



# Hampton Roads Regional Trails Update

Joint Environmental Committee

November 3, 2011



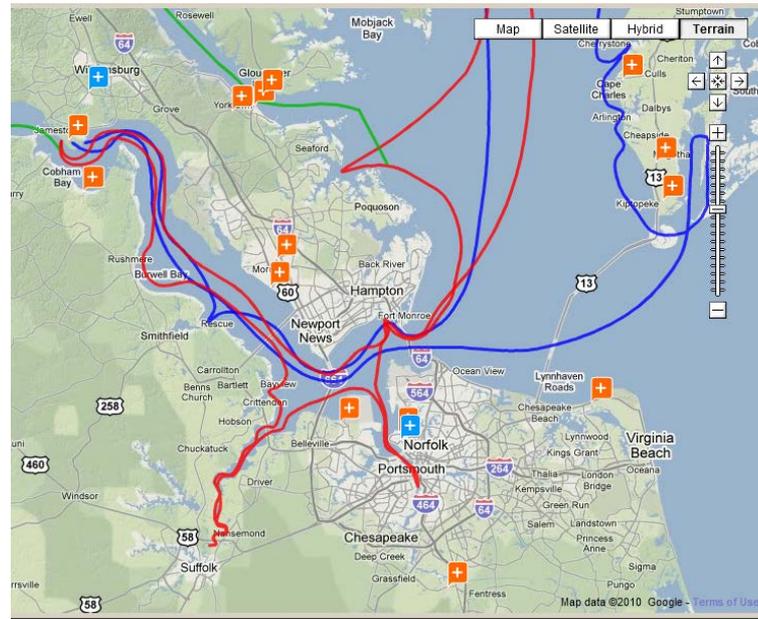
# Hampton Roads Trail Activity in 2011

- John Smith NHT
- Star-Spangled Banner NHT
- Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail
- James River Heritage Trail
- South Hampton Roads Trail
- Dismal Swamp Canal Connector Trail

# Captain John Smith National Historic Trail: Update



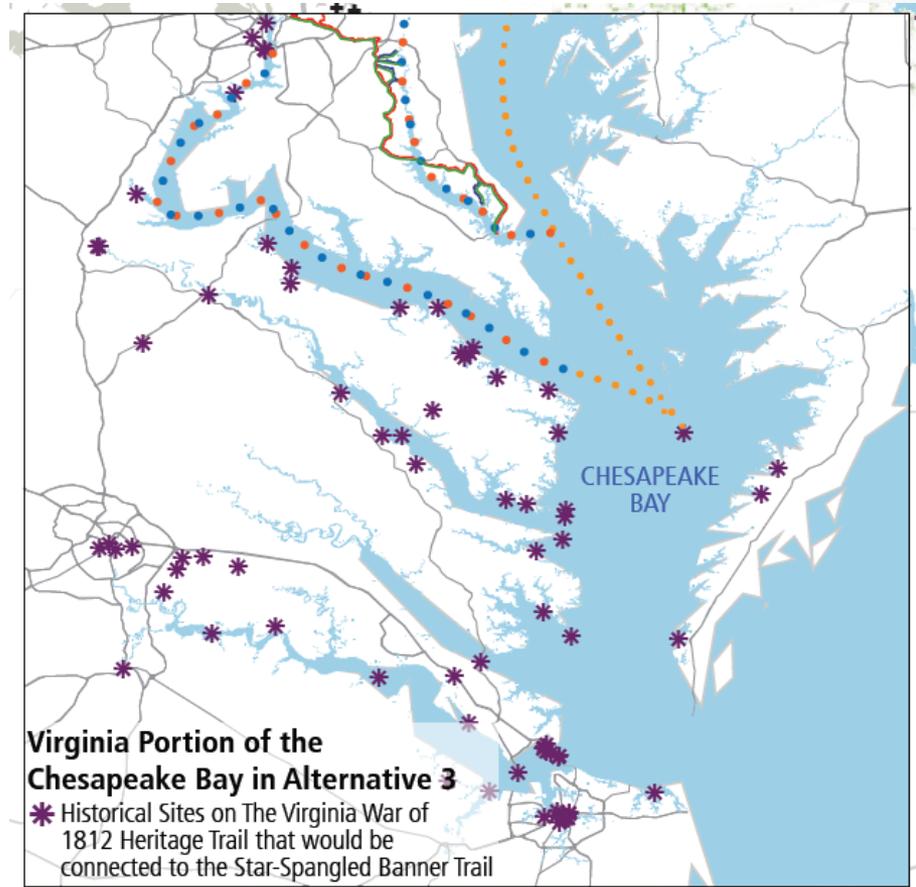
- Final comp. management plan and environmental assessment – Feb. 2011
- James River segment focus groups met twice in 2011
  - Input for draft concept plan
  - Comments on draft concept plan
- NPS is preparing final plan for James River segment



# Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail: Update



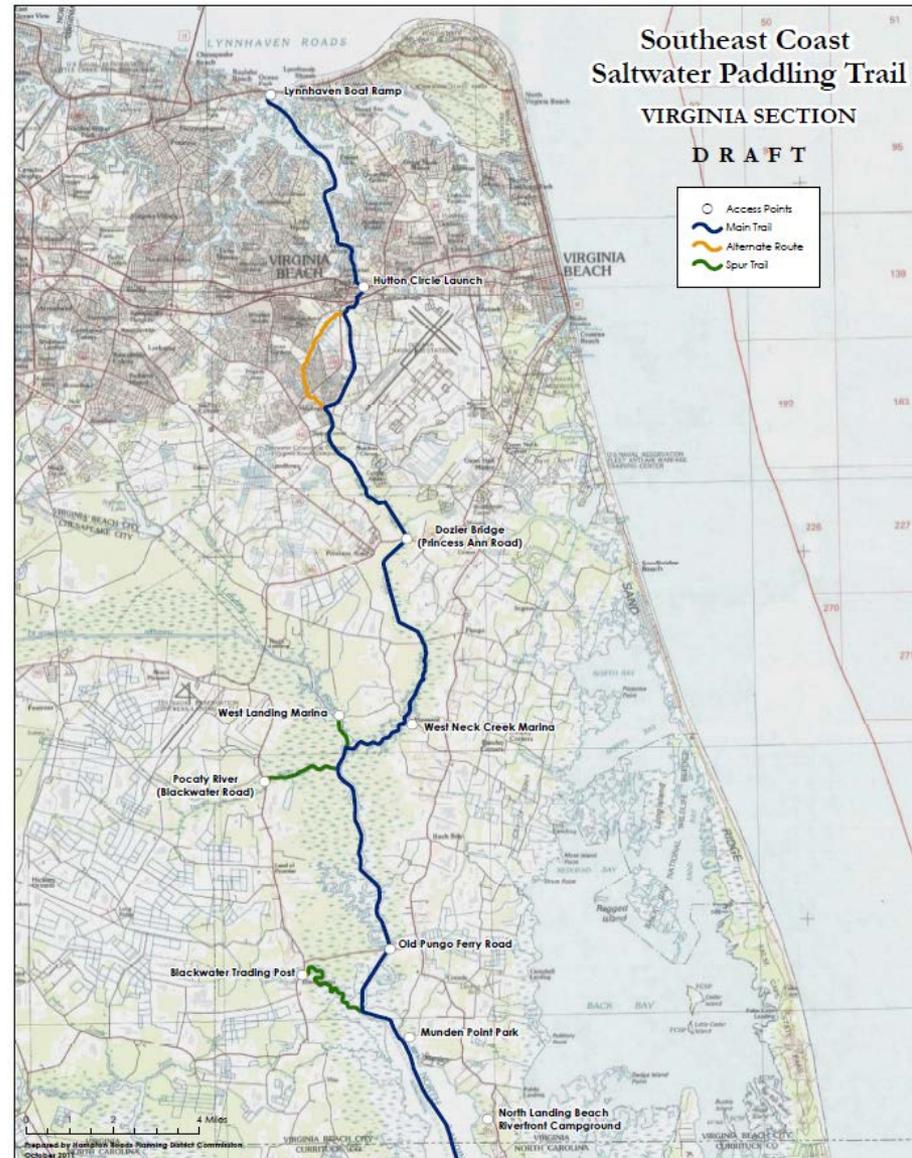
- NPS asked for comments on 3 trail alternatives last spring
  - Only Alternative 3 included sites in Virginia
- Most public comments support Alternative 3
- No decision yet



# Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling

## Trail: Update

- Virginia section draft is complete
- Applied for two grants to develop web site and maps
  - Not funded
- States need to discuss how to move forward

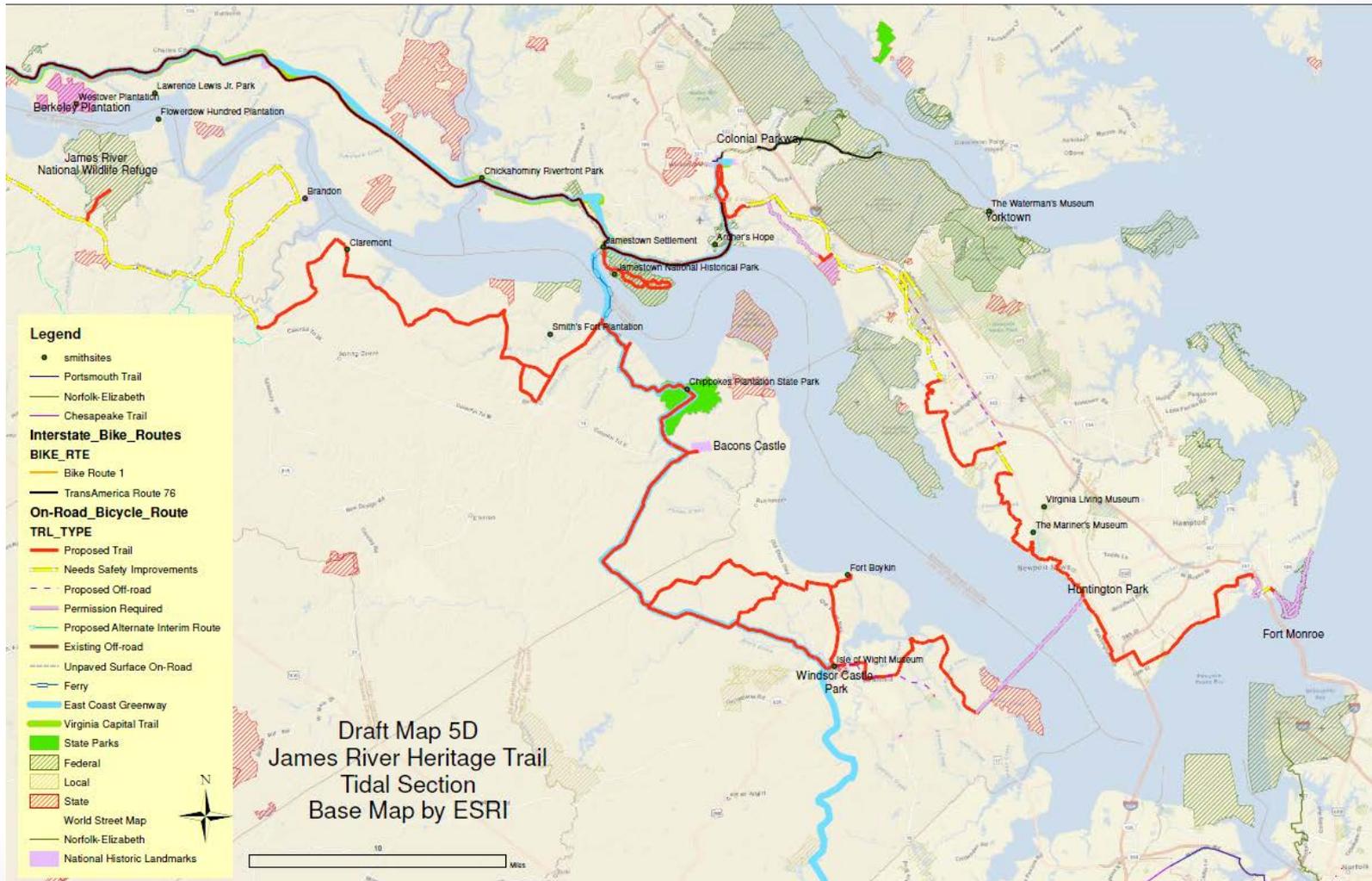




# James River Heritage Trail: Update

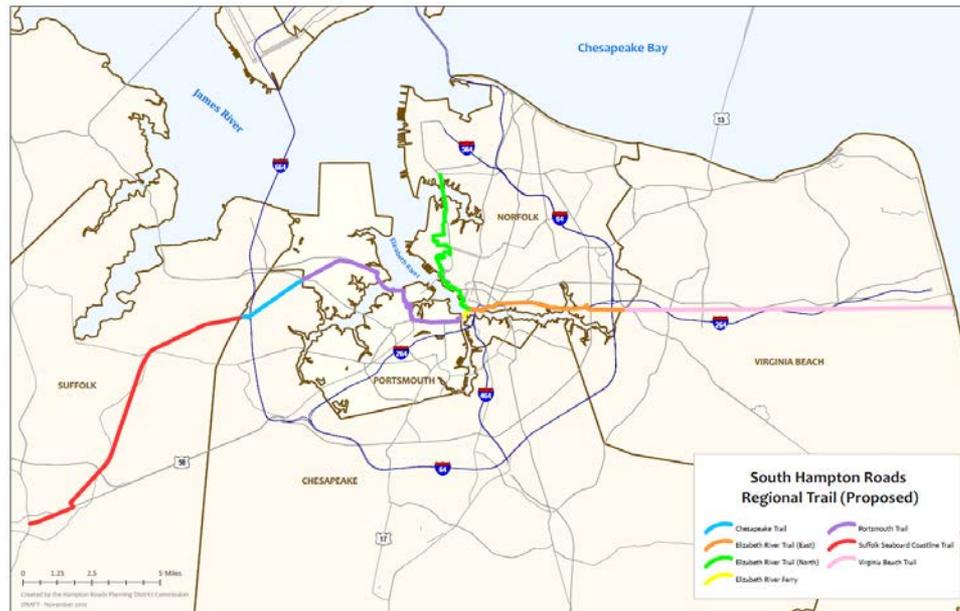
- Highlights unique history of James River via off-road multi-use pathways, water trails, on-road bicycle routes, and driving tours
- Draft Conceptual Plan is complete
- Comments to DCR by December 1, 2011
- [http://dcr.state.va.us/recreational\\_planning/trailjrhdraft.shtml](http://dcr.state.va.us/recreational_planning/trailjrhdraft.shtml)

# James River Heritage Trail: Update



# South Hampton Roads Trail

- Segments in various stages of development
- City Council resolutions
- Environmental studies underway in Chesapeake, Portsmouth
- Property ownership issues with railroad right of ways
  - Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk



# Dismal Swamp Canal Connector Trail

- Virginia
  - Chesapeake City Council approved application for TE funds for interstate connection – 10/25/11
  - Amended to include final 0.9 mile extension to north
  - Total estimate: ~ \$4 million
- North Carolina
  - 30% design completed
  - Comments to be incorporated
  - Total estimate: ~ \$2 million



