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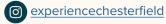
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In addition to its natural beauty, welcoming community and rich history, it's also easy to travel to Chesterfield by air, road or train.

BY AIR:

Richmond International Airport (RIC) is the gateway to Virginia's Capital Region and the primary commercial service airport serving Chesterfield County. With several convenient flights offered by major airlines, you are only minutes away from everything Chesterfield has to offer.

Chesterfield County Airport (FCI) is a bustling general aviation airport located in the heart of Chesterfield with convenient access to the entire Richmond region. FCI offers the advantage of convenient, individualized service with no waiting in line, no untimely delays, and no commercial airlines.

BY ROAD:

We're well connected to major roadways including Interstate 95, Interstate 295 and Route 288 which makes transportation by car a breeze.

BY TRAIN:

Amtrak runs daily service and stations are located throughout the region, including the Ettrick train station in South Chesterfield.

Did you know that the **Chesterfield County Airport** has an average of 185 aircraft operations per day?!







WELCOME TO CHESTERFIELD

Welcome to Chesterfield, Virginia, where you're always close to something special!

The secret's out. More and more people are discovering Chesterfield's treasures. Whether it's the fun, food, sports or endless outdoor adventures, you'll find a reason to Experience Chesterfield. Today, there's more to explore here than ever before, and this guide provides a glimpse of what awaits you in Chesterfield. We're looking forward to your visit and helping you and yours make memories that last a lifetime.

For even more details about all that Chesterfield has to offer, we encourage you to visit ExperienceChesterfield.com. If we can do anything to make your stay more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our visitation team at experience@chesterfield.gov.

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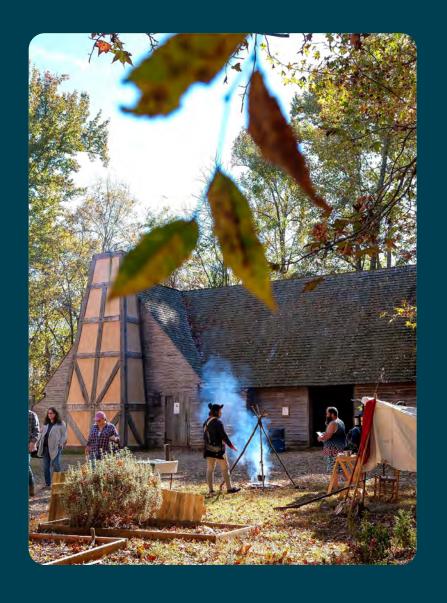
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CHESTERFIELD: HISTORY HAPPENED HERE





When it comes to experiencing Chesterfield, part of what makes the experience exceptional is all that came before us. Taking a stroll through Mid-Lothian Mines Park today offers beautiful views and nature, but it was once the epicenter of energy innovation in America. And that's just scratching the surface.

With so much history to offer from periods spanning more than 400 years, Chesterfield has a story to tell the world.

"Chesterfield: History Happened Here" is Experience Chesterfield's campaign to bring the region's deep and rich history to the forefront for residents and visitors to enjoy and embrace in their own ways.

"Highlighting the incredible history that took place here in Chesterfield instills a strong sense of community pride," said J.C. Poma, director of the county's Sports, Visitation and Entertainment. "We're looking to the experts and historians to help residents and visitors dig deeper into the finer points of the history, but we see an opportunity to make sure stories get elevated and shared so they can live on for generations."

Playing a leading role in the campaign is <u>Henricus Historical Park</u>, the living history destination park that was America's second settlement after Jamestown. While it's a major historic attraction for the county, Experience Chesterfield believes there are still many residents who may not have heard about the significance of the settlement.

"I'm always amazed by the stories we get to share with visitors," said John Pagano, interpretation supervisor at Henricus. "Many people don't realize how integral Henricus was to the development of not only Chesterfield County, but the entire nation.

The stories we share here are not just from the past, they're the foundation of who we are today."

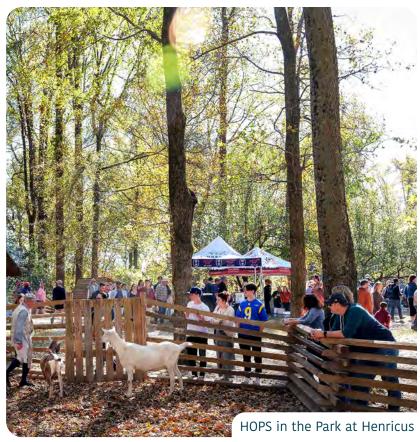
The campaign encourages residents to be proud of their local roots and realize that the county, just south of Richmond, represents many "firsts" when it comes to history.

