

Major Parks In Chesapeake



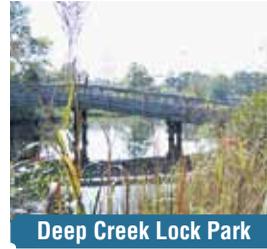
Battlefield Park



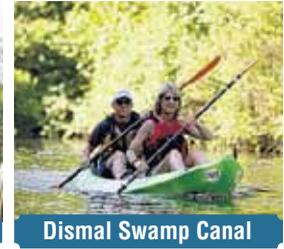
City Park



Deep Creek Park



Deep Creek Lock Park



Dismal Swamp Canal

ARBORETUM; 624 Oak Grove Road

45-acres of various themed gardens with 3.5 miles of wooded trails; pamphlet with trail map and descriptions are available on site. Volunteer opportunities available. Educational and recreational activities occur on-site. Visit daily dawn to dusk.

BATTLEFIELD PARK; 1775 Historic Way

Across Battlefield Boulevard at NE quadrant of Great Bridge Bridge; meandering trail tells story of the 1775 Battle of Great Bridge—the “South’s Bunker Hill”—through fourteen historical signs and reconstructions of the battle site; future site of Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways History Foundation Visitor Center. A 280-foot length by 5-foot wide pier was recently renovated.

BELLS MILL PARK; 424 Albemarle Drive

Features footpaths through wetlands and meadows in open natural areas with elevated scenic views of Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River; 2.5-mile circular running and cross-country trail. Area a former landfill with environmental cap – bikes or motorized vehicles are NOT allowed. Great site for birding. Parking available.

CAMELOT PARK; 961 King Arthur Drive

11-open acres in the heart of the Camelot subdivision. Two rentable shelters, with volleyball and tennis courts; playground. Located across the street from the Camelot Community Center and several City athletic fields.

CHESAPEAKE CITY PARK; 900 City Park Drive

Multi-amenity 90-acre site, 60-acres of open space; remainder covered by stands of trees. Two large rental sections with pavilions equipped with electric and water service available to support outdoor events and large outings; additional numerous picnic shelters with grills are also available for rent.

Attractions located in Chesapeake City Park:

- **Fun Forest:** children’s playground and imagination center to exercise mind and body.
- **Skate Park:** skateboards, bikes, or rollerblades; membership fee and sticker required.
- **Horseshoe Courts:** 12 regulation/competition-class courts.
- **Basketball Courts:** 3 full-sized regulation courts.
- **2 Dog Parks:** Off-leash, fenced in; each dog park is divided into a large and small dog area. Membership fee and tag required for each dog.
- **Robert G. “Buddy” Bagley Stage:** exquisitely-arched 60’x40’ wood-tone stage blends with grassy amphitheater.
- **Market Place:** Pavilion site of seasonal Farmers’ Market and events.
- **Chesapeake 9/11 Memorial:** temporary memorial site with a steel beam from New York City’s World Trade Center.

DEEP CREEK PARK; 437 George Washington Highway, South

Hosts four rentable multi-purpose fields (two lighted); also four softball/baseball fields – all lighted; all fields are irrigated for durability and performance. Other amenities include Dog Park, ADA-accessible playground area, rentable picnic shelters, restrooms, walking/hiking trail that connects to the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, large parking area.

DEEP CREEK LOCK PARK; 300 Luray Street

25-acre site; named for the Corps of Engineers’ lock which separates the salt water of Deep Creek from the fresh water of the historic Dismal Swamp Canal. Heavily wooded with a combination pedestrian bridge/elevated walkway system to traverse a tidal inlet and marsh area; foot trails wind through woods; playground areas; boat ramp/kayak put-in, with parking. Picnic shelters with grills available for rent. Observation tower overlooking the lock.

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL TRAIL (DSCT); 1200 Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

Located at the end of S. George Washington Highway (Business Rt. 17); runs north to south for 8.3 miles, plus an additional 2.5 mile trail connection north leading to Deep Creek Park; adjacent to the historic Dismal Swamp Canal on the west side; multi-purpose linear nature trail traverses some of the most uniquely historic and ecologically significant habitats in the United States. Perfect for families of all ages to bike or walk and horse owners to ride. The Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge—bordering the Dismal Swamp Canal on the west—is home to a myriad wildlife species. Ballhack Road Boat Ramp is located near the southern end of the trail and provides easy access to launch your small boat, canoe or kayak. The DSCT North Trailhead also has a kayak/canoe launching dock and pier, restroom facilities, and parking. The DSCT plays host to several major special events including PADDLE FOR THE BORDER and the DISMAL SWAMP STOMP. CityofChesapeake.net/DSCT

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ELIZABETH RIVER PARK; 1400 Elizabeth River Way

Borders the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River at the Jordan Bridge; ¼-mile west of the Poindexter Street Exit (#4) of I-464; 144' fishing/crabbing pier; addition to fishing/crabbing pier added in 2016; Sidewalk trail length ¾+/- with stairway access to Jordan Bridge sidewalk; playground area; full size renovated boat ramp with parking; Snack Shack and Ship Shop (offering boating supplies/snacks); 6 gazebos including a large one that can double as stage for entertainment; rentable picnic shelters with grills; dog park; fitness area. Restroom facilities available on both sides of the park.