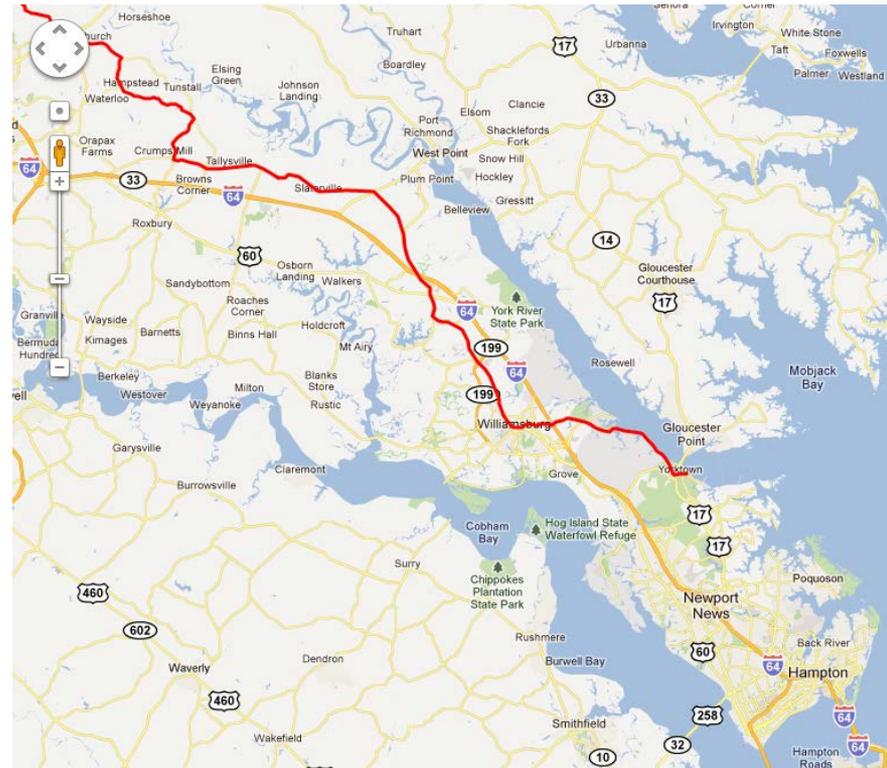
# Trails Added to Inventory

- Washington-Rochambeau NHT
- Chesapeake Bay Gateways
- TransAmerica Bicycle Route (US Route 76)
- Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail
- Virginia Civil War Trail – Peninsula Campaign
- Virginia Wildlife and Birding Trail

# Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail

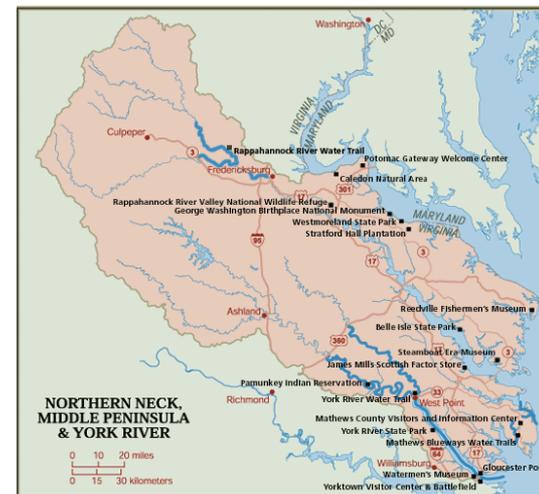
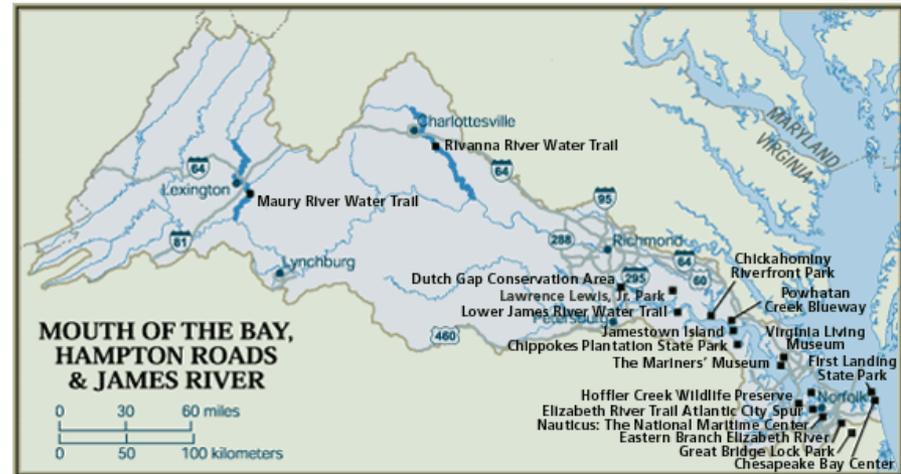


