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Smithfield
Savor Our Small-Town Southern Charm

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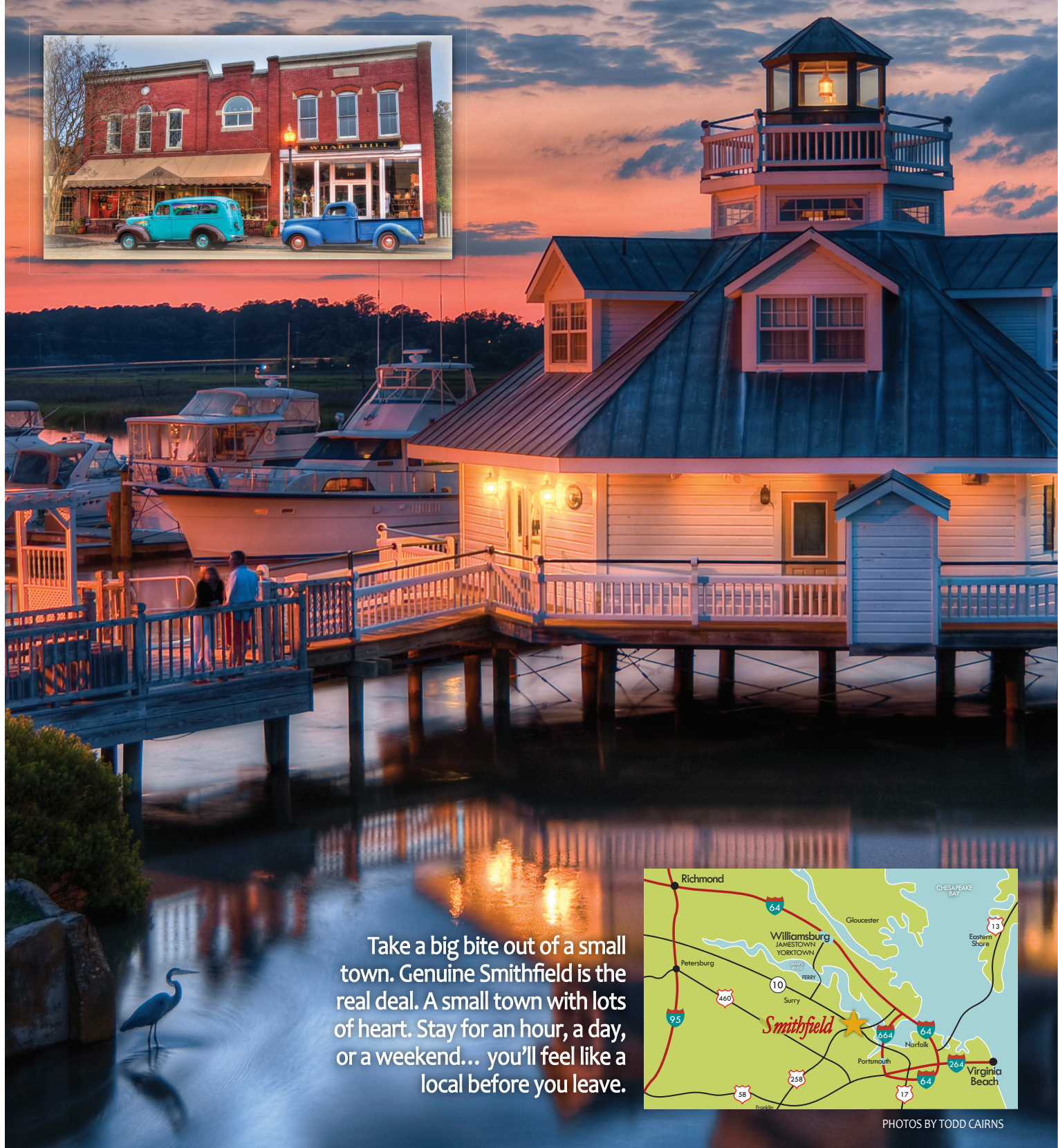
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Take a big bite out of a small town. Genuine Smithfield is the real deal. A small town with lots of heart. Stay for an hour, a day, or a weekend... you'll feel like a local before you leave.



