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Discover historic sites with the new Coastal Virginia Civil War wayfinding brochure

The Civil War left its mark on the landscape of Coast Virginia and now a new brochure will help visitors and residents navigate this history. The Hampton History Museum in partnership with Civil War Trails, Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau, and partners across Coastal Virginia have created a new [Coastal Virginia Civil War](#) wayfinding brochure.

The brochure was funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Virginia Tourism Corporation. The cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Newport News, York County, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Gloucester; and York County; National Park Service and Fort Monroe Authority also contributed to the research and funding of the brochure.

Now available for visitors and residents to use, this wayfinding brochure showcases Coastal Virginia's Civil War sites in a more exciting format. Participation from various Coastal Virginia localities was key in presenting a more inclusive Civil War Trails regional experience. The 60,000 brochures have been printed and distributed to partners and visitor centers across the region.

Use the map to follow the 1862 Peninsula Campaign turn by turn, or to create a customized path to learn more about Black trailblazers like Mary Peake and Siah Hulett. Keep the map handy as you explore Coastal Virginia, and keep your eyes peeled for the Civil War Trails directional signs. While you're "on the Trails" you'll find more than historic sites. Follow our tips on how to travel like a local. As you pass by breweries, wineries, distilleries, and restaurants—stop. You won't regret it. Grab a souvenir from a local artist, or find a treasured antique as you explore the area. Coastal Virginia also offers incredible places to hike and cycle. You can even paddle between some Civil War Trails sites, so be sure to bring your most adventurous travel partner!

Visit visitor centers across Coastal Virginia and request a copy of the Coastal Virginia Civil War brochure. For more information or to request a copy of the brochure by mail visit civilwartrails.org or send an email to executivedirector@civilwartrails.org

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.