

Gloucester Pt Family Campground 800-332-4316  
Tidewater Motel - 804-642-2155  
Gloucester Inn Motel - 804-642-3337  
Budget Accommodations  
Hampton Inn - 804-693-9393  
Comfort Inn - 804-695-1900  
North River Inn - 877-248-3030  
Inn at Warner Hall - 800-331-2720  
Airville Plantation - 804-694-0287  
**Lodging in Gloucester**



If you enjoy antiquing...we have some great shops.  
Check them out on our website at  
[www.gloucesterva.info/pr/tourism/day.htm](http://www.gloucesterva.info/pr/tourism/day.htm)

The middle peninsula of Virginia's Tidewater region has much to offer...whether you are a history buff, art lover or an outdoors type, there is much to keep you busy. Be sure to ask for a *River Country Visitor Guide* while at the visitor information center; in it you will find information about our neighbors...Mathews, Middlesex, Essex, King and Queen, King William, Tappahannock, Urbanna and West Point.

**Day 3**

Here are a few ideas to help you plan your visit to Gloucester. Please feel free to email or call for more information about any of these suggestions, or about the events listed in this brochure. Our website also provides answers to many frequently asked questions.

# For History...for Beauty...for Fun!



**Gloucester Visitor Center**

Historic Court Circle  
6509 Main Street, Gloucester

Mon. through Sat. 10 am - 4 pm  
Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm.  
804-693-3215

Visitor Information & Gift Shop  
Interesting momentos of your visit...  
and they make great gifts.

**History & Adventure  
Trail Saturdays**

The second Saturday, June thru October, visit historic buildings not open to the public on a regular basis. Also, visit Beaverdam Park to hike park trails and take part in programs specially planned for families. Trail map available at Visitor Center, Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main Street. Free. 1 pm - 4 pm. (804)693-0014.

**Historic Sites of Interest**

**Abingdon Episcopal Church:** A rare cruciform (Latin Cross) colonial church which was completed in 1755 and underwent major restoration in 1986. It is one of eight churches of colonial Virginia.

**Long Bridge Ordinary:** It is believed to be the first established shopping place for travelers going along the old Indian Road.

**Powhatan's Chimney:** Local legend tells us this structure, built in 1933, is a replica of the chimney on a home that John Smith built for Chief Powhatan.

**Rosewell:** The ruins of one of the finest mansions built in the colonies sit on the banks of the York River. Open: Mon-Sat 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm. Fee.

**Ware Episcopal Church:** This early 18th century structure served as encampments for federal and confederate soldiers. It is surrounded by a colonial brick wall and an interesting graveyard with beautiful plantings.

**Walter Reed Birthplace:** A small mid-19th century building authentically furnished. Walter Reed proved that the mosquito was the cause of the deadly yellow fever.



**Gloucester Museum of History**

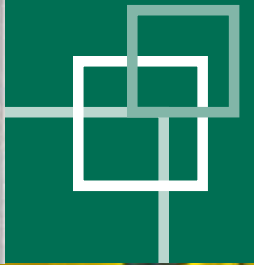
Monday-Friday, 10 am til 3 pm  
Saturday, 11 am til 4 pm.

This pre-Revolutionary brick ordinary is located on Main Street at the Historic Court Circle. In addition to many continuing exhibits about Gloucester's past, the Museum has special exhibits which change approximately once a month. Winter hours: Mon-Sat 11 am to 3 pm, through March. (804)693-1234

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## Gloucester, Virginia 2009

### Upcoming Events



Information compiled by  
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Gloucester, Virginia 23061  
804-693-0014 Toll Free 1-866-VISITUS  
[www.gloucesterva.info](http://www.gloucesterva.info)

Are you related to Pocahontas?  
Visit [www.pocahontasfamily.org](http://www.pocahontasfamily.org)  
to find out!



### Gloucester Visitor Center

Your one-stop shop for...event schedules, lodging-restaurant-attraction information, maps and a GREAT gift shop!

Take home memories of your visit...

Colonial Toys \* Gloucester Ornaments

Gloucester Mugs & Shot Glasses \* Postcards

Daffodil Festival Posters, Shirts and other items

Coloring Books \* Cookbooks \* Gloucester History

Ticorn Hats and Ladies' Bonnets \* Audubon Birds

Lapel Pins \* Shelf Sitters

And more items arriving all the time!