Did you know that Chesterfield was home to the first hospital in North America? It's true. Mt. Malady, located in what is now Chester, opened in 1622 with just 40 beds. Another fun fact is that Virginia's first paved road was Midlothian Turnpike, a true mark of industrialization at the time.

Experience Chesterfield was launched to educate and inform residents about Chesterfield's endless assets when it comes to fun, entertainment, outdoor activities and now, history.

"History can, and should, be both fun and fascinating. Pivotal moments and discoveries happened right here, and we have people moving to and visiting the area every day who may not be aware of Chesterfield's treasures and stories," Poma said. "What excites us even more is that history continues to happen every day in Chesterfield, and it's inspiring to think about all we have yet to discover and celebrate."







Keep History
Alive.
Experience
Henricus.



Plan your adventure today: www.henricus.org

SAY HELLO TO GOLE, CHESTERFIELD'S NEW MASCOT!

Chesterfield is known for a lot of things: the Richmond region's largest locality, miles and miles of trails, rich history, family-friendly activities, and so much more! In May 2024, Chesterfield celebrated a major milestone, marking 275 years since the county was chartered by the Virginia General Assembly. To celebrate and honor the anniversary, Chesterfield government employees participated in a spirit week in which they voted for a county mascot.

From the submissions, the top four were selected as finalists: a raccoon, a chipmunk, a retriever, and a bear.

Many employees tied the mascot to Chesterfield's rich coal-mining history and it was decided the winning mascot would be named "Cole" – see what we did there!

The vote went public, and more than 3,000 votes were cast. The winning mascot? Cole, the raccoon! Raccoons are skillful, adaptable and resourceful, all things that Chesterfield can relate to. Two local artists, Ross Trimmer and Mickael Broth, were commissioned to create the final design.

Cole is helping further define
Chesterfield's mission as a family-friendly
community destination and giving us
more opportunities to engage with people
across the county, state and nation, about
the many amenities, activities and events
that Chesterfield offers. So, if you see Cole
out and about, be sure to stop, say hello
and snap a photo! Don't forget to tag us at
@ExperienceChesterfield for a chance to
be featured on social media.





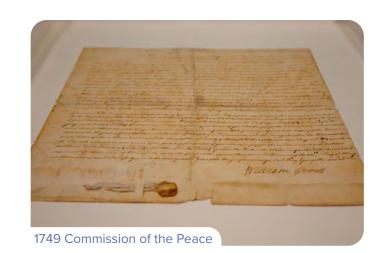
CHESTERFIELD CELEBRATES 275 YEARS!

In 2024, <u>Chesterfield County celebrated its</u> <u>275th anniversary</u>, a significant milestone for one of Virginia's oldest communities.

Officially created on May 25, 1749, Chesterfield held a number of events throughout the year to celebrate its 275th birthday, including a series of lectures.

The signature event was held at the county fairgrounds and culminated with a grand fireworks display.

Also included at that event was a signature ice cream flavor, Chesterfield Honey Bear Tracks, from local vendor Gelati Celesti. Chesterfield residents took part in both selecting the flavor and naming it, prior to its big debut.







Throughout the year, the Chesterfield 275th events focused on story-telling. Chief among them was the tale of the 1749 Commission of the Peace. The founding document that established Chesterfield County went missing and was found and lost and found, again, before ultimately returning to its rightful place at the Chesterfield County Courthouse. A replica of this document is on a display at the Chesterfield County Museum, located at 6813 Mimms Loop. Its hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and closed Sunday and Monday.



Scan the QR code to follow the rest of the Commission of the Peace's journey!

The museum holds hundreds of artifacts and relics that tell the story of Chesterfield County over the centuries. That includes the <u>Historic Chesterfield Courthouse Bell</u>, which is actually three years older than the Liberty Bell, and was restored in 2017.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Mark your calendars and save the dates for a sampling of unique-to-Chesterfield events that return year after year by popular demand. From music to food to experiencing a slice of history, you'll soon understand the hype.



Chesterfield Restaurant Week



Kite Day



Chesterfield Outdoor Fest



Chesterfield Latino Farmers Market



Chesterfield County Fair

February

Black History Month Snowball Fest

March

Banff Film Festival

April

Chesterfield Restaurant Week Kite Day Falling Creek Ironworks Annual Tour and Festival MammothMarch Ragnar Trail Richmond

May

Chesterfield Outdoor Fest Spring Festival at Eppington

July

Fourth of July Celebration

August

Chesterfield County Fair

September

Chesterfield Sports Hall of Fame Banquet ChesterFest Community Cup

October

VSU Homecoming Celebration Midlothian Village Day Festival Mid-Lothian Mines Day Event Trunk or Treat Haunted Henricus



November HOPS in the Park

December

Victorian Christmas at Magnolia Grange Tacky Light Run Christmas Through the Centuries Twelfth Night

Seasonal Events

Chesterfield County Farmers Market (May-September)

Chesterfield Latino Farmers Market (Year-round)

First Saturdays in the Garden (March-October)

Westchester Commons Concert Series (June-October)

Summer Nights at the Perk! Concert Series (Summerlong)

Pocahontas Premieres **Concert Series** (Summerlong)



Trunk or Treat



HOPS in the Park

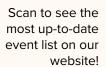


Tacky Light Run

Il the ways you can experience Chesterfield, sign up for our weekly blog.











