

RIVERS OF THE RICHMOND REGION

A public access guide



Richmond Regional Planning District Commission



North Anna River

1 North Anna Canoe Launch

(Hanover County) A large parking area adjacent to the Route 1 bridge offers primitive access for launching boats by hand down a steep and rocky pathway. (hanovercounty.gov) 17600 Washington Hwy. (23047)

South Anna River

2 Ground Squirrel Ramp

(Hanover County) This concrete put-in adjacent to the Route 33 bridge – also known as South Anna Put-In – offers simple launching of boats by hand. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) 15008 Mountain Rd. (23059)

3 Patrick Henry Ramp

(Hanover County) This concrete put-in adjacent to the Route 54 bridge – also known as Farrington Bridge Put-In – offers simple launching of boats by hand. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) 13151 West Patrick Henry Rd. (23005)

Pamunkey River

4 Littlepage Bridge

(Hanover County) This wooden boat slide adjacent to the Route 54 bridge offers access for launching small boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) 13600 Hanover Courthouse Rd. (23069)

5 Lestor Manor / White's Landing

(King William County) This concrete ramp at the end of Route 672 also features a short pier. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) End of White's Landing Rd., off Powhatan Trail / SR 633 (23086)

6 West Point

(Town of West Point) This concrete ramp near the mouth of the Mattaponi River also provides access to the Pamunkey and York rivers and features a large fishing pier and seasonal rest rooms. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) 250 Glass Island Rd. (23181)

Take Note!

- Most parks and public access points are only open sunrise to sunset, so be sure to check before hand.
- Find detailed directions before starting out.
- At DGIF sites, fishermen must yield to boaters.

Chickahominy River

7 Chickahominy Swamp / Grapevine Bridge Put-In

(Henrico County) This launch site features benches, picnic table, interpretive signage, and a put-in for canoes and kayaks to explore the upper area of the Chickahominy. There is plenty of parking space, but the lot is over 100 yards away connected by a wide path. (jraa.org) N. Airport Drive, 0.75 mile east of I-295 Exit 31 (23150)

8 Eagle's Landing

(New Kent County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible landing on the upper end of 1,230-acre Chickahominy Lake offers jon boat rentals, a tackle shop, boat service, and a launch ramp. 2142 Landing Rd., Providence Forge (23140)

9 Ed Allen's Campground

(New Kent County) Ed Allen's consists of both an RV park and a marina on Chickahominy Lake. Ed Allen's Campground and Cottages features camp sites, rental cottages, pavilion, playground, swimming pool, and two stocked fishing ponds. Ed Allen's Boats & Bait includes a 200-foot fishing pier, a bait and tackle shop, and the Lakeside Restaurant. (edallens.com) 1959 Allen Rd., Lanexa (23089)

10 Rockahock Campground

(New Kent County) This RV park and marina features fishing, boating, swimming, and two boat ramps – one above and one below on Chickahominy Lake's Walkers Dam. Other amenities include RV and camp sites, Walkers Dam Grill, Rocks River Roadhouse Tavern, boat slips, boat rentals, a swimming pool, a convenience store, a bait and tackle shop, and live musical entertainment from an amphitheater stage. (rockahock.com) 1428 Outpost Rd., Lanexa (23089)

11 Riverside Camp II

(New Kent County) This campground and boating facility provides fishing, boating, and swimming on the river. It also features RV and tent camp sites, overnight cottages, picnic areas, a camp store, and a bait and tackle shop. (riversidecamp2.com) 715 Riverside Dr., Lanexa (23089)

12 Colonial Harbor Marina

(New Kent County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible marina features a boat ramp with docking facilities, a marine store with boating and fishing supplies, and the Colonial Harbor Restaurant. The marina offers a travel lift, boat service, and wet and dry storage. (colonialharbor.com) 14910 Marina Rd., Lanexa (23089)

13 River's Rest Marina & Resort

(Charles City County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible marina offers fishing, birding, and boating. Amenities include motel accommodations, a restaurant, pool, picnic area, and a store for fishing tackle, gas, drinks, and boating supplies. (riversrest.com) 9100 Wilcox Neck Rd. (23030)

14 Chickahominy Marine & Woodie's Riverhouse

(James City County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible marina offers fishing, boating, and canoeing, and includes a dock, boat slips, a restaurant, and a convenience store. (Facebook: Woodie's Riverhouse) 4125 South Riverside Drive (23089)

