

Chickahominy

6 Eagle's Landing
(New Kent) A privately-owned fishing and boating facility on Chickahominy Lake in Providence Forge, Eagle's Landing offers fishing, boating and canoeing opportunities. The facility provides river and lake access and boat rentals.

Less than 1 mile south of US Rte 60 on Landing Rd / SR 650

7 Ed Allen's Campground
(New Kent) Privately-owned facility on Chickahominy Lake in Lanexa with fishing docks, boat rentals, restaurant and tackle shop. Separate campground offers cottage rentals, campsites for RVs and tents with utility hookups. The campground also offers a game room, convenience store, swimming pool and playground. (edallens.com)
Appx. 1 mile south of US Rte 60 on Railway Ln / Campground Rd

8 Rockahock Campground
(New Kent) Privately-owned RV park in Lanexa, offering fishing, boating, canoeing and swimming opportunities on the Chickahominy River. Marina with full-service slips, river and lake access and boat rentals. Walkers Dam Grill, Rocks River Roadhouse Tavern, a convenience store and a bait and tackle shop are among the amenities on-site. (rockahock.com)
Appx. 1.2 miles south of US Rte 60 on Outpost Rd

9 Riverside Campground
(New Kent) Privately-owned camping, fishing and boating facility on the Chickahominy River in Lanexa. RV and tent camping, cottages and picnic areas. The facility provides swimming, fishing, boating and canoeing access to the river. Boat rentals and docking also available. Camp store and bait and tackle shop on site. (riversidecamp2.com)
Appx. 3 miles south of US Rte 60 on Riverside Dr

10 Colonial Harbor Marina
(New Kent) Private, family-owned marina with boat ramp and docking, marine store with boating and fishing supplies and the Colonial Harbor Restaurant. The marina offers both short and long hauling of a wide variety of boats, a travel lift for vessels up to 8 tons, wet and dry storage and boat servicing. (colonialharbor.com)
Appx. 2 miles south of US Rte 60 on Marina Rd

11 River's Rest Motel and Marina
(Charles City) Formerly Hideaway Boat Landing, River's Rest is located on the banks of the Chickahominy River. This commercial facility offers fishing, birding, boating and hunting. On-site are motel accommodations, a restaurant, pool, picnic area and a store for fishing tackle, gas, drinks, and boating supplies. (riversrest.com)
From Rte 5 East travel northeast on Rte 615 / The Glebe Ln to Wilcox Neck Rd

12 Chickahominy Haven
(James City) A privately-owned and operated fishing and boating facility on the banks of the Chickahominy River. This location offers fishing, boating and canoeing opportunities on the river. The site includes a dock, slips and a convenience store.
Appx. 6 miles south of US Rte 60 on Otey Dr

13 Brickyard Landing
(James City) This public access site is located in James City County. The facility provides a location for launching motorized boats as well as canoes and kayaks. The facility has a scenic area for fishing and wildlife viewing. Located on-site are a public boat ramp and parking facilities. (jcegov.com)
Appx. 5.5 miles south of US Rte 60 on Brickyard Rd / SR 610

14 River Landing CWMA
(Charles City) This public access site is located within the Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area and managed by DGIF. This public landing provides direct access to the Chickahominy River. The public boat landing is not paved, giving it the nickname of "Mud Landing". Hiking, hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities are available in the area.
Appx. 6 miles north of VA Rte 5 on Eagles Nest Rd / SR 621

15 Morris Creek Landing
(Charles City) This public landing provides access to the Chickahominy River from Morris Creek. It is situated in the Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area and managed by DGIF. The public boat ramp and dock gives boating and fishing access to the creek and river. Hiking, hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities are available in the area.
Appx. 1 mile north of VA Rte 5 on Morris Creek Landing Rd

16 Chickahominy Riverfront Park
(James City) This 140-acre county park is located on the Chickahominy River near its confluence with the James River. The park has two outdoor swimming pools, a boat ramp, a fishing pier, camp sites and a small store. It is on the Virginia Capital Trail and close to the Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area. Kayaks, canoes and motor boats are available to rent. (jcegov.com/recreation/parks)
1350 John Tyler Hwy, James City

James

17 Columbia Landing
(Cumberland) This DGIF maintained site at the Old Columbia Road bridge is strictly for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boaters. Concrete ramp.
Appx. a quarter mile south of River Road West / VA 6 on the south bank

