Recreational Tree Climbing
Join the professional arborists from Riverside Outfitters as they take you to new heights. For young and old alike. If you ever enjoyed climbing in trees, here’s your chance to really go up. The experienced staff of Riverside Outfitters will assist you as you ascend into the canopies of trees using specialized tree-climbing equipment. This program is for ages 8 and older. Youth 8-13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Forest Hill Park  $22
Saturday, Sept. 19, 1-3 p.m.  Course 37589
Sunday, Oct. 11, 1-3 p.m.  Course 37590

Bicycle Maintenance
This class is designed to introduce the basics of bicycle maintenance and repair. The class will offer hands-on instruction in trouble shooting, brake and gear adjustments, tire changing, and roadside repairs. It will also cover proper bike fit, safety, and riding tips. Minimum age is 10. Class size is limited, so registration is required.

Carytown Bicycles, 14267 Winterfield Pkwy (Midlothian location) Thursdays, 5:30-6:45 p.m.  Free
Sept. 17  Course 37272
Nov. 12  Course 37585
Jan. 14  Course 37586

Introduction to Horseback Riding
Learn horseback riding fundamentals in four classes. Course includes proper techniques in handling, mounting, dismounting a horse, posting to trot, diagonals, and canter preparation. Minimum age to participate is 8. Wear long pants and shoes with a heel.

Hunter Lane Stables, 3578 Hunter Lane Mondays and Fridays, 6-7 p.m.  Sept. 28, Oct. 2, 5, 9  $110  Course 37587

50+ Introduction to Horseback Riding
Geared toward the 50+ crowd, you can learn horseback riding fundamentals in four classes. Course includes proper techniques in handling, mounting, dismounting, posting to trot, diagonals and canter preparation. Wear long pants and shoes with a heel.

Hunter Lane Stables, 3578 Hunter Lane Mondays and Friday, 6-7 p.m.  Sept. 14, 18, 21, 25  $110  Course 37588

Bald Eagle Tours
Join Capt. Mike Ostrander, with Discover the James - Bald Eagle Tours, on his 24-foot pontoon boat for this unique and spectacular experience on the James River. After boarding the boat, watch the sun rise while seeing our national symbol up close and personal. Minimum age is 15. Space is limited, so register early. Private charters are also available.

Deep Bottom Boat Landing, 9525 Deep Bottom Road Thursdays  $50
Sept. 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  Course 37235
Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-noon  Course 37584

Whitewater Kayaking 101- “Sit-on-Top” Kayaking - River Trips
No previous whitewater experience is needed for this trip, which is designed for those wanting to explore the easier rapids stretch of the James River, from Pony Pasture to Reedy Creek in Richmond on “user friendly” sit-on-top kayaks. This is a great way to get a feeling for whitewater paddling without the rigors of being inside a true whitewater kayak. Swimming ability required. Rental includes kayak and all equipment. Minimum age 11, Youth ages 11-13 must be accompanied by an actively participating adult. Max weight of 235 lbs. due to kayak limitations. It is strongly suggested that you have some previous paddling experience.

James River Park System, Pony Pasture 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  $70 ($80 w/rental)  Course 37262
Saturday, Sept. 19

White Water Kayak Play Days
Learn from the best. Chesterfield Parks and Recreation has been the leader in Whitewater instruction in this region for over 30 years. This after-work, instructional time is for both newer whitewater kayakers who wish to get time on the water (especially those without a boat), and intermediate level paddlers who want individualized coaching. Chesterfield’s professional instructors are there to give pointers, answer questions, and for safety. Sessions will be held at Pony Pasture Rapids with no down river runs. Completion of a previous whitewater kayak class is required. All equipment is included. Minimum age is 13.

James River Park System, Pony Pasture Wednesdays  $29
Aug. 26, 6-8:30 p.m.  Course 37253
Sept. 9, 5-7:30 p.m.  Course 37254
Sept. 16, 4:30-7 p.m.  Course 37255
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
For more information on Outdoor Adventures contact
Greg Velzy at 804-748-1124 or velzyg@chesterfield.gov.

Whitewater Kayak Rolling Clinics
Learn and practice kayak rolling during the off-season. Qualified instructors will teach and review rolls in a manner appropriate for beginner or experienced kayakers. Kayaks and equipment are available. Personal kayaks need to be cleaned before use in the pool. Minimum age is 13. Previous kayaking experience is required.
Manchester YMCA, 7540 Hull Street Rd.
Sundays, 5:30-8 p.m.
$50 ($55 w/rental)
Course 37591
Oct. 25
Course 37592
Nov. 15
Course 37593
Dec. 13
Course 37594
Jan. 10

50+ WATER ADVENTURES

Kayaking - 50+ Calm Water Sampler
Geared towards the never too mature to have fun crowd (50+), here is your opportunity to see if the growing sport of kayaking is for you. Professional instructors will teach the basic safety and paddling techniques needed to get out for an evening paddle on calm water. Sit-on-top and touring kayaks will be available for sampling. Swimming ability is required. Max. weight 250 lbs. due to kayak limitations.
Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 251 Henricus Park Road
Thursday, Aug. 20, 6-8:30 p.m.
Course 37274
Sunday, Sept. 20, 9-11:30 a.m.
Course 37275
$35 ($40 with rental)

Kayaking - 50+ River Paddling Sampler
Learn from the best. Chesterfield Parks and Recreation has been the leader in kayak instruction in our region for over 25 years. Geared towards the 50+ crowd, here is your chance to see if river kayaking is for you. Chesterfield County’s professional, certified instructors will teach safety and the basic techniques needed for paddling down a short stretch of the James River through mild, Class I-II riffles. User-friendly “Sit-on-Top” kayaks will be used. Swimming ability is required. Max weight of 235 lbs. due to kayak limitations.
James River Park System, Pony Pasture
6-9 p.m. $40 ($45 with rental)
Saturday, Aug. 29; 8:30 a.m.-noon
Course 37232
Saturday, Sept. 26 8:30 a.m.-noon
Course 37600

Changing Status of Activities
Chesterfield County is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all citizens as we respond to the changing situation surrounding COVID-19. Consistent with directives from the Virginia Governor’s Office and the Virginia Department of Health, the Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department realizes many of the activities listed in this guide may be cancelled or postponed. Please consult the Chesterfield Parks and Recreation website and social media sites for updated information:
• www.chesterfield.gov/parks
• Facebook: www.facebook.com/chesterfieldvaparksrec/
• Twitter: twitter.com/CCPRVA

Virginia Boat Club
This cosponsored group provides recreational and competitive rowing to the community and high schools. Eight-man and four-man sweep-rowing instruction is offered.
Details: Henry Holswade, 804-320-2984

Register at www.chesterfield.gov/parks • 804-748-1623
CHESTERFIELD CHALLENGE COURSE

Help your team or group to...

• Achieve goals
• Cultivate teamwork
• Develop relationships
• Build trust

Bring your group, organization, company, class, co-workers or Scout troop to the Chesterfield Challenge Course. The course consists of high and low elements designed to promote initiative and confidence, as well as strengthen group dynamics, communication and willingness to work together. Brochures are available upon request.

Details: Jan Olson, 804-751-4133 and olsonj@chesterfield.gov

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