15 Brickyard Landing

(James City County) This publicly-owned landing offers a ramp for launching motorized boats, canoes, and kayaks. The facility has a scenic area for fishing and wildlife viewing. (jcecegov.com) 990 Brickyard Rd. (23168)

16 Chickahominy WMA River Landing

(Charles City County) This fishing spot in the Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area is also used for launching canoes and kayaks via an older and unpaved ramp that can be muddy. Shore fishing, hiking, and wildlife viewing are available nearby. (dgif.virginia.gov/wmas) 1 mile east of 12510 Eagles Nest Rd. (23030)

17 Chickahominy WMA Upper Morris Creek Canoe Launch

(Charles City County) This launch site adjacent to the Route 623 bridge features a gravel ramp for canoes and kayaks a short walk down from the parking area. (dgif.virginia.gov/wmas) Approx. 12298 Wilcox Neck Rd. (23030)

18 Chickahominy WMA Morris Creek Landing

(Charles City County) This public boat ramp and dock offer boating and fishing access to the Chickahominy and James rivers by way of Morris Creek. (dgif.virginia.gov/wmas) 1.5 miles south of 12510 Eagles Nest Rd. (23030)

19 Chickahominy Riverfront Park & Campground

(James City County) This 140-acre county park near the confluence of the Chickahominy and James rivers features two outdoor swimming pools, a boat ramp, a fishing pier, camp sites, and a small store. A popular stop of bicyclists on the Virginia Capital Trail, the park also rents kayaks, canoes, and motor boats. (jamescitycountynyva.gov) 1350 John Tyler Hwy. (23185)

James River

20 Columbia Boat Ramp

(Cumberland County) This concrete ramp adjacent to the Route 690 bridge offers access for launching boats from the south bank of the river. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) Columbia Rd. bridge; 0.3 mile south of St. James St. / VA 6 (23038)

21 Cartersville Boat Ramp

(Cumberland County) This concrete ramp adjacent to the Route 45 bridge offers access for launching boats from the south bank of the river. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) Cartersville Rd.; opposite intersection with High St. (23027)

22 Westview Boat Ramp

(Goochland County) This concrete ramp at the end of Route 643 offers access for launching boats from the north bank of the river. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) End of Westview Rd., 1.3 miles south of Rock Castle Rd. (23063)

23 Powhatan State Park

(Powhatan County) This 1,565-acre state park features a car-top boat slide to launch small, non-motorized craft and access the park's 2.5 miles of James River waterfront. Other amenities include a canoe-in campground, wildlife observation areas, picnic shelters, a playground, and miles of multi-use trails. (dcv.virginia.gov/state-parks) 4616 Powhatan State Park Rd. (23139)

24 Maidens Boat Ramp

(Powhatan County) This concrete ramp adjacent to the Route 522 bridge offers access for launching boats from the south bank of the river. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) End of Bateau Landing Rd. (23139)

25 Tucker Park at Maiden's Crossing

(Goochland County) This 36-acre site offers access to 1,200 feet of river shoreline, as well as an educational trail loop and outdoor performance area. (maidenscrossingpark.com) 1300 Maidens Rd. (23102)

26 Watkins Landing

(Powhatan County) This concrete double-ramp at the end of Route 652 offers access for launching boats from the south bank of the river to access the flat-water created by Boshers' Dam nearly 10 miles downriver. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) End of Watkins Landing Rd., Midlothian (23113)

27 Robious Landing Park

(Chesterfield County) This 102-acre, family-friendly park provides easy access for kayaking, canoeing, rowing, and fishing along the 10 miles of flat-water behind Boshers' Dam. Amenities include a wooden boat slide, floating dock, 3.4 miles of trails, playgrounds, volleyball courts, and a picnic area that includes tables, pavilions, grills, and rest rooms. (chesterfield.gov) 3800 James River Rd., Midlothian (23113)

28 Huguenot Flat-water

(City of Richmond) This western-most area of the James River Park System offers a popular, wooden boat slide for canoes, kayaks, and inner tubes for both those seeking to enjoy the flat and deep water around the Huguenot Bridge, as well as those beginning a trip through Richmond's rapids further downriver. (jamesriverpark.org) 8600 Southampton Rd. (23235)

29 Riverside Meadows

(City of Richmond) This walk-in or bike-in section of the park is good for fishing or wading in the river. (jamesriverpark.org) 7600 Riverside Dr. (23225)