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Food & Drink



Ham Capital

Genuine Smithfield exudes the charm and graciousness of bygone eras. Long known for its world-famous hams, this river town also boasts a rich history, picturesque Main Street, and a vibrant arts scene.

Early food preservation methods created the original Smithfield ham, a perfect food export. The industry continues because Smithfield Foods® - the world's largest pork producer - is headquartered here.



#1 Day Trip Destination from Colonial Williamsburg

A free ferry ride across the James River and a scenic country drive puts you in the heart of downtown. Smithfield is also a "one-tank day trip" from Virginia Beach, Hampton, Norfolk, Richmond and even Washington D.C. So step back in time, visit us, and enjoy our relaxing lifestyle and beautiful historic setting.

HeART of Smithfield



With the Arts Center @ 319 (which shares space with the Visitor Center), additional art galleries, public art and murals, it's no surprise that Smithfield is a designated "Arts and Culture District," offering inspiration for artists and art appreciators alike!

On the entertainment scene, there's Smithfield Little Theatre's professional-level productions, Smithfield Music's top-tier artists in intimate "house concerts," "Sundays at Four," chamber concerts, "Firehouse Bluegrass" concerts, and our popular "Friday Summer Concerts" held outdoors on Main Street throughout the summer.

Smithfield features an array of restaurants - from the luxury of a historic restored inn, to waterfront dining on the Pagan River or in the delightful village of Rescue. The downtown district boasts two bakeries, an old-fashioned ice cream parlor, and Taste of Smithfield, Smithfield Foods' flagship ham shop and restaurant. Thirsty? There's lots of choices: a hip coffeehouse, a brewpub, two wineries, and a distillery with more coming in 2019.

A variety of regional dishes can be found in most restaurants with pork and seafood among the favorites...and of course, our world-famous Smithfield Ham!



Mansion on Main B&B

Stay Here

Hampton Inn & Suites - Smithfield
(757) 365-4760, 200 Vincents Crossing
Smithfield, HamptonInn.com

Mansion on Main Bed & Breakfast
(757) 357-0006, 136 Main St.,
Smithfield, Mansion-On-Main.net

Smithfield Station Waterfront Inn, Restaurant & Marina
(757) 357-7700, 415 S. Church St.
Smithfield, SmithfieldStation.com

The Smithfield Inn
(757) 357-1752, 112 Main St.
Smithfield, SmithfieldInn.com

The Econo Lodge - Carrollton
(757) 357-9057
2008 Brewers Neck Blvd.
Carrollton, ChoiceHotels.com



12 Can't Miss Things To Do In

GENUINE Smithfield

& ISLE OF WIGHT, VIRGINIA

Arts Center @ 319

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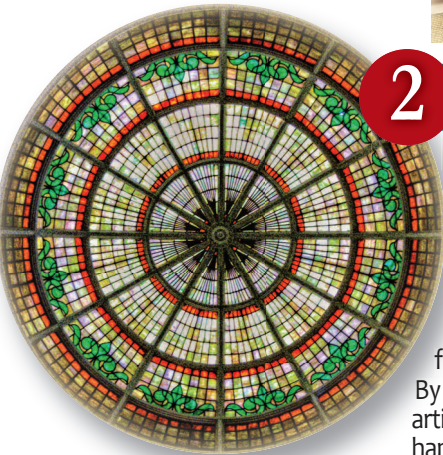
The Arts Center @ 319 exhibits the work of local and regional artists. Peruse the gallery/gift shop and chat with the resident artists. The Arts Center shares space with the Visitor Center.



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Isle of Wight Museum

This gem of a museum houses the history of the world-famous Smithfield ham, a life-size smokehouse, a replica of a turn-of-the-century country store, Native American artifacts, Civil War relics, and prehistoric fossils from the nearby James River. By far the museum's most famous artifact though is the world's oldest ham - over 100 years old!



The museum's stained glass dome

1750 Courthouse

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Located in downtown Smithfield, this beautifully restored treasure served as the official courthouse for Isle of Wight County from 1752 until 1800 and features a semi-circular apse in the rear - the only courthouse in Virginia with this unique architectural feature.



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St. Luke's Church

Historic St. Luke's Church and Museum, Virginia's oldest church, is a very rare, 17th-century church building and 100-acre historic site. Docents present 480+ years of history in 45-minute guided tours offered daily which focus on the diverse American narrative of spirituality, community, and freedom. St. Luke's is located just outside the town of Smithfield and is a National Historic Landmark and a National Shrine.



