**Virginia Camping Destinations**

VA State Parks <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/>

Some of the most expensive state parks on the east coast.

VA 2018 Private Campground Directory <https://issuu.com/jimpatty/docs/virginia_20campground_20directory_2?e=11867662/55047439>

VA Bentonville 22610 - 350 Daughter of Stars DR, 540-622-6840 - **Shenandoah River State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/shenandoah-river#general_information> - this park is on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River and has more than 1,600 acres along 5.2 miles of shoreline. Zipline. Campground has 31 sites with water and electric hookups. The campground has centrally located restrooms with hot showers. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/shenandoah-river-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140160>

VA Bristol 24202, 276-645-7275 Sugar Hollow Campground <https://www.bristolva.org/149/Campground> - The campground offers over 75 camping sites and each site has a picnic table, charcoal grill, electrical and water hookup. Campers also have access to two comfort stations, complete with hot showers and a sewage dump station.  Opens Mid-April Closes End of October. LTVer recommended.

VA Cape Charles 23310 - **Kiptopeke State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/kiptopeke#general_information> --On Virginia's beautiful Eastern Shore, explored by Capt. John Smith in 1608, Kiptopeke offers recreational access to the Chesapeake Bay. It's also a great place to explore unique migratory bird habitat along the Atlantic flyway. beach bathhouse and swimming beach. Three miles from the northern terminus of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. $44/night for Campsite with electric & sewer. A non-refundable $5 per transaction fee is charged for overnight site rentals. Camping season runs from the first Friday in March through the first Monday in December. LTVer recommended. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/va/kiptopeke-state-park/campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140162>

Eastern Shore Welcome Center <https://www.virginia.org/listings/VisitorInformationCenters/EasternShoreofVirginiaWelcomeCenter/> - at the north end of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. It promotes Virginia's Eastern Shore. <http://www.esvatourism.org/es_home/home.asp> Large parking area with restroom and eating facilities. It is a courtesy to call the Bridge Police Department/Security and announce your intention to stay. Their phone number is 757-331-8950. We did so, half way across the bridge. I spoke with a wonderful officer. Gave him my name, rig details and intentions to stay for the 2 nights. Stay up to 48 hours. No hookups.

**VA** Cape Charles 23310, 32246 Lankford HWY, 800-562-4207 Chesapeake Bay KOA (**Sunset Beach Hotel & Beach Club KOA)** <https://www.sunsetbeachva.com/> **-** Just minutes away is the charming small town of Cape Charles and the Cape Charles Brewing Company. Campground is on the Chesapeake Bay, nice Sandy beach area, great pool, onsite Jackspot Bar & Grill, full hookup RV sites. <https://koa.com/campgrounds/chesapeake-bay/site-type/rv-camping-sites/>

VA **Charlottesville** 22903 - <http://www.charlottesvillekoa.com/>

- Thomas Jefferson's Monticello is perched on a mountaintop overlooking the city of Charlottesville

VA Chesapeake 23322, 1733 Indian Creek RD, 757-421-7151 **Northwest River Park and Campground** <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/parks-recreation-tourism/parks/nwrp_1.htm> - Located on the banks of the Northwest River in Southeastern Chesapeake, VA, this 763-acre park is the perfect blend of natural beauty and recreational activities. Year-round boating, fishing, hiking, and programs are just the beginning. We have our own 18-hole Disc golf course, miniature golf course, horseshoes, volleyball nets and so much more. The park has 66 campsites. Some sites have electrical hookups. Reservations: <https://www.reserveamerica.com/welcome.do>

VA Chesterfield 23832, 10301 State Park Rd, **Pocahontas State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas#general_information> - Just 20 miles from Richmond, Pocahontas offers boating, picnicking, camping, camping cabins, 64-plus miles of trails, and nature and history programs. The Aquatic Center, which has a toddler pool, fountain wet deck, three-foot and five-foot-deep leisure pools, an activity pool and two tubular water slides, affords seasonal water-based activities for all. Three lakes offer plenty of fishing. Boat rentals are available seasonally by the 225-acre Swift Creek Lake. 111 campsites with electrical hookups. Camp store Showers, Laundry. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/pocahontas-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140180>

VA **Chincoteague Island** 23336, **Chincoteague** <http://www.chincoteague.com/> - is a town on the island of the same name, in Virginia’s Eastern Shore region. Oyster-industry artifacts and model boats are displayed at the Museum of Chincoteague Island. Veteran’s Memorial Park has a pier and water views. It’s a gateway to **Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge** <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague/> on Assateague Island which has beaches and wild Chincoteague ponies. The breed is showcased at the Chincoteague Pony Centre. Use repellent and wear long sleeve shirts and long pants while exploring the area in summer due to insects. There are no campsites available at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Bring water to the refuge because there are only water fountains at the Tom's Cove visitor CTR and at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational Center.