30 Pony Pasture

(City of Richmond) One of the most popular access points in the park, Pony Pasture offers swimming, a canoe and kayak ramp, walking trails, restrooms, and plenty of large boulders for picnicking. The parking lot for 150 cars often fills on weekends. (jamesriverpark.org) 7310 Riverside Dr. (23225)

31 The Wetlands

(City of Richmond) This quiet section of the James River Park System features a pond, a shallow sandy beach, wildlife blinds, and walking trails connecting to Pony Pasture. Limited on-street parking is approximately 0.3 miles from the river, so be prepared to walk. (jamesriverpark.org) 3401 Landria Dr. (23225)

32 42nd Street

(City of Richmond) This well-known site for exploring, swimming, fishing, and picnicking includes a trail along a river channel. Accessing the river requires visitors to rock hop over several small islands to access the river, so shoes with good traction are recommended. The parking lot for 30 cars is often full or blocked, but on-street parking is available. (jamesriverpark.org) 4401 Riverside Dr. (23225)

33 Reedy Creek

(City of Richmond) This popular site features the headquarters of the James River Park System, a nature center, and a canoe launch that serves as the terminus of many urban paddling or tubing trips. The restrooms and a drinking fountain at the park headquarters are rarely open except for special programs. The Buttermilk Trail – for advanced mountain bicyclists – connects to the 22nd Street area about ¾ mile to the east. The 15-car parking lot is often full. (jamesriverpark.org) 4301 Riverside Dr. (23225)

34 North Bank Trail & Texas Beach

(City of Richmond) This popular summertime hangout, often called "Texas Beach" for its small sandy beach, requires a short hike down to the river from the 30-car parking lot. Follow the North Bank Trail to a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks and find the isolated sandy beach and sunbathing rocks through the multiple small openings in the trees. The North Bank Trail connects to the Belle Isle pedestrian bridge about 1.5 miles to the east. (jamesriverpark.org) 1941 Texas Ave. (23220)



35 22nd Street

(City of Richmond) This park entry point offers pedestrian and bicycle access to the south side of Belle Isle via short walk to trails and a service bridge. A mountain bike trail links the Riverbed Trail to the Buttermilk Trail. The 45-car parking lot is often closed. (jamesriverpark.org) 2101 Riverside Dr. (23225)

36 Belle Isle

(City of Richmond) Richmond's best-known river destination, this island features many land- and water recreational opportunities. Biking trails circle the island and a bike skills course is located under the Lee Bridge. The many walking trails pass interpreted historical structures from the island's past uses as a nail factory, Civil War prison, quarry, and hydroelectric power plant. There is also a universally-accessible fishing pier at the quarry pond and a granite wall for rock climbing. The island is accessible from multiple parking options on either shore, but most visitors cross from the north side via the pedestrian bridge suspended beneath the Lee Bridge, near the 50-car parking lot off Tredegar Street. (jamesriverpark.org) 300 Tredegar St. (23219)

37 Tredegar Beach & Boat Ramp

(City of Richmond) This small, sandy beach with a great view of the river sits across the street from the historic Tredegar Iron Works. The beach and small, concrete boat ramp are just upriver of the major rapids off Brown's Island. There is a rope swing under the CSX Viaduct. Park at the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar for a fee. (richmondoutside.com) 499 Tredegar St. (23219)

38 Brown's Island

(City of Richmond) This six-acre park along the riverfront hosts many prominent outdoor events, but the beautiful views of the downtown skyline, James River, and CSX train trestle make this a great place to visit any time. The island is accessible via multiple pedestrian bridges over the historic Haxall Canal. The Three Days in April 1865 exhibit is a partial bridge over the river that memorializes the extraordinary events that led to the end of the Civil War. (rvriverfront.com) 501 Tredegar St. (23219)

39 Manchester Climbing Wall

(City of Richmond) This park offers great opportunities for rock climbing in the heart of the city on the 60-foot granite pilings of the former Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Bridge. It offers 43 routes for trad climbing, sport climbing, and top roping. (jamesriverpark.org) 751 Semmes Ave. (23224)

40 Pipeline / Trestle Trail

(City of Richmond) A narrow catwalk that sits atop a large water pipeline running parallel to the river rewards the adventurous-minded with rarely-seen views of the James River's greatest rapids and wildlife. Accessing the sandy beach requires climbing down a metal ladder and walking directly under the CSX railroad trestle. The roar of high water levels or a train passing overhead can make it very loud, but otherwise it is a peaceful escape from the city that seems to hang overhead. There is parking for only a few cars in the nearest lot. (jamesriverpark.org) South of the floodwall, between 12th St. and Virginia St. (23219)

