

Jamestown Rediscovery

HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE

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Squeeze in some history this summer at Jamestown

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Squeeze in some history during the last days of summer at Jamestown! Step back in time and explore the origins of America, with captivating living history programs on the site of the original settlement, archaeology in action, and hands-on experiences for visitors of all ages.

The blacksmith shop, located on the exact site of the forge constructed by the English in 1607-08, is always a draw for visitors, who can watch expert tradesmen bring the history excavated at Jamestown to vivid life. The blacksmith's shop was recently updated with mudded plaster walls and a (replica) bark roof, making it more historically accurate. The lives of Indigenous Peoples in the Tidewater region are illuminated in *The Powhatan Indians*, presented by cultural historian Daniel Firehawk Abbott of the Nanticoke. After exploring the historic trades, families can go on a history walking tour or train to be a halberdier in *Captain Brewster's Kids*. Living history and historic trades programs are included with admission to Jamestown Rediscovery.

Go behind the scenes to see some of the four million artifacts excavated by Jamestown Rediscovery archaeologists over the last 30 years on an "Inside the Vault" tour. Attendees will tour the lab with a conservator or curator to learn about our collection and see conservation and collections projects in progress. "Inside the Vault" tours will be offered August 7 and August 24.

How to Visit:

Historic Jamestowne includes sites managed by two separate organizations, Preservation Virginia (Jamestown Rediscovery) and the National Park Service (Colonial National Historical Park). Each location requires a fee to enter, so visitors should expect to buy both tickets to see the whole island. Visitors can pre-purchase tickets to the Preservation Virginia (Jamestown Rediscovery) portion on our website at historicjamestowne.org/tickets. National Park Service passes for veterans, seniors, and all other guests can be found on their website: nps.gov/colo. Tickets to both sites can be purchased in-person at the Visitor Center at Historic Jamestowne.

The new ticket system was implemented by Colonial National Historical Park in late 2023. We understand the new two-ticket process is confusing. The Preservation Virginia (Jamestown Rediscovery) team is here to help you navigate the process so your visit to Jamestown is the best it can be. Please email hjvcservices@preservationvirginia.org or call 757-856-1250 ext. 520 with questions.

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Available photos can be found [here](#). All images courtesy of Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation.

About Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation

The Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation (JRF) is the steward of the original site of James Fort and Jamestown, established in 1607. JRF 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. JRF jointly administers Historic Jamestowne alongside the National Park Service. For more information about visiting Jamestown, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.