EXPERIENCE CHESTERFIELD



STAY IN CHESTERFIELD



FOOD & DRINKS



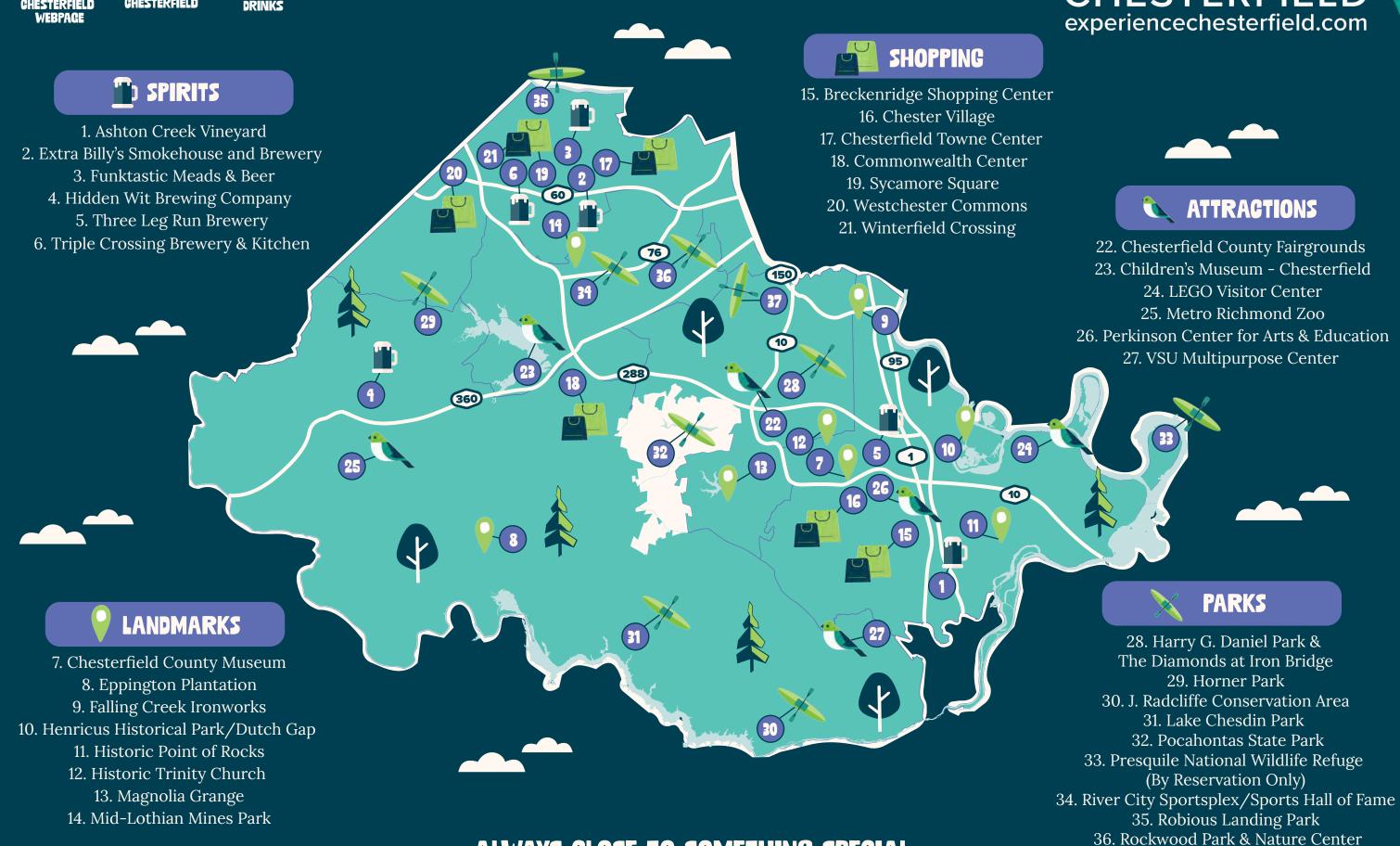
OUTDOORS



HISTORY



37. SwimRVA/Ukrop Park



ALWAYS CLOSE TO SOMETHING SPECIAL

ONLY IN CHESTERFIELD

If you prefer to explore fun, unique and possibly unexpected spots, check out this list of things you will only find in Chesterfield.