41 Canal Walk & Turning Basin

(City of Richmond) Richmond's Canal Walk features four centuries of our state capital's history depicted through fascinating history medallions, statues, and exhibits. Because Richmond's canals were so narrow, basins were constructed for long barges and passenger boats to turn around. Riverfront Canal Cruises offers informative tours of the James River and Kanawha Canal. (rvriverfront.com) 139 Virginia St. (23219)

42 14th St. / Mayo Takeout

(City of Richmond) This canoe and kayak launch on the river's northern bank, offers limited parking, a changing room, and a portable toilet. There is parking for only a few vehicles. (jamesriverpark.org) Access road on north end of Mayo Bridge (23219)

43 Floodwall Walk

(City of Richmond) This park area on the south bank of the James arguably provides the region's greatest views of the city skyline from the path that connects along the top of the floodwall to the west and down along the riverbank to the east. The path is popular with hikers, runners, bird watchers, and kayakers for its circuitous connectivity with multiple trails – Richmond Slave Trail, Mayo Bridge, Canal Walk, Brown's Island, Robert E. Lee Bridge, Belle Isle Pedestrian Bridge, and Manchester Climbing Wall. The river is accessible from the north side of the wall. (jamesriverpark.org) 101 Hull St. (23224)

44 Chapel Island at Great Shiplock Park

(City of Richmond) The historic locks at this park mark the entryway to Richmond's once-thriving canal system. Although the locks no longer function, they serve as a foot bridge to Chapel Island's sandy beach, canoe/kayak launch, walking trails, and ruins of the former Trigg Shipyard where steam torpedo boats were built. Today, Great Shiplock Park is the trailhead of the Virginia Capital Trail, an off-road greenway which will eventually extend 55 miles to Williamsburg. (jamesriverpark.org) Dock St. and Pear St. (23223)

45 Ancarrow's Landing

(City of Richmond) This park is a popular fishing spot, especially when the shad run. The concrete boat ramp is the first landing east of the fall line for launching boats into the tidal waters of the James. It also serves as the trailhead of the Richmond Slave Trail. The parking lot can accommodate about 100 cars or trailers. (jamesriverpark.org) 2000 Brander St. (23224)

46 Osborne Park & Boat Landing

(Henrico County) This 26-acre park includes a playground, shelters, walking trails, boardwalks, daily boat trailer storage space, and parking area. The adjacent Osborne Boat Landing features a concrete boat ramp, three double boat slips, a canoe launch, and a universally-accessible fishing pier. (henrico.us/rec/parks) 9530 Osborne Turnpike (23231)



47 Dutch Gap Boat Landing

(Chesterfield County) This concrete ramp near Henricus Historical Park offers access for launching boats from the south bank of the river. Located adjacent to the Dutch Gap Conservation Area, the site is jointly maintained by DGIF and Chesterfield County. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) 441 Coxendale Rd. (23836)

48 Henricus Historical Park

(Chesterfield County) This 32-acre living history museum boasts a replica of the second permanent English settlement in the New World. Historical interpreters in period dress and 12 recreated colonial structures demonstrate life in 1611. Although there is no direct river access at this site, visitors enjoy the expansive views of the river from an observation deck on the bluff. (henricus.org) 251 Henricus Park Rd. (23836)

49 Dutch Gap Conservation Area

(Chesterfield County) This protected area features 810 acres of diverse woods, wetlands, and wildlife. The area includes a great blue heron rookery, a lagoon water trail accessible to canoes and kayaks, and a 4.5-mile multi-use trail that circumnavigates the tidal lagoon. The area surrounds and shares a parking lot with Henricus Historical Park. (chesterfield.gov) 341 Henricus Park Rd. (23836)

50 Deep Bottom Park

(Henrico County) This large park – jointly maintained by DGIF and the County of Henrico – includes a short pier for fishing, a canoe launch, picnic shelters, rest rooms, and two concrete boat ramps available 24 hours a day to launch and retrieve boats. (henricus.org/recreation) 9525 Deep Bottom Rd. (23231)

51 Jordan Point Yacht Haven

(City of Hopewell) A privately-owned, publicly-accessible marina that offers dual concrete boat ramps, floating docks, boat slips, and boat maintenance or repair. (jordanpoint.com) 101 Jordan Point Rd. (23860)

