

VISITOR SERVICES



THE VIRGINIA BEACH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

The Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center provides information and literature about attractions, special events, dining and accommodations. Located at 2100 Parks Avenue at the end of I-264 East. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. from mid-June until Labor Day. Stop in for valuable information to enhance your visit.

The Chesapeake Bay Center in First Landing State Park is open daily, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; mid-June until Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m..

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Center at the First Island on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., mid-June until Labor Day 10 a.m. to 6 p.m..

All centers are open seven days a week, with the exception of fall and winter holidays.

Information Kiosks in the resort area at 17th Street and the Boardwalk and 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue are open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. Call (757) 385-SURF(7873) or (800) VA BEACH for more information.

PETS

Pets are welcome to vacation in Virginia Beach all year long. During the Spring and Fall months (Before Memorial Day and after Labor Day weekend) dogs are invited to enjoy the public beaches and boardwalk area anytime. However, during the Summer months, (Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend) pets are limited to frolic on the north end of Virginia Beach above 42nd Street and the south end of Virginia Beach in the Sandbridge area before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.. During the summer season, dogs are also allowed on the boardwalk from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. only.

SURFING, IN-LINE SKATING AND SKATEBOARD REGULATIONS

These regulations vary throughout the community in both location and time. For specific skateboard, in-line skating, and surfing regulations, call (757) 385-3111.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

For international visitors, electricity voltage is 110, but an adapter may be used to convert from 220. In the Coastal Virginia area, there are consulates for Finland, France,

Italy and Mexico. Check with consulates at home for visa and passport requirements. Virginia Beach offers a general information brochure printed in French, German, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese. These brochures may be obtained by calling (800) VA BEACH, or visiting the Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center at the end of I-264 East. It is recommended that you exchange your currency at port of entry.

CITY REGULATIONS

Virginia Beach is a pleasant family resort, and we strive to maintain an atmosphere of good, clean fun. You can assist us in this effort by obeying our state and local ordinances, just as you would at home.

BEACH ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED

Designated disabled on-street parking is at Rudee Loop, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 33rd, 34th, 36th, 37th, and 38th Streets. Designated disabled off-street parking is available at all municipal lots. Access via ramps for the disabled are located at every beach access from 1st to 58th Streets. Wooden



ramps that take you onto the beach are located at 8th, 17th, 24th, and 30th Streets, along with Grommet Island Beach Park & Playground, the first fully accessible beach playground. Water edge access cannot be guaranteed at all wooden walkways due to weather and the condition of the beach. Ramps are extended as far as possible given the condition of the beach and time of year. Metered parking is free for up to four hours for the disabled. Beach wheelchairs are available in the resort area on a first come, first served basis from mid-May to mid-September. For more information, call (757) 385-SURF(7873) or (800) VA BEACH.

RESORT AREA PARKING

The oceanfront resort area contains more than 2,900 off-street municipal parking spaces and 671 on-street metered spaces. Parking meters have a three hour time limit and are enforced April 1 – October 31. Municipal parking lots are located at Rudee loop (3 lots), 19th Street and Pacific Avenue, and at Croatan and Sandbridge beaches. Municipal parking garages are located between Atlantic and Pacific Avenues on 9th and 30th Streets and between Pacific and Arctic Avenues on 25th Street. Municipal parking lots and garages charge a daily fee. Special hourly, weekly, and monthly rates are available at various locations in the resort area. Overnight parking is only available at the 9th and 31st Street garages. For more information, call (757) 385-4800.

LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguards are on duty from 9:30am to dusk daily from mid-May to mid-September, between 1st through 41st Streets and at Croatan, Little Island Park and Sandbridge beaches.

THE WAVE TROLLEY

Operated by Hampton Roads Transit, the Wave Trolley makes it easy to experience the oceanfront Resort Beach area.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Permanent public restrooms are adjacent to the boardwalk at 2nd, 17th, 24th, 30th and 31st Streets. The restrooms at 2nd, 24th and 31st Streets are open year-round. These restrooms contain no changing facilities. There are restrooms with changing facilities at Croatan Beach, First Landing State Park and Little Island Park.

PLAY IT SAFE

- Never swim alone. Swim near a lifeguard.
- Ask a lifeguard about water conditions.
- Red flags = dangerous water, no swimming.
- Know your swimming ability.
- Stay close to shore.
- Flotation devices are no substitute for swimming ability.
- If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore.
- Never leave children unattended.
- Don't dive. Go feet first.

- Avoid the water at night, dawn, or dusk, and avoid shiny jewelry or swimwear.
- Body surfers should keep their arms in front to avoid injury.
- Protect your skin. Use sunscreen.

REGIONAL VISITOR CENTERS

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(888) 889-5551

Hampton
(800) 800-2202

Newport News
(888) 493-7386

Norfolk
(800) 368-3097

Portsmouth
(800) 767-8782

Suffolk
(866) 733-7835

Virginia Beach
(800) VA BEACH

Virginia Tourism
(800) 847-4882

Williamsburg Area
(800) 368-6511

Colonial Williamsburg
(800) 447-8679

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