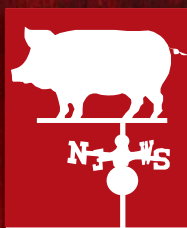


STUDENT TOUR IDEAS



smithfield & isle of wight

hams, history, hospitality & heart

The first English plantations in the New World were established along the south shore within present day Isle of Wight by Puritan colonists. In 1619, Captain Christopher Lawne and Sir Richard Worsley arrived in Jamestown and settled across the James River. They called their settlement Isle of Wight Plantation after their home off the coast of England. Established in 1634 as one of the original 8 shires of the Virginia Colony, with its quaint towns of Windsor and Smithfield, home of the world-famous Smithfield Ham, Isle of Wight County is rich in history.

Located on the banks of the Pagan River, the town of Smithfield was incorporated in 1752 by Arthur Smith IV. Soon four plants devoted to the art of curing the world famous Smithfield Ham put Smithfield on the map as "the ham capital of the world."

Today, Smithfield still hosts the world's largest meat-processing industry - Smithfield Foods. The picturesque, small town is also quickly becoming known as one of Tidewater Virginia's most popular arts & culture destinations and Colonial Williamsburg's favorite day trip destination. *Group Sales Contact: Terry Rhinier (757) 357-2214 or terry.rhinier@iwus.net*

ITINERARY IDEAS

"The History of the World Famous Smithfield Ham - Colonial Times to the Present"

Students will learn how an industry can shape a town from its earliest settlement - through a standing order from Queen Victoria - to its world-wide influence today.

"The Contribution of African Americans"

Visit a civil war fort built mainly by slaves and freed slaves, and a one-room schoolhouse built in 1932 as part of a program to educate African Americans throughout the south.

"Celebrate Rich Agricultural Traditions"

From a tour of a smokehouse, to a visit to the Isle of Wight Museum, home of the world's oldest ham, students will learn firsthand about a rural community's roots.

"The Role of Smithfield & Isle of Wight in the Civil War"

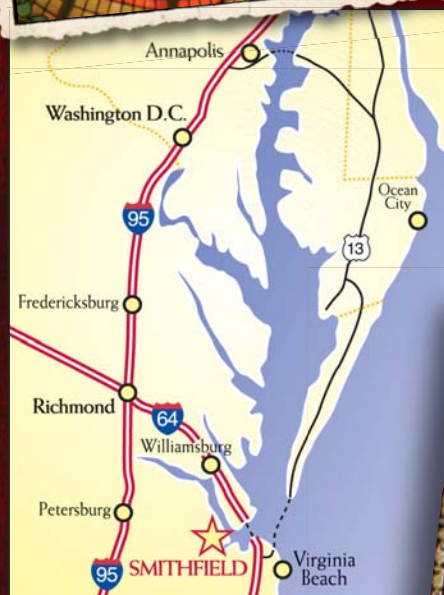
Strategically located on the James River, the area hosts civil war sites including two earthen-works forts, and a gilded eagle taken from a Union gunboat during the "Battle of Smithfield."

"Hams, History, Hospitality & HeART"

Experience all the area has to offer students including its rich history, its southern charms and its new role as an exciting cultural arts destination.

"The Natural Beauty of Smithfield & Isle of Wight"

Students can experience all that the rivers, marshes and parks of the area offer: nature walks, canoeing, kayaking, birding, boating, biking, fishing, geocaching & sailing.



Smithfield is the #1 day-trip destination from Williamsburg and centrally located in Hampton Roads Virginia. Norfolk International Airport (36 miles), Newport News/ Williamsburg International Airport (27 miles) and the Newport News Amtrak Station (14 miles) are all within easy driving distance. And we're completely accessible by water too!

- 12 "Can't Miss" Things to do in Smithfield & Isle of Wight
1. Visitor /Arts Center @ 319
 2. Isle of Wight Museum
 3. Old Courthouse of 1750
 4. Schoolhouse Museum
 5. Historic Fort Huger
 6. Fort Boykin Historic Park
 7. Boykin's Tavern Museum
 8. Historic St. Luke's Church
 9. Windsor Castle Park
 10. Historic Downtown District Walking Tour
 11. Darden's Country Store, Smokehouse & Agri-Tour
 12. Dining & Shopping along Historic Main Street