LEGO

Did you know that Chesterfield is home to a 1.7 million-square-foot LEGO manufacturing facility? That's a lot of LEGO bricks! As a matter of fact, the facility is 340 acres, which equals 260 American football fields. This marks just the second LEGO facility in the entire country.

A <u>visitor center</u> is open to the public daily and shaped like a yellow LEGO brick! Inside the visitor center, you'll find much to explore like a replica of the production facility made completely out of – you guessed it – LEGO bricks! You can also find an entire wall dedicated to the history of LEGO, starting in the 1930s, and you can peep through a looking glass to get a glimpse inside the facility. If you or anyone you know is a LEGO lover, this is something you should add to your must-experience list!

1140 Meadowville Technology Parkway Chester, VA 23836 Open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m.





POCAHONTAS STATE PARK

Known as the largest state park in Virginia, <u>Pocahontas State Park is a true gem</u>. This beautiful park boasts more than 7,900 acres, three lakes, 90-plus miles of trails, history and nature programs, an aquatic center, camping and much more.

One of only a handful in the nation, the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum is located inside the park. This museum is dedicated to those who helped build the state park system during the Great Depression. Historic photographs, artifacts and personal mementos can be viewed at the museum.

Pocahontas State Park is not only known for its outdoor recreation. The park also boasts a 2,000-seat amphitheater that hosts a series of concerts and family-friendly events. One of these is Pocahontas Premieres, a music series with a little something for everyone, including classic rock, country, oldies and more.

10301 State Park Road Chesterfield, VA 23832 The park is open daily 7:30 a.m.-dusk. dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas



METRO RICHMOND ZOO

Chesterfield is home to the Metro Richmond Zoo, where 2,000 animals representing 190 species from around the world can be seen. Experience the animals through a multitude of options, including a train that takes visitors for a ride through an 8-acre section of the zoo not accessible by foot. Here, you have the chance to get up close and personal with free-ranging animals while the conductor shares unique facts about the animals and their habitats.

You can also explore the zoo from a sky lift, drop tower, carousel, and a Treetop Zoofari ZipLine. That's right, a zipline! This allows you to see the zoo through a whole new perspective. With a total of 15 ziplines over 3,000 feet, you'll certainly be flying as high as a bird through the treetops.

If you're looking to spark your curiosity even further, schedule a private animal encounter with one of the zoo's animal ambassadors. From African penguins, to armadillos, parrots, and everything in between, this experience is one you'll never forget. And yes, the zoo is home to Poppy, a baby pygmy hippo that's garnered nationwide attention!

8300 Beaver Bridge Road,
Moseley, VA 23120
Open Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

metrorichmondzoo.com

RIVER CITY SPORTSPLEX

River City Sportsplex is the Mid-Atlantic's premier tournament destination. This state-of-the-art facility sits on 115 acres and offers 16 synthetic turf fields. This complex is a driver of tourism, hosting numerous tournaments. In addition to tournaments, River City Sportsplex is a community asset for local athletes, teams and leagues to practice and play.



What makes River City Sportsplex even more unique is the ability to host large community events. Each year, Chesterfield hosts events such as Kite Day, Snowball Fest, and the Community Cup, attracting thousands of participants. Community partnerships and participation in these events keep people coming back year after year. River City Sportsplex is dedicated to promoting physical fitness, sportsmanship, and community involvement, and we are proud it sits right here in Chesterfield!

13030 Genito Road Midlothian, VA 23112 playchesterfield.com/facility/river-city-sportsplex

UNTAP CHESTERFIELD'S GROWING BEVERAGE SCENE

Offering several breweries and wineries from which to choose, Chesterfield is the perfect place to sip, savor and enjoy.



Wine and all-day brunch? Yes, please!
Ashton Creek Vineyard, located at **14501**Jefferson Davis Highway, Chester,
boasts an impressive and delicious wine
list of whites, reds and rosés sure to
please any palate. Plus, the impressive
food menu features shareable dishes,
sandwiches, salads and all-day brunch.
ashtoncreekvineyard.com



Chesterfield's newest brewery, Hidden Wit opened in November 2023 and is located near the county's fastest-growing area at **21110 Hull Street Road**, Moseley. With an expansive lawn, a covered patio, and a large indoor seating area, this family-friendly brewery is a great place to relax and unwind.

