. Register

online. (Map-1) Percival's Island, (Map-2)

James River State Park, (Map-3) Maidens

Park in Goochland, (Map-5) Patton Park in

Brookland Park Boulevard, Manchester and

Ancarrow's Landing in the City of Richmond,

(Map-FF, GG, KK) Falling Creek Reservoir,

Falling Creek Ironworks and Dutch Gap in

Landing in Henrico County, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,

717-6688, info@jrac-va.org, jrac-va.org

Wednesday, Sept. 18 •

FREE, James River Advisory Council, (804)

Chesterfield County, and (Map-JJ) Osborne

Petersburg, (Map-8) VCU Rice Center in

Landing in Powhatan, (Map-4) Tucker

**James River Regional Cleanup (En)** 

#### Charles City County, (Map-10) Huntington Beach in Newport News, (Map-I, P, Q, V, AA, EE) Pony Pasture, Reedy Creek, Belle Isle (part of International Coastal Cleanup),

**James River Preschool Storytime (Ed)** Join us as we share stories, songs and activities focused on water and the James River. Children will decorate their own fish magnet to take home. Designed for children 3-5 years with an adult. (Map-II) Varina Area Library, 1875 New Market Road, 23231, 10:30-11 a.m., FREE, ages 3-5, Keep Henrico Beautiful, (804) 501-4502, bro172@henrico.us, henricolibrary.org/varina Wednesday, Sept. 18 • **James River Story Time (Ed)** This early literacy story time focuses on rivers, lakes and other bodies of water. Hear stories, sing songs and make a craft! (Map-E) Bon Air Library, 9103 Rattlesnake Road, 23235, 10:30-11:15 a.m., FREE, ages 5 and under, Chesterfield County Public Library, (804)

751-2275, shepleyj@chesterfield.gov, library.

Join us for an outdoor film screening on the

and photography featuring the James River

will be shown. Interactive information village

and food vendors open at 6 p.m., films begin

at sundown. Bring your own chair or blanket.

(Map-Y) The Floodwall, 101 Hull St., 23224,

6 p.m., FREE, James River Advisory Council,

James River Outdoor Coalition and James

**Historic Falls of the James Scenic River** 

**Advisory Committee Meeting (Ed)** 

See April 18 listing for details.

River Association, 804-788-8811, ext. 212,

Floodwall. Films made by local filmmakers

Films on the Floodwall (Ed), (R), (S)

chesterfield.gov

jrava.org

JRAC.

Friday, Sept. 20 •

Thursday, Sept. 19 •

Wednesday, Sept. 18 •

Thursday, Sept. 19 • The Great Return of the Atlantic Sturgeon (Canoe Programs) (Ed), (En), (R) Celebrate James River Week and the Great Return of the Atlantic Sturgeon on this guided canoe program! Participants will learn about the natural resources of the James River and the endangered Atlantic sturgeon, which make an annual spawning migration up the James River in late summer. (Map-BB) Great Shiplock Park, 2803 Dock St., 23223, 2-4 p.m. & 5-7 p.m., \$20, Justin Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@ jrava.org, jrava.org Thursday, Sept. 19 • **James River Networking Social Hosted by** 

Come network with JRAC and friends! Learn

more about the council and its river partners.

Location TBD, 4:30-6:30 p.m., James River

Advisory Council, 804-717-6688, jrac-va.org

The Great Return of the Atlantic Sturgeon

Celebrate James River Week and the Great

on the Spirit of the James! Participants will

learn about the natural resources of the

James River and the endangered Atlantic

sturgeon, which make an annual spawning

migration up the James River in late summer.

(Map-DD) Rocketts Landing Marina, 4708 Old

Main St., 23231, 2-4 p.m. & 5-7 p.m., \$25, Justin

Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-

8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org

Return of the Atlantic Sturgeon with an outing

(Spirit of the James) (Ed), (En), (R)

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 20-21 • **Family Camp-Out: Creatures of the James (Ed)** The James River and its surrounding habitats are home to many amazing animals. Take an evening hike through the estate in search of native nocturnal creatures and meet a few of Maymont's own animal ambassadors. (Map-M) Maymont Nature Center, 2201

Shields Lake Drive, 23220, 6:30 p.m.-9 a.m.,

\$40/person, \$30/members, ages 4 and over,

one adult must be registered for every

four children, Maymont, (804) 358-7168,

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 21 & 22 •

(Ed), (H)

Thursday, Sept. 26 •

environedu@maymont.org, maymont.org

**Publick Days: The 1619 Burgesses and** 

**Godspeed from Jamestown Settlement** 

Watch 400 years of history come to life at

Henricus' signature Publick Days celebration!

(Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Historical Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., FREE, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.org

**Fall Exhibits Reception at Art Works (S)** 

McGrath's exhibit, "Tension," three solo

shows and two group shows. Exhibits

Fall exhibits at Art Works open with Michelle

continue through Oct. 19. (Map-Z) Art Works,

320 Hull St., 23224, 6-9 p.m., FREE, Art Works,

(804) 291-1400, info@artworksrichmond.com, artworksrichmond.com Saturday, Sept. 28 • 12th Annual FOLAR Paddle or Battle on the **Lower Appomattox River (R)** This is your opportunity for a leisurely paddle or a competitive race in your canoe, kayak or paddleboard along 10 miles of the scenic Appomattox River from the Hopewell City

Marina to Pocahontas Island in Petersburg.

the river. Event day rentals available. (Map-

7-5) Hopewell City Marina, 1051 Riverside

Ave., 23860, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in advance: \$25/

adult; \$15/under 18 and active military; day

Course is flatwater in the tidal section of

of: \$30/adult; \$20 under 18 and active military. Children under 18 must be accompanied by adult, Friends of the Lower Appomattox River

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(FOLAR), (804) 861-1666, contactus@folar-va.

org, folar-va.org

## **October**

### **Continuing through October** Thursdays-Sundays •

**Riverfront Canal Cruises (Ed), (H), (S)** 

See Continuing through May listing for details, venturerichmond.com

**Saturdays** • **James River Park HQ Clean Up! (Ed), (En)** 

#### See Continuing through April listing for details,

jamesriverpark.org/invasives/ Saturdays-Sundays • L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School (R)

llbean.com/llb/shop/515733

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of the Month • **Bald Eagle Tour (En)** 

See Continuing through April listing for details, discoverthe James.com

Monthly •

In the Beginning...Virginia, Along the Trail

of Enslaved Africans (H) See Continuing through April listing for details,

efsinc.org Ongoing • Take Action On the James! (Ed), (En), (H),

(R), (S)See Continuing through April listing for details, handsonrva.org (keyword James River)

Ongoing •

**2019 International Coastal Cleanup in** Virginia (En)

See Continuing through September listing for details, longwood.edu/cleanva

**October** 

Wednesday, Oct. 2 • **James River Outdoor Coalition Monthly** 

Meetings (Ed), (En), (R) See April 3 listing for details, jroc.net/

Saturday, Oct. 5 •

In 1619, the Virginia Company of London began the recruitment and transport of young women who contracted to marry Virginia

**Brides for Planters in 1619 (Ed), (H)** 

**400th Anniversary of Virginia Company** 

planters. Our event will demonstrate the contributions this cadre of women would bring to the success of Virginia. (Map-LL)

Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$9/adult, \$7/ children ages 3-12; Henricus patrons: FREE, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.org Saturday, Oct. 5 • Trails and Ales (S), (R) Trails and Ales combines two of Richmond's favorite things: trail running and craft beers! Runners will have two distance options to choose from before finishing at the beer festival, where local craft brews, music and good friends await! (Map-S) SunTrust

Manchester, 901 Semmes Ave., 23224, 4-8

p.m., \$30-\$55, Sports Backers, (804) 285-9495,

info@sportsbackers.org, sportsbackers.org

See April 1 listing for details, jrava.org

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 11-13 •

venturerichmond.com

Saturday, Oct. 12 •

Monday, Oct. 7 ● **Explore Powhatan Creek by Kayak (Ed),** (H), (R)

**Richmond Folk Festival (S)** The Richmond Folk Festival is a free music festival which embraces the heritage and traditions of America and beyond. Explore the musical soul and roots of different global cultures on six stages of continuous music,

dance and folk life tradition. (Map-T) Brown's

p.m.; Saturday noon-9:30 p.m.; Sunday noon-6

p.m., FREE, all ages, Venture Richmond, (804)

