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New, Free *Virginia Secrets* Magazine Showcases Jamestown 2007

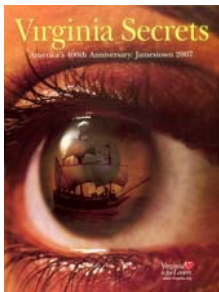
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RICHMOND, Va. – For travelers to and through Virginia during 2006-2007, a copy of the free, 68-page, four-color magazine, *Virginia Secrets*, is a must. It provides an insider’s look at the Jamestown 1607 story beginning with “The New World” feature film by Terrence Malick (“Thin Red Line”), which debuted in January.

The magazine showcases the new facilities at the two different