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 changing exhibit “Chesterfield Remembers WWI: The Story of the WWI Soldier from Chesterfield County.” For details regarding monthly programming call 804-768-7311.

$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 changing exhibit “Chesterfield Remembers WWI: The Story of the Home Front”. 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 after the circle of Magnolia trees that once graced its front lawn. The house museum is noted for its distinctive architecture. Explore the histories of three families that lived in the house and who made 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 details regarding programs and events call 804-748-1498.


HISTORY PROGRAMS — CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History of Chesterfield
Chesterfield County has 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. Learn about some of the “firsts” that the County offers from commercial coal mining, to the first iron furnace and the first incorporated town in North America at Bermuda Hundred.

HOME SCHOOL HISTORY ADVENTURES

These programs are designed for families with children ages 6 and older. $5/child. Fridays 10 a.m.-noon.
To register visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com.

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. Participate in a scale hardness test and learn how to classify rocks. This activity addresses geology and coal mining. Program meets at amphitheater in front of lake. Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road Sept. 4

World War I: The War to End all Wars
This program will address impacts to soldiers facing life on the front in World War I. Learn about involvement of American troops during the war, trench warfare, equipment, gear, food they ate, challenges they faced, and discover some of the battlefield improvements such as tanks, airplanes, artillery and more. Chesterfield Museum, 6813 Mimms Loop Sept. 11

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. Castlewood, 10201 Iron Bridge Road Sept. 25

Hours at historical facilities may be impacted by guidelines related to COVID-19. Please check with the Historic Sites Supervisor, 804-751-4946, before visiting.
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CIVIL WAR GUIDED TOURS
To register visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com. Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946. Registration and payment required at least one week in advance.

Historic Point of Rocks Guided Tour
Visit Historic Point of Rocks and learn about the Union hospital established here where Clara Barton served. Walk the ground where President Lincoln visited 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 maintenance parking lot at Dodd Park.
R. Garland Dodd Park, 201 Enon Church Road
Friday, Oct. 30, 2-4 p.m.
$8 per person

SCOUT WORKSHOPS
The merit badge workshops are conducted by a merit badge counselor certified with the Heart of Virginia Council. For details contact Bryan Truzzie at 804-751-4946 or truzzieb@chesterfield.gov. Register at least one week in advance.

To register visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com.
Castlewood, 10201 Iron Bridge Road
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. $10 per scout

Citizenship in the Community
This workshop is for scouts looking to fulfill their merit badge requirements addressing rights, liberties and cultural heritage.
Nov. 14

Citizenship in the World
This workshop is designed for scouts looking to fulfill their merit badge requirements addressing rights, duties and citizenship around the world. Learn about international law, world trade, how governments function, foreign relations and forms of government.
Dec. 12

Citizenship in the Nation
This workshop helps scouts to understand their rights, liberties and freedoms as a citizen by discussing important historical documents, learning the branches of government and examining important historical speeches.
Dec. 19

Public Speaking Requests
Enjoy an engaging and educational program for your organization’s 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. A wide range of speaking topics, presentations and craft workshops are available. Free
For a complete list visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com or call Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946.

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Chesterfield County Museum
6813 Mimms Loop
All programs and are free with no reservations required.
Details: 804-751-4946
Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 19 and 20 – Time Travelers Weekend
This event sponsored by Richmond Region museums will allow participants to enjoy an admission-free weekend. The Chesterfield County Museum and Historic 1892 Jail will be open Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Sunday from noon-4 p.m.

Sept. 26 – Through the Ages with Women of Chesterfield
A look at some accomplished women of Chesterfield County and their impact on the world around them. Speaker is Terry Wells, Chesterfield Historical Society Library Committee.

Oct. 3 – The Campaign for Women Suffrage in Virginia
Learn the untold story of the remarkable women who, for ten years, argued, cajoled, and marched to win the right to vote. The talk compliments the Library of Virginia’s current exhibition “We Demand: Women’s Suffrage in Virginia.”

Oct. 17 - Thirteen’s Fiftieth
Recognize the flight of Apollo 13, that occurred 50 years ago this year, with a talk by N.A.S.A. Langley Research Center personnel.

