



Swing into spring with a series of events in Historic Yorktown

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Ring in spring this year in Historic Yorktown, where events ranging from a pirate invasion to river sails on the waterfront and markets are sure to please everyone.

The Schooner Alliance has returned, so don't miss an opportunity to set sail into history aboard Yorktown's 105-foot tall ship. Sails continue daily through early November. Or, beginning May 23, bring the kids to Captain Mayhem's School of Piracy aboard the Yorktown schooners.

The Watermen's Museum is hosting the Floating Folk Jamboree series every second Wednesday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Join the museum for a fun-filled evening of merriment and singing; sea shanties, nautical music, traditional and modern music.

Don't miss the Annual **Yorktown Kite Demo & Gathering** on Saturday, April 11 hosted by Patriot Tours & Provisions from 1 to 5 p.m.

Ben & Jerry's at Riverwalk Landing will also host their annual **Free Cone Day** on Tuesday, April 14 from 12 to 8 p.m.

National Park Week will take place April 18 and 19 offering free admission to National Parks and other federal sites throughout the country, including Yorktown Battlefield. A family favorite on April 18 is the **National Park Service Junior Ranger Day**. Bring the kids out to enjoy special activities while they work toward earning their Junior Ranger patches.

New to Riverwalk Landing this year is the **Sister Cities French Market** on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come to an authentic French Market and experience all things French with your favorite French products.

Water Street Grille features live music on Friday and Saturday evenings in April beginning at 7 p.m. Water Street Grille will also host a Four-Course Beer Dinner on Thursday, April 23 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Don't miss the next all-you-can-eat Oyster Roast on Sunday, April 26, from 12 to 4 p.m. Call 875-1522 to purchase tickets.

The **Gallery at York Hall** opens their season with a "Quilts" exhibit, featuring the Senior Center of York, through April 19. Don't miss the upcoming artist appearances and demos at the gallery featuring watercolor artist Hazel Camp on April 25, artist Linda Miller on May 2 & 3, and Wood Carving artist Art Wolz on May 16.

Join **Auntie M's American Cottage** for another fun and exciting workshop series on Saturdays in April. Call 369-8150 to sign up.

Beginning April 18 and continuing through May 17, **On the Hill Gallery** will host "Early Artistes" special exhibit featuring the artwork of young and creative artists from York County Elementary schools. For more information, call 369-1108.

April 24 & 25, you can visit five private gardens and enjoy the work of locals artists and school students at **Yorktown's Hidden Treasures Garden Stroll and Plant Sale** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets required. Call 912-5953 for more information.

The fun continues Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26 as the **Pirates Invade Yorktown**. Visit the encampments, watch cannon firing demonstrations, sing with the pirates and cruise with Captain Mayhem and his pirate crew aboard the Schooner Alliance, Yorktown's pirate ship.

The first weekend in May continues with the second annual 2-day festival combining blues, brews, BBQ and the arts. Saturday, May 2, Village Events presents **Blues, Brews & BBQ** – a Festival on the River from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Sunday, May 3 will conclude the weekend's festivities with **Art at the River** – a Juried Art Show featuring over 45 of some of the region's best artists, live jazz entertainment and food from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both events take place at Riverwalk Landing on the Yorktown Waterfront. A special exhibit, **Crosses of Grace (Church)** will be held in conjunction with Art at the River from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Yorktown Freight Shed.

Yorktown Market Days kicks off the ninth farmer's market season with the 5th annual **Health and Fitness market** on Saturday, May 9. This program supports improving the quality of life for residents by educating citizens about the importance of healthy living and highlighting tools available to make healthy lifestyle choices. Shop the market and make your way to the fitness section for exercise classes, vendors, health screenings and free giveaways all tying in with the farmer's market. Weekly markets continue through Sept. 26 (no markets on June 6 & July 4).

Spring is the perfect time to get out of the house and take in all the sights and sounds of the area. While in Yorktown, don't miss the opportunity to take a ride on the free Yorktown trolley, take a guided Segway tour in Yorktown or rent a bike, kayak or paddle board from **Patriot Tours & Provisions**. Enjoy an ideal getaway with your own private party of up to six people on a leisurely cruise along the historic York River with **Let's Go Sail** or experience a fishing charter combining some bottom fishing with an equal amount of time spent live baiting for cobia or trolling for striped bass, bluefish or Spanish mackerel with **York River Charters**. If you're looking for a special occasion photo, contact **Alexander's Photography** for your wedding, family reunion, anniversary or family photos.

Event parking is available at Riverwalk Landing in the two-level parking terrace. Additional parking is available at York Hall, the County Administration Building and the Courthouse/Finance Building Complex, which are all within two blocks of the waterfront.

For more information on these activities or any other events in York County, visit www.visitorktown.org. Please note: dates, times and activities are subject to change.

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