GREAT BRIDGE LOCK PARK; 100 Locks Road

National Park Service "Chesapeake Bay Gateways"-designated park; 20-acres; at the transition of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, to the Albemarle and Chesapeake (A&C) Canal, along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, at the foot of the bridge, just off Battlefield Boulevard in Great Bridge. Park amenities include walking trail; playground; outdoor chess table; picnic shelters available for rent; fishing; two-lane boat ramp and ADA-accessible canoe/kayak put-in with parking; restroom facilities; interpretive signage relating to the lock and A&C Canal located on observation-berm overlook; with small quarter-bowl amphitheater for programming. Kiosk with "welcome" orientation map and two historical panels.

INDIAN RIVER PARK; • NW side: 1709 Rokeby Avenue; • SE side: 2003 Rokeby Avenue

This 90-acre urban-forest park is uniquely divided by Military Highway with parcels on both sides. The Northwest portion has basketball courts, playground, picnic shelters with grill, parking and includes the newly renovated Rokeby Senior Center. The Southeast Side is a little more adventurous as it is one of the only parks in South Hampton Roads that features changes in trail elevation, popular with mountain bikers. The park also offers +/- 3.5 miles of hiking/walking trails; ¼ mile of "Virginia Tree Trail" nature trail, with labeled tree species. Picnic tables, information kiosk, demonstration native plant garden at trailhead parking lot.

LAKESIDE PARK; 1441 Bainbridge Boulevard

Located in the South Norfolk borough of Chesapeake; 11-acre park features a 4-acre lake where fishing is allowed; two rentable shelters for family and community gatherings, outfitted with grills and picnic tables. Lakeside also contains a handicapped-accessible playground for children up to 12-years-of-age. Lakeside Park has a large parking lot for easy access, as well as beautiful mature trees and a scenic-archway bridge over the lake, providing historic and panoramic views. Bordering the north side of the lake, from the end of the bridge, lies a walkway with several granite monuments, ending with a beautiful garden at the flagpole. The South Norfolk Ruritans recently dedicated this Lakeside Veterans' Walk Memorial commemorating those in the armed forces who gave their lives in service of our country from WWI through the Gulf War.

NORTHWEST RIVER PARK; 1733 Indian Creek Road, CityofChesapeake.net/NWRP— See more about this full-service park on page 16.

OAK GROVE LAKE PARK; 409 Byron Street

Located off Volvo Parkway and Battlefield Boulevard, with a chain-sawed wood dragon fly and sunfish sculpture landmark visible from the Chesapeake Expressway. The park is loaded with features including a 1.6-mile hard-surface multi-use trail surrounding a 65-acre lake; 6 observation decks/piers; picnic shelter with grill available for rental; playground and nature trail. Remote-controlled sail boating can be enjoyed on the lake (no swimming or recreational boating allowed.) Also site of a memorial shelter paying tribute to fallen Chesapeake Police Officer, Timothy Schock.

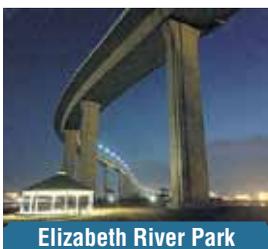
SOUTHWESTERN PARK; 4016 Airline Boulevard

4.5-treed acres with fun for all. Park has rentable picnic shelters with grills; volleyball court; 2 playgrounds; 2 half-court basketball courts and a walking trail.

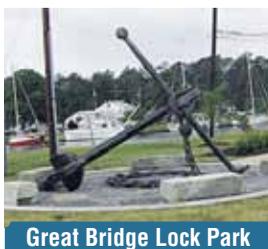
WESTERN BRANCH PARK; 4437 Portsmouth Boulevard

Adjacent to the Western Branch Community Center, this versatile park includes a Sports Complex with 5 rentable lighted multi-purpose ball fields, concession and restroom facilities, 6 lighted tennis/Pickleball® courts, outdoor basketball courts, dog park, cross-country foot trail (perimeter almost 1 mile), picnic shelters with grills available for rental, 2 playgrounds, and several large parking areas.

All parks open dawn to dusk.



Elizabeth River Park



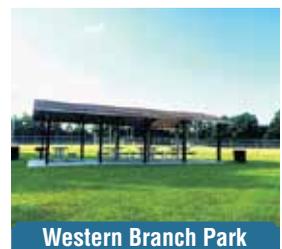
Great Bridge Lock Park



Lakeside Park



Oak Grove Lake Park



Western Branch Park