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Fun, festive events coming to Hampton this holiday season

Hampton, VA - Hampton is brimming with festive events this holiday season that the whole family can enjoy. From a jolly parade to a scenic holiday wonderwalk, visitors can indulge in the sights and sounds of the holidays in Hampton. Throughout the month, several neighborhoods, venues, attractions, and facilities will be transformed with the magic of this season.

[Holly Days Market & Downtown Block 'Lighting' Party](#)

December 8 - 9, various times

Downtown Hampton

Downtown Hampton is bringing joy to the city as its classic Holly Days returns to the community. Enjoy festive makers, crafters, vendors and more at the Holly Days Market and the Downtown Block 'Lighting' Party.

[Hampton Holly Days Parade](#)

December 9, 5 p.m.

Downtown Hampton

The Hampton Holly Days Parade returns in 2023! Join us along Settlers Landing and surrounding Downtown streets again as the longest-running illuminated holiday parade on the Peninsula continues. The annual Hampton Holly Days Parade returns with an All-America theme. Enjoy all the best marching bands and illuminated floats. The route begins at Settlers Landing Road at Eaton Street and ends at Darling Stadium.

[3rd Annual Hampton Holiday Fine Arts Bazaar](#)

December 9, 11 a.m.

December 10, 5 p.m.

Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center

4205 Victoria Boulevard

Join us for the third annual Hampton Holiday Fine Arts Bazaar. The opening of the Small Works Exhibition will be accompanied by this two-day fine arts bazaar featuring original, handmade works from artists around the region. Come meet the artists and shop for extra special holiday gifts!

[Lighted Boat Parade](#)

December 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Docks at Downtown Hampton

Settlers Landing Road

The Hampton River will come to life as a fleet of decorated boats parade past the Downtown Hampton waterfront. Don't miss the fun Saturday, December 16. The parade runs from

6-7:30 p.m. and concludes with an awards ceremony at 8 p.m. Following the parade, Santa will join the fun dockside to provide one last chance for your family to visit with him! This event is free and open to the public!

[Holiday Wonder Walk](#)

December 16-25, 5-8 p.m.

Hampton Water Walk Trail - Hampton Coliseum

1000 Coliseum Drive

Each December, Hampton's Water Walk Trail is illuminated for the holidays with a variety of walk-through, family-friendly holiday features with animated displays; large-scale, scenic props; video enhancements; lighted bridges and paths; kid's activities; food; strolling entertainment; and other surprises along the way. Join in the fun — it's all free! To enter, park in the main Coliseum parking lot, go to front doors of the Coliseum, then look to your right about 25-30 feet away and you'll see lighted tents and a path entrance. From there, the path takes you behind the Coliseum, along the water's edge, and continues to Freeman Drive, crossing over bridges and winding through the woods, all lit for the holidays.

As part of the lighted path, a limited number of Community Trees will also be available for Hampton clubs, businesses, churches, and organizations to decorate.

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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.