

# HISTORY PROGRAMS — CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## History of Chesterfield



Chesterfield County has nearly 270 years of history to welcome visitors. Explore Henricus Historical Park, the second permanent settlement in the New World. Experience colonial history at Eppington Plantation and the Historic Courthouse Complex. Tour beautiful Magnolia Grange and experience life of the 19th century. Visit the Chesterfield County Museum and the Historic Jail

to discover the diverse history of Chesterfield's past. Visit Civil War sites and learn about the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864. Learn about some of the "firsts" that the county has to offer from commercial coal mining, to the first iron furnace and the first incorporated town in North America at Bermuda Hundred.

## CIVIL WAR TOURS

**Pre registration and payment required for these tours in advance.**

**To register visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com).**

**Details: Bryan Truzzie, 751-4946**

### Historic Point of Rocks Guided Tour

Discover the unique history surrounding this newly acquired historic site. Experience Native American history and learn about one of the earliest naval battles in 1862. Visit Historic Point of Rocks and learn about the Union hospital established here where Clara Barton served, and walk the ground where President Lincoln did during his visit in 1865. View federal fortifications and learn why this location played a major role in the Bermuda Hundred Campaign. Wear comfortable shoes.

Tour meets in parking lot at Maintenance office.

R. Garland Dodd Park, 201 Enon Church Road

Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.- noon \$8

### Howlett Line Van Tour

Learn about Civil War sites that were part of a Confederate line of defenses known as the Howlett Line. Constructed in late May 1864, this defensive position prevented Federal troops from launching further operations and kept the Army of the James entrenched on the peninsula. This tour will include stops at Battery Dantzler, Parker's Battery, Ware Bottom Church Battlefield, Howlett Line Park and Fort Wead. Transportation provided from Henricus. Space is limited. Wear comfortable shoes.

Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road

Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15

### Bermuda Hundred Campaign Tour

Learn about the impact of the Bermuda Hundred Campaign in 1864 by visiting some of the county's Civil War sites. Discover why this campaign was overshadowed by military engagements elsewhere. Tour includes stops at Dutch Gap, Battery Dantzler, Point of Rocks and Drewry's Bluff. Transportation provided from Henricus. Space is limited. Bring snacks and drinks. Wear comfortable shoes.

Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road

Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15

## HISTORIC FACILITIES

Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia, invites you to visit the Chesterfield County Museum, 1892 Historic Jail and Magnolia Grange located in the county government complex.

**Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

### Chesterfield County Museum

The museum serves as a replica of the first colonial courthouse built in 1750. Museum exhibits include Powhatan Indian culture, artifacts from America's first iron furnace and coal mines, historic Civil War relics and artifacts from early Chesterfield colonial life. Explore a reproduction of an early 20th century General Store and view the new exhibit "Ring in the Courthouse Centennial" about the 1917 Courthouse Centennial. For details regarding our new Saturday monthly History programs, call 768-7311.

\$2/person suggested donation.



### 1892 Historic Jail

This historic jail precedes several earlier jails that once stood on the Courthouse Green. It has been restored and is open for individual and group tours, which begin at the County Museum next door. View the special exhibit for Fort Lee's Centennial, "Mobilizing for War," on display through 2018. Take a tour of the original jail cells and learn about some of the historic trials.

\$1/person suggested donation.



### Magnolia Grange

This Federal-style plantation house, built in 1822, was named for a circle of Magnolia trees that once graced its front lawn. This house museum is noted for its distinctive architecture.

Three families lived in the house, each making important contributions to life in Chesterfield County. Today, the house is furnished with artifacts that interpret life at a country plantation during the 19th century. For hours of operation or details regarding programs, visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)  
Admission fees: Adults-\$5/ Seniors-\$4/Students ages 5-18- \$3/ children under age 5-free.



### Historic Trinity Church

Historic Trinity Church, originally built in 1855 and later replaced by another chapel in 1887, presently serves as the administrative office of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia. It contains an archival library with genealogical records, maps and photograph collections. Its mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and promote Chesterfield County's past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Library is open to the public. Office and library hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For details on upcoming special events, visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)



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[www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com).  
Registration and payment are required for all  
programs in advance.

## SCOUT WORKSHOPS

The Boy Scout merit badge workshops are conducted by a merit badge counselor certified with the Heart of Virginia Council. Cost of program does not include badge.

Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946 or [truzzieb@chesterfield.gov](mailto:truzzieb@chesterfield.gov)  
To register visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com). Prerequisites required for these workshops.