hiddenwit.beer



Opened in 2000 at 1110 Alverser Drive, Midlothian, Extra Billy's is the second-oldest brewery in the Richmond region – it precedes by more than a decade state legislation that finally allowed the sale and sampling of beer on brewery premises and sparked Virginia's craft beer boom.

extrabillys.com



Funktastic Mead

Get a taste of flavorful meads at Funktastic Meads, located at **1212 Alverser Plaza,** Midlothian, where each mead is created unique and complex in flavor. This family-friendly meadery offers indoor and outdoor seating amongst a funky vibe. **funktasticmeads.com**



Since February 2022, Three Leg Run has been serving Chester's growing population with delicious beer, wines and meads. Located at **4418 West Hundred Road**, Chester, Three Leg Run got its name for a pet dog who had the unusual habit of running on just three legs.

threelegrun.com



Popular Richmond brewery, Triple
Crossing Beer, recognized an opportunity
in the suburban market and decided to
expand into Chesterfield. Situated
within a bustling mixed-use
development at 1101 Winterfield
Crossing, Midlothian, its waterfront
outdoor patio is open from early
spring through late fall.
triplecrossing.com/pages/midlothian

DINE LIKE A LOCAL

Chesterfield has a variety of delicious restaurants to explore with new eateries popping up each year. From cozy bistros serving up locally sourced ingredients to award-winning eateries crafting innovative dishes, Chesterfield caters to every palate and budget. Westchester Commons, conveniently located off Route 288 and Midlothian Turnpike, features more than 15 restaurants and quick bites. From Sedona Taphouse and Latitude Seafood to Rusty Taco and Napa Kitchen and Wine, there is sure to be something to please everyone's tastebuds.

Not sure where to dine? Scan the QR code for a list of restaurants.







If you're a foodie, then mark your calendars for Chesterfield Restaurant Week, held annually each spring. This ten-day event promotes the county's diverse food and beverage scene and encourages residents and visitors to taste new culinary dishes at many of the area's best restaurants. But that's not all. Chesterfield Restaurant Week benefits a local nonprofit, the Chesterfield Food Bank and Outreach Center, allowing diners to enjoy delicious cuisine knowing a portion of the proceeds goes to a local charity. It's a win-win











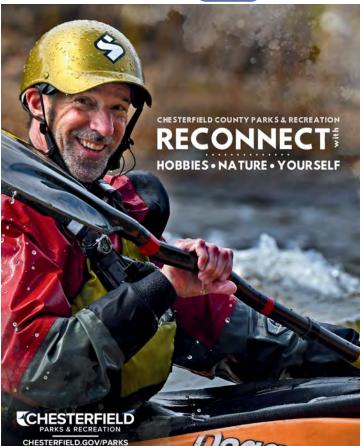


There's certainly no shortage of parks or trails in Chesterfield. To build awareness of the variety of parks with trails in the county, the <u>Chesterfield Trail Challenge</u> was created to encourage locals and visitors alike to explore the outdoors. To participate in the challenge, simply visit any one of the trails listed, take a selfie and post it to your social media account using the hashtag #ChesterfieldTrailChallenge.



To help you navigate your way through Chesterfield trails, scan the QR code below.





ppomattox River Trail

This 2.6-mile out-and-back trail runs alongside the James River. This peaceful trail is mostly flat and shaded providing a great space to walk, run and hike while spotting the wide array of wildlife living along the James River.

Robious Landing Park is home to 3.4 miles of walking trails. The park, which is on the Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail, ensures its visitors the special opportunity to view a range of wildlife while exploring its trails located alongside the James River and throughout lush woods.

Robious Landing Park

Park

Rockwood Park, the county's oldest park, offers 5.5 miles of walking trails among seven total trails. These trails vary between hard and soft surfaces and weave through woods and along Gregory's Pond.

Hikers, walkers, bikers, runners and horseback riders can all explore the Dutch Gap Trail. The 4.5-mile trail loop takes its explorers through tidal wetlands, meadows and forests. Visitors can expect to spot a variety of birds, including American goldfinches, bald eagles and great egrets.

State Park

Pocahontas State Park offers a whopping 90 miles of trails to its visitors. Bikers, runners, hikers and horseback riders are all welcome on its trails. The park offers trails of varying lengths, difficulty levels and uses.

FUN FOR FIDO

If you're looking for a park where your dog can socialize and enjoy a little off-leash freedom, Chesterfield has three dog parks.

Located at **Rockwood Park** in North Chesterfield, **Ruff House Dog Park** is a leash-free outdoor facility with separate runs for small and large dogs. After romping and rolling, take your dog for a leashed walk around the 171-acre park, which also happens to be the county's oldest park. With extensive hard and soft surface nature trails, this is the perfect park for you and your furry friend to enjoy the great outdoors!

