***Saturday, November 12 – Yorktown Market Days,* 8 am to 3 pm.** As part of the Yorktown Holiday Open House Weekend, the market will operate with extended hours and offer items unique to the holiday season, in addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, quality art, and more. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Saturday, November 12 – Chili Cook-Off,* 12 to 3 pm.** Come and sample the competitors' chili and vote in the competition. Additional chili may be purchased. Call for rules and application forms to enter. Watermen's Museum. Admission. $ (757) 887.2641

HOLIDAYS

***Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13 – Yorktown Holiday Open House Weekend,* 8 am to 5 pm.** Soak up the ambiance of Historic Yorktown. Special events, festive decorations, special sales, discounts, door prizes, strolling entertainment, and much more await you as you start or finish your holiday shopping. Hours of operation vary by business. Free. (757) 890.4490

***Thursday-Saturday, November 24-26 – Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Explore 18th-century Virginia foodways. Learn about typical soldiers' fare during the American Revolution and trace the bounty of a 1780s farm from field to kitchen. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

***December 1-31 – A Colonial Christmas,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Holiday traditions of 18th-century Virginia are recalled through special interpretive programs. Hear accounts of Christmas and winter in military encampments during the American Revolution and glimpse holiday preparations on a 1780s Virginia farm. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

***Friday, December 2 – Christmas Tree Lighting,* 7:30 pm.** A tradition that began in 1945 continues with the Yorktown Christmas Tree Lighting. Evening highlights include a **7 pm performance by The Fifes and Drums of York Town** at the Victory Monument, festive music at Riverwalk Landing, the procession of lights through the historic village, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Saturday, December 3 – Christmas Market on Main,* 10 am to 4 pm.** Whether you are searching for a holiday gift for family, friends, or as a treat to yourself, you're sure to find it at the Christmas Market on Main. The market features arts and crafts, demonstrations, roasted chestnuts and hot cider, entertainment, and much more. Historic Main Street. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Saturday, December 3 – Watermen's Museum Oyster Roast,* 1 to 6 pm.** Enjoy oysters, clam fritters, clam chowder and a variety of beverages. Watermen's Museum. Admission. $ (757) 887.2641

***Saturday, December 3 – Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade,* 6 to 8 pm.** Festively decorated sail and power boats compete for "Best of Show." The Yorktown waterfront is bedazzled with holiday sights and sounds, including a spectacular floating parade of lights, caroling around a roaring beach bonfire, musical performances and complimentary hot cider. Yorktown waterfront. Free. (757) 890.4970

***Sunday, December 4 – Cookies with Santa,* 1 to 4 pm.** Christmas is alive at York Hall where children and parents can visit with Santa Claus, enjoy some tasty treats, and shop for holiday gifts in The Gallery at York Hall. Cameras are encouraged. 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

***Saturday, December 10 – Yorktown Market Days,* 8 am to 12 pm.** See May 14 listing for details.

***Saturday, December 10 – Breakfast with Santa,* 8:30 am.** Join Santa and Mrs. Claus, our special guests from the North Pole, for a kid-friendly breakfast. Experience the enchantment on the children's faces as they relay their Christmas wish list to Santa. Special treats for the kids. Riverwalk Restaurant, Yorktown waterfront. Seating is limited. Tickets Required. Admission. $ (757) 875.1522

***Saturday, December 10 – Toyland Parade,* 1 pm.** Decorate a stroller or wagon, or even yourself, and join in the **1:30 pm parade.** Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet the guests and Mrs. Claus will host her own storytelling show. As an added treat, the Polar Express will be chugging along through Riverwalk Landing. All aboard! Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Yorktown Victory Center

Daily, join the artillery crew at the Yorktown Victory Center's re-created Continental Army encampment to learn the steps in preparing an artillery piece for firing. Then, step back, cover your ears and watch as interpreters actually fire the replica cannon or mortar. Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

Yorktown Battlefield

Monthly, volunteers depicting Continental and British artillery regiments demonstrate the firing of a Revolutionary War cannon and discuss their role during the 1781 Siege of Yorktown. Admission. $ (757) 898.2410

Yorktown Battlefield Fee-Free Dates

Enjoy free admission to Yorktown Battlefield National Park and other Federal recreation areas throughout the country. Free. (757) 898.2410
April 16-24 – National Park Week
Tuesday, June 21 – First Day of Summer
Saturday, September 24 – Public Lands Day
Friday-Sunday, November 11-13 – Veterans Day Weekend

Yorktown Victory Center

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WINTER / SPRING

***Thursdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, and March 10 – Cabin Fever Concert Series,* 7 pm.** Wipe the winter blues away as local musicians engage and interact with audience members. Yorktown Freight Shed. Tickets required. Free. (757) 890.3500

Opening Friday, April 1 – The Gallery at York Hall. Revolving exhibit of fine art in all media by local artists for display and sale. Open April-Dec. Tues.-Sat., 10 am to 4 pm; Sun., 1 to 4 pm. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Opening Friday, April 1 – Watermen's Museum. Tells the story of the maritime traditions of the Chesapeake Bay watermen. April-Thanksgiving Tues.-Sat., 10 am to 4 pm; Sun., 1 to 4 pm. 309 Water Street. Admission. $ (757) 887.2641

***Returning Saturday, April 2 – The Yorktown Trolley,* 10 am to 6 pm.**

The trolley provides transportation throughout the village of Historic Yorktown from the Yorktown Battlefield to the Yorktown Victory Center, as well as several stops in between, including Riverwalk Landing. Weekends only April 2 - 14. Daily April 15 - October 31. Free.