### American Heritage

This program, for Boy Scouts, ages 11-14, addresses our history and cultural heritage.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.- noon \$10  
Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-noon \$10

### Citizenship in the Nation

This program, for boys, ages 11-14, helps scouts to understand their rights, liberties and freedoms as citizens by discussing important historical documents, learning the branches of government and examining important historical speeches.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Saturday, Jan. 6, 1-4 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 17, 1-4 p.m. \$10

### Citizenship in the Community

This program is for boys looking to fulfill the merit badge requirements that address rights, liberties and cultural heritage. For ages 11-17.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10  
Saturday, March 17, 2-5 p.m. \$10

### Citizenship in the World

This program is designed for boys looking to fulfill the merit badge requirements that address rights, duties and citizenship around the world. Learn about international law, world trade, how governments function, foreign relations and forms of government. For ages 11-17.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Saturday, Feb. 3, 1-4 p.m. \$10  
Saturday, March 3, 1-4 p.m. \$10

### Geocaching

This workshop is designed for boys looking to fulfill merit badge requirements that address GPS skills, navigation, concepts of wayfinding, demonstrating skills in using hand-held receivers, plotting a course, learning about caches and understanding various geocaching concepts.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$15

### Cub Scout Bear Adventure: Paws for Action

This program will enable scouts to learn about two famous Americans, visit a place of historical interest in their community, visit a museum, learn about the American flag and its meaning, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2-4 p.m. \$5

### Cub Scout Wolf Elective Adventure: Finding Your Way

This workshop is geared for boys who want to learn how to orient and read a map, identify a compass rose, how to properly use a compass and find the four directional points, learn how to take a bearing, understand map symbols, and learn how to locate an object with a compass.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Saturday, Feb. 24, 2-4 p.m. \$5  
Saturday, March 24, 2-4 p.m. \$5

### SPRING BREAK Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshops

These workshops will enable scouts to achieve their American Heritage, Citizenship in the Nation, Community, World or Archaeology merit badges by fulfilling their badge requirements that address history and cultural heritage. Please specify which workshop for enrollment when registering. Call to inquire about prerequisites required for these workshops.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road

<b>American Heritage</b>	Monday, April 2	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$10
<b>Citizenship in Nation</b>	Tuesday, April 3	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$10
<b>Citizenship in Community</b>	Wednesday, April 4	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$10
<b>Archaeology</b>	Thursday, April 5	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	\$15
<b>Citizenship in the World</b>	Friday, April 6	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$10

### Girl Scout Workshops

A variety of badge workshops are now offered for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts. A workshop for an entire troop can be arranged at one of our historic sites. Cost of workshop does not include badge.

To request a complete list of badge workshops offered for Girl Scouts, call Bryan Truzzie, 751-4946 or [truzzieb@chesterfield.gov](mailto:truzzieb@chesterfield.gov).

### HOME SCHOOL HISTORY ADVENTURES

These programs are designed for families with children of all ages and grade levels.

\$5/child for ages 6 and older. Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon.

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To register: [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com).

### Discovering Chesterfield's Past

This program addresses life in the rural Chesterfield of long ago. Visit a replica of an early 20th century General Store and imagine life in a bygone era. Take a tour of the historic Courthouse Green and learn about the training site for Colonial soldiers and their fight for religious freedom.

Chesterfield Museum, 6813 Mimms Loop  
Feb. 9

### Chesterfield Coal

Did you know that Midlothian was the site of the first commercial coal mines in North America? Take a guided tour and discover what coal mining was all about. Explore the impact this industry had on our region. This activity addresses geology and coal mining.  
Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13301 North Woolridge Road  
March 9

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## Geocaching

Learn some of the basics of navigation and how to use a hand-held receiver as you search for clues on a scavenger hunt and look for caches or hidden treasure. Learn how to use a compass, understand basic uses of topographic maps and how these functions are important.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road

April 27

## Magnolia Grange Lectures

Details and reservations: 748-1498

Saturdays, Noon – 1 p.m.

Free

**Jan. 13, "Trabue Tavern – a Family's Journey"** Speaker Ms. Karen Scherzer: owner and Trabue family ancestor. Learn about the fascinating history of this local tavern, and Ms. Scherzer's journey bringing the historic tavern back to the Trabue family.

**Feb. 3, "Beyond Glory: Remembering United States Colored Troops."** Join Emmanuel Dabney, Interpretive Ranger for the Petersburg National Battlefield, as he shares the history and important service that these men provided during the Civil War.

**March 3, "Women of Service During WWI"** Presented by the Quarter Master Museum. Learn about women's role during WWI in many areas, especially the Gold Star Mothers.

**April 7, "Diary of a Southern Soldier Boy"** Author H.V. Traywick, Jr. Learn the firsthand account of a Confederate infantryman who served from the outbreak of the War Between the States until one of the seven day's battles near Richmond in 1862.

## Chesterfield County Museum Lectures

No reservations required. Details: Pat Roble, 768-7311.

