

## Nuttall & Co.



### Site 1

N 37° 24.133  
W 076° 27.508

6495 Ware Neck Rd  
(approx. 2.5 mi.  
from Rt. 14)

STOP IN EARLY TO PURCHASE A TAKEOUT LUNCH  
AND RECEIVE DIRECTIONS TO A SPECIAL  
PICNIC SPOT ON THE RIVER

In business since 1875, this building doubles as a country store and the local post office. Inside, you will find their famous barbeque and convenient lunch counter.

Nuttall's can boast about such clientele as Tom Cruise and Steven Spielberg, who spent time there while filming *Minority Report* here in the County. Whether you are looking for a quick lunch, fresh chicken, steaks and seafood, a post office, or just some friendly local conversation, you will find it all at Nuttall & Co.

Step inside...you can almost hear John Boy and the rest of the Waltons.

### DID YOU KNOW...

THE FIRST SHOT OF THE CIVIL WAR, IN VIRGINIA, WAS FIRED ON MAY 3, 1861, AT GLOUCESTER POINT.

## Abingdon Glebe



### Site 2

N 37° 22.630  
W 076° 32.418

17 S Driveway  
between  
Houtz Chevrolet  
& Auto Max

A glebe is land belonging to, or yielding revenue to, a parish church. In 1661, the VA Assembly ordered that glebes were to be provided for every parish, with "convenient housing and stock upon them."

Abingdon Glebe has been used by the rector of Abingdon Church, by the Peasley Free School, as an ordinary, and since the early 1800's as a private residence. In 2006, the Abingdon Glebe came full circle, when William M. Riddick III bequeathed it to St. James Anglican Church. It is on the Register of VA Historic Landmarks.

## Mobjack Bay Coffee



### Site 3

N 37° 18.294  
W 076° 30.834

7060-A Woodsville Rd.  
(Rt. 17S-next to  
Ches. Marine Training)

The entire family will have a great time learning and watching as coffee beans are selected, roasted and become the final product you purchase in the grocery store. Mobjack Bay Coffee donates a portion of all sales to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to help keep the Bay clean.

## Abingdon Episcopal Church



### Site 4

N 37° 20.052  
W 076° 30.834

Route 17N  
(approx. 5 mi. south  
of Court House area)

A rare cruciform (Latin Cross) colonial church which replaced an earlier church on this same site. It was completed in 1755 and underwent major restoration in 1986. The brick walls are over two feet thick and are laid in Flemish-bond pattern. It has a unique three-tiered pulpit and a magnificent pipe organ.

Abingdon Church was the largest colonial church in Virginia and the third largest in all the colonies. Gravestones in the adjacent cemetery date from the mid-1600s.

## Rosewell Ruins



### Site 5

N 37° 19.876  
W 076° 34.745

Rosewell Lane  
(Approx. 2 mi. off  
Hickory Fork Rd.)

Although the ruins are open to the public daily, this is a great opportunity to visit the archaeology lab and see artifacts found at the ruins of this 18th century mansion. These magnificent ruins leave it to your imagination to reconstruct the mansion where Governor John Page welcomed his good friend, Thomas Jefferson.

Visitor Center & Gift Shop  
Admission: Adult \$4,  
youth \$2



## Walter Reed Birthplace



### Site 6

N 37° 23.214  
W 076° 35.303

Hickory Fork Rd.  
at Belroi Rd.

Your hosts are members of Gloucester  
Boy Scout Troop 111

Walter Reed was born in this humble, but typical, example of an early Tidewater dwelling. He became a physician and is credited with discovering the cause of the terrible Yellow Fever. When you visit his birthplace, envision yourself living here with your family of 7!

### DID YOU KNOW...

GLOUCESTER IS THE ONLY PLACE WE KNOW FOR SURE, THAT CHIEF POWHATAN, POCAHONTAS AND CAPT. JOHN SMITH WERE ALL PRESENT AT THE SAME TIME.

## Holly Knoll (Moton Center)



### Site 7

N 37° 23.312  
W 076° 38.672

6498 Allmondsville Rd.  
(approx. 0.8 mi  
from Cappahosic Rd.)

Built in 1935, this was Georgian style retirement home of the late Dr. Robert Russa Moton. The elegant manor house overlooks the York River.

Holly Knoll was a welcoming place for African American Leaders in all genres. Guests would be summoned by elegantly engraved invitations that simply read "Come to Cappahosic." All ideas offered with the sincere mission of improving the lives of African Americans would be considered.

