Options for Every Lifestyle Annual Events Where We Live



GREAT PLACES: Smithfield, VA





"My family and I moved to the Hampton Roads area from Chicago. We like how much there is to do here within such a short distance. I'm also a boater, and it doesn't get much better than this."

> - Dennis Organ Senior Vice President, Supply Chain

Options for Every Lifestyle

Food & Drink

Pork is a popular item on menus in Smithfield and the surrounding area, and plenty of opportunities exist to sample southern cuisine. Your choices only begin there, though. With the proximity to Chesapeake Bay, oysters, crabs, and other seafood options are plentiful.

You'll have no problem finding the venue that suits your lifestyle from the casual eateries of Virginia Beach to the many boutique restaurants of Williamsburg. An active nightlife is also easy to find in Newport News and elsewhere.









Arts & Culture

The Isle of Wight County Museum and Historic St. Luke's Church— Virginia's oldest—are located right in Smithfield. And Norfolk features a vibrant theatre and concert scene.

To the north, Colonial Williamsburg the nation's largest living history museum—depicts life during its time as Virginia's colonial capital in the 1700s. The museums of the Smithsonian and all that Washington, D.C., has to offer are only a three-hour car ride away and make for a great weekend destination.

Nature & Recreation

Outdoor opportunities abound in Smithfield and throughout the entire Hampton Roads area. Downtown Smithfield is home to Windsor Castle Park, which features more than four miles of a woodland trail system, orchards, picnic areas, a dog park, a state-of-the-art kayak and canoe launch, and fishing pier.

Among the attractions that can be found along the James River, Newport News Park is among the largest municipal parks east of the Mississippi. It's a popular destination for hiking, biking, and picnicking.







Family Life

The towns and cities of Virginia's Hampton Roads area host concerts, festivals, and other events throughout the year for families to enjoy.

Williamsburg is home to Busch Gardens, one of the most popular theme parks in the United States. Kids also love the nearby Water Country USA, the mid-Atlantic's largest water play park. And the open-air Virginia Living Museum in Newport News combines an aquarium, zoo, botanical garden, and science center to depict Virginia's natural heritage.

Annual Events

Whatever your age or interest, the towns and cities of Virginia's Hampton Roads area host a wide range of festivals and events for every season.



Norfolk

Annual Fall Town Point Virginia Wine Festival

Smithfield

Isle of Wight County Fair



Smithfield Bacon, **Bourbon and Beach** Fest

Virginia Beach American Music Festival

Williamsburg **Busch Gardens** Howl-O-Scream



Neptune's Fall Wine Festival

Neptune Festival Art & Craft Show



Newport News

Celebration in Lights

Smithfield

Downtown Smithfield's Holiday Tree Lighting and Christmas Market

Smithfield BOB Fest

Williamsburg

Busch Gardens Christmas Town





Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination



Newport News

Newport News Children's Festival of Friends

Norfolk Harborfo

Harborfest

Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival



Smithfield Smithfield Wine Festival Virginia Beach North American Sand Soccer Tournament





Hampton Hampton Jazz Festival

Virginia Beach Rock 'n' Roll Virginia

Beach Half Marathon



Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament



Where We Live

Many Smithfield employees enjoy living right in town, but Virginia's Hampton Roads region offers many other appealing options that are suited to a variety of lifestyles. Here are just a few of the locations our people call home.

Chesapeake



One of Virginia's largest cities is located in the heart of Hampton Roads, 45 minutes from Smithfield. Young families value the great public schools, easy access to shopping, and the balance of cultural and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Newport News

For singles and young families who prefer a little more hustle and bustle, this city at the mouth of the James River offers great restaurants,



convenient shopping, and one of the largest municipal parks east of the Mississippi.

Norfolk



A 40-minute commute from Smithfield, Virginia's second-most populous city offers a wide selection of restaurants, museums, and shopping. Singles as well as young families prize Norfolk's many festivals and its location at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay.

Smithfield

Employees who enjoy small town southern charm and a quick commute

make Smithfield and the other nearby towns of Isle of Wight County their home. Offering both historic homes and newer subdivisions, Smithfield features a variety of independent stores, restaurants, and farmers markets. Downtown's Windsor Castle Park provides a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities including an extensive woodland trail system.



Suffolk



Thirty minutes south of Smithfield, Suffolk combines a thriving agricultural community with the convenience of a modern city. Virginia's "peanut capital" offers new subdivisions, easy access to shopping, and an extensive waterfront along the Nansemond and James rivers. Suffolk is also home to the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and to Sleepy Hole Park, a popular recreation destination.

Virginia Beach



Located right on the Atlantic Ocean, Virginia's most populous city is a one-hour drive from Smithfield. With excellent schools, great shopping, and a three-mile boardwalk replete with restaurants and other activities, Virginia Beach truly offers something for everyone. The Neptune Festival Art & Craft Show and the Rock 'n' Roll Virginia Beach Half Marathon are among its popular annual events.

Williamsburg



Home to Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, and Water Country USA, Williamsburg is a great place to raise a family. Residents appreciate the top-ranked public schools as well as boutique restaurants, abundant farmers markets, and outlet shopping. The Williamsburg Tasting Trail is also home to a number of popular wineries and microbreweries.

Additional Resources

Tourism

Genuine Smithfield genuinesmithfieldva.com

Coastal Virginia Tourism Alliance *visitcova.com*

Virginia is for Lovers *virginia.org*

Local Governments

City of Chesapeake *cityofchesapeake.net*

City of Suffolk *suffolkva.us/citygovt*

City of Williamsburg williamsburgva.gov

Isle of Wight County co.isle-of-wight.va.us

Newport News nnva.gov

Town of Smithfield *smithfieldva.gov*

Public Schools

Chesapeake Public Schools cpschools.com

Isle of Wight County Schools *iwcs.k12.va.us*

Virginia Beach City Public Schools *vbschools.com*

Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools *wjccschools.org*

Publications

The Smithfield Times *smithfieldtimes.com*

The Virginian-Pilot *pilotonline.com*

Daily Press dailypress.com

Coastal Virginia Magazine coastalvirginiamag.com



Smithfield, VA

From the small-town charm of Smithfield itself to the hustle and bustle of Newport News, Virginia's Hampton Roads region has plenty to offer employees of all ages. Great schools and plenty of cultural opportunities abound. Hundreds of outdoor attractions can be found along the James River, while the area's towns and cities host concerts, festivals, and other events to enjoy throughout the year.



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