Monday thru Saturday - 10 am to 4 pm,  
Sunday - 1 to 4 pm

6509 Main Street in the Historic Court Circle  
693-3215

**TIME TRAVELERS**



Virginia TimeTravelers stamps are available for several events throughout the year. TIME TRAVELER Passports are available at the Visitor Center. Visit [www.time travelers.org](http://www.time travelers.org) for details.

The perfect place to begin your visit is at the *Visitor Information Center* located in the historic Court Circle on Main Street. There you will find information about this region and many other interesting sites in Virginia. The *Court Circle* buildings have been described as classic examples of an early Virginia county seat. Just across the street is the *Museum of History* located in a pre-Revolutionary ordinary. Venture up Main Street a little further and visit the statue of *Pocahontas*...a great photo opportunity! Also nearby, be sure to visit *Long Bridge Ordinary*, once a convenient store and saddlery for travelers. The 17<sup>th</sup> century *Ware Episcopal Church* is just up the road and their graveyard is beautiful and interesting.

**Day 2**

Spend day two of your adventure into the past by visiting *Rosewell Ruin*. Once the home of John Page, three time Governor of Virginia, and now a magnificent ruin. *Warner Hall Graveyard* where ancestors of George Washington, Robert E. Lee and Queen Elizabeth II are buried. *Abingdon Church* and *Powhatan's Chimney* are great stops along the way to the southern end of Gloucester. Here at Gloucester Point, the *Point Walk*, an interpretive trail along the York River, explains the significance of this area...historically, commercially, and ecologically. *Tyndall's Point Park* located just across Route 17 is the remains of earthworks dating to Revolutionary War. An interpretive path clues you in to how this area was significant in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. A great way to finish off day two, before heading out to dinner.

interior view of a historic room with a wooden bed frame and a window.



To insure the best possible experience, please check our website for the most current information. [www.gloucester-va.info/tourism](http://www.gloucester-va.info/tourism)

## JANUARY

- 30 Arts at Abingdon - John Scott, Organist.** One of the world's leading organists. 7:30 pm. Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

## FEBRUARY

### Black History Month.

Gloucester Museum of History. Special exhibits all month. 6539 Main Street. Open Mon-Sat 11 am - 3 pm. (804)693-1234.

### Quilt Code of the Underground Railroad.

Exhibit and quilt telling the secrets of this legendary code. Location: Gloucester Visitor Center, 6509 Main Street. (804)693-0014. Free.



- 20 Arts at Abingdon - New York Polyphony.** New generation of Classical vocal ensembles. 7:30 pm. Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

## MARCH

- 21 Daffodil Festival Poster Unveiling & Dance.** Celebrate the unveiling of the 2009 Daffodil Festival Poster. St. Therese Catholic Church, Main Street. Fee. 7 pm. Details (804)693-1264.



- 28 & 29 Daffodil Festival** – 23rd annual. Two days of family fun...parade at 9:30 am Saturday, fine arts, original handcrafts, antiques, the Magnificent Mutt Show, three entertainment stages, and lots of good food! Historic Court Circle, Main St. Sat. 9 am - 6 pm; Sun. Noon - 5 pm (804)693-1264. TimeTravelers event.

- 28 & 29 59th Annual Daffodil Flower Show** presented by the Garden Club of Gloucester. Beautiful arrangements and single blooms compete in this American Daffodil Society accredited show. Page Middle School, Rt. 17 south of Gloucester Court House. Sat. 2 - 5 pm; Sun. Noon - 4 pm. (804)693-5629.

## APRIL

- 3 Arts at Abingdon-Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum.** Widely acclaimed around the world for their live performances and recordings. Don't miss this choir from the UK. 7:30 pm. Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

- 17 Arts at Abingdon - Rodrigo Guitar Trio.** One of the United Kingdom's leading guitar ensembles. 7:30 p.m. Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

- 25 Art on the Green.** Art show & sale. Sponsored by the Art League of Gloucester, on the Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main Street. 10 am-5 pm (804)693-4274.



## APRIL (cont'd)

- 25 Virginia Garden Week Tours of Gloucester & Mathews.** Guided tours of landmark homes and gardens. For a complete listing and brochure go to their website: [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org). Fee. 10 am - 5 pm. (804)693-4490.