788-6466, contactus@venturerichmond.com,

**Explore Powhatan Creek by Canoe (Ed),** 

Island, 500 Tredegar St., 23219, Friday, 6-10

(H), (R)See May 20 listing for details. (Map-9) James City County Marina, 2054 Jamestown Road, 23185, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FREE, ages 16 and over, Justin Doyle, James River Association, (804) 788-8811, ext. 212, jdoyle@jrava.org, jrava.org Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 12-13 • School of the Musketeer at Henricus (Ed), (H), (R)Experience an entire weekend learning about military and civilian life as the first Colonists in the New World. Instructors and other support

personnel provide an interactive environment

in 17th century life and culture. Overnight

experience included. (Map-LL) Henricus

Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road,

23836, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$35, Henricus Historical

park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@

gmail.com, henricus.org Sunday, Oct. 13 • The Mariners' ARRRtober Festival (R) The Mariners' ARRRtober Festival is a family-

friendly event in the Mariners' Museum Park

featuring live music, craft beer tastings, food

trucks, pirate storytelling, Scallywag School,

pumpkin painting, hayrides and more! (Map-

10) The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100

3 and under are FREE. Tickets for tastings

of craft beer, wine or cider are \$25, The

Mariners Museum.org

Museum Drive, 23606, 1-5 p.m., \$2, children

Mariners' Museum and Park, (757) 596-2222,

Thursday, Oct. 17 • **Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee Meeting (Ed)** See April 18 listing for details. Thursday, Oct. 24 • **October Halloween Fun Reception at Art** Works (S) Join us for the opening of "Thread by Thread" and other art shows. To add to the fun, wear a mask for our Halloween celebration or you can make one at the gallery. We'll have pumpkins for the children to decorate. Exhibits continue through Nov. 16. (Map-Z) Art Works, 320 Hull St., 23224, 6-9 p.m., FREE, Art Works,

(804) 291-1400, info@artworksrichmond.com,

**Haunted Henricus: Things that Go Bump in** 

Join our education department for stories, a

treats tour of both the Powhatan and Colonial

artworksrichmond.com

the Night (H), (S), (R)

Friday, Oct. 25 •

orq

org

sites and a 17th-century make-and-take craft. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 3-4 p.m., \$7/ child, \$5/adult; Henricus patrons: \$5/child, free for accompanying adults, ages 3-10, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611, henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 & 26

Experience an evening of spellbinding

the Night (Ed), (H), (S), (R)

accounts and legendary tales as storytellers relive old English and Powhatan legends and folklore. (Map-LL) Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, 23836, 7-8:30 p.m., \$9/ adult, \$7/children ages 3-12; Henricus patrons: FREE, Henricus Historical Park, (804) 748-1611,

henricushistoricalpark@gmail.com, henricus.

**Haunted Henricus: Things That Go Bump in** 

**Richmond's Eerie Canal Cruises (S)** Thought your Halloween couldn't get any spookier? Take a canal boat ride with a costumed historic narrator telling a haunting

venturerichmond.com

6466, contactus@venturerichmond.com,

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#### tale of Richmond's past as you travel down the canal on a 25-minute trip! Rides leave on the half hour. (Map-X) Canal Turning Basin, 14th and Dock streets, 23219, 6-9 p.m., \$2, Venture Richmond, (804) 788-

Saturday, Oct. 26 •

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**Next Month** 

#### **December**

## **Saturday, Dec. 14 • Parade of Lights** (S)

Mark your calendars for the 27th celebration of the James River Parade of Lights. Each year, boaters decorate their vessels and converge on the James River for a boat parade marking the festive holiday season. (Map-CC, JJ, LL) Multiple locations. 6-9 p.m. FREE. James River Advisory Council, (804) 717-6688, info@jrac-va.org, jrac-va.org



### Stay tuned in 2020

to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Virginia's Scenic Rivers Program!

#### Visit

dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/srmain for more information.

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Would you like to experience water sports on the James River? Better understand the river's cultural and historical impact? Enjoy its natural beauty more than ever? Well, now you may! You're invited to be a James River Days participant. We guarantee you'll love the river like never before. The following organizations sponsor this year's James River Days with exciting programs, events and activities from April through October. Visit their websites for additional activities throughout the year.

