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Return to the Days of Yore with Yorktown's Two-Day Christmas Market Featuring More than 90 Vendors

Saturday, December 2 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 3 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 27, 2023

Yorktown's **Christmas Market on Main** is the event shoppers look forward to all year. Vendors, artists, food trucks, strolling musicians, and antique cars will line the street in Historic Yorktown **from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3.** We'll have chestnuts roasting on an open fire, free kids' activities, a performance by the Fifes and Drums of York Town, and even a visit from Santa himself!

This is one of the most anticipated Yorktown events every holiday season, which is why, in recent years, the event has been extended to two days. Close to 100 vendors line the street selling everything from paintings and candles to Christmas ornaments and merry mosaics! The Town Crier "rings in" the market at 10 a.m. on Saturday, followed by a performance from the Fifes and Drums of York Town. Then, Santa Claus himself greets families. Expect strolling musical entertainment throughout both days to add to the festive atmosphere and an ice carving demonstration in front of York Hall on Sunday.

The diverse selection of vendors features a little of everything—from alpaca products and Christmas wreaths to handmade soaps and jewelry. Shoppers can search for holiday gifts for family and friends or as a treat for themselves!

Guests can choose from a variety of menu options from Historic Yorktown dining establishments and other food vendors. Selections include clam chowder, lobster rolls, tacos, hot dogs, BBQ, cotton candy, kettle corn, hot beverages, baked goods, and much more.



The Peninsula Model Train Club will have a display in the lower level of York Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and York County Fire & Life Safety will have the department's oldest fire truck, a 1955 Dodge, parked at the corner of Main and Nelson Streets for most of the day. Santa will be located by the fire truck on Saturday, and on Sunday he'll be hosting Cookies with Santa in York Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. Be sure to bring your cameras to capture this tradition for your Christmas cards or social media posts. It simply doesn't get more "Christmas" than this!



Entertainment & Demonstrations

Saturday – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Blacksmith Demonstration by York Hall
Saturday – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Colonial Ornament Craft Making
Saturday – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Dickens Trio, Strolling Instrumental Ensemble
Sunday – 1 p.m.	Ice Carving Demonstration by York Hall
Sunday – 12 to 1:30 p.m.	SantaBones, Strolling Trombone Quartet
Sunday – 1 to 3 p.m.	A Taste of Love with Bart & Jan, Musical Entertainment

Shopping & Local Art

American Revolution Museum at Yorktown Gift Shop

- Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 18th century-inspired keepsakes

Black Dog Gallery

- Saturday ONLY 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wreaths, ornaments, pottery, and French linens

Gallery at York Hall

- Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Christmas in Yorktown Exhibit
- 10% off Mark Shields' pewter Christmas ornaments

Grace Church Parish Book & Gift Shop and Fair Trade Christmas Market

- Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Handmade items from across the world

Mobjack Bay Coffee Roasters

- Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Holiday café offerings, treats, sweets, Christmas coffees, teas, drinking chocolate, spiced wine, BBQ platters, and gifts
- Backyard fire pit and seating for customers

Little York Confectionery

- Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. & Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Specialty shaped chocolates, classic bonbons, peppermint bark, and stocking stuffers

On the Hill Gallery

- Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 10% off purchase for U.S. military members

Watermen's Museum

- Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.
- Nautical and seasonal gifts

Museums & Points of Interest

Be sure to visit all of Yorktown's shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums.

American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (free to York County, James City County, and Williamsburg residents)

- Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Colonial NHP – Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center

- Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Custom House

- Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. & Sunday 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Grace Church (free docent tours of Yorktown's oldest building)

- Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. & Sunday 12 to 2 p.m.

Lighted Boat Parade — Yorktown Waterfront

- Saturday 6 p.m. — Lit braziers, caroling, and hot apple cider followed by the annual parade at 7 p.m.

Watermen's Museum is hosting the **Viking Yuletide Celebration** taking guests through the ancient Norse influences on modern Christmas culture through demonstrations, games, and a proper Victorian display.

- Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

York County Historical Museum (Model Train Display; York Hall lower level, room 4-B)

- Saturday ONLY 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[The Yorktown Trolley](#) runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and provides complimentary transportation throughout town. The Trolleys are heated and wheelchair accessible and make several stops throughout town including lots at the County Administration building, Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center, Watermen's Museum, and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.

The Christmas Market is co-sponsored by Village Events and York County.

Additional photos are available at <https://bit.ly/3MH3YMk>

Additional Event Info:

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