

A Kid's Guide to Fun and Adventure

Day One

AM - What better way to start your vacation than at the Virginia Living Museum. Stop at the touch tank and feel the wonder of the underwater world or take a walk outside on the boardwalk to see red wolves, river otters, birds and more, all in a natural wooded setting. Watch a pelican feeding, or explore the spooky world of an underground cave. Next, head over to the Peninsula SPCA Petting Zoo and Exotic Animal Sanctuary. The kids will love the opportunity to pet the deer and goats and to meet a tiger, a peacock and even a leopard!

PM - After a tasty lunch at one of the many restaurants nearby, watch your kids create their own masterpiece, make music with shapes or stage their own puppet show in the Hands On For Kids interactive gallery at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center. Then enjoy some afternoon recreation at Huntington Park. The kids will enjoy all the climbing, sliding, swinging and hiding fun at Fort Fun, our 13,000-square-foot wooden playground.

Day Two

AM - Start your day at the Virginia Air and Space Center in nearby Hampton where you'll see more than 100 space, aircraft and history exhibits, including the Apollo 12 command module and a three-billion-year-old moon rock. Don't forget to take in an IMAX movie or a spin on a 1920's carousel. A quick trip across the James River to Portsmouth is next. The Children's Museum of Virginia is filled with interactive exhibits and displays for the kid in all of us, including a bubble you can actually walk through! Nearby is the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, with a special games and activities area where everyone can test their skills at basketball, baseball, football, soccer and auto racing.

PM - After lunch, take a ferry ride across the Elizabeth River to Norfolk and board the Battleship Wisconsin. Walk her majestic teak deck, stand beneath her towering 16-inch guns and feel the excitement of being aboard a historic warship. After the sun goes down, return to Newport News and enjoy ice skating, miniature golf, roller

skating, bowling or a family-oriented movie. You'll find all these activities just minutes from your Newport News hotel.

Day Three

AM - Today's the day for some outdoor fun and Newport News Park is the place. Rent a paddleboat, try your hand at some freshwater fishing, take a pleasant bike ride through our beautiful woodlands, play a round or two of disc golf and hike one of our nature trails. There's more fishing fun at the James River Bridge Fishing Pier in Huntington Park, Lake Maury and at Harwood's Mill.

PM - Step back in time this afternoon at Jamestown Settlement, where you can go aboard replicas of the three ships that brought the English colonists to America in 1607, explore a Powhatan Indian village and a 17th century English fort. Make your last stop of the day the U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, where the kids will be fascinated by the trains, trucks and planes on view. The museum also features a number of experimental models, including a truck that walks and a ship that flies!

Optional Day Four

Summer brings thrills, chills and spills at Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Water Country USA. Ride roller coasters to your heart's content, explore the themed villages, enjoy a stage show, try a daring water ride, or spend your day on the beautiful white sand beaches of Virginia Beach where you can go on a dolphin-watching cruise or take a dip (or two) in the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy great dining and plenty of shopping opportunities before returning to your "home" in Newport News.