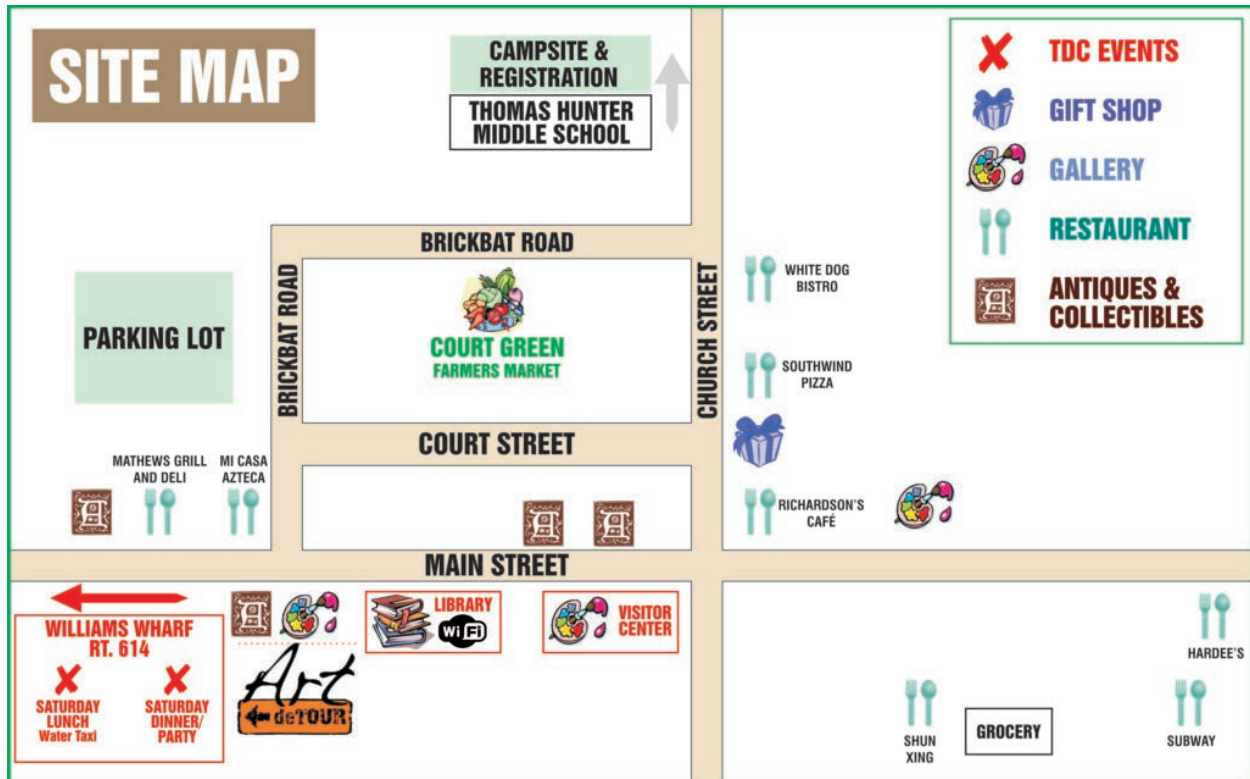


FOR NON-RIDERS AND RIDERS ALIKE!



[Download 3 day TDC schedule pdf](#)

The Tour de Chesapeake is so much more than just a ride around a small town on a Saturday. We have lined up a whole assortment of things for everyone (including non-riders) to do before, after, and during the ride too. We hope you will make a weekend of it and see all Mathews has to offer.

Friday, May 16, 2025:

Mathews Visitor Center and local merchants on Main Street keep their doors open late for your convenience – hours vary - <https://visitmathews.com/shopping-in-mathews-county/>



PRIVATE BOAT TOURS by Mathews Deadrise Charters - Tour the East River's historic homes and waterfront, explore the world of oyster aquaculture and even learn how to shuck the Chapel Creek Oyster - Book yours today! Contact Captain Trey at 804-815-6132 or mathewscharters@gmail.com or www.mathewscharters.com

10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Kayak Tours available by appointment only – Call Jackie @ Craven Expeditions for reservations at 804-695-4660 Email: cravenexpeditions@gmail.com www.cravenexpeditions.com

10 a.m.-7 p.m. - Mathews Visitor Center AND Local merchants on Main Street keep their doors open late for your convenience – The Cottage and Lily Valentine Antiques offer 20% off! Also visit Cattails, The Vintage Pearl, Gypsy's Wagon and more! <https://visitmathews.com/shopping-in-mathews-county/>

Saturday, May 17, 2025

7 a.m.-3 p.m. – Tour de Chesapeake merchandise on sale INSIDE THMS

9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Farmers Market** – located on the Court Green – Fresh veggies, breads, muffins, soup, granola, and more - grown and made in Mathews!

