



# York County Blueways

Canoe and Kayak Trails in York County, Virginia

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## Points of Interest

- NEW QUARTER PARK** - formerly part of Camp Peary, was acquired by York County in 1976 through the Federal Surplus Land Act. Besides several recreational amenities, two civil war redoubts exist on the site.
- DANDY** - The ancestral home of the Goodwin Family, Dandy comprises an area of about 400 acres. The land was sold in 1668 to James Goodwin, son of London salt merchant Peter Goodwin and speaker of the House of Burgesses from Jamestown. British and Confederate troops built earth redoubts on this land.
- GOODWIN ISLANDS** - Part of the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail System and the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve managed by VIMS. The islands include extensive marshland and are nursery, spawning and foraging habitats for many finfish, birds and other animals.
- SEAFORD SCALLOP COMPANY** - The business was started in the 1920s and is now one of largest scallop producers on the East Coast.
- SHIP'S POINT** - One of many places along York County's shoreline where light artillery batteries were located during the Civil War.
- WORMLEY CREEK** - A tidal inlet named for Christopher Wormley, a local property owner. Land surrounding the creek was occupied by American Revolution and Civil War troops.
- USCG TRAINING CENTER** - The largest training command in the Coast Guard. The federal government has owned the property since 1917 and was formerly the site of a Navy Mine Warfare School before becoming Coast Guard property in 1959.
- MOORE'S MILL DAM** - Location of former grist mill and part of a 500-acre plantation owned by Augustine Moore.
- YORK RIVER** - First named the Pamunkey River by the Indians, then changed to Charles River in 1634 before being named the York River in 1643 after the Duke of York.

## Driving Directions

- Old Wormley Creek Landing**  
From I-64: take exit 250-B towards Yorktown. When you exit the interstate, stay on Fort Eustis Boulevard. At the intersection of Fort Eustis Boulevard and George Washington Memorial Hwy, take a left. Follow Rt 17 North and turn right on Battle Rd. At the stop sign, turn right onto Old York Hampton Highway. Bare left onto Hornsbyville Rd. Turn left onto Old Wormley Creek Rd. The boat landing is at the end of the road.
- Rodgers A. Smith Landing**  
From I-64: take the Victory Boulevard exit 256-A towards Yorktown. When you exit the interstate, cross Rt 17 and Rt 134 and stay on Victory Boulevard until you reach Big Bethel Rd. Turn left. At Tabb High School, bare left onto Yorktown Rd. Take the immediate right onto Tide Mill Rd. The boat landing is at the end of Tide Mill Rd.
- Back Creek Park**  
From I-64: take exit 250-B towards Yorktown. When you exit the interstate, stay on Fort Eustis Boulevard. At the intersection of Fort Eustis Boulevard and George Washington Memorial Hwy, take a right. Follow Rt 17 South until you reach the second stop light. Make a left onto Goodwin Neck Rd. Follow this road for 3.5 miles. Back Creek Park will be on your right.
- New Quarter Park**  
From I-64: take exit 242-A (Rt 199 West/Jamestown Exit). Take the Rt 143 Exit off of Rt 199 (the first exit), turn right onto Rt 143 and follow it until you come to the first stop light. Turn right onto Penniman Rd. (Magruder Elementary School is on the left) and take the first left turn onto Hubbard Lane for approximately one mile. After the overpass, make an immediate right hand turn onto Lakeshead Dr. and follow this until you reach the park entrance.

