

Join us in Newport News for the 122nd Annual VFDA Convention

Newport News' great location and rich history, which begins shortly after the founding of Jamestown, has shaped the city into what it is today. Located on the banks of the Hampton Roads harbor in southeastern Virginia, Newport News is minutes from Williamsburg and a short drive to Virginia Beach and the Atlantic Ocean. From this central Tidewater location, you can experience the ocean, the ships, the history and the great outdoors.

From the landing at Jamestown in 1607, to the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the 1862 Peninsula Campaign where the famous Battle of the CSS *Virginia* and the USS *Monitor* took place, visitors can step back in time and learn about our nation's beginning while visiting the region. With the USS *Monitor* Center, historic homes, battle sites, fortifications, monuments and extraordinary collections of artifacts, history will be at the top of your list! After reliving our nation's past, come and relax and enjoy one of the many scenic parks filled with every activity imaginable from hiking, camping, fishing, canoeing, golf and more to fun-filled attractions that let you get up close and personal with nature and Virginia's wildlife.

Newport News is located about an hour from Richmond and Virginia Beach, less than 30 minutes from Norfolk and Williamsburg and minutes from Hampton, Jamestown, Yorktown, Smithfield and Gloucester. Summer temperatures average in the mid 80's; perfect for sunning, swimming, boating, and fishing.

No matter what kind of outdoor adventure you are looking for, Newport News offers it all! Best of all, the brilliant weather coupled with an excellent location makes Newport News the perfect place to explore. Discover the exhilarating experience of mountain biking, a romantic paddleboat or canoe ride or a challenging round of championship golf. Enjoy the chance to meet a variety of wild furry friends and the opportunity to relax and watch a peaceful sunset picnic overlooking the mighty James River. These endless photographic opportunities and more await you in one or more of our 32 parks. Visit www.nnparks.com for a complete listing.

Still looking for more soft adventures? Stroll one of the local beaches, bird watch, fly a model airplane or try your luck at catching some salt or freshwater fish in our lakes, reservoirs, the James River and the Chesapeake Bay where you'll find some of the best fishing in Virginia! Need a rest after all this exercise? Stay at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at City Center where there is a rich maritime history. City Center at Oyster Point is an open-air gathering place and shopping district. Enjoy the Southern living style with a breathtaking five acre fountain. If shopping is what you're after, City Center at Oyster Point offers fine clothing stores from Banana Republic, Chico's J. Jill, JoS A. Bank, Talbots, and many more. Visit the 15+ restaurants located just minutes from the Marriott Hotel.

Need more fun? Visit the numerous attractions that Newport News has to offer!

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center
Endview Plantation
James A. Fields House
Lee Hall Mansion
Peninsula Fine Arts Center
Peninsula SPCA Exotic Sanctuary & Petting Zoo
Virginia War Museum

When the sun goes down, there are always things to do in Newport News.

Cozy's Comedy Club
Tribeca
IMAX Movies (Virginia Air & Space and Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center)
Kiln Creek Stadium 20
The American Theatre
Attucks Theatre
Ella Fitzgerald Theater
Ferguson Center for the Arts
The NorVa
Peninsula Community Theatre
Smithfield Little Theatre
Norfolk Tides Baseball
Peninsula Family Skating Center
Play A Round Golf and Games

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The VFDA office will be happy to assist you in planning your trip to Newport News, please call (804) 264-0505 for further assistance.