Opening Sunday, April 3 – The York County Historical Museum. Embark on a journey through 400 years of York County history. Call for current hours of operation and to schedule group tours. Two locations: Museum on Main, 408 Main Street, York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 898.4910

Returning Friday, April 15 – Schooner Alliance. Sail into history aboard Yorktown's 105' tall ship. Concessions available for purchase. Offers daily sails and sunset sails from Riverwalk Landing pier. (Apr-Oct) Admission. $ Advanced reservations recommended. (800) 979.3370

***Saturday, April 23 – National Park Service Junior Ranger Day,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Special activities for children will enable them to earn Junior Ranger patches. Yorktown Battlefield. Free as part of National Park Week. (757) 898.2410

***Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30 – Pirates Invade Yorktown,* Fri., 6 to 9 pm; Sat., 10 am to 6 pm.** Pirates representing seafaring life in the late 17th and 18th-centuries invade Yorktown. Living history performances, educational activities, encampment, and demonstrations. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

***April 30–October 29 (Last Saturdays) – Colonial Market Fair and Militia Muster,* 9 am to 1 pm.** Colonial music, crafts demonstration and sales, and naval living history demonstrations. Last Saturday of each month (April-Oct). Watermen's Museum. Free. (757) 887.2641

***Saturdays, May 14–September 17 – Yorktown Market Days,* 8 am to 12 pm.** Fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, quality art, entertainment and much more await you at the Saturday morning markets. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Memorial Day Weekend, May 28 & 29 – Civil War Weekend,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Tactical demonstrations, encampments, and a Confederate field hospital interpret the role Yorktown played during the Civil War Peninsula Campaign. Memorial Day ceremonies will take place at the Yorktown National Cemetery and Confederate Cemetery. Yorktown Battlefield. Admission. $ (757) 898.2410

SUMMER

***Saturday, May 28 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town,* 4:30 pm.** Nelson House on Main Street. Free. (757) 898.9418

***Monday, May 30 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town,* 11:45 am.** York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 898.9418

***Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day Ceremony,* 12 pm.** Includes the posting of colors, historical re-enactors, a guest speaker, the placing of flowers, and the presentation of awards to student winners of the "York County Remembers" Poster Essay Contest. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.3500

***June 1-30 – "Seed to Stalk" Theme Month,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Explore American agriculture of the 18th-century during an interpretive theme month with hands-on activities. Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

***Saturdays, June 4-25 – Yorktown Market Days,* 8 am to 12 pm.** See May 14 listing for details.

***Sundays, June 5-26 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town*, 3:45 pm** at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. **4:45 pm** at the Yorktown waterfront. Free. (757) 898.9418

***Wednesdays, June 8-29 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town,* 5 pm.** Yorktown Victory Monument. Free. (757) 898.9418

***Thursdays, June 16-30 – "Shagging on the Riverwalk" Beach Music Concert Series,* 6:30 to 9:30 pm.** Put on your dancing shoes and join us for this annual concert series featuring a variety of beach music for all ages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Sunday, June 26 – York River Concert Band,* 5 pm.** Outdoor patriotic concert in the churchyard of Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

***Saturdays, July 2-30 – Yorktown Market Days,* 8 am to 12 pm.** See May 14 listing for details.

***Saturday-Monday, July 2-4 – Liberty Celebration,* 9 am to 6 pm.** Tactical drills, military exercises, and role-playing demonstrations salute the anniversary of America's independence. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

***Sunday, July 3 – Made from Scratch Bluegrass Band,* 5 pm.** A popular local band playing a variety of bluegrass and country selections. Churchyard of Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

***Monday, July 4 – Yorktown Independence Day Celebration,* 4 pm.** Red, white, blue and you. You don't want to miss Independence Day in Yorktown. Patriotism abounds amid live entertainment, children's fun center, and spectacular **fireworks at 9:15 pm**. Free. (757) 890.3500

Wednesdays, July 6, 20 & 27 and Sundays, July 10, 24 & 31 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town. Wednesdays, **5 pm** at Yorktown Victory Monument. Free. Sundays, **3:45 pm** at Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. (757) 898.9418

Sunday, July 10 – The Publick Times Chorus, 6 pm. A favorite local singing group performing traditional barbershop melodies and contemporary pop and musical theater songs in the churchyard of Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

***Thursday, July 14 – Bastille Day Wine Dinner,* 7 pm.** A five-course French dinner paired with acclaimed wines from France. A guest speaker will discuss the wines and wineries. Riverwalk Restaurant, Riverwalk Landing. Admission. $ (757) 875.1522

~~***Sunday, July 17 – Watermen's Heritage Celebration,* 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.** Workboat parade, blessing of the fleet, workboat races, entertainment, exhibits (including an Army and Coast Guard exhibit), arts and crafts, crab races, seafood, and other food available for purchase. Watermen's Museum. Free. (757) 887.2641~~

CANCELLED

***Thursdays, July 21 & 28 – "Shagging on the Riverwalk" Beach Music Concert Series,* 6:30 to 9:30 pm.** See June 16 listing for details.