Today Holly Knoll is being renovated so it can be taken back to its original use.

## Bethel Baptist Church

July Only



### Site 8

Hickory Fork Rd.  
approx 2 mi.  
north of  
Walter Reed Birthplace

JOIN THE BURRELL FAMILY AT 2 PM FOR A GOSPEL  
CONCERT IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
CHURCH'S 142<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The oldest independent black congregation in Sassafras and one of the oldest in Gloucester County. Founded in 1867, it was known as Old Sassafras Stage Church. The present sanctuary was built in 1889, with the brick exterior added in 1982.

Bethel serves as the Mother Church of five: New Mount Zion, Smithfield, Sheperdsville, Morning Glory, and Mt. Gilead. Thomas C. Walker, Jr., the first black person to practice law in Gloucester and in Virginia, is buried in the adjoining cemetery.

## Public Digs at Fairfield

September Only



### Site 9

Rt. 17 S to  
Hickory Fork Rd. to  
Cedar Bush Rd. right  
onto Fairfield Lane

We invite anyone interested in learning about archaeology and Fairfield Plantation to join us in excavations near the manor house ruin. No equipment or training is required. Please - no children under 16 without an adult. You are welcome to stay for as long or as little as you'd like, but please bring water as there are no facilities on site. We hope to see you there!

Please check our webpage regularly for Trail updates and special events.  
[www.gloucesterva.info/tourism/ht.htm](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism/ht.htm)

Some of the sites on the History Trail are planning special events for one or more History Trail Saturdays. To insure that you don't miss one of these fun events, please check for updates at the History Trail website [www.gloucesterva.info/tourism](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism).

**Please join us for these upcoming events in Gloucester**

July 11 - Family Movie Night  
 July 18 & 19 - Renaissance Festival  
 Aug 12-16 - Gloucester County Fair  
 Sept 18 & 19 - River Country Quilt Show  
 Sept 19 - Chalk Fest  
 Sept 25 & 26 - Gunitea Jubilee  
 Oct 9 & 10 - Craftsmen to the Past Living History Weekend

Beaverdam park is a great place for children young and old, and families to enjoy Mother Nature. Playgrounds, hiking/walking trails, picnic shelters, and water activities are available. There are also more than 20 geocaches in place throughout the park! The History Trail cache is at the coordinates listed above.



**Site 10**  
 N 37° 26.944  
 W 076° 32.098  
 8687 Roaring Springs Rd.  
 (approx 2 mi. from Main Street)

**Beaverdam Park**

Geocaching is a treasure hunt for which anyone armed with a Global Positioning System unit can participate. The main idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches that are placed somewhere outdoors. Longitude and Latitude coordinates are given on this brochure with each location description. Other adventure seekers then hone in on the item, or benchmark, to discover the prize. History Trail caches are hidden in plastic containers with blue lids. They contain items such as stickers, word puzzles and small toys. If you take something from a cache, leave something of equal or greater value. *Hope you have a great time!*

**Add to Your Fun with Geocaching**

Fresh produce, homemade soaps, jams, & jellies, herbs, baked goods and craft items. Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church, Rt 17, Ordinary. Details: (804) 693-9534



**Farmer's Market**  
 8:30-Noon  
 2nd & 4th Saturday thru October.  
 N 37° 18.896  
 W 076° 30.834



**Second Saturdays on Main**  
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 June, July & August only  
 N 37° 24.797  
 W 076° 31.480

Stroll along Main Street where you'll discover sidewalk sales, music, refreshments, artists in various locations.

The colonial family cemetery where ancestors of George Washington, Robert E. Lee, and Queen Elizabeth II are buried, is owned and maintained by APVA Joseph Bryan Chapter.



**D. Warner Hall Graveyard**

According to Gloucester legend, this chimney is all that remains of the dwelling built by Captain John Smith for Indian Chief Powhatan in 1609. The collapse of this chimney in an 1888 storm gave impetus to the preservation movement in Virginia. The present structure was rebuilt in the 1930s by the Joseph Bryan Branch of the APVA.



**C. Powhatan's Chimney**

Visitor Center in 1896 Clerk's Office, 1766 Courthouse, 1820 Debtors Prison, 1823 Clerk of the Courts Office, 1873 Jail & 1889 Confederate Monument. Visitor Center & Gift Shop open Mon-Sat 10 am-4 pm & Sun. 1 pm-4 pm



**B. Historic Court Circle**  
 N 37° 24.896 W 076° 31.770

Pre-Revolutionary building. Exhibits include Archaeology, Civil & Revolutionary War, Old Country Store & Post Office Mon-Fri 11 am-3 pm, Sat 11 am-4 pm.