- 1200 miles from Newport, RI to Yorktown, VA
- Originally the W-R Revolutionary Route
- Became NHT in 2009
- Administered by NPS but managed by a non-profit group



# Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network

- Partnership network of parks, wildlife refuges, historic sites, museums, water and land trails, and other places throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed that connect people with the authentic Chesapeake
- Coordinated by NPS



# TransAmerica Bicycle Trail

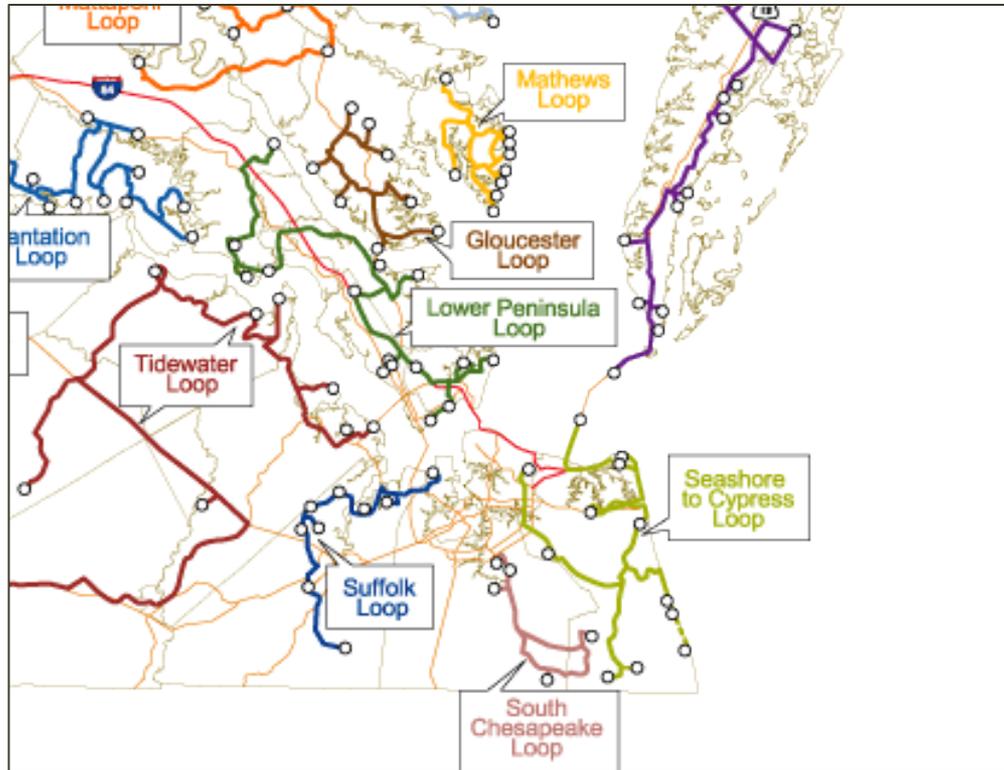


# Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail





# Virginia Wildlife and Birding Trail





# Hampton Roads Trail Inventory

(Added to inventory since Dec. 2010)

- National/Interstate
  - Captain John Smith National Historic Trail
  - Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail
  - Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail
  - East Coast Greenway
  - Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail
  - Chesapeake Bay Gateways
  - TransAmerica Bicycle Route
- State
  - Beaches to Bluegrass Trail
  - James River Heritage Trail
  - Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail
  - Virginia Civil War Trail – Peninsula Campaign
  - Virginia Wildlife and Birding Trail
- Regional
  - Virginia Capital Trail
  - South Hampton Roads Trail
  - Dismal Swamp Canal Connector Trail