## Amenity Symbols

- |  |                  |  |                |
|--|------------------|--|----------------|
|  | Beach            |  | Refreshments   |
|  | Dock             |  | Restroom       |
|  | Kayak/Canoe Rack |  | Restaurant     |
|  | Parking          |  | Trash Can      |
|  | Picnic           |  | Water Fountain |

## Padding Legend

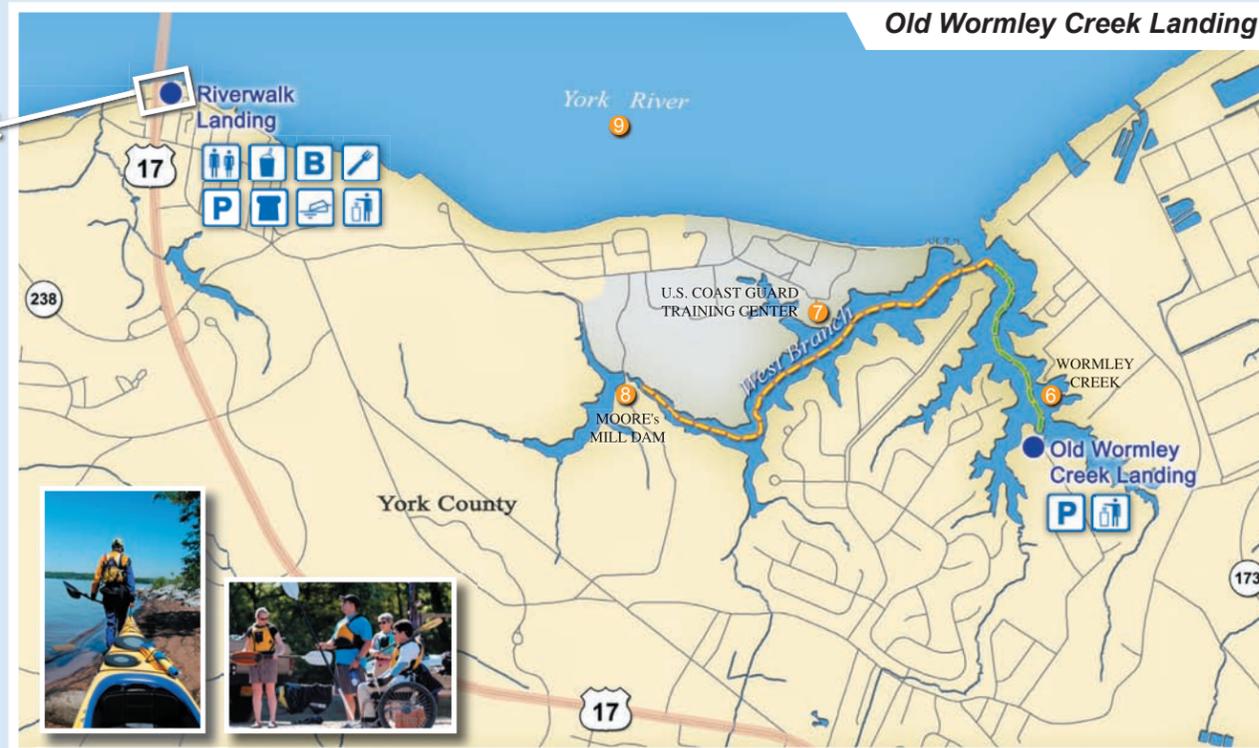
- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced

## Aids to Navigation

- | Map Symbol | Signage |
|------------|---------|
|            | R "2"   |
|            | G "5"   |
|            | FIR "2" |
|            | FIG "1" |

## Distances

- |   |                                   |   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>New Quarter Park</b><br>East: 4.4 Miles<br>West: 3.6 Miles | <b>Smith Landing</b><br>8.4 Miles | <b>Old Wormley Creek Landing</b><br>4.1 Miles |
| <b>Back Creek Park</b><br>6.6 Miles                           |                                   |   |
- Distances are approximate and based on round trip.*



### Kayaking and Canoeing Safety Tips

- Always wear a life jacket.
- Know your ability and the demands of the waterway.
- Stay hydrated! Bring plenty of drinking water.
- Avoid paddling at night and during unstable weather.
- Bring suntan lotion and a hat to protect you from the sun. Sunburn is the #1 boating injury!
- Keep our waterways beautiful! Please place all trash in designated receptacles.



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