Nov. 7 – America’s Doughboys and the National Pastime in the Great War
This presentation by Alexander Barnes, Command Historian with the Virginia National Guard, recounts the story of how baseball played an important role in entertaining the troops during WWI. Playing wherever they could find enough room to throw a ball, the Doughboys brought the game with them into the front lines and then into the occupation of Germany. Sharing their military service, in combat and on the baseball diamond, were a number of famous professional ball players, managers, lawyers, politicians, and even an umpire.

Nov. 14 – Apples to Appleseed: How Cider and John Chapman Shaped the Early Frontier
This lecture will explore a brief history of the apple and apple cider, and dive into the history behind Johnny Appleseed. Attendees will learn about the origins of the apple, its unique contribution to English North American culture and development, and how Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman) sprouted from his roots in a modest New England family to grow into to one of the greatest legends our country has ever known.

Dec. 12 - Holiday Traditions Craft Workshop
Explore the history of some of your favorite holiday traditions. Why do we place lit pine trees in our homes? What are the origins of some favorite carols? Learn the answers to these questions and others and make a holiday craft to take home.

Register at www.chesterfield.gov/parks • 804-748-1623
Magnolia Grange
10020 Iron Bridge Road
Details: 804-751-4946
Unless otherwise noted in the program description, all Magnolia Grange programs are free with no reservations required.

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
**Sept. 1 - Games and Toys of Yesteryear**
At this fun-filled event, participants will get the chance to amuse themselves with playthings of the 1800s through the 1970s, all eras during which families resided at Magnolia Grange. Reservations are encouraged. To sign up, call 804-748-1498.

**Oct. 6 - Origami**
Retirees are invited to study the art of origami with local craftsperson, Ayumi Ledford.

Saturdays, noon
**Sept. 12 - Songs of the Civil War**
Hear 1860s music played by Susan Carraway on mandolin and guitar duo Virginia Dare. The program will be held outdoors. In the event of rain, the presentation will be moved inside.

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**Oct. 10 - Sister Soldiers**
At a program inspired by the induction of the first female generals in the U. S. Army fifty years ago, learn about ladies’ participation in the military from Fort Lee’s Army Women’s Museum staff.

**Oct. 24 - The Civil War and Women**
Learn how the Civil War affected the lives of women and children in this presentation by Donetta Bantle, a historical interpreter with Magnolia Grange.

**Nov. 7 - Overview of POWs in Vietnam**
Historical interpreter H. Lee Dixon will present a lecture to mark the anniversary of the 1975 ending of the Vietnam War.

**Nov. 14 - Polar Bear Expedition**
Join local historian Jack Bantle as he shares the story behind the American Expeditionary Force during WWI who engaged Bolshevik troops in Russia at the conclusion of the war. This military-themed lecture will discuss the importance of the Polar Bears.

**Nov. 21 - Celebrating Captain Sally**
First person interpreter Debbie Phillips will portray Civil War nurse Sally Tompkins, who died in Richmond in 1916.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**“Yuletide of the Twenties” Christmas Open House**
Enjoy the holiday season at Magnolia Grange by experiencing holiday traditions in the 1920s. Learn about ornaments that would have been common during the period, holiday songs popular during 1920s Christmases, and the food that would have been served during that time. This family event will feature holiday music, refreshments, a craft activity for children, and special holiday discounts in the gift shop. Children may have their picture taken with Santa for free.
Magnolia Grange, 10020 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday, Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m. Free
Details: 804-748-1498 or [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)

**Holiday Christmas Teas**
Celebrate the holiday season by attending a Christmas holiday tea at Magnolia Grange. Enjoy musical entertainment and learn about traditional Christmas songs that were popular during the 1920s. Step back in time to experience a special Christmas tea with a selection of finger sandwiches, sweets and tea.
Magnolia Grange House Museum, 10020 Iron Bridge Road
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1-3 p.m. $30. Reservations are required.
Details: 804-751-4946
To register: [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)
HISTORICAL TOURS

To register call 804-748-1623 and request the specific Course number. Register for all programs at least one week in advance. Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946
$8 per person

