



Explore Gloucester-Mathews County

GUIDELINES: Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level.

	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	4	7
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	4	7

DISCOVER

- Take a walk down Main Street and study the many murals and what they signify. Did you find them all? Each one has a story to tell. Which was your favorite and why? Learn more about them at the Gloucester Museum of History or online. (*Hint: don't miss the one inside the popcorn shop!*)
- Visit any of Gloucester County's regional parks: Gloucester Point Beach, Woodville Park, Beaverdam Park, Ark Park, or Brown Park Skate Spot. Check out the unique feature each park has such as walking trails and water features. Remember to take only pictures and memories, and leave only footprints behind, as we follow the "leave no trace" initiative.
- Map and discover either of the two forts located here: Tyndall's Point Park or Fort Nonsense. What battle(s) took place here? Who used the fort and why was its location important?
- Visit the Mathews Historical Museum, and learn about the unique historical significances of its waterways. View relevant displays, collections, and stories. Explore the downtown village and find quaint treasures in the shops and the local art galleries and studios.
- Find the Observation Walkway at New Point Comfort Preserve and the guardian that stands at the entrance to the Mobjack Bay, the New Point Comfort Lighthouse. Enjoy the beautiful view and learn how this historical icon of Mathews, Virginia, became separated from the mainland long ago.

CONNECT

- Enjoy the newest of Virginia's state parks, at Machicomoco State Park. Check in with the ranger to begin your scavenger hunt, and follow the clues to lead you on a journey of discovery of both nature and history. Make sure to check back before leaving—the ranger may have a treat for you!
- Visit the Gloucester Museum of History & Historic Courthouse Circle. Take a tour and learn about the history of the buildings. How many are there? What were they used for? Visit the exhibit featuring Girl Scout Camp Burke's Mill Pond and learn about the camp that is been in use since 1972.
- Visit the Glo-Quips newspaper publisher, located at 7339 Lewis Ave, Gloucester VA 23061, and learn what it takes to keep up with the happenings of a small community. Learn how to gather information by taking

part in a mock interview, watch the printer in action and see the final results. Plan ahead for your visit by calling Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson at 804-693-2795.

- Visit the Pocahontas Museum, sponsored by the Princess Pocahontas Foundation, located next the Gloucester newspaper building. Learn about what her life was like and how she became a historical icon. Make a stop at the Pocahontas Memorial Statue that sits in the garden where Main Street meets Belroi Road.
- Visit [Arts on Main](#) in Gloucester or the [Bay School Community Art Center](#) in Mathews. Talk with the local artisans and guides, and check online for their events calendar to see what you might like to attend.
- Visit [Camp Burke's Mill Pond](#) and walk where other Girl Scouts have been. Contact GSCCC and make accommodations for your troop to visit and/or stay in one of two tent camping sites with pavilions, grills and fire rings, or in the Treakle Cabin. This camp offers facilities for archery, canoeing and kayaking, and a group fire pit that's perfect for sing-a-longs and award presentations.

TAKE ACTION

- Beaverdam Park has dedicated hiking trails as well as multi-use trails for biking, hiking and horseback riding. (There is no entrance fee to use the trails, but trail log sign in/out required.) Visit the ranger station and talk about the park and what it has to offer. Look for ways to help leave no trace! Walk the trails, or along the shore, and do your part to keep it clean of clutter, trash and harmful environmental hazards.
- There are several Little Free Libraries in the area; can you find them all? The Gloucester History Museum, Beaverdam Park, Gloucester Point Beach Park and Woodville Park each have their own unique boxes. Choose a book to read with your group and leave a book behind to share with others, or organize a book drive, and visit all the Little Free Libraries to leave some books and share the gift of reading with the community.
- Participate in a work day at Burke's Mill Pond. Spend the day at camp or even plan an overnight trip! Take time to clear cobwebs and sweep away leaves, clean out the firepits and tidy the bath house or pavilions. Help to preserve this beautiful camp for all Girl Scouts to enjoy. Leave behind something that represents your visit, such as a photo, a poster or a craft project.
- Make a difference! Work with your troop and leader to find a way you can make a difference while you are visiting Gloucester-Mathews. Create a scrapbook of your adventures and share it with GSCCC, including what you enjoyed, what you learned, and what you did to help.