VA Chincoteague Island, 6742 Maddox Boulevard, **Chincoteague** KOA, <https://koa.com/campgrounds/chesapeake-bay/> -just minutes from the entrance to Assateague Island National Seashore. Complimentary Dish Network cable, full hookups. Off-leash dog park. Avoid Full sun campsites 207-210, 212-215, 240-242, 246-249 & 260-261. Also watch your account for unnecessary charges and excess taxation experienced by Blue Ridge Leisures at their 2018 Spring Rally. This park has poor drainage resulting in standing water after heavy rains. VA Doswell, 23047, 10061 Kings Dominion Blvd, 800-562-4386, Richmond North / Kings Dominion KOA <https://koa.com/campgrounds/richmond-north/> – conveniently off Exit 98 on I-95 just north of Richmond and close to Kings Dominion theme park. Take advantage of the free shuttle to Kings Dominion. Has camp store and dump station

VA Dublin 24084, 6620 Ben H Bolen DR, 540.643.2500, **Claytor Lake State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/claytor-lake#general_information> - located on 21 mile-long Claytor Lake which was created by damming the New River. White sand swimming beach with snack bar in summer months. Marina with power and paddle boat rentals. Occasional free WIFI near the meeting house/store. Most trails are rated easy for bikes and hiking. Campground D has 39 partial RV hookups with electric and water. There is a dump station in each campground loop. Back in sites D 3-6 and D35 were level and had deep shade. Pull-throughs D 13, 23, 27 were level with good shade. Bathhouse was very clean in May 2018. To make a reservation, you can call 800-933-PARK (7275) or <https://www.reserveamerica.com/va/claytor-lake-state-park/campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140168>

VA Edinburg 22824, 108 Palmyra RD, (540)984-4299 Creekside Campground <http://www.creeksidecampgroundva.com/> -located in the heart of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Set alongside peaceful Stoney Creek which is perfect for fishing, wading or simply relaxing. Two-day minimum rental on most sites. Used for a Blue Ridge Leisures Rally.

VA Lanexa 23089, 1428 Outpost RD 804-966-8362 Rockahock Campground <https://www.rockahockcampground.com/> - located on the Chickahominy River west of the historical triangle. Full hookup sites, Marina, boat ramp, clubhouse. <https://online.premiercampground.com/63374ff504cd42e8b5acfa87d90744f5>

VA Lanexa 23089, 13501 Campground RD, 804-966-2582Ed Allen's Campgrounds <https://edallens.com/> - located along the beautiful shores of Chickahominy Lake. No hookup and Electric/water sites. <https://edallens.com/campsites/>

VA Luray 22835, 3655 U.S. Highway 211 East, **Shenandoah National Park** <https://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm> - Drive Skyline D rive <https://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/driving-skyline-drive.htm> which runs 105 miles north and south along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. You will notice "**mileposts" on the west side of the road.** These posts help you find your way through the park and help you locate areas of interest. **There are nearly 70 overlooks** that offer stunning views of the Shenandoah Valley to the west or the rolling Piedmont to the east. **Be sure you will clear Mary's Rock Tunnel (just south of Thornton Gap entrance from Route 211) at 12'8".** Pets are permitted on all of the 500-mile trail except 20 miles that require boulder climbing or scrambling. Campgrounds <https://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm> are seasonal. Campgrounds will open beginning in spring, usually late March with Big Meadows opening first, followed by Lewis Mountain in April, and Mathews Arm and Dundo in May. Mathews Arm, Big Meadows and Loft Mountain campgrounds all have pull-through and deep back-in sites which most of the time can even handle an RV with a tow vehicle. Do not offer hookups, the campgrounds do have potable water and all but Lewis have dump stations. Quarters are required for showers and laundry machines Big Meadows is within walking distance to three waterfalls Loft Mountain Campground is the largest campground in the park but coin showers are at least 1 mile away from the campground. The Loft campground sits atop Big Flat Mountain with outstanding views to east and west especially level sites A57, A58, A59 and are the best of the campground. Sites E, F G are on a hill with many sites not level. B sites are flattest and have least climbing to the bathroom. Bathrooms are small compared to the number of campers who share them. Two waterfalls and the trails into the Big Run Wilderness area are nearby. In early spring, Big Meadows, Mathews Arm, and Loft operate on a first-come, first-served basis only. Bear Country. To make reservations go to [Recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call Recreation.gov at (877) 444-6777.

