

Pocahontas State Park

FACILITIES GUIDE

VIRGINIA STATE PARKS ARE A TONIC FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT.

Museums, visitor centers and nearby historic sites make state parks cultural treasures.

The recreational opportunities in state parks are endless and easy to see – from swimming and boating to horseshoes and hiking, there's always something to do in a Virginia State Park.

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WELCOME TO POCAHONTAS STATE PARK.

To make your visit safe and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following:

Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Park in designated areas only. Please note there is a parking fee charged year-round at all Virginia State Parks. Honor parking information is found at the park entrance.

PRESERVE – Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters. Don't feed any wild animals.

ALCOHOL - State law permits alcohol use only in private areas (inside your cabin or camping unit) or in areas designated on permits issued by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

PETS - Pets are permitted in enclosed areas or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please clean up after your pet. Pets may not be left unattended at any time.

DRONES AND OTHER AIRCRAFT - Drones, other unmanned aerial vehicles, including remote control aircraft, and aircraft in general may not be flown in state parks pursuant to 4VAC5-30-400.

LITTER - Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter and recyclables in the proper receptacles and recycle centers or carrying out your trash. The releasing of balloons is not allowed. Decorative balloons must be deflated and disposed of as trash.

FIRE - Help prevent wildfires. Fires must be confined to grills, camp stoves or designated fire rings. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished when left. Firewood is generally available for purchase at the park.

Campers and guests may collect only down and dead firewood. We enforce all seasonal and emergency bans on open fires.

POLLUTION - Help reduce pollution. Dump stations, laundry sinks and slop sinks, where available, are for the proper disposal of wastewater. Please, no boat, RV or car washing. Portable showers that do not drain to wastewater storage tanks are prohibited by state law. Collected wastewater must be disposed of properly.

SWIMMING - The aquatic recreation center is available for a fee during scheduled hours between the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day. The weather and other issues beyond our control may reduce the availability of the facility. Swimming anywhere else in the park at any time is prohibited.

FISHING - A Virginia freshwater fishing license is required.

GUESTS - Your guests are our guests. For everyone's safety and security, please register all visitors with the park office. Visitors will not be admitted to camping and cabin areas unless so identified. Visitors are permitted only between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

QUIET HOURS - Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The use of generators is prohibited at all times.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT POLICY

Camping:	Check-in 4 p.m.	Check-out 1 p.m.
Cabins and Yurts:	Check-in 4 p.m.	Check-out 10 a.m.

In many cases, *campers* may be accommodated prior to the official check-in. Please remember that only those 18 or older may register. The registrant is responsible for all occupants of the campsite or cabin. Feel free to arrive early and enjoy park amenities prior to check-in.

Overnight guests are encouraged to be familiar with the early departure policy since it impacts any refund due. The policy along with other frequently asked questions can be found here: www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/faq.

CAMPING - Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds and only after following the proper check-in procedure described in the *Reservation and Fees Guide* available at the park office.

Campsite occupancy is for a maximum of six people or the number of people in a single household. Two camping units are allowed per campsite; only one axled camper is allowed per site. All camping units, equipment and vehicles must be placed within the perimeter of the designated campsite without infringing on adjoining campsites or vegetation. Where high impact areas are designated, all camping units, equipment and vehicles must be within the area's defined borders.

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PARKING - Only two motor vehicles, as well as the camping unit, are permitted on a campsite without incurring additional fees. Cabin guests are allowed two vehicles for a one or two-bedroom cabin, three vehicles for a three-bedroom cabin and six vehicles for a six-bedroom cabin per day without an additional parking fee charge. Those with additional vehicles must pay a parking fee for each day the vehicle is in the park. The number of vehicles allowed to park at the cabin varies according to site design and other factors. All vehicles must be parked in designated areas, either at the cabin or in the designated overflow parking area. Primitive and hike-in sites may have specific parking restrictions.

The maximum overnight stay per park is 14 days in any 30-day period.

PARK ACCESSIBILITY - We strive to make each park as barrier-free as possible. Universally accessible facilities are available throughout Virginia State Parks.

EMERGENCY - For medical or fire emergencies dial 9-1-1. For other assistance dial 800-933-7275: for law enforcement or facility emergencies press 1; to reach the on-duty ranger press 2.

INFORMATION - For more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 800-933-PARK or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.

NATURE, HISTORY PROGRAMS - Many programs are presented during the year. They include guided nature hikes, campfire programs, family and children's programs, and night hikes. The park is the perfect outdoor classroom for students of all ages. Outreach and onsite programs are available on request. Environmental education field trips and outreach programs align with public school standards of learning curricula and, in most cases, can be adapted to individual class needs. Fees are based on the particular program, number of students and time involved. Upon request, Pocahontas also offers recreational and environmental education field trips and outreach programs for private groups including scouts, youth groups and nature clubs. For more information, call 804-796-4472.

Be sure to enjoy this year's Pocahontas Premieres performances, featuring rising and established acts from across the state. Visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas-premieres for more information.

CCC MUSEUM - In 1933, the country was in the grips of the Great Depression. Millions were out of work and hungry. As part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, 500,000 unemployed young men were put to work in forests, parks and rangelands across the country. Thus the Civilian Conservation Corps was born. Visit the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum, housed in an original CCC building.

HISTORY - This park was built on farmland and timbered forest by CCC for people in the Richmond-Petersburg-Hopewell area. From 1938 through 1942, the National Park Service (NPS) ran the park as the Swift Creek Recreational Demonstration Area, and from 1942 through 1945, it was a recreation area for soldiers during World War II. NPS donated the facility to Virginia State Parks on June 6, 1946, making it the largest Virginia state park. It has more than 7,925 acres, 300 buildings, 20 miles of road, 20 miles of trails and three lakes.

FRIENDS GROUP - Feel like lending nature a hand? The Pocahontas State Park Friends group is a hands-on volunteer 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving and supporting the park. Visit its website, www.fopso.org, to learn how you can help out.

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| Amphitheater | Laundromat |
| Boat Ramp | Park Office/Contact Station |
| Boat Rentals | Parking |
| Cabin | Picnic Shelter |
| Rustic Cabin | Playground |
| Camping Area | Point of Interest |
| Concessions | Restrooms |
| Dumping Station | Showers/Bathhouse |
| Gifts/Shopping | Swim Complex |
| Horse Ring | Yurts |