18 Cartersville
(Cumberland) This DGIF maintained site at the Cartersville Road bridge is strictly for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boaters. Concrete ramp.
From River Road West / VA 6 go south on Cartersville Rd / Rte 45 to the south bank

19 Westview
(Goochland) DGIF owns and maintains this site (surrounded by Westview on the James property), which is strictly for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boaters. Concrete ramp.
Appx. 5 miles south of River Road West / VA 6 on Westview Rd / SR 643

20 Beaumont / Maidens Landing
(Powhatan) This DGIF maintained site at the Maidens Rd / Rte 522 bridge is strictly for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boaters. Concrete ramp.
Appx. half a mile south of River Road West / VA 6 on Maidens Rd



21 Tucker Park
(Goochland) Formerly "Tucker Park at Maiden's Crossing", this park has a trail loop and a river access ramp is planned. It is a great place to get out and enjoy the river and the outdoors. (www.maidenscrossingpark.com)
Appx. 1/4 mile south of River Road West / VA 6 on Maidens Rd / SR 522

22 Watkins Landing
(Powhatan) This DGIF maintained site is strictly for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boaters. Concrete ramp.
Appx. 1 mile north of Huguenot Trail / SR 711 on Watkins Landing Rd / SR 652

23 Robious Landing Park
(Chesterfield) An expansive and well-maintained, family-friendly park that has non-motorized boat access (jointly maintained by Chesterfield County and DGIF) and a fishing pier as well as hiking trails and volleyball courts. Picnic area includes tables, grill and restrooms. (chesterfield.gov)
Appx. 1/2 mile north of Robious Rd / VA 711 on James River Rd

24 Huguenot Flatwater
(Richmond, James River Park System) The western-most park in the James River Park System is a popular canoe and kayak launching site, jointly maintained by Richmond and DGIF. Water is flat and deep. (jamesriverpark.org)
Riverside Drive just west of the Huguenot Bridge

25 Riverside Meadows
(Richmond, James River Park System) A small section of the park, good for observing the river. Parking and other amenities can be found at Pony Pasture just to the east. No boat access. (jamesriverpark.org)
Riverside Drive between Huguenot Flatwater and Pony Pasture

26 Pony Pasture
(Richmond, James River Park System) One of the most popular access points in the James River Park System. Pony Pasture has access for canoes and kayaks, walking trails and space for picnicking and swimming. Large parking lot often becomes full on summer weekends. (jamesriverpark.org)
Riverside Drive (access from Forest Hill Ave at Hathaway or at Huguenot Bridge)

27 The Wetlands
(Richmond, James River Park System) Just downstream from Pony Pasture but much quieter, the Wetlands offer an opportunity to walk through the woods to reach a nice spot on the river. Excellent spot for bird watching. Parking on cul-de-sac is approximately 1/3 of a mile from the river. Just downstream from Pony Pasture at the end of Landria Dr

28 43rd Street
(Richmond, James River Park System) A well-known site for relaxing and exploring the James River. Swimming, fishing and picnicking are the predominant activities, as well as walking along the access road that stretches from the Boulevard Bridge to Belle Isle. Accessing the river requires climbing and jumping from rock to rock. Wear shoes with good traction. Parking lot is often closed; street parking available. (jamesriverpark.org)
Riverside Drive north of Forest Hill Park

29 Reedy Creek
(Richmond, James River Park System) A popular site in the James River Park System, Reedy Creek offers a non-motorized boat put-in/put-out that is the beginning or end of many an inner-city boating or tubing trip. This is also the location of the park system headquarters and nature center. (jamesriverpark.org)
Just off Riverside Dr. across from Hillcrest Rd

30 North Bank Park
(Richmond, James River Park System) A popular summertime hangout, often called "Texas Beach" for the small sandy beach. The trail that leads to multiple small openings in the trees for more river access leads all along the north section of the park. Requires a short hike down to the river from the parking lot. (jamesriverpark.org)
Parking lot at the end of Texas Ave, not far from Maymont

31 22nd Street
(Richmond, James River Park System) This spot offers foot/bike access to the south side of Belle Isle via a service bridge. Parking lot is often closed, but street parking is available. (jamesriverpark.org)
Just off Riverside Dr. across from 22nd St

32 Belle Isle
(Richmond, James River Park System) Arguably the best known access point to the James River in Richmond, Belle Isle is accessible from the north side via a graceful suspension bridge under the Lee Bridge. Walking and biking trails circulate around the island, passing crumbling building structures from times past as well as many rocky areas where one can sunbathe or wade in the river. (jamesriverpark.org)
Parking lot on Tredegar St downtown