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - 13th ANNUAL ART deTOUR - The artists of the Art deTour and other Market on Main Vendors will gather on Main Street and around The Bay School Community Arts Center to exhibit and sell their fine art and handcrafted works. Live music can be enjoyed on the porch of the Arts Center as well as at the Farmers' Market throughout the day.

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10 a.m.-5 p.m. – Visit our local merchants for some excellent **shopping** on Main Street and beyond; Free **art demonstrations** at Put-In Creek Carvings, Main Street, 804-725-3326;

Buy fresh **local seafood** from Island Seafood, Risby Town Road, Gwynn's Island (804-725-4962, Open Sat 9-5) or from the Seafood Shack next to M&M Building Supply.

5 pm - 9 pm **SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY AT THE WHARF** - Williams Wharf Landing, Rt. 614

- FREE ADMISSION AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Fresh seafood and other options by Creekside Catering. Available for purchase on site – this company takes credit cards.
- Beer, Wine and soft drinks by the Mathews Land Conservancy – Cash only please

- Entertainment/Dancing provided by Lynda Smith & 7th Street
- Shuttle available to/from THMS; No drinks allowed on the shuttle

Sunday, May 18, 2025

EAT WITH US – FOOD OPTIONS

Try one of our local restaurants open for breakfast on Sunday – Richardson’s Café, Howard-Dooley Cafe, Mathews Grill & Deli, Hardee’s or Subway. For Restaurants open later, see “Local Eats”.

PLAY WITH US – ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

“No Frills Rides” – Ride routes not yet experienced like Gwynn’s Island (Gwynn’s Island Museum) or Mobjack (The Poddery); Signage will remain in place until 2 p.m.

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Sunrise to Sunset – Launch your own personal kayak, canoe or any non-motorized watercraft from the floating dock at Williams Wharf Landing (Route 614 – 804-725-9685) and take a nice tour of the East River and Mobjack Bay. www.mathewslanconservancy.org

See Mathews by Water – www.chesapeakebayboattours.com for opportunities

See Mathews by Water – VisitMathews.com - [Boating & Boat Tours in Mathews](#)

Visit the Mathews Visitor Center and our local shops on Main Street and beyond

COME BACK TO SEE US – MATHEWS COUNTY EVENT INFORMATION

Visit www.visitmathews.com and click on community calendar for a full list of County happenings.

Islander Regatta – Hosted by the Mathews Outdoor Club on the last Saturday in June, this 9-mile paddle circumnavigates Mathews County’s own Gwynn’s Island, with only non-motorized watercraft permitted to join. See more races and events from this group at www.mocva.net.

Kick off the Spring season with May Faire, in Mathews County, Virginia the first weekend of May every year; join us for a community heritage festival.

Mathews Market Days – Annual hometown festival held on the Friday and Saturday after Labor Day each year. Craft booths, Food, Games, 5K Race, Entertainment, Poster contest, Bake/Craft/Canning Contests and more! www.mathewsmarketdays.com, 804-725-7196

Gwynn’s Island Festival – Held the last Saturday in June each year. The annual Chicken Dinner is Friday night from 4-7 p.m. and Festival Activities take place on Saturday from 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. For information, contact Cricket Call at 804-725-7577.

Mathews Community Yard Sale – Held the Saturday after Memorial Day each year from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Over 20 locations around Mathews take part selling antiques, collectibles and treasures you never knew you needed! Maps and information are available at the Visitor Center. www.visitmathews.com or call for details 804-725-4229.

Open Studio Tour – Held the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving each year from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Over 12 of Mathews’ leading artisans invite you to experience the intimate spaces and places that inspire their vast and varied collections of art. Visit www.madeinmathews.com for details.

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