52 Lawrence Lewis, Jr. Park

(Charles City County) This 24-acre park provides great opportunities for fishing, bird-watching, and picnicking. The fishing pier and boat ramp provide the northern shore's only public access to the James River within 36 miles in either direction. Other amenities include a picnic area, rest rooms, and a short swamp boardwalk leading to a wooded trail. (charlescity.org) 12400 Wilcox Wharf Rd. (23030)

Swift Creek

53 Pocahontas State Park

(Chesterfield County) This state park features a concrete boat ramp on Swift Creek Lake, a 156-acre impoundment of Swift Creek, not to be confused with the much larger Swift Creek Reservoir. Visitors can rent canoes, kayaks, and rowboats or launch their own electric motor or manually-powered boats. Both Swift Creek and Beaver lakes offer good shore fishing. (dcv.virginia.gov/state-parks) 10301 State Park Rd. (23832)

54 Lakeview Park

(City of Colonial Heights) This 2.7-acre park on Swift Creek Lake features a ramp for electric or manually-powered boats, fishing pier, playground, tennis courts, a rentable picnic pavilion for 60 people, and one individual picnic shelter. (colonialheightsva.gov) 503 Lake Ave. (23834)

55 White Bank Park

(City of Colonial Heights) This 22-acre park overlooks Swift Creek with a DGIF-maintained fishing pier and a concrete ramp for motorized and non-motorized boats. (colonialheightsva.gov) 400 White Bank Rd. (23834)

Appomattox River

56 Lake Chesdin Park & Boat Landing

(Chesterfield County) This public park on Lake Chesdin – a 3,100-acre reservoir created by the damming of the Appomattox River – provides a boat slide for launching canoes and kayaks, as well as a dock and pier for fishing and nature observation. (chesterfield.gov) 21900 Lake Chesdin Parkway (23838)

57 Lake Chesdin Campground

(Dinwiddie County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible campground and trailer park offers overnight camping, playground, pavilions, swimming area, and a boat ramp. (lakechesdincampground.com) 713 Sutherland Rd. (23833)

58 Whippernock Marina & Campground

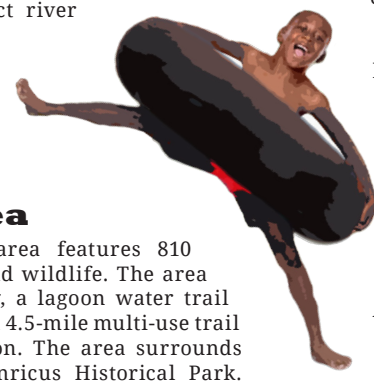
(Dinwiddie County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible marina, campground, and trailer park offers overnight camping, swimming, several pavilions, a fishing pier, and a boat ramp with gas pumps. The full-service convenience store provides fishing licenses, live bait, fishing gear, beverages, and snacks. (Facebook: Whippernock Marina & Campground) 2700 Sutherland Rd. (23885)

59 Seven Springs Marina & Store

(Chesterfield County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible marina and store includes plenty of parking. 8631 River Rd. (23803)

60 Lake Chesdin Boat Ramp

(Dinwiddie County) This concrete ramp next to Lake Chesdin's Brasfield Dam offers access for launching boats from the south bank of the lake and a universally-accessible fishing pier. Parking is only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating. (dgif.virginia.gov/boating) Located at the end of Chesdin Lake Rd. / SR 776 (23885)



61 Appomattox River Canoe Launch

(Chesterfield County) Located just below the dam, this parking area and boat slide for small non-powered craft offer access to fishing, picnicking, and hiking. The site serves as the trailhead for the John J. Radcliffe Conservation Area's 87 acres, 1.5-mile nature trail, and over 500 feet of elevated boardwalk. (chesterfield.gov) 21400 Chesdin Rd. / SR 699 (23803)

62 Appomattox Riverside Park

(City of Petersburg) Also referred to as Ferndale Park, this 137-acre site offers access to both the river and a system of historic canals. Cross the canal and reach the natural riverbank after a short hike, or walk 1.5 miles west along the canal. Paddlers can follow a 1.5-mile circuit up the canal and back down the river to the takeout. (petersburgva.gov) Ferndale Rd. / SR 600 (23803)

63 Patton Park / Campbell's Bridge

(City of Petersburg) Within walking distance of Old Towne Petersburg and Virginia State University, this recreation area features walking and jogging trails, a picnic area, pavilion, barbecue pits, and access to the Appomattox River Heritage Trail. (folar-va.org) 699 Fleet St. (23803)