33 Tredegar St / Brown's Island
(Richmond) Between the American Civil War Center at the former Tredegar Iron Works and the popular event venue at Brown's Island there is a small sandy beach with a great view of the river. Crowded on the weekends but calmer on the week days. (jamesriverpark.org)
Tredegar St downtown, park in Belle Isle lot on north side of street

34 Manchester Park
(Richmond, James River Park System) A great opportunity for rock climbing in the city, on the pilings of the former Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Bridge.
Parking on Semmes Ave at the floodwall parking lot (jamesriverpark.org)

35 Pipeline / Trestle Trail
(Richmond, James River Park System) This access point is best known for its views of the Great Blue Heron rookery in the spring. Reaching the island requires climbing down a metal ladder and walking across a grated catwalk on the pipeline. (jamesriverpark.org)
At the southern end of 12th St downtown

36 14th St / Mayo Takeout
(Richmond, James River Park System) This site is solely for launching and landing non-motorized boats. Limited parking, changing room, and portable toilet. (jamesriverpark.org)
Access on the northern end of the 14th St / Mayo Bridge

37 Floodwalk Park
(Richmond, James River Park System) This site offers access to Richmond's floodwalk, which was built to keep rising river waters from flooding the lowest parts of the City. On the south side of the wall, stairs lead to the top with beautiful views of the river. On the north side of the wall there is informal river access. From this park the walk connects along the top of the floodwalk to the west and along the riverbank to the east. (jamesriverpark.org)
Hull St. just south of the 14th St / Mayo Bridge

38 Great Shiplock Park
(Richmond, James River Park System) What is now the Great Shiplock Park was once a maritime industrial center. Torpedo boats were built at the Trigg Shipyard on Chapel Island, and the locks mark the beginning of Richmond's once-thriving canal system. Cross the locks to access a sandy river beach next to the ruins of the shipyard. This is also Richmond's first segment of the Virginia Capital Trail, an off-road greenway which will eventually stretch all the way to Williamsburg. (jamesriverpark.org)
Dock and Pear Sts, Richmond

Warning!



Fish caught in Virginia's waters, especially east of I-95 in Richmond, may have high levels of toxins known to cause cancer when eaten. Large fish, such as catfish, are most susceptible.

For more information call 804-864-8192 or review the Virginia Department of Health's fish consumption advisories online. (www.vdh.virginia.gov)

39 Ancarrow's Landing
(Richmond, James River Park System) A popular fishing spot, especially when the shad run. Concrete ramp for motorized and non-motorized boats is jointly maintained by JRPS and DGIF. This is also the beginning of the Richmond Slave Trail. (jamesriverpark.org)
Located at the end of Brander St, off Maury St, beyond the floodwalk

40 Osborne Park and Boat Landing
(Henrico) This 26-acre park provides something for everyone. There are multiple boat ramps and docks, as well as a fishing pier maintained by DGIF. There is also a covered gathering pavillion, as well as restrooms, benches, swings, and almost a mile of paved walking trails through the woods.
Intersection of Kingsland Rd and Osborne Tpk

41 Dutch Gap Boat Landing
(Chesterfield) This site is jointly maintained by DGIF and Chesterfield County, and is adjacent to the Dutch Gap Conservation Area. Located near Henricus Historical Park, it provides access to the James River for motorized and non-motorized boats, as well as a pier for fishing.
From Jeff Davis Hwy take Osborne Rd to Coxendale Rd

42 Dutch Gap Conservation Area
(Chesterfield) The Dutch Gap Conservation Area surrounds Henricus Historical Park and provides 810 acres of diverse woods, wetlands and wildlife. Bordered by the James River, the area includes a blue heron rookery in the marsh as well as a 4.5-mile multi-use trail that circumnavigates the tidal lagoon as well as a water trail accessible to canoes and kayaks. The lagoon water trail map can be downloaded from the Chesterfield County website. Dutch Gap provides a boat landing to the James River. The Conservation Area shares a parking lot with Henricus Historical Park. (chesterfield.gov)
From Jefferson Davis Hwy take Osborne Rd to Coxendale Rd

43 Henricus Historical Park
(Chesterfield) This 32-acre park boasts a replicated village from circa 1611, when the City of Henricus, the second permanent English settlement in the New World, thrived on the site. In addition to opportunities to explore the village, the bluff offers spectacular views of the river and an observation deck, though there is no direct river access at this site. (henricus.org)
From Jeff Davis Hwy take Osborne Rd to Coxendale Rd

