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### **Discover the James River with History and Conservation Boat Tours at Henricus Historical Park in 2012**

CHESTER, Va., Jan. 13, 2012 – Visitors to Henricus Historical Park in 2012 are encouraged to participate in history and conservation tours on the *Discovery Barge II*, a covered 24-pontoon boat captained by Mike Ostrander of Discover the James, an established provider of educational eco-tours and fishing trips. Excursions will feature local wildlife and 17th-century through modern day history at Henricus and Dutch Gap. Participants will step back in time and explore the habitats of native bald eagles and listen to stories of 12-foot sturgeon fish among other fascinating aspects of the James River.

All tours taking place during special events at Henricus will explore nature and history related to the themed event. Tours on non-special event days will highlight nature and general history of Henricus and Dutch Gap. Excursions will last 45-minutes and begin at the floating dock at Henricus Historical Park. A maximum of six people may participate in each tour which costs \$25 per person. Children under five years of age are not permitted on boat tours. Tours will take place at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on each of the days below:

Saturday, January 21	Battle of Trent's Reach Civil War Tour*
Saturday, March 24	Opechancanough's Attack on March 22, 1622 Tour*
Saturday, April 28	Pocahontas, Rocke Hall and the Powhatan People Tour*
Saturday, May 12	History and Nature Tour
Sunday, May 13	History and Nature Tour (Mother's Day)
Saturday, June 2	History and Nature Tour
Saturday, July 7	History and Nature Tour
Saturday, August 4	History and Nature Tour
Saturday, September 1	History and Nature Tour
Saturday, September 15	Publick Days and Founding of Henricus Tour*
Sunday, September 16	Publick Days and Founding of Henricus Tour*

\*Indicates that the boat tour takes place on the same day as a special event at Henricus. Pre-registration is strongly suggested and reservations should be made by calling (804) 318-8728. Tickets may be secured from the visitor center at Henricus one hour before each tour. Payment is required at the time of registration and is non-refundable if the reservation is cancelled within one week of the tour. Boat tours may be added to booked education programs and facility rentals at Henricus Historical Park upon request.

Henricus Historical Park is located on 32 acres along the scenic and historic James River and is surrounded by the 810-acre Dutch Gap Conservation Area. Only 20 minutes from Richmond, the park is located at 251 Henricus Park Road, Chester, Virginia 23836.

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**More about Henricus Historical Park:**

Commemorating 400 years, Henricus Historical Park re-creates everyday 17th century life in the second successful English settlement in North America and resides on the original site of the Citie of Henricus. Due to its prime location as a military outpost on a bluff overlooking the James River, the site also boasts rich Civil War history which visitors may experience through special events and programs during the Sesquicentennial. Surrounded by the Dutch Gap Conservation Area, the living history museum offers exceptional Pre-K-12 and adult education programs, including indoor and outdoor meeting and special event space available for rental. Henricus Historical Park is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization which operates in partnership with the Henricus Foundation and the counties of Chesterfield and Henrico. For more information about Henricus Historical Park visit [www.henricus.org](http://www.henricus.org) or follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).