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Exciting new events, season openings, more

Hampton, VA – Prepare to dust off those shades and sunscreen because Hampton is heating up with a lineup of exciting attraction openings, seasonal offerings, and events guaranteed to make this spring and summer the most unforgettable yet!

Local Attractions are Back

[The historic Hampton Carousel](#) reopened on March 23! Housed in its own pavilion, Hampton's Carousel is a whirling tribute to the skill of its creators. It still boasts its original mirrors and oil paintings, as well as 48 intricately decorated horses. The City of Hampton will host an official reopening ceremony and celebration on April 6 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Carousel Park.

Hampton Roads Harbour Tours will begin its 2024 season on April 19. The season will bring a more robust Harbor Tour schedule with more sunset offerings, Wine Down Wednesday cruises, evening charter options, and an enhanced snack bar with seasonal drink specials. Visit www.hamptonharbortours.com for more.

Seasonal Openings

Get ready to cast a line at one of Hampton's piers. [James T. Wilson Fishing Pier](#), located at Buckroe Beach, reopens this month. [Engineer Wharf Fishing Pier](#) and Finger Pier at Fort Monroe are also open. The piers are the only designated fishing locations on the fort.

Hold onto your hats and get ready for an adrenaline rush at [Larry King Law's Langley Speedway](#). The racing season starts on April 6 with the 2024 Pepsi Opening Race Night at 5 p.m. Featured races will include modifieds, VA racers, Grand Stocks, Pro 6 and more.

Batters up! [The Peninsula Pilot baseball season](#) begins on May 23 against the Martinsville Mustangs at War Memorial Stadium beginning at 7 p.m.

The [SplashDown Park](#) at the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex is back for another splashing season! The outdoor waterpark opens Memorial Day weekend. It features over 26,000 square feet of aquatic fun including a Lazy River, in-water basketball hoops and more.

Additionally, [Hampton's sandy beaches](#) including Buckroe Beach and Fort Monroe's Outlook Beach reopen Memorial Day weekend.

Family-friendly Outings

Farmers Markets throughout the city will begin in April. Oozlefinch's Beers & Blending's [Harvest Market](#) returns with a grand opening on April 14. [The Buckroe Beach Farmers Market](#) resumes April 20.

Additionally, several musical events return this June in Hampton. [Music by the Bay Summer Concerts](#) at Fort Monroe begin June 6. [The Groovin By the Bay](#) concerts at Mill Point Park start on June 9. [Downtown Hampton Block Parties](#) begin on June 10.

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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.