44 Deep Bottom Park
(Henrico) This site is maintained by both DGIF and the County of Henrico, and includes a concrete ramp for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats and a short pier for fishing, as well as picnic tables and restrooms.
From Rte 5 take Kingsland Rd south to Deep Bottom Rd

45 Lewis Park / Wilcox Wharf
(Charles City) This 24-acre park provides the only north side public access to the James River for approximately 36 miles between Henrico and James City Counties. Park amenities include picnic area, restrooms, fishing pier and a short swamp boardwalk leading to a wooded trail. Great place for fishing, bird watching and picnicking. The park has separate entrances for the upper and lower levels - don't miss half the park!
Just south of VA Rte 5 on Wilcox Wharf Rd



Leaves of three, leave them be!!

Know how to identify and avoid Poison Ivy.

Appomattox

46 Chesdin Landing Park
(Chesterfield) Public, non-motorized boat access area with access to Lake Chesdin. (chesterfield.gov)
21900 Lake Chesdin Parkway

47 Lake Chesdin
(Dinwiddie) This DGIF maintained site has a large fishing pier in addition to concrete boat ramp for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is for boaters and fishermen only. Note: Lake Chesdin is a dammed portion of the Appomattox River with no connection to the free-flowing river.
Located at the end of Chesdin Lake Rd / SR 776

48 Appomattox River Canoe Launch
(Chesterfield) Located in the Radcliffe Appomattox River Conservation Area, this site is good for launching canoes and kayaks, as well as fishing, picnicking and hiking on the 1.5 miles of trails. Just below the dam, across from the Lake Chesdin boat launch site. Plenty of parking. Road closed dusk to dawn. (chesterfield.gov)
Located at the end of Chesdin Rd / SR 699

49 Appomattox Riverside Park
(Dinwiddie) This park, also called Fendale Park, offers access to both the river and a system of historic canals. Cross the canal and reach the natural riverbank after a short hike, or walk a mile and a half west along the canal. Paddlers can paddle up the canal and back down the river to the takeout, forming a circuit. (folar-va.org)
Just off Fendale Rd / SR 600

50 Squaw Alley
(Petersburg) Within walking distance of Old Towne Petersburg and VSU campus, this pleasant, well-kept park has ample room to relax by the river, as well as access to the Appomattox River Heritage Trail. (folar-va.org)
Off Grove Ave, near Old Town Petersburg

51 Pocahontas Island
(Petersburg) Public, non-motorized boat access area with access to the Appomattox River Heritage Trail. (folar-va.org)
Off Rolfe St, near Old Town Petersburg

52 Roslyn Landing Park
(Colonial Heights) This park has a ramp for launching small boats and a pier for fishing, as well as the first phase of the Colonial Heights Appomattox River Trail system. (folar-va.org)
From Temple Lake Dr to E Roslyn Rd

53 White Bank Park
(Colonial Heights) 22 acres of park overlook Swift Creek with a DGIF maintained concrete ramp for motorized and non-motorized boats and a pier for fishing. (colonial-heights.com)
Across from Tussing School on White Bank Park Rd

54 Berberich / Fort Clifton Park
(Colonial Heights) 24 acres overlooking the Appomattox; a short hike leads to a fishing area and a pier with benches. Great place for birding, hiking, fishing, or just being in the woods. (colonial-heights.com)
Behind Tussing School on Brockwell Ln

55 Point of Rocks Park
(Chesterfield) 188-acre park features a variety of activities, including access to the Appomattox River via a system of trails through the woods, with a boardwalk over a tidal marsh. (chesterfield.gov)
201 Enon Church Rd, Chester

56 Appomattox River Regional Park
(Prince George) Over 50 acres of pristine woods on the river featuring 1.5 miles of trail, this recently created park offers fishing, bird watching and hiking as well as picnic pavilions and restrooms. (folar-va.org)
1052 River Rd, Adjacent to Riverside Regional Jail

57 Weston Plantation
(Hopewell) Historic plantation on the river is open for tours year-round, with a fishing pier open to the public free of charge. (historichopewell.org/weston-plantation)
400 Weston Ln at 21st Ave

58 Hopewell Marina
(Hopewell) Public, city-maintained marina has slips and ramps for motorized boats and non-motorized boats, as well as a separate fishing pier, an overlook and picnic tables. Nominal daily launch fee or season passes available. (hopewellva.gov)
Riverside Ave under Rte 10 bridge