***Saturday, July 30 – Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition Band,* 5 pm.** Playing traditional and contemporary music in lively spirit both instrumentally and vocally. Churchyard of Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

***August 1-31 – "Tools of the Trade" Theme Month,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Implements used by people of 18th-century Virginia are examined through interpretive programs and hands-on activities. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

***Tuesdays, August 2-23 – USAF Heritage of America Band "Airwaves" Concert Series,* 6:30 pm.** A different ensemble performs each week, presented by this group of musicians from Langley Air Force Base. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Thursdays, August 4 & 11 – "Shagging on the Riverwalk" Beach Music Concert Series,* 6:30 to 9:30 pm.** See June 16 listing for details.

***Saturdays, August 6-27 – Yorktown Market Days,* 8 am to 12 pm.** See May 14 listing for details.

***Sundays, August 7-28 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town,* 3:45 pm** at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. (757) 898.9418

***Sunday, August 21 – Poisoned Dwarf,* 5 pm.** A program of Celtic music focusing primarily on Irish traditional music in the churchyard of Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

FALL

***Saturday, September 3 – Virginia Symphony Concert,* 7:30 pm.** Pack a picnic supper, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the performance under a canopy of stars. Pre-concert performance by **The Fifes and Drums of York Town, and picnic judging at 6 pm.** Yorktown Victory Monument. Free. (757) 890.4490

***Saturdays, September 3, 10 & 17 – Yorktown Market Days,* 8 am to 12 pm.** See May 14 listing for details.

***Fridays, September 9 - October 7 – "Rhythms on the Riverwalk" Concert Series,* 6:30 to 8:30 pm.** We've stepped things up a bit, literally! This year's concert series features three Fridays of toe tappin' jazz followed by two Fridays of knee slappin' country. Get your toes tappin' to fantastic sounds during this five-week concert series. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Saturday, September 17 - Court Day,* 9 am to 5 pm.** A time centered on legal proceedings, Court Day drew rural planters to trade wares and livestock and enjoy a variety of entertainment. Spinning demonstrations, puppet shows, music and cricket are among the day's 18th-century amusements that will be featured. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

***Saturday, September 17 – York River Maritime Heritage Festival,* 10 am to 4 pm.** Celebrate the rich maritime tradition and history of the York River. Activities include re-enactors, sea chantey singers, nautical music and displays. Food and beverages available for purchase. Watermen's Museum. Free. (757) 887.2641

***Saturday, October 1 – Yorktown Wine Festival,* 12 to 6 pm.** Come and sample wines from premiere wineries throughout Virginia. Art and food vendors plus entertainment. Rain or Shine. Riverwalk Landing. Admission. $ www.villageevents.org (757) 877.2933

***Friday, October 7 – "Rhythms on the Riverwalk" Concert Series,* 6:30 to 8:30 pm.** See September 9 listing for details.

***Saturday, October 8 - Yorktown Market Days and Fall Festival Celebration,* 8 am to 3 pm.** In addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, quality art and entertainment, there will be hayrides, a pumpkin patch and Children's Hay Maze, Face Painting, and Children's Activities. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

***Saturday and Sunday, October 15 & 16 – Yorktown Victory Weekend,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Special programs and tours help mark the 230th anniversary of the American and French victory at Yorktown. Yorktown Battlefield. Admission. $ (757) 898.2410. At the Yorktown Victory Center, military life and artillery demonstrations are presented during its "Yorktown Victory Celebration." Admission. $ (757) 253.4838

***Sunday, October 16 – Re-enactment of the York Town, Virginia Tea Party of 1774,* 12:30 pm.** Activities include a portrayal of Thomas Nelson, Jr., performances by the **York River Symphony Orchestra Ensemble and The Fifes and Drums of York Town.** Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 898.1936

***Wednesday, October 19 – Yorktown Day,* 9 am to 5 pm.** Patriotic ceremonies, a parade, fifes and drums performances, and demonstrations by "The Old Guard" commemorate the 230th anniversary of America's momentous Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown. Yorktown Battlefield. Free. (757) 898.2410

***Wednesday, October 19 – Brunswick Stew Luncheon,* 12 pm.** Enjoy ham biscuits, stew, and homemade pies in the churchyard of Grace Episcopal Church. 111 Church Street. Admission. $ (757) 237.0257

***Friday, November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony,* 12 pm.** "Letters from War" is the theme of this annual event in which all veterans are honored. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.3500