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Free

**Saturday, Jan. 27- Putting Together the Puzzle of Chesterfield's Past through Archaeology.** Discover how we learn about life in early 19th century Chesterfield. Explore the work of an archaeologist and practice using the (hands-on) methods and tools. This will involve digging for artifacts, evaluating them, and then solving the puzzle of "mending" pottery sherds. Family-friendly fun!

**Saturday, Feb. 17- Honoring Chesterfield County African American World War I and II Veterans.** A lecture/discussion presented by the African American History Committee of the Chesterfield Historical Society of VA.

**Saturday, March 10- A Historical Tour of Virginia's Musical Heritage.** Join Lamar Banister on a tour of the early development of music (First People, Europeans and Africans) and how it developed into making Virginia the center of American music up through the Folk/Blues of the 60's, and the impact it has on us today. Listen to a variety of instruments from basic pre-history to modern pre-electric.

**Saturday, April 14-How the States Got Their Shapes: The Ongoing Disputes Between Virginia / West Virginia and Maryland** Starting with the original Maryland charter there have been almost continuous disputes between Maryland and Virginia / West Virginia as to the location of their common borders and the rights associated with the borders. The Privy Council in London, the United States Supreme Court, various commissions, and even local courts have

been involved in deciding issues through the years up to as recently as a couple years ago. This presentation will highlight some of those issues and explore the consequences.

## Children's Program Series

Nursery Rhyme Storytime at the Chesterfield County Museum, is for children, ages 2-5. Hear rhymes such as Humpty Dumpty, Old King Cole, One, Two, Buckle my Shoe, and learn the stories behind them! Wednesday, March 7, 11 a.m., no registration is required. Free

## 50+ Active Lifestyles History Programs

Register at least one week in advance. Held at the Chesterfield County Museum.

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon.

Free

Details: Pat Roble, 768-7311

### Jan. 17 Heirloom Herbs: Their History and Folklore

Did you know that basil was used as an air freshener, insect repellent, digestive medicine, good luck charm, and symbol of love, in addition to its culinary uses? Explore the historical uses and folklore of this and other familiar garden herbs such as rosemary, sage, fennel and thyme.

**Feb. 14 Do You Speak Floriography? (The Language of Flowers)** During the Victoria Era, flowers were used as a way to send subtle messages to others. Spend Valentine's Day with the Backpack Storyteller Deborah Alsko as she describes this romantic form of communication.

### April 25 The Art and Technique of Using Natural Dyes.

Learn about the types of dyes that were used to color textiles in the past. Dye sources such as tumeric will be demonstrated and discussed.

## Public Speaking Requests

We can provide an engaging and educational program for your next social function. This is a wonderful opportunity for churches, civic organizations, garden clubs and older adults to learn more about Chesterfield County's history. We can provide a staff person in period costume or offer a slide presentation. We offer a wide range of horticulture and history topics such as historic trees, medicinal herbs and plants, coal mining history, ghost stories, Civil War history and many other topics. Cost: \$35.00 for non-profits. \$50.00 for private groups and groups outside Chesterfield County. For a complete list of programs, visit [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com) or call Bryan Truzzie, 751-4946.

# HISTORY PROGRAMS — PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information or details, call Bryan Truzzie at 751-4946. To register call 748-1623 and request the specific Course number. Registration and payment is required for all programs in advance.

NEW

## HISTORICAL TOURS

Saturdays \$8 per person

### Falling Creek Ironworks

Discover the site of the first iron furnace in the New World and explore the industrial history that evolved. Learn about the Virginia Company of London's desire to exploit the vast resources, Archibald Cary's forge and later grist mill that existed. Take a tour of the site and learn about the impact of the industrial achievements. View the most recent site improvements and additions to the park. Tour meets in parking lot at Ironworks Park.

Falling Creek Ironworks Park, 6407 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Feb. 17, 10-11 a.m. **Course 33360**

### Eppington Plantation

Experience what plantation life was like in the 1700's while touring Eppington Plantation, built in 1768 by Thomas Jefferson's brother-in-law, Francis Eppes VI. The house features agricultural displays depicting farm life. Tour the house and grounds and learn about colonial life during the 18th century.

Eppington Plantation, 14602 Eppes Falls Road  
April 21, 10 - 11 a.m. **Course 33359**

### Midlothian Mines

Take a guided tour and learn more about one of the first commercial coal mine operations in North America. Learn about one of the earliest railroads, the need for transportation improvements, the impact that coal mining had on the region in the 1700s and 1800s and the concept of deep mining that was used. View the remains of the Grove Shaft and a reproduction of a headstock that once existed at the site. Tour meets at amphitheater parking lot.

Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road  
April 28, 10-11 a.m. **Course 33361**

### Historic Bon Air Driving Tour

NEW

This driving tour will focus on the unique history of Bon Air. Learn about how this town evolved as a resort retreat for residents from Richmond to escape the heat. View historically preserved Victorian homes and learn about the many activities that evolved at the resort to entertain visitors year-round. Learn about the historic Bon Air Hotel, Hazen Library, the Bon Air train station and many more attractions.

Bon Air Baptist Church, 2531 Buford Road  
Friday, March 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Course 33365**

### Highlights of Midlothian Van Tour

NEW

This guided van tour will enable you to experience many of the unique historical sites located within the village of Midlothian. This behind-the-scenes tour will focus on many of the fascinating places of interest that are part of the history of Midlothian. Visit sites that were part of the coal mining history, learn about the French Huguenots, visit historic churches and discover the history behind the Chesterfield railroad.

Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road  
Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **Course 33356**

## HIKING THROUGH HISTORY — WALKING TOUR SERIES

These programs are designed to share the diversity of the history of numerous sites throughout the county. These are easy hikes that share the beauty of nature and history. Bring bottled water and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon \$8



### Geology Rock Hounds Tour

This tour will enable visitors to experience the history of the county's only coal mine park and discover the geological formations that exist. Learn about the development of coal and discover fossil deposits.

Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road  
Feb. 23 **Course 33363**

### History of Point of Rocks

This tour will take visitors from the trailhead at the playground leading down to Ashton Creek Marsh to view federal fortifications and remnants of a tramway to deliver supplies then return back to the parking area. We then will discover the history of Historic Point of Rocks by touring the site and walking out to the bluff overlooking the Appomattox.

R. Garland Dodd Park, 201 Enon Church Road  
March 23 **Course 33364**

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## SCOUT WORKSHOP

Registration and payment required in advance. To register, call 748-1623 and request course number.  
Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. \$10 per person

### Webelos Arrow of Light Adventure: Earth Rocks

This revised program is geared for Cub Scouts, ages 9-10, who want to complete the requirements for this program focusing on geology and rock formations. Scouts will learn about geology, understand rock types, conduct a scale hardness test, learn about geological formations in Virginia, identify geological materials used in home building, learn how coal is formed and understand the history of coal mining in Chesterfield County while visiting a geologic site.

Program meets at amphitheater.

Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13286 N. Woolridge Road

Saturday, April 7, 3-5 p.m. \$10

Course 33362

## GEOCACHING PROGRAMS

These programs enable participants to be part of a scavenger hunt, uncovering clues to some of our most treasured historic sites while learning GPS skills. Use our Garmin hand-held receivers to hunt for caches and discover the fun you can have.

For adults and youth, ages 8 and older. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays, noon-2 p.m.

\$10 per person

### Midlothian Mines

Explore the ruins of the Grove Shaft and learn about the coal-mining history of Midlothian while searching for caches during a scavenger hunt.

Mid-Lothian Mines Park, 13286 N. Woolridge Road

April 28

Course 33358

### Eppington Plantation

Explore the grounds of one of the oldest plantation homes in Chesterfield County. View the home where Thomas Jefferson visited on numerous occasions and learn about colonial history while searching for caches.

Eppington Plantation, 14602 Eppes Falls Road

April 21

Course 33357

## History Education Programs

The Parks and Recreation Department offers new programming options for elementary and middle school students that address Problem Based Learning concepts. All of our programs are designed to meet SOL curriculum and are engaging for your students.

Consider a program brought to your classroom or schedule a visit to the Chesterfield Museum Complex that includes a visit to the Chesterfield Museum, Magnolia Grange and 1892 Historic Jail. Details: Bryan Truzzie, 751-4946 or truzzieb@chesterfield.gov

## Traveling Trunk Outreach Programs

**Life in Rural Chesterfield** – economics, past and present and changes over time (Grade 2)

**Chesterfield in the Revolution** - Virginia leaders, battles and causes of the war (Grade 4)

**Virginia in the Civil War** – key battles, soldier life, music and causes of the war (Grade 6)

**The First Iron Furnace** – discusses iron production in the New World. (Grade 6)

**16 Tons: The First Commercial Coal Mines** – addresses impact of coal mining, railroads, historic preservation and a field trip. (Grade 6)

## Museum Complex Programs

**Settling a New Land** – looks at changes over time and past and present concepts discussing first settlers, colonists and Indians. (Grades 1-2)

**English Colonization** – covers first settlements, importance of industry and Virginia in the Revolution and Civil War (Grades 3-4)

**Chesterfield: Birthplace of an American Dream** – addresses colonial history and religious freedoms, industry of iron and coal mines, evolution of mills and life in the 19th century. (Grade 6-7)