59 City Park
(Hopewell) A small park with a big view, this is a popular spot for launching canoes and kayaks into the tidal Appomattox. Shallow bay is great for day trips. (hopewellva.gov)
Appomattox St near the public library

60 Old City Point Park
(Hopewell) A beautiful park with expansive views of the confluence of the Appomattox and the James Rivers. Walking trail, boardwalk, benches, picnic tables, a gazebo and restrooms. This popular fishing spot sits adjacent to the Eppes Plantation, in the oldest part of Hopewell.
Located at the end of Cedar Rd

RIVERS OF THE RICHMOND REGION

A Public Access Guide



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SAFETY TIPS:

- Wear a life jacket while on the river (required by law when the river is over 5') and don't swim or boat alone.
- High waters can be very dangerous! Check the river levels before starting out (call 804-646-8228 ext 4).
- Protect yourself from the sun! Wear a hat and sunscreen and bring lots of water.
- Know where you are! Research your route beforehand and bring a map or GPS.
- In Richmond City, the river above Reedy Creek is safer for beginning boaters and tubers, while below Reedy Creek is just for expert boaters.
- If you are swept down river, keep your feet floating in front of you downstream to keep them from getting caught below water and to protect your head.
- In an emergency, call 911.

For further information, please visit these websites:

- [Friends of the Lower Appomattox River: www.folar-va.org](http://www.folar-va.org)
- [James River Association \(extensive James River Water Trail Maps\): www.jamesriverassociation.org](http://www.jamesriverassociation.org)
- [James River Outdoor Coalition: www.jroc.net](http://www.jroc.net)
- [James River Park System: www.jamesriverpark.org](http://www.jamesriverpark.org)
- [Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association: www.mpra.org](http://www.mpra.org)
- [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation: www.dcr.virginia.gov](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov)
- [Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries: www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/access/](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/access/)



NOTES:

- All parks and public access points are open sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise noted.
- Location notes are not meant to be driving directions! Find detailed directions before starting out.
- At DGIF sites, fishermen must yield to boaters.



South Anna

1 Ground Squirrel Bridge
(Hanover) This DGIF maintained site offers simple river access at the side of the bridge by which Rte 33 crosses the South Anna. Concrete hand-carry ramp. Parking only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating activities.
Mountain Rd / Rte 33 between Scotchtown and Farrington Rds

2 Patrick Henry
(Hanover) This DGIF maintained site offers simple river access at the side of the bridge by which Rte 54 crosses the South Anna. Concrete hand-carry ramp. Parking only for vehicles associated with fishing or boating activities.
4.5 miles west of Ashland on Patrick Henry Rd / Rte 54

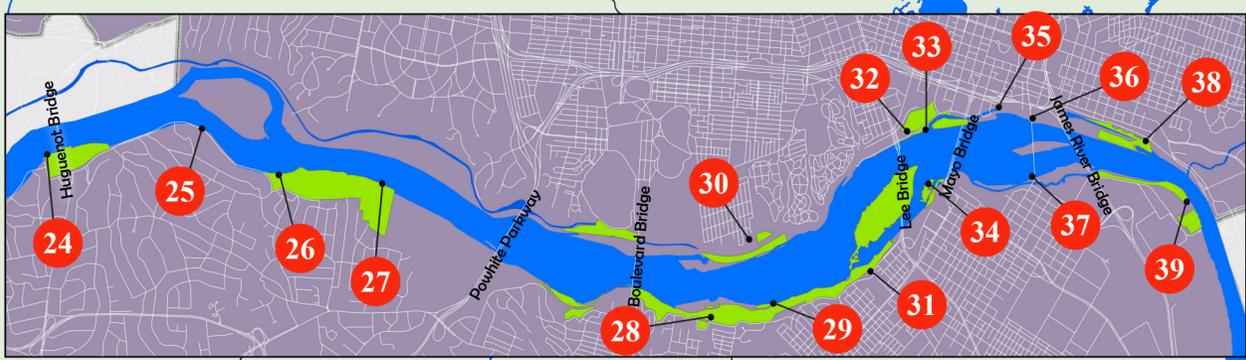
Pamunkey

3 Little Page Bridge
(Hanover) This DGIF maintained site is strictly for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boaters. Wooden ramp.
Hanover Courthouse Rd / Rte 301 bridge