#### **Art Works Gallery** artworksrichmond.com • 804-291-1400

**Sponsors** 

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation** cbf.org • 888-SAVEBAY

**Chesterfield County** 

chesterfield.gov • 804-748-1000 **Chesterfield County Public Libraries** 

library.chesterfield.gov • 804-751-CCPL

(2275)

**Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation** chesterfield.gov/parks • 804-748-1623

richmondgov.com • 804-646-7000 City of Richmond Parks, Recreation and

**Community Facilities** 

richmondgov.com/parks • 804-646-5733

City of Richmond

Clean Virginia Waterways (Longwood University) longwood.edu/cleanva • 434-395-2602 **Community Foundation** 

handsonrva.org • 804-409-5595

**Dinwiddie County** dinwiddieva.us • 804- 469-4500 **Discover the James** 

DiscoverTheJames.com • 804-938-2350

**Elegba Folklore Society** 

efsinc.org • 804-644-3900

Friends of the James River Park

jamesriverpark.org • 804-646-8911 Friends of the Lower Appomattox River

folar-va.org • 804-861-1666

**Henrico County** 

henrico.us • 804-501-4206

hopewellrecandparks.com • 804-541-2353 **James River Advisory Council** jrac-va.org • 804-748-1567

James River Association

irava.org • 804-788-8811

**Hopewell Recreation & Parks** 

L.L. Bean Ilbean.com/Ilb/shop/515733 • 888-534-5803 **Maymont** 

maymont.org • 804-358-7168

**Peak Experiences-Passages Adventure** 

Camp

PassagesRVA.com • 804-897-6800

804-501-7277

804-829-9020 **Richmond Region Tourism** visitrichmondva.com • 800-370-9004

**RVA Paddlesports** 

rvapaddlesports.com • 804-898-0697

**Richmond National Battlefield Park** 

nps.gov/rich • 804-226-5023

**Sierra Club Virginia Chapter** 

sierraclub.org/virginia • 804-225-9113

**Sportable** 

sportable.org • 804-340-2991

**Sports Backers** 

sportsbackers.org • 804-285-9495 The Mariners' Museum and Park MarinersMuseum.org • 757-596-2222

**Virginia Canals and Navigations Society** vacanals.org Virginia Outside

Visit us online at

www.jrac-va.org

**Henrico County Public Library** henricolibrary.org • 804-501-1900 **Henrico Recreation & Parks** henrico.us/rec • 804-652-1417 **Henricus Historical Park** henricus.org • 804-748-1611 **Historic Falls of the James Scenic River Advisory Committee** 804-330-8932

**James River Outdoor Coalition** jroc.net • 305-775-0184 **James River Park System** jamesriverpark.org • 804-921-8166 **Keep Henrico Beautiful** henrico.us/utility/keep-henrico-beautiful •

**Presquile National Wildlife Refuge** fws.gov/northeast/presquile/ •

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fws.gov • 804-829-9020

Venture Richmond

venturerichmond.com • 804-788-6466

**VCU Outdoor Adventure Program** 

recsports.vcu.edu • 804-828-6004

**VCU Rice Rivers Center** 

ricerivers.vcu.edu • 804-827-5600

virginiaoutside.com • 804-272-6362

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#### 2019 Event Map



#### **Event Map Key**

- A Clover Hill Library
- **B** Midlothian Library
- (C) Robious Landing
- O Collegiate School
- Bon Air Libron
- Bon Air Library
- LaPrade Library
- G St. Christopher's School
- St. Catherine's School
- Pony Pasture Rapids
- Riverside outfitters
- **Wetlands Park**
- Pumphouse Park
- Maymont Maymont
- 1 42nd street
- 1 Forest Hill Park
- P Reedy Creek
- Belle Isle
- **R** Outing Rental Center
- S Trails and Ales
- Brown's Island/American Civil War Center/Richmond National Battlefield Park
- U Sierra Club Virginia Chapter Office
- W Brookland Park Boulevard

- W Richmond City Hall
- XX Canal Boat Turning Basin
- Floodwall Park/
  Earth Day Festival
- Art Works Gallery
- Manchester Courthouse
- BB Great Shiplock Park
- CC Libby Hill
- D Rocketts Landing/ Intermediate Terminal/ Virginia Boat Club
- E Ancarrow's Landing/
  Manchester Dock and Trail of
  Enslaved Africans
- Falling Creek Reservoir
- GG Falling Creek Ironworks
- m Drewry's Bluff
- Varina Library
- Osborne Park and Boat Landing
- **KK** Dutch Gap Conservation Area
- Henricus Historical Park
- M Dorey Park
- NN Deep Bottom Landing/Four Mile Creek
- Turkey Island Creek
- Presquile National Wildlife Refuge

#### **James River Week**

Saturday, Sept. 14-Saturday, Sept. 21 See page 27 for a full list of events!

#### **Watershed Map Key**

- City of Lynchburg
- 2 Appomattox County
- **3** Powhatan County
- 4 Goochland County
- 6 Petersburg

6 Prince George County

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- 7 Hopewell
- **8** Charles City County
- 9 James City County
- **10** Newport News



