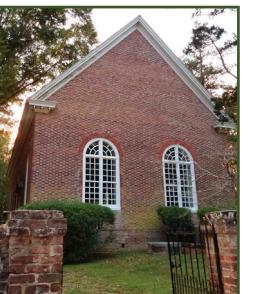


PLACES OF INTEREST

Places of Interest You Might Enjoy While in Gloucester

Ware Episcopal Church

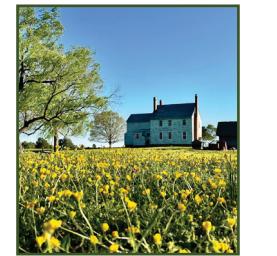
7825 John Clayton Memorial Hwy,
Gloucester
warechurch.org



One of Virginia's earliest churches, Ware Parish was founded about 1652; the current building dates from about 1718. Of the school of Sir Christopher Wren, the church is oriented to the sun instead of the four points of the compass and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The historic cemetery is a leafy haven and contains one of Gloucester's most bountiful daffodil collections of the Lent Lily variant which, when in bloom, carpets the area almost as far as the eye can see.

Machicomoco State Park

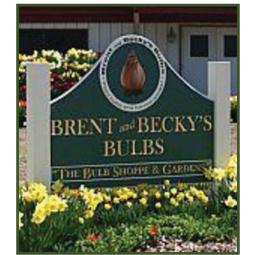
3601 Timberneck Farm Road, Hayes
dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/machicomoco



Recommended for those with time before or after the tour. Overlooking the York River, Machicomoco is the first state park celebrating and honoring the history and legacy of the Native Tribes of Virginia. An open-air interpretive pavilion provides information on the culture, landscape and movement of Virginia Indians through displays, a timeline, and a walking path in the landscape. The park, designed in collaboration with input from tribal representatives, seeks to immerse visitors in the history of this land and its rich Powhatan presence. This 646-acre gem has benefited from the talents of visionary landscape architect Thomas Woltz and the historic preservation expertise of the Fairfield Foundation.

Brent & Becky's Bulbs

7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester
brentandbeckysbulbs.com



In addition to being an extensive bulb shop for all seasons, this location includes eight acres of more than 20 gardens focused on rotating themes that honor the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. They use sustainable, chemical-free growing practices which ensure an abundance of viewing opportunities for butterflies, birds, and numerous other pollinators during the growing season.

Tour proceeds support the restoration of Virginia's historic landscapes, research fellowships to document historic landscapes, and from 2016-2020, projects to enhance Virginia State Parks.

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Gloucester Mathews Tour

COLRAINE

Offering opportunities to visit key sites marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Gloucester County is uniquely situated between the Chesapeake Bay and various waterways, making it an important part of the nation's history. The tour includes four beautiful and unique homes and gardens as well as access to the historic Ware Episcopal Church. The tour is designed to start at either shuttle location. Ware Episcopal Church is located midway between the two shuttle locations for a convenient luncheon stop.

Many thanks to our volunteers, guidebook advertisers, sponsors, community businesses, historic sites and especially our homeowners for sharing the history and beauty of their homes.

*Katherine Mazzocco, Tour Co-Chair
Carol Nyce, Tour Co-Chair*

Tickets:

◆ Tickets are **\$50.00** in advance and **\$60.00** on tour day. Available only at www.gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week. Ticket includes admission to four homes and Ware Episcopal Church.

Lunch:

◆ Box lunches (\$18) available by pre-order and pre-payment only. Order deadline is April 14, 2026. Contact **Nuttall's Country Store** at nuttallstore@gmail.com or 804-693-3067. Box lunches will be available for pick-up between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Ware Episcopal Church and enjoyed on site, 7825 John Clayton Memorial Hwy, Gloucester.

Portable Facilities:

◆ Facilities are available at Colraine, Ware Episcopal Church, and the Cornerstone Fellowship Church shuttle location.

Special Activities:

◆ An arborist from Bartlett Tree Experts, will be at The Covenant from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free tree seedlings will be distributed.

◆ Master Gardener tours in the gardens at Brent and Becky's Bulbs, 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester 804-693-3996 or brentandbeckysbulbs.com.

◆ A plein air artist will be working at Oyster Point.

◆ Music will be performed at Ware Episcopal Church from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

◆ Refreshments are complimentary and served at The Covenant from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Parking & Shuttle Information:

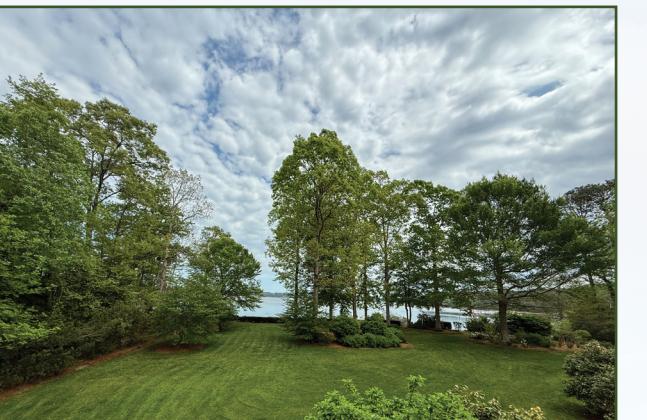
◆ Parking is on site to tour Warner Hall - 4750 Warner Hall Rd.

◆ Shuttle from Warner Hall to Colraine.

◆ Shuttle to The Covenant and Oyster Point will start from Cornerstone Fellowship Church – 2243 Buckley Hall Rd, Cobbs Creek, VA.



Shuttle from Warner Hall



Pam and Bobby Hatten, Owners



THE COVENANT

OYSTER POINT



Shuttle from Cornerstone Fellowship Church,
2243 Buckley Hall Rd, Cobbs Creek



Colraine, a classic white-frame home with a rich history, was built in 1890 by Pennsylvania Dutch carpenters with materials that were broadly sourced and delivered by barge from the Chesapeake. Originally built for a new bride, the present property of 27 acres consists of the main house with panoramic views of Wilson Creek, along with three other houses, two garages, a three-hole fairway, a pool, and two boat docks. A tree-lined drive leads to the main house. The gardens boast a variety of spring bulbs, roses, irises, hydrangeas, with Japanese maples and many other trees gracing the property.

Pam and Skip Driggs, Owners

Offering both a waterfront and farmland setting, this custom-built home incorporates various elements from traditional southern properties that the owners had come to admire through the years. The home includes several unique items collected by the owners as well as many oil paintings by the owner's sister. A guest suite above the garage is also open for touring. The gracious front porch is sited to view a broad bank of azaleas and mature trees while the wide brick patio on the back offers vistas of the peaceful Piankatank River. The sweeping back yard is meticulously landscaped to accentuate the natural environment.

Shuttle from Cornerstone Fellowship Church,
2243 Buckley Hall Rd, Cobbs Creek



Warner Hall is a historic estate set on 38 acres along the Severn River. In 1642, Augustine Warner laid the foundation for what would become one of the most significant estates in Colonial Virginia. Warner's original home was damaged during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676 with a large new home and two dependencies built between 1725 and 1754. The main house subsequently burned around 1850 with the owners moving to dependencies. The current Colonial Revival home was built between 1904-1905. Restored with thoughtful reverence, original floor plans, moldings, and architectural details were preserved. It is recognized on the Virginia Landmarks Register, the National Register of Historic Places, and is a National Historic Landmark.

The Blue Water Group, Owner

4750 Warner Hall Road, Gloucester