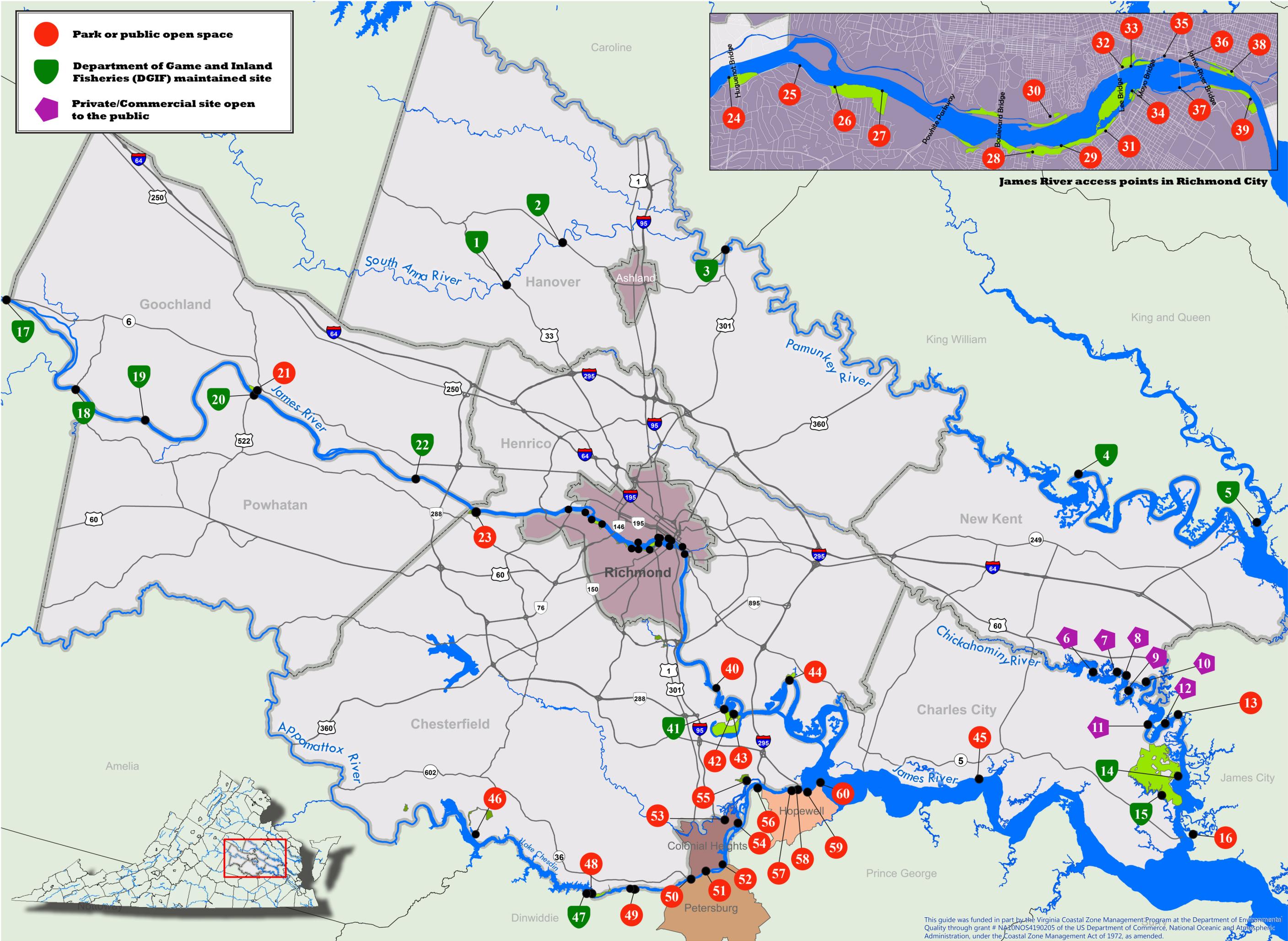
4 Lestor Manor
(King William) Just downstream from the Pamunkey Indian reservation, this DGIF maintained site is strictly for launching and landing motorized and non-motorized boats. Parking is only for vehicles associated with boaters. Concrete ramp and short pier.
Off Powhatan Trail / SR 633 on White's Landing Rd

5 West Point
(King William) This DGIF maintained site provides access to the lower, tidal Pamunkey River via the Mattaponi. Large fishing pier and seasonal restrooms. This site, as other DGIF boat landings, restricts the use to fishing, boating and parking for these activities. Concrete ramp.
Town of West Point, off Rte 33

- **Park or public open space**
- **Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) maintained site**
- ◆ **Private/Commercial site open to the public**



James River access points in Richmond City



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