Goyne Park, located in Chester, is home to the Chester Dog Park, which offers separate runs for small and large dogs in an outdoor wooded lot making it perfectly shaded during hot summer days. If your pup is an adrenaline junkie, be sure to check out the agility training area. They may become the next agility star!



The Clover Hill Dog Park at CTC @ Hull is Chesterfield's newest dog park, conveniently located off Hull Street in Midlothian. This dog park also offers separate runs for small and large dogs. Both spaces are a great size, allowing your pup to burn off lots of energy! The newest feature at this park is a water hose so Fido can cool off on hot summer days!



PARKS GUIDE

	Trails	Playground	Pavilions	Fields (Football/ Soccer)	Courts (Basketball, pickleball, tennis, volleyball)	Water Access	Dog Parks
Appomattox River Canoe Launch	х					×	
Appomattox River Trail Ettrick/VSU Trailhead	х					×	
Bensley Park	x (0.43 mi)	Х	х	х	х		
Chester Linear Park	x (0.68 mi)						
Chesterfield Career and Technical Center - Hull Campus				х	х		х
Harry G. Daniel Park at Iron Bridge	×	X	х	×	x		
R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks	×	x	x	×	×	×	
Dutch Gap Consevation Area	x		×			×	
Ettrick Park	х •	Х	х	х	х		
Falling Creek Ironworks Park	x (0.65 mi)					х	
Goyne Park		х	х	х	х		х
Harrowgate Park	x (0.75 mi)	X	х		х		
Irvin G. Horner Park	х		 	х			
Huguenot Park	x	х	х	х	х		
Matoaca Park	X	Х	х	х	х		
Mid-Lothian Mines Park	X						
John J. Radcliffe Conservation Area	×					×	
Robious Landing Park	x	x	х		х	х	
Rockwood Park	х •	Х	Х		Х		Х
Salem Church Mini Park	x (.2 mi)						
Mary B. Stratton Park				х			

Key

Fitness Trails = • Trail leads into Government Center Trails System = • Disc Golf Course = •

Pets are allowed on trails, but must remain on a leash at all times. For more free-roaming fun, check out one of the three dog parks at CTC@Hull, Goyne Park or Rockwood Park.

Visit Chesterfield.gov/Parks for Parks and Facilities details and locations.

ENJOY THE WATER

Chances are wherever you're located, you're close to a beautiful body of water. From kayaking, canoeing, power boating, fishing, or walking along a waterside trail, there is a way to enjoy the water in Chesterfield. Chesterfield is home to the James River, Appomattox River and Lake Chesdin, as well as three lakes and a waterfall located within Pocahontas State Park.

Appomattox River Canoe Launch

21501 Chesdin Road South Chesterfield, VA 23803

Appomattox River Trail, Ettrick/VSU Trail Head

3801 Main Street

South Chesterfield, VA 23803

Dutch Gap Boat Landing

441 Coxendale Road Chester, VA 23836

Dutch Gap Conservation Area

341 Henricus Park Road

Chester, VA 23836

Falling Creek Ironworks Park

6407 Route One

North Chesterfield, VA 23234

John J. Radcliffe Conservation Area

21501 Chesdin Road

South Chesterfield, VA 23803

Lake Chesdin Canoe Launch

21900 Lake Chesdin Parkway Chesterfield, VA 23838

Mid-Lothian Mines Park

13301 N. Woolridge Road Midlothian, VA 23112

Pocahontas State Park (admission fee)

10301 State Park Road Chesterfield, VA 23832

R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks

201 Enon Church Road Chester, VA 23836

Robious Landing Park

3800 James River Road Midlothian, VA 23113

Coming soon:
Three public splash pads
at Bensley Park, Beulah
Recreation Center, and River
City Sportsplex!







CHESTERFIELD SPORTS HALL OF FAME



2024 Inaugural Chesterfield Sports Hall of Fame class. Pictured left to right: Bobby Wadkins; Joey Richeson, director of student activities at Meadowbrook High School, accepting on behalf of Johnny Grubb; Lyn Williams representing Vic Williams; Lacey Waldrop; Joan Amsler representing Dave Amsler; Ken Oxendine. Not pictured: Kellie Wells-Brinkley, James Farrior, Denny Hamlin and Lanny Wadkins.

The Chesterfield Sports Hall of Fame, presented by Virginia Credit Union, was created to recognize and highlight those who have contributed to Chesterfield's deep sports history and have brought a positive reflection on Chesterfield by demonstrating integrity and sportsmanship throughout their lifetimes. The Chesterfield Sports Hall of Fame is located at River City Sportsplex, 13030 Genito Road, Midlothian.

