



Explore Suffolk

Like many of the other cities in Hampton Roads, Suffolk contains much historical relevance to Virginia's history, in addition to our country's founding.

GUIDELINES: Visit Suffolk. 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	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

DISCOVER

- Locate Suffolk on a map of Virginia. What are some surrounding cities? Which bodies of water are included in Suffolk? What is the current population of Suffolk?
- Research the history of Suffolk, particularly how it was established. Who established Suffolk? When and how did it become a city? What was the significance of Suffolk during the Civil War?
- Learn more about the Native Americans who first inhabited Suffolk, the Nansemond tribes. What was this tribe known for? Which crops did they grow? What is their impact today? To get started, refer to the following website: nansemond.org.
- Investigate information regarding the city politics. What form of government does the city of Suffolk implement? How many members are elected to the city council? How are these members elected? What are some initiatives the city of Suffolk is initiating? To access this information, check out the following website: suffolkva.us/27/Government. To become more politically involved, consider attending a city council meeting. To find more information regarding city council meetings, refer to the city website.
- Look up three current events which have been circulating in the Suffolk local news. How do these events relate to the city? How is the city portraying these events? What role has the media taken in promoting these stories?

CONNECT

- Visit Bennett's Creek Park (3000 Bennett's Creek Park Road, Suffolk, VA 23435) and participate in several of the activities available, such as exploring a nature trail, going fishing or crabbing, or even trying boating. To learn more see <http://www.suffolkva.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/Bennetts-Creek-Park-9>.
- Take a trip to see Suffolk's City Hall (441 Market Street, Suffolk, VA 23434) by arranging a visit with the Public Information Coordinator. During your visit, consider the questions under the DISCOVER section relating to Suffolk's politics.
- Go see the Great Dismal Swamp and participate in several of the outdoor activities, such as fishing or wildlife viewing on the nature trails. To learn more before your visit, take a look at their website at fws.gov/refuge/Great_Dismal_Swamp/.
- Suffolk is well known for producing peanuts, so take a trip to Planters Peanut Center (308 West Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434). Built in 1897, this building is a part of the historic district of Suffolk as well. For shop hours, call 757-539-4411 or see <https://www.suffolkpeanuts.online>.

TAKE ACTION

- While visiting one of the locations listed in the CONNECT section, be sure to take an ample number of pictures in order to create a scrapbook of your visit. Once completed, present this to your family and Girl Scout troop.
- Create a timeline individually or with other members from your troop of Suffolk's history, outlining important events. Be creative and add photos, drawings, or stickers as you deem necessary. Once finished, show other girls from your troop so they can learn the history of Suffolk as well.
- See if there are any volunteer opportunities for you by contacting the following libraries in Suffolk: Morgan Memorial Library (757-514-7323), North Suffolk Library (757-514-7150), Chuckatuck Branch Library (757-514-7310). Keep in mind there may be age restrictions, so only older Girl Scouts may be allowed to participate.