64 Appamatuck Park

(City of Colonial Heights) This public park along the Colonial Heights Appomattox River Trail System currently provides bank fishing. The park is still under development, with future plans to include a canoe and kayak launch, fishing pier, recreational facilities, and a trailhead. (colonialheightsva.gov) 151 Archer Ave. (23834)

65 Pocahontas Island

(City of Petersburg) This primitive non-motorized boat access area connects to the Appomattox River Heritage Trail. (folar-va.org) Off Rolfe St., between Sapony St. and Logan St. (23803)

66 Roslyn Landing Park

(City of Colonial Heights) This park has a ramp for launching small boats and a pier for fishing, as well as the first phase of the Colonial Heights Appomattox River Trail system. (colonialheightsva.gov) 265 Charles Dimmock Parkway (23834)

67 Appomattox Boat Harbor

(Prince George County) This privately-owned but publicly-accessible marina features 50 slips and a wide boat ramp that is open 24 hours a day. (appomattoxboatharbor.com) 1604 Fine St. (23875)

68 Fort Clifton Park

(City of Colonial Heights) Also known as Berberich Park, this 24-acre park overlooks the Appomattox River and provides great opportunities for birding, hiking, and fishing. A short hike through the woods leads to a fishing area and a pier. (colonialheightsva.gov) 100 Brockwell Ln. (23834)

69 R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks

(Chesterfield County) This 176-acre park features a variety of activities, including access to the Appomattox River via a system of trails through the woods, with a floating boardwalk through a freshwater tidal marsh. (chesterfield.gov) 201 Enon Church Rd. (23836)

70 Appomattox River Regional Park

(Prince George County) This 67-acre park offers fishing, bird watching, hiking, picnic pavilions, an educational shelter, a fitness trail, a canoe/kayak launch, and an observation pier on the river. The site includes 1.5 miles of trail, picnic pavilions, and rest rooms. (princegeorgeva.org) 500 Folar Trail (23860)

71 Weston Plantation

(City of Hopewell) This historic plantation on the river offers tours year-round, with a fishing pier open to the public free of charge. (historichopewell.org) 400 Weston Ln. (23860)