The inaugural recognition banquet took place on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at the Perkinson Center for the Arts and Education. The class of 2024 included:

- Dave Amsler (soccer coach)
- James Farrior (football)
- Johnny Grubb (baseball)
- Denny Hamlin (auto racing)
- Ken Oxendine (football)

- **Bobby Wadkins (golf)**
- Lanny Wadkins (golf)
- Lacey Waldrop (softball)
- Kellie Wells-Brinkley (track and field)
- Vic Williams (football coach)

Nominations are open year-round, however, those submitted between May 15 and the Hall of Fame Banquet date will be considered for the following year's class. Inductees will be announced each summer. For more information or to nominate someone for the next class of the Chesterfield Sports Hall of Fame, visit www.ChesterfieldSportsHOF.com.

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

Widely known as the home to the first pickleball courts in the region, Chesterfield has established itself as a welcoming destination for pickleball players of all ages and skill levels.

Are you a visiting pickleball player? Chesterfield has over 2,300 Pickleball Club members with games happening all over town. If you're a local looking to break into the game, be sure to check out Chesterfield County's Parks and Recreation Department for classes that are offered throughout the year for all skill levels.

If it's raining, be sure to visit Bangers and Dinks, located at 1516 Koger Center Blvd., where non-members can purchase a day pass at their eight climate-controlled regulation-sized indoor courts.

Learn where you can join a friendly game by scanning the QR code below.



CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

MAY - SEPTEMBER

ms Loop, Chesterfield



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@ChesterfieldVAFarmersMarket



Public Pickleball Courts in Chesterfield:

Scott Pickleball Center at Rockwood Park 3401 Courthouse Road, North Chesterfield, 23236 (8 outdoor courts with lights)

CTC @ Hull (Career & Tech Center) 13900 Hull Street, Midlothian, 23112 (12 outdoor courts with lights)

Harry G. Daniel Park at Ironbridge 6606 Whitepine Road, North Chesterfield, 23237 (6 outdoor courts with lights)

R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks 201 Enon Church Road, Chester, 23836 (8 outdoor courts with lights)

Huguenot Park 1550 Early Settlers Road, North Chesterfield, 23235 (6 outdoor courts, no lights)

Goyne Park 5300 Ecoff Avenue, Chester, 23831 (2 outdoor courts with lights)

Ettrick Park 20621 Woodpecker Road, South Chesterfield, 23803 (3 outdoor courts with lights)

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Want to nominate someone?

WE 'HEART' CHESTERFIELD

Chesterfield's proximity to Richmond makes the county an ideal home for artists, where the art scene is legendary. From its globally famous collection of murals and public art to music, the Richmond region has long attracted artists from throughout the country and the world.

For more arts and culture in Chesterfield, visit our website by scanning the QR code below.





Performing Arts

Those interested in the performing arts must visit the Perkinson Center for the Arts and Education and the Swift Creek Mill Theatre. The Perkinson Center, or "the Perk," as it is known locally, is a state-of-the-art performing arts center boasting numerous stage shows throughout the year including music, comedy, dance, and theater. In addition to the performing arts, The Perk also houses a gallery with rotating exhibitions from visual artists throughout the region. If you are looking for a traditional theater experience, plan a visit to Swift Creek Mill Theatre. It is a professional theater company offering stage plays, musicals, cabaret nights, summer camps, and wine dinners. In addition to their stage productions, Swift Creek Mill Theatre also has a full restaurant and resident chef, making it perfect for dinner and a show.



Image Credit: Perkinson Center for the Arts and Education

Youth Arts Programs

Fostering creativity in young people is important. Those with kids should check out Alma Bella Academy, an arts education center offering day and afterschool enrichment programs. Their mission is to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment for beautiful souls through education, art, and community where students can thrive academically and artistically. Open to the public at select hours, kids can learn crochet, pottery, stained glass, and much more. The Art Factory & Party Place also offers open studio hours where little ones can try their hand at a variety of creative endeavors. Choose a self-guided project or sign up for a class and learn something new.



Image Credit: The Art Factory & Party Place

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Whether you're an avid shopper, bargain hunter, enthusiastic local business supporter, or window shopper, we're sure you'll enjoy Chesterfield's dynamic shopping scene.



Photo Credit: Brookfield Properties

Home to boutique shops, local small businesses, and major retail hubs, Chesterfield offers a bit of everything. You'll find the region's largest enclosed shopping area at Chesterfield Towne Center, a blend of local eateries and shopping options. Enjoy entertainment, delicious food and shopping at Westchester Commons, Sycamore Square Shopping Center and Commonwealth Center. Don't forget about local treasures such as Chester Village Green, where you can shop after taking in a show at the Perkinson Center for the Arts & Education.



ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Looking for <u>family-friendly</u> adventures in Chesterfield? Whether your kids are babies, toddlers, tweens, or high schoolers, there are so many ways to find fun for all ages in Chesterfield. Unearth the beauty of the county through an array of activities, ensuring memories are made for the entire family!

With thousands of good reads, the Chesterfield County Public Library is the perfect spot to browse and checkout books, but did you know that the libraries offer so much more than books? For preschool- and elementary-aged kids who have big imaginations, enjoy reading and love music, the libraries offer numerous programs like LEGO clubs, chess clubs, music and movement story times, opportunities to read to registered therapy dogs, and more. There are programs for tweens and teens, too, including Knitting Basics for Teens, Tarot Card Art, Family Movie Night, and LEGO Club, to name a few. Depending on the time of year, you can enjoy seasonal program offerings that will surely put you in the spirit of the season. With 10 libraries spread throughout the county, you're just a short drive to loads of fun! Find library locations by visiting



Rockwood Nature Center



Do you have a kid who's interested in outdoor exploration and nature? Look no further than the Rockwood Nature Center, located at 3401 Courthouse Road, North Chesterfield, the only county-operated nature center in Chesterfield. This log cabin-style building is located at Rockwood Park and is home to an array of native reptiles and amphibians and offers visual displays for all ages. Just outside of the center, you can find gardens and a small pond all situated on more than five miles of trails. Rockwood Park and Rockwood Nature Center offer family-friendly fun for all ages.

Looking for an indoor adventure? Head to The Children's Museum-Chesterfield, located at 6629
Lake Harbour Drive, Midlothian, where learning through play is an opportunity for the entire family. Hands-on exhibits at the museum include water play, tire towers, a pretend play grocery store, enchanted forest, art studio, music and more. With more than 15 exhibits offering engaging interactions between children, parents and caregivers, this is a perfect place to spend time as a family, making lasting memories!

Speaking of lasting memories, let the good times roll at Midlothian's Unplugged Games Café at 1300 Sycamore Square Drive, Midlothian, where you can sip beverages and indulge in delicious bites while exploring the fun of tabletop gaming! With more than 1,300 games available, there's no shortage of games for the entire family. The board game selection consists of nostalgic childhood favorites, new classics, and brand-new releases.

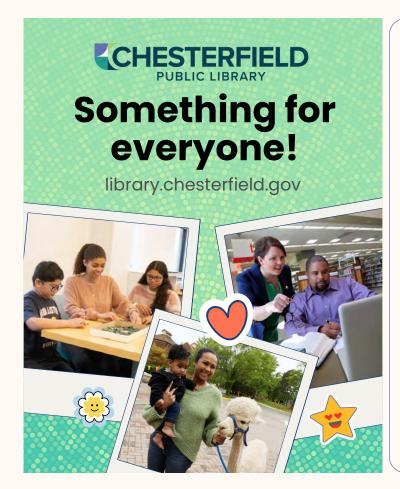


And if you're looking to try out a new-to-you game, the Unplugged Games team is happy to assist you with game setup and instructions, so say goodbye to wasting time reading lengthy instruction manuals.

Don't forget that Chesterfield is also home to a plethora of playgrounds, waterway access points, historical sites, places to fish, recreation centers and so much more. Be immersed in outdoor exploration and play at R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks, take a leisurely stroll along the James River at Robious Landing Park, or explore old coal mine ruins at Mid-Lothian Mines Park.

Chesterfield is a wonderful place to experience fun for the whole family. No matter what adventure your family prefers, you're sure to find something, because in Chesterfield you're always close to something special.

For a full list of <u>family-friendly</u> activities, visit ExperienceChesterfield.com!



Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Services	804-748-1683
Board of Supervisors	804-748-1200
Building Inspection	804-748-1057
Chesterfield County Information	804-748-1000
Chesterfield County Public Library	804-748-1601
Circuit Court Clerk (deeds, plats, wills)	804-748-1241
Code Compliance (unsightly yards)	804-748-1500
Commissioner of the Revenue	804-748-1281
Convenience Centers (landfills, recycling)	804-748-1297
Cooperative Extension	804-751-4401
Environmental Engineering (drainage law)	804-748-1035
General District Court (traffic tickets)	804-748-1231
Health Department	804-748-1691
Mental Health Support Services	804-748-1227
Parks and Recreation	804-748-1623
Police (non-emergency)	804-748-1251
School Board	804-748-1405
Sheriff's Office	804-748-1261
Social Services	804-748-1100
Treasurer's Office (tax payments)	804-748-1201
Utilities (water, sewer)	804-748-1271
Virginia Dept. of Transporation (roads)	800-367-7623

