

Explore Chesapeake

Chesapeake, Virginia is one of the seven major cities that make up the area known as Hampton Roads. Chesapeake is a very interesting city with a lot of history including events such as the Battle of Great Bridge.



GUIDELINES: Visit Chesapeake. Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level to earn this patch.

	DISCOVER	CONNECT	TAKE ACTION	ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

DISCOVER

- Take a look at Chesapeake on a map and identify where it is located in Virginia. Which cities surround Chesapeake? Which bodies of water run through Chesapeake? What is the current population of Chesapeake?
- What are some historical events which occurred in Chesapeake? Identify three and compose a brief summary of each event. What was significant about each of these events? How did they influence Virginia's history?
- Investigate some brief political information about Chesapeake. Who is the House Representative of Chesapeake? How many terms have he or she served? Which congressional district is Chesapeake a part of? What is some legislation being considered that is important specifically to Chesapeake and Hampton Roads? To become personally involved, consider attending a school board, planning commission, city council meeting or town hall meeting. For more information, visit cityofchesapeake.net.
- Chesapeake's location near several major bodies of water historically facilitated commerce and trade in the area. How do you think this affected Chesapeake's local economy? Research the establishment of the Dismal Swamp Canal, a creation which is considered the initiation of the region as a commerce center. To learn more or to participate in additional activities, visit www.fws.gov/refuge/great_dismal_swamp/.

CONNECT

- Take a journey on one of Chesapeake's historic Civil War trails. These trails often cover ground that was part of significant battles and paths for the Underground Railroad. For more details on these trails and their locations, visit <https://www.visitchesapeake.com/listing/virginia-civil-war-trails/1061/>.

- Visit Chesapeake’s planetarium (312 Cedar Road). Call in advance to schedule a reservation by calling (757) 547-0153. Free showings are also available to the public every Thursday night at 8:00 p.m.
- Visit the Girl Scouts of Council of Colonial Coast regional center, A Place for Girls, at 912 Cedar Road. For more information about A Place for Girls, call (757) 547-4405 or visit www.gsgccc.org. During your trip, be sure to participate in at least one of the following activities:
 - Stay overnight in the Fun Room (Ext. 1221)
 - Attend an age level activity held evenings and weekends (Ext. 1264)
 - Canoe on Bells Mill Creek (757) 548-3809
 - Complete the fitness trail
- Take a trip to Chesapeake’s Arboretum (624 Oak Road). Explore some of the nature trails or check out their events calendar and participate in an activity. Before your visit, take a look at their website chesapeakearboretum.org or call (757) 382-7060.
- Visit Northwest River Park and participate in several activities, such as fishing, hiking, or paddle-boating. If possible, consider staying overnight on one of the sixty-six available campground sites, or renting one of the two cabins. For more information, visit https://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/City-Departments/Departments/parks-recreation-tourism/parks/nwrp_1.htm

TAKE ACTION

- Create a collage from photos you have taken during one of your trips in the CONNECT section. Share your collage with the place you visited and use it as a means to inspire others to visit, too.
- Volunteer at the Chesapeake Arboretum and experience more time in nature. Please note that volunteers under the age of 16 must have adult supervision. For information on volunteering, visit <https://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/parks-recreation-tourism/parks/arboretum.htm>.
- Volunteer at one of Chesapeake’s local libraries. This activity is suitable for volunteers ages 12 and above. Learn more at <https://chesapeakelibrary.org/about-us/our-places-plans/volunteer>.
- Volunteer at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. All volunteers must be at least 15 years of age. For more information about volunteering, visit chesapeakeregional.com/i-want-to/volunteer-services.