**A. Gloucester Museum of History**

*While you are here, we hope you will visit these sites also...*

**Gloucester County**  
 (not to scale)



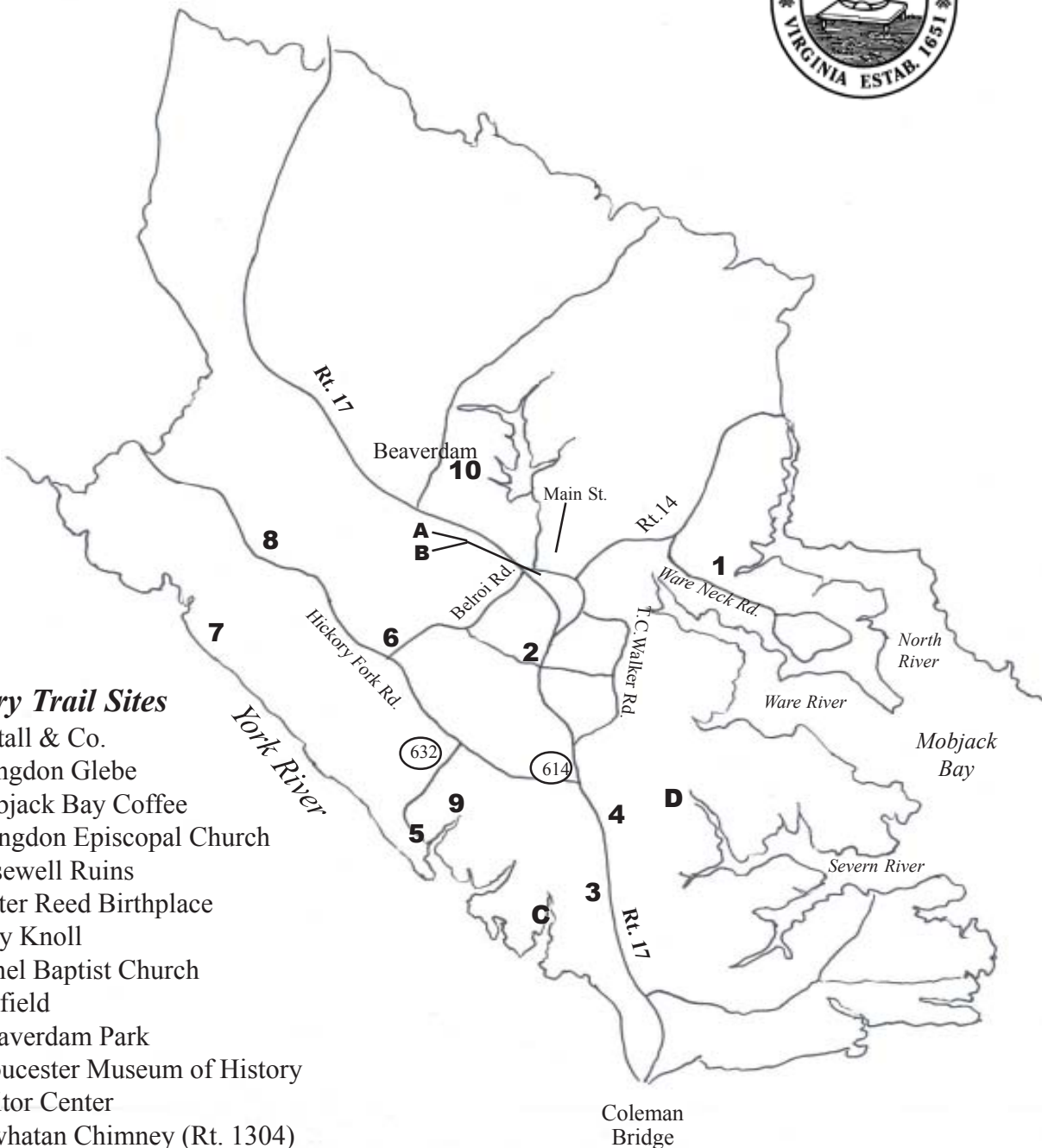
**Gloucester County**  
**History & Adventure Trail**



**2nd Saturday**  
**of each month**  
**June thru October**  
**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

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