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Celebrate Independence Day in Yorktown

2022 lineup includes free patriotic fun for the whole family

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The public is invited to celebrate Yorktown's 43rd Independence Day Celebration on Monday, July 4. This free family-friendly event includes activities on Historic Main Street and also at the waterfront at Riverwalk Landing. Visitors can take advantage of special programming at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (additional tickets are required for non-York County, James City County, and Williamsburg residents).



4th of July Schedule of Events

- 8 a.m. **The Yorktown Independence Day 8K Run/Walk** (Virtual & In-person)
Location for Walk & Run: Tour Road near York High School
Race Day registration/t-shirt distribution begins at 7 a.m. *Medals will be distributed at the finish line for first 600 registered runners.*
Please see additional race info below
- 9 a.m. **Patriotic Parade**
Coordinated by VFW 824
Festive Music provided by DJ Ben Herrick
Locations: Water & Main Streets
- 1 p.m. **Family Activities**
Outdoor Games and Kids Activities – presented by Riverwalk Landing Business Association
Hot Dog Eating Contest - presented by Carrot Tree & Toby's Dog House
Location: Riverwalk Landing

- 4 p.m. **Evening Event Parking Opens**
Location: Yorktown Battlefield (Cook Road & Ballard Street)
Will close at capacity
- 4 p.m. **Patriotic Food Pavilion Opens**
Location: Riverwalk Landing
- 7 p.m. **Sounds of Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony**
Location: Riverwalk Landing Performance Stage
- 8 p.m. **Super Jazz Band Concert featuring Conni Ironmonger**
Location: Riverwalk Landing Performance Stage
- 9:15 p.m. **Spectacular Fireworks Display**
Location: Over York River – visible from Yorktown Waterfront & Victory Monument

**The York County Historical Museum is still accepting registrations for its annual Independence Day 8K Run/Walk and offers both in-person and virtual options this year. The 8 a.m. race takes place along the scenic roads and trails of the Yorktown Battlefield—the same path American and French allies took to win the last major battle of the Revolutionary War to secure our nation’s independence. Participants will begin and end on the tour road near York High School. Pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt and custom-designed medal (first 600) at the finish line. Registration is \$40. [You can pre-register by clicking here.](#) *Refreshments will be served at the finish line. Awards and prizes will also be given.*



Important Parking Information

All-day street traffic blockades include Zweybrucken Road, Comte de Grasse Street, and Main Street (from Zweybrucken to Ballard). The Beach Picnic Area will also be closed to vehicular traffic. *Pedestrian traffic only.* Church, Nelson, Smith, and Bacon Streets will be restricted to residents only.

Beginning at 4 p.m., unless you are a Yorktown Village resident, Riverwalk Landing business owner, or have an official pass—you will not be able to enter Historic Yorktown. Visitors attending the evening activities must park on the Yorktown Battlefield at the corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street, which can be accessed by Cook Road or the Colonial Parkway. The Battlefield will remain open to the public *until it reaches capacity.*

Morning parade closures include Water Street (Read to Buckner) from 8:45 - 10 a.m., and Ballard Street (from Water to Main) from 8:45 - 10 a.m. Traffic coming into town off George Washington Memorial Highway onto Alexander Hamilton from 9 to 10 a.m. will also be directed away from the parade route. The town will re-open to traffic following the parade.



The Yorktown Trolley, the only form of public transportation in Yorktown, will run from approximately 10 a.m. (following the parade) until 5 p.m. It is free, air-conditioned, handicap accessible, and includes several convenient stops:

- York County Courts & Office Complex
- Intersection of Main and Ballard Streets (York Hall)
- Riverwalk Landing
- Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center
- Watermen's Museum
- American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Additional Info:

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Additional photos are available at <https://bit.ly/3QhSVt0>.