72 Riverside Harbor

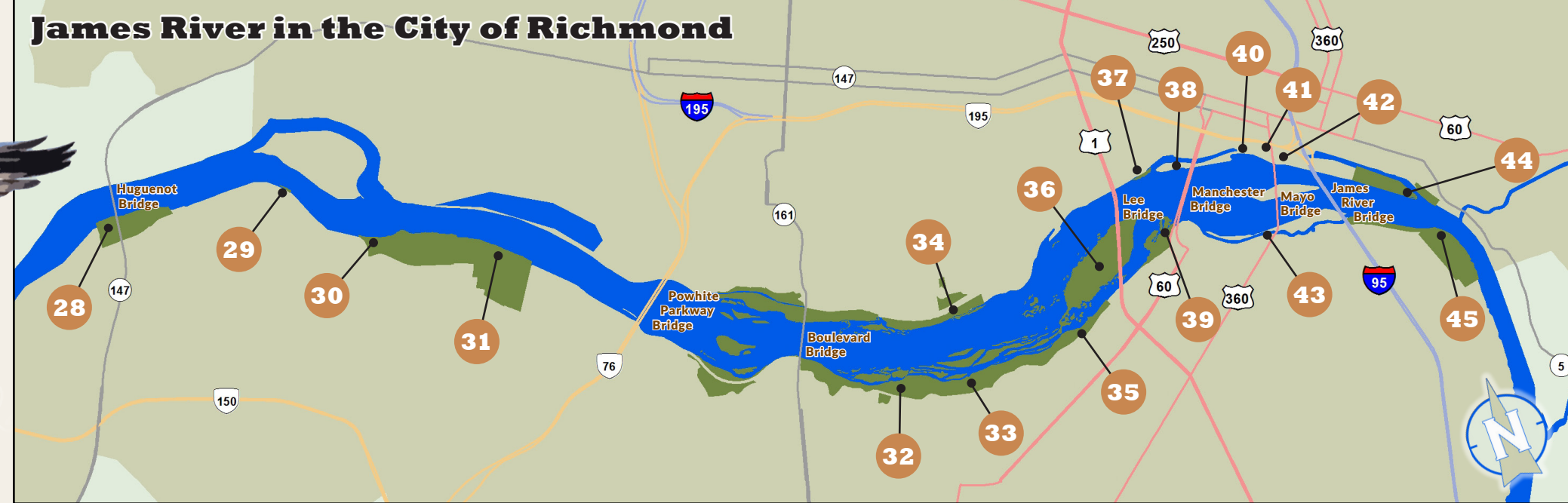
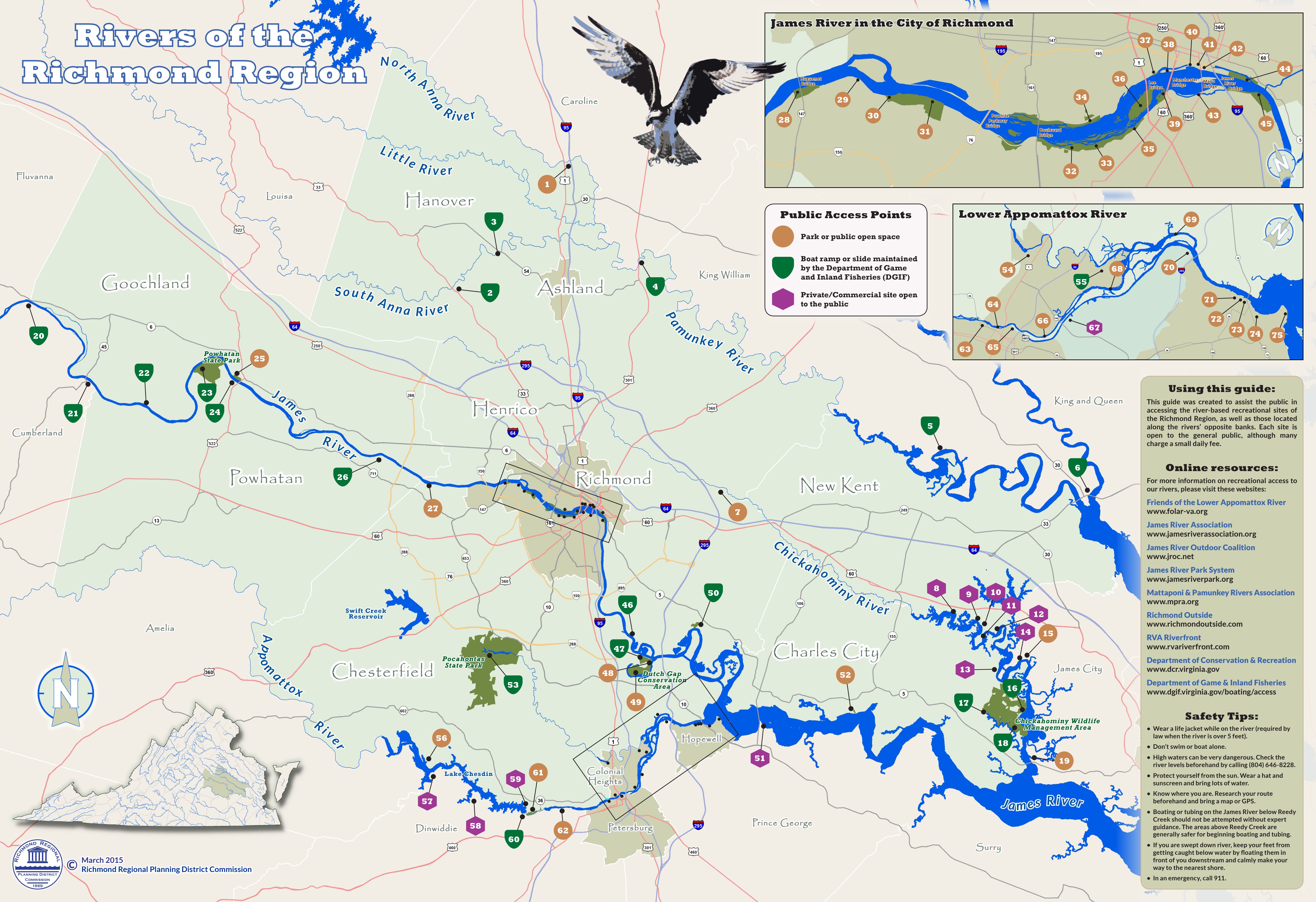
(City of Hopewell) Located adjacent to Hopewell City Marina, this park overlooks the river and features a picnic pavilion, parking lot, and a play area. (hopewellva.gov) 910 N. 21st Ave. (23860)

73 Hopewell City Marina

(City of Hopewell) This publicly-owned marina features a wide boat ramp, canoe and kayak launch, marina store, ample parking, covered and open slips, transient vessel temporary docking, ice machine, restrooms, and propane exchange. A daily launch fee is required, but seasonal passes are available. (hopewellva.gov) 1051 Riverside Ave. (23860)