Historic Architecture Tour
Discover the unique architecture of the historic buildings on the Historic Chesterfield Museum Complex. Learn how important Greek Palladian and Italianate Classical design influenced the construction of various historic structures. Join us as we explore the story behind these remarkable structures. Visit Castlewood, Magnolia Grange, and 1917 Historic Courthouse among others. Chesterfield County Museum, 6823 Mimms Loop
Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon
Course 37478

Mid-Lothian Mines
Take a guided tour through the park and learn more about the early coal mining history in Midlothian, one of the first commercial coal mine operations in North America. Learn about one of the earliest railroads, the development of the earliest road system to transport coal, and the impact that coal mining had on the region. View a reproduction of the headstock and hear what life was like for coal miners. Program meets at amphitheater.
Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2-4 p.m.
Course 37486

Falling Creek Ironworks
Discover the site of the first iron furnace in the 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
Friday, Sept. 18, noon-1 p.m.
Course 37485

Pleasant View School
Take a guided tour and learn about the early African American history of one of the last preserved schoolhouses in Chesterfield County. An excellent example of early 20th century construction, the school retains all the original architecture of similar patterns typical of Rosenwald school construction during that era. Learn the history of the structure and similar schools of the period.
Pleasant View School, 18431 River Road
Saturday, Nov. 7, 1-2 p.m.
Course 37482

Eppington Plantation
Eppington Plantation was a large tobacco plantation built in 1768 by Thomas Jefferson’s brother-in-law, Francis Eppes VI. Experience what plantation life was like in the 1700s as you tour the house and grounds. The house features items on display from the Eppes and Hines-Cherry families, who were previous residents, in addition to agricultural displays.
Eppington Plantation, 14602 Eppes Falls Road
Saturday, Nov. 7, 10-11 a.m.
Course 37484
50+ HERITAGE CRAFT WORKSHOPS
These workshops are engaging and focus on a different craft activity. To register call 804-748-1623 and request the specific course number. Register for all programs at least one week in advance. Castleton, 10201 Iron Bridge Road
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon  $8 per person

Suncatcher Craft
Participants will enjoy making their own personal suncatcher. Beautiful glass gems of various colors will be used to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. These items can be hung in a yard, patio or window.
Sept. 22 Course 37483

Halloween Craft Project
During this spooky good time, participants will have the opportunity to make several different projects.
Oct. 20 Course 37493

Mineral Mosaic
This activity will allow participants to create beautiful artwork with printed mosaics and learn about rocks, minerals and ores. Individuals will be able to choose one of four designs.
Nov. 24 Course 37494

Waterless Snow Globe
Participants will make a holiday snow globe without the mess. This activity will get you in the mood for the holidays and makes a perfect gift for that someone special.
Dec. 22 Course 37495

“HIKING THROUGH HISTORY” SERIES
These programs are designed to share the diversity of the history at sites throughout the county. These are easy hikes that share the beauty of nature and history. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon  $8 per person

History of Point of Rocks
This tour will take visitors from the parking lot at the tennis courts along the trail down to Ashton Creek Marsh to view federal fortifications and remnants of a causeway that existed to deliver supplies during the 1800s, then return back to the parking area. Then discover the history of Historic Point of Rocks by touring the site and walking out to the bluff overlooking the Appomattox, learning about the hospital site in 1864.
R. Garland Dodd Park, 201 Enon Church Road
Oct. 8 Course 37490

Geology “Rock Hounds” Tour
This tour will allow 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.
Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road
Oct. 15 Course 37488

Industry along the Appomattox
This tour will allow visitors to discover the natural beauty of this recreational area as we explore the history of the mill industry that once existed along the river during the 18th and 19th centuries.
Radcliffe Conservation Area, 21300 Chesdin Road
Oct. 22 Course 37492

History Educational Programs
All 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 Complex that includes a visit to the Chesterfield Museum, Magnolia Grange, and 1892 Historic Jail.
Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946 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)
Archaeology of the Past – concepts include excavation of a site, establishing grids, mapping and artifact repair (Grade 6)
Chesterfield in WWI – Discover the role of troops in the war, equipment, trench warfare, nutrition and analyze primary source documents. (Grade 7-8)

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)