Private campgrounds along the DR:

Harrisonburg / Shenandoah Valley KOA <https://koa.com/campgrounds/harrisonburg/> - Easy on/off I-81 Exit 257

Luray KOA <https://koa.com/campgrounds/luray/> - close to Luray Caverns.

VA Millboro 24460, 14239 Douthat State Park RD, **Douthat State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/douthat#general_information> - four miles of stream fishing, a 50-acre lake stocked with trout, a sandy swimming beach with snack bar, boat rentals, a gift shop and camp store, cabins, and more than 43 miles of hiking, mountain biking and bridle trails. Campground has 68 RV sites with electric & water hookups. LTVer recommended. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/va/douthat-state-park/campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140188>

VA Mt. Jackson 22842, 168 Industrial Park RD, 540-477-3080 **Shenandoah Valley Campground** <https://www.shenandoahfamilycampground.com/> - located just off I-81. Camp store, playground, dog run, laundry, propane, miniature golf, full hookup sites. Reservations: <https://www.shenandoahfamilycampground.com/rates---reservations.html>

VA Natural Bridge - **Natural Bridge of Virginia** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/natural-bridge#general_information> - the 215-foot tall Natural Bridge is a limestone gorge carved out by Cedar Creek. No campground

VA New Market, 22844, 1800 Endless Caverns RD, **Endless Caverns** <http://endlesscaverns.com/> - Endless Caverns has been thrilling visitors with our underground treasure for generations. During a 75-minute guided tour, a knowledgeable guide will explain the unique geology and fascinating history of our world-famous cave.

Learn how the cavern was first discovered and explore the geologic beauty of this six-mile-long cave at the foot of the Massanutten Mountain range, featuring seemingly "endless" tunnels and chambers. Campground has full hookups, swimming pool recreation hall, WIFI. LTVer recommended. Reservations <http://endlesscaverns.com/endlesscaverns-rates.html>

VA Millboro 24460, 14239 Douthat State Park RD, **Douthat State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/douthat#general_information> - four miles of stream fishing, a 50-acre lake stocked with trout, a sandy swimming beach with snack bar, boat rentals, a gift shop and camp store, cabins, and more than 43 miles of hiking, mountain biking and bridle trails. Plus, there are playgrounds, an amphitheater, picnic areas, tent and trailer camping, and a restaurant overlooking the lake. The campgrounds are pet-friendly. Generators may not be used in any campgrounds. 68 sites with electrical hookups spread over 2 campgrounds. LTVer recommended. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/va/douthat-state-park/campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140188>

VA Norfolk - **Norfolk** <https://www.visitnorfolk.com/> is a waterfront city in southeastern Virginia. It’s home to Naval Station Norfolk, a massive naval base on Chesapeake Bay. Nauticus is a maritime museum that features the Battleship Wisconsin, a huge WWII warship. The Chrysler Museum of Art showcases a vast collection of glass art, plus European and American paintings and sculpture. The riverside Virginia Zoo is home to bears, birds, lions and farm animals. There are 40 RV campgrounds in the Norfolk area.

<https://www.campendium.com/virginia/norfolk>

VA Staunton 24401, 484 Walnut Hills RD, 540-337-3920, **Walnut Hills Campground and RV Park -** open year ’round and located just nine miles south of [historic downtown Staunton](https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/) and 15 miles from the [Blue Ridge Parkway](https://www.blueridgeparkway.org/). Has a pool, fishing lake, par-3 disc golf course, horseshoes and volleyball. <https://www.sunrisereservations.com/806/reservation/step1>

VA Stuart 24171, 967 Fairystone Lake DR, 276-930-2424 **Fairy Stone State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/fairy-stone#general_information> - Home of the legendary fairy stones, this park is well known for its 168-acre lake adjoining Philpott Reservoir. The park is just minutes from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Attractions include cabins, a campground, group camping, an equestrian campground, a conference center, hiking trails, lake swimming, rowboats, canoes, paddle boats, kayaks, picnicking and two playgrounds, including one in the water. The campground’s 51 Yellow and Green sites <https://www.reserveamerica.com/va/fairy-stone-state-park/campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140169> have electric and water hook-ups, no sewer.