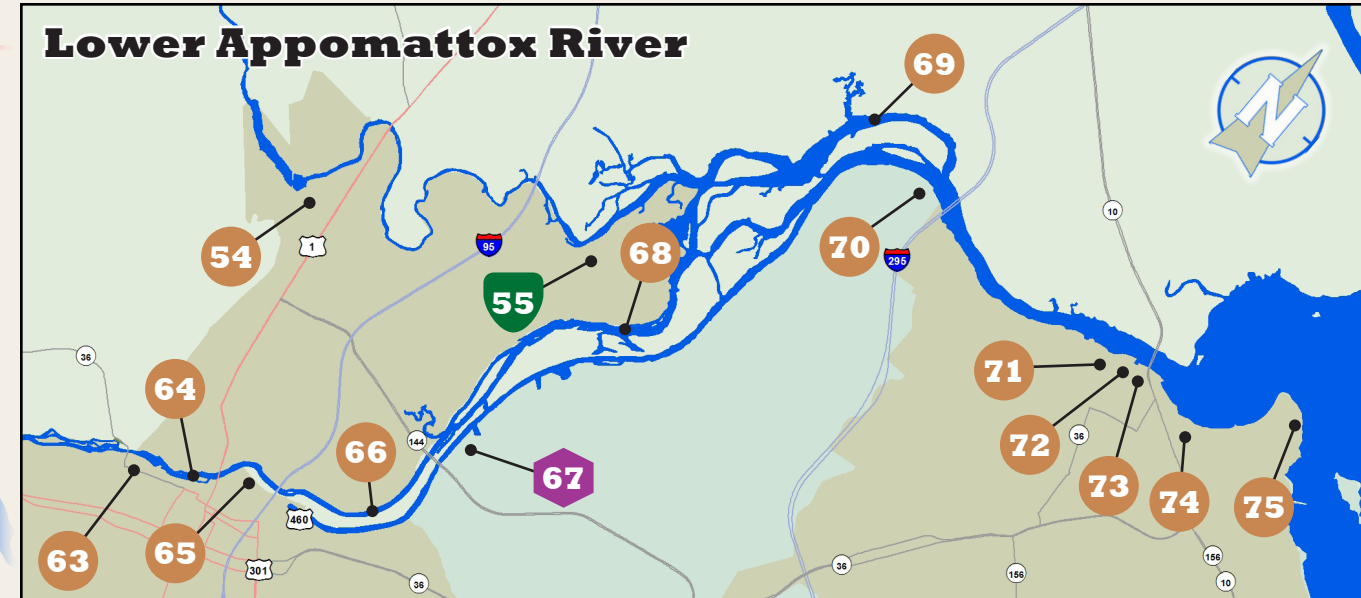
74 Appomattox River Trailhead at City Park

Rivers of the Richmond Region



Public Access Points

- Park or public open space
- Boat ramp or slide maintained by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)
- Private/Commercial site open to the public



Using this guide:

This guide was created to assist the public in accessing the river-based recreational sites of the Richmond Region, as well as those located along the rivers' opposite banks. Each site is open to the general public, although many charge a small daily fee.

Online resources:

For more information on recreational access to our rivers, please visit these websites:

- [Friends of the Lower Appomattox River](http://www.folar-va.org)
- [James River Association](http://www.jamesriverassociation.org)
- [James River Outdoor Coalition](http://www.jroc.net)
- [James River Park System](http://www.jamesriverpark.org)
- [Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Association](http://www.mpra.org)
- [Richmond Outside](http://www.richmondoutside.com)
- [RVA Riverfront](http://www.rvariverfront.com)
- [Department of Conservation & Recreation](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov)
- [Department of Game & Inland Fisheries](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/access)

Safety Tips:

- Wear a life jacket while on the river (required by law when the river is over 5 feet).
- Don't swim or boat alone.
- High waters can be very dangerous. Check the river levels beforehand by calling (804) 646-8228.
- Protect yourself from the sun. Wear a hat and sunscreen and bring lots of water.
- Know where you are. Research your route beforehand and bring a map or GPS.
- Boating or tubing on the James River below Reedy Creek should not be attempted without expert guidance. The areas above Reedy Creek are generally safer for beginning boating and tubing.
- If you are swept down river, keep your feet from getting caught below water by floating them in front of you downstream and calmly make your way to the nearest shore.
- In an emergency, call 911.