

Jamestown Rediscovery

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Celebrate Virginia Archaeology Month with Jamestown Rediscovery!

JAMESTOWN, VA (September 23, 2025) –

Every October, Jamestown Rediscovery celebrates Virginia Archaeology Month alongside the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and historic sites across the Commonwealth. Join us this year to explore how archaeology changed the story of Jamestown, watch ongoing excavations at the site of a 17th-century cellar, and see artifacts brought to life through living history demonstrations and walking tours.

Archaeology Day programming is generously sponsored by The Edward Maria Wingfield Endowment Fund, established by The Wingfield Family Society to honor Wingfield as soldier, investor and first president of Jamestown.

Archaeology Day programs are included with admission to the Preservation Virginia portion of Historic Jamestowne.

Schedule:

All Day Programs:

Archaeology in Action: Share in the moment of discovery at the original 1607 James Fort. Meet the Jamestown Rediscovery archaeologists and learn about ongoing excavations as well as the latest discoveries.

“A tractable trade:” Learn firsthand about the trials of the first English settlers and their experiences exploring the Chesapeake from Anas Todkill, one of the settlers who explored the bay with Captain John Smith.

Forged in History: Blacksmithing was one of the earliest trades practiced at Jamestown. Join blacksmith Shel Browder for demonstrations and a discussion of the metalworking done at the site of the original James Fort forge.

Native Lifeways of the Chesapeake: Join Daniel Firehawk Abbott of the Nanticoke people from Maryland’s Eastern Shore to learn about the material culture and lifeways of the Tidewater Algonquians as well as their interactions with the settlers of Jamestown.

“Pales, posts, and railes:” Building a fort proved a necessity for the colonists within a month of their 1607 arrival. Timber Frame Carpenter Danny Whitten and 17th century building fabricator Jesse Robertson will demonstrate the tools and methods used by the first colonists to build everything from the fort walls to buildings.

Tours

10:00am and 1:00pm – Archaeology Walking Tour: Join archaeologists Mary Anna R. Hartley and Eleanor Robb for an in-depth tour of the 1607 fort site and learn about this season’s excavations and new discoveries.

2:00pm – Powhatan and English Walking Tour: Join Public Historian Mark Summers for a program discussing the interactions, trade, and conflict between English colonists and the Powhatan Paramount Chiefdom based on archaeological evidence.

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About Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation

The Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation preserves and shares the original site of James Fort and Jamestown, established in 1607. The Foundation is dedicated to uncovering, preserving, and sharing Jamestown’s diverse history, and highlighting its major contribution to the foundations of modern American society. Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit and jointly administers Historic Jamestowne alongside the National Park Service. Admission includes the James Fort site, New Town, and the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeological Museum, as well as walking tours, living history, and public programs. For more information about visiting Jamestown, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.