### Farmer's Market

2nd & 4th Saturday from April thru October. (Except May 30 not May 23 & Nov. 7 & 21) 8:30 am to Noon  
Fresh product, homemade soaps, jams & jellies, herbs, baked goods and craft items.  
Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church  
Rt. 17, Ordinary  
Details: (804)693-9534

## MAY

- 16 Secret Gardens Tour.** Sponsored by the Rosewell Foundation. Fee. For details call: (804)693-2585.
- 30 VA 7th Regiment of the Continental Army Encampment.** Authentically dressed re-enactors, meals prepared over the campfire, firing demonstrations and drilling of volunteers from the public. In the Historic Court Circle, Main Street. 10 am - 4 pm. Free. (804)693-0014. TimeTravelers event.



- 30 Virginia Symphony Under the Stars.** An evening of great music. Free. Campus of Walter Reed Riverside Hospital. Time TBA. (804)695-0700. [www.gloucester-virginia.org](http://www.gloucester-virginia.org).

## JULY

- 4 Celebration & Fireworks.** Enjoy a day of family FUN at the beach...picnic, swim or fish. Horseshoe tournament, karaoke, concert & fireworks. Gloucester Point Beach on the York River-north side of the Coleman Bridge. 10 am. to 9 pm. (804)693-2355.

- 18 & 19 Renaissance Festival.** Medieval martial arts demonstrations, human chess, jousting, games for all ages. Merchants and food vendors. Historic Court Circle, Main Street. (804)693-2355.



## AUGUST

- TBA County Fair.** Good old-fashioned family fun. Ark Park, Rt. 17 just north of Main Street. Gloucester. (804)693-2729.

## SEPTEMBER

- 18 & 19 River Country Quilters Guild Quilt Show**  
Held in the unique setting of the historic Colonial Court House. This is a one-of-a-kind show. 6509 Main Street. (804)693-0014. Free.
- 19 Chalk Fest.** Street art competition for all ages (fee to participate, free to attend). Location on Main St. to be announced.(804)695-0700 or [www.gloucester-virginia.org](http://www.gloucester-virginia.org).

## SEPTEMBER (cont'd)

- 25 & 26 Guinea Jubilee.** Two days of arts, crafts, entertainment, heritage displays and the Firemen's parade. Abingdon Ruritan Club grounds, Guinea Road, Bena. Details available in early August at [www.gloucester-va.info/tourism](http://www.gloucester-va.info/tourism).



## OCTOBER

- 9 & 10 Black Powder & Paint Living History Weekend.** Experience life in the 18th century. Visit with Artisans, music, colonial cooking, encampment in the Historic Court Circle, Main Street. Free. TimeTravelers Event. (804)693-0014.
- 16 Haunts of Gloucester.** Take a ghostly walk on Main Street and hear stories of our haunted past. 7:30 pm. Fee. (804)695-0700. Rain date: Oct. 17. [www.gloucester-virginia.org](http://www.gloucester-virginia.org)
- 23 & 24 Haunted Trail.** Plenty of ghosts and goblins on hand to make this Halloween super scary! Beaverdam Park, Roaring Springs Rd. 7 - 9:30 pm. Fee. (804)693-1264.
- 25 Rosewell's Annual "Barbecue at the Ruins".** Crisp fall weather, traditional bluegrass music, and a tasty meal of pulled pork barbecue...a perfect afternoon in the Virginia countryside. 1 - 4 pm. Fee includes admission, food, entertainment. (804)693-2585.
- 31 Main Street Trick or Treat.** Merchants and other businesses open their doors to young trick or treaters. 5:30 to 8 pm. Main Street.



## DECEMBER

- 5 Gloucester Citizens' Holiday Parade...** a great way to usher in the holidays. Santa arrives! 2 pm - Main Street. (804)693-1264.
- 6 Main Street Merchants' Open House.** Enjoy refreshments and shop till you drop on Main Street, 1 - 5 pm. (804)695-0700.
- 6 Tree Lighting & Children's Holiday Concert** Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main Street. 5 pm.

### Concerts on the Green

Throughout the warm months FREE concerts are held on the historic Court Circle. All types of music from bluegrass to jazz are performed by regional artists. So bring a blanket or some chairs, a picnic and the entire family to enjoy good, old-fashioned, hometown entertainment.

A complete listing will be posted on our website as information becomes available. (804)693-1264.

### Girlfriends' Night Out

Enjoy a fun evening with your girlfriends... wine & hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert then off to shop, shop, shop. Advance ticket purchase required. (804)695-0700.

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