**Virginia Beach** <https://www.visitvirginiabeach.com/> has a three-mile-long boardwalk and the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is located there. Also visit the two lighthouses located at Cape Henry. <https://www.visitvirginiabeach.com/explore/attractions/cape-henry-lighthouse/>

VA Virginia Beach 23451, 2500 Shore Drive - **First Landing State Park** <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/first-landing#general_information>

- Virginia's most-visited state park, it's an oasis within urban Virginia Beach. The park is where English colonists first landed in 1607. Native American canoes, Colonial settlers, 20th century schooners and modern cargo ships have navigated the park's waterways. Its cypress swamps were a source of fresh water for merchant mariners, pirates and military ships during the War of 1812. 1.5 miles of sandy Chesapeake Bay beach frontage and leashed dogs are allowed on the beach and in the water. There are 18 miles of hiking trails on the opposite side of Shore DR from the campground. Bus 35 runs from the park to downtown Virginia Beach in the summer. Park Campground is very large with many water and electric hook-up sites. There are six bathhouses with showers. Surprisingly for being so close to the beach, many sites are shaded. A fair amount of privacy due to trees and undergrowth. No generators. The closer your campsite is to the park office, the farther you are away from the noise of the adjacent military base. Try to get a waterfront site which will keep you away from road noise on Shore DR. Reservations call 800. 933.PARK or <https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/first-landing-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=VA&parkId=140181>

VA Virginia Beach 23451, 1075 General Booth Blvd, 866.849.8860 Holiday Trav-L-Park <http://www.campingvb.com/> - 2 convenience stores, café, 1 acre fenced dog park, trolley to downtown or drive to the campground’s reserved parking 1 block from VA Beach. You can also use a bike path down town which is 2.5 miles one way. Laundromat. Full and Partial Hookups. 10% for Good Sam, AAA, CAA, AARP, 60+. LTVer recommended. <https://www.sunrisereservations.com/515/reservation/step1>

VA Warm Springs 24484, 756 Twin Ridge DR, **Bolar Mountain Recreation Area** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/bolar-mountain-recreation-area/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=75447> -located on the northern end of Lake Moomaw. Boating, canoeing, water skiing and relaxing on the beach are popular activities at the lake. Anglers fish for brown and rainbow trout, bass and crappie. A boat ramp is located at the Bolar Flat Marina, which has a modern dock with boat slips. Bolar Mountain boasts 11 miles of hiking trails that lead to two impressive scenic overlooks: Islands Overlook Spur and Grouse Point Overlook Campsites are divided into three loops, the first of which has 32 sites with electric hookups. Picnic tables, lantern posts and campfire rings with grills are provided. Drinking water, flush toilets and showers are among the amenities at the campground. LTVer recommended. Reservations from recreation.gov.

VA **Williamsburg** <https://www.visitwilliamsburg.com/> Enjoy **Busch Gardens** theme park. <https://buschgardens.com/williamsburg/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=organic> which usually opens in late March. Visit John Smith’s Virginia colony at **Jamestown Settlement** <https://www.historyisfun.org/>

Visit **Colonial Williamsburg** <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/> - a living-history museum.

VA Williamsburg 23188, 400 Newman RD, 757-565-2907 Williamsburg KOA <https://koa.com/campgrounds/williamsburg/> - free cable & Wi-Fi, heated pool, dog playground, airconditioned bath houses. <https://koa.com/campgrounds/williamsburg/reserve/>

VA Williamsburg 23188, 146 Maxton LN, 757-566-2133 American Heritage RV Park <http://americanheritagervpark.com/> – located 8 miles from Historic Williamsburg. Every site features easy pull-throughs and full hookups. Laundry facilities, game room, and a fenced dog run. Affiliated with Good Sam & AAA. LTVer recommended.

Other Williamsburg Campgrounds <https://www.visitwilliamsburg.com/campgrounds>

VA Winchester 22602, 165 Ward AVE, 800-462-0545 Candy Hill Campground <http://candyhill.com/> - located just outside of Winchester, VA. Free shuttle to nearby attractions on Saturdays. Swimming pool, camp store, playground laundry and open year-round. Water/electric and full hookup sites. <https://secure.bookyoursite.com/candyhill/reservation>