Bronzes & Porcine

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Genuine Smithfield celebrates its culinary heritage and its love of history through public art. Be on the lookout for eight life-size bronze statues by the renowned artist George Lundeen, and a "herd" of eight whimsically painted porcine statues placed throughout the downtown Historic District. Pick up a brochure at the Visitor Center listing the locations.



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Fort Boykin Historic Park

Fort Boykin has been a part of American history since 1623 when it was constructed to protect the Jamestown colonists from Native Americans and Spaniards. Sitting atop a bluff overlooking the James River, the fort remains essentially intact and is a well-preserved example of military architecture of the Civil War era.



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Historic Fort Huger

Fort Huger is a Civil War earthwork fortification located on the James River. The fort was strategically significant during the Civil War and was active from October 1861 until May 1862. The fort was established to protect the Confederate capital in Richmond and offers a view of the James River Reserve Fleet.



8 Windsor Castle Park



Located in the heart of downtown Smithfield, this 208 acre riverside park features: a four mile woodland trail system, picnic and play areas, fishing pier, state-of-the-art kayak/canoe launch, dog park, scenic overlooks, children's natural playscape area, and the Windsor Castle Historic Site. Kayak and paddleboard rentals are offered seasonally. The park is available to rent for special occasions.

Historic Walking Tour 9

Pick up a copy of the Genuine Smithfield Walking Tour map at the Visitor Center for a self-guided walking tour of the Historic District which boasts over 50 buildings of architectural importance.



Group & Guided Tours Plan a tour for your friends, family, group or organization. Our charming guides can accompany you and give you the real story of our seemingly sleepy little town's history. Our Group Tour professionals can design a tour specifically for you!

10 Darden's

Darden's Classic Country Store and Smokehouse has been in operation since 1952 and is still run as a family business. Visitors can see hanging hams, side meat, country cheese and peanuts. Call ahead, and Dee Dee will be happy to give you a tour of the smokehouse where she will describe the authentic smoking process they use...and if you're lucky, you'll get to taste a sample of their delicious ham too!



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Schoolhouse Museum

An African-American History Museum of Public Education built in 1932, this recreated one-room schoolhouse features period desks, books, and oral histories of those who attended the school.



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Strolling

No visit to Smithfield and Isle of Wight County would be complete without a stroll down our charming Main Street for shopping, art galleries, food, drink, and attractions!



Encore Weddings

What's an "Encore Bride" you ask? She is a bride in her second + wedding, a little more "mature," often with children involved, looking for exactly the kind of intimate, quintessential Southern small-town charm that Smithfield and Isle of Wight's venues have to offer.



EncoreWeddingCapital.com

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Special Events

Smithfield & Isle of Wight host many festivals, art exhibits and fabulous events throughout the year. To name just a few, there's Restaurant Week, Town & Country Day, Spring and Autumn Vintage Markets, our award-winning Smithfield Farmers Market, Christmas Parade, Isle of Wight County Fair, our outdoor Friday Night Summer Concert Series, monthly Firehouse Bluegrass Concerts, and several car shows. Additionally, Smithfield VA Events' hosts their annual Wine & Brew Fest, Oyster Fest, and Bacon, Bourbon & Beach Music Fest at Windsor Castle Park.

Stay up-to-date on our events! Sign up for our e-newsletter *Where the Locals Go*, follow our blog VisitSmithfieldVAblog.com, or follow us on Facebook ([Visit Smithfield VA](http://VisitSmithfieldVA)), and our other social media sites.



Play Here

Feel like a round of golf? How about a hike in a scenic riverside park, or a day spent on the water paddleboarding or kayaking along Smithfield & Isle of Wight County's gorgeous shorelines and marshlands? Whether birding, boating, sailing, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, golfing, biking, - there's always something to do in the fresh air!



Smithfield & Isle of Wight Visitor Center

Make your first stop in town the Visitor Center for a walking tour map and information on local merchants, area attractions, lodging, dining options, and special events. The Visitor Center shares its space with the Arts Center @ 319, so while you are there you can enjoy the gallery and gift shop featuring the works of local and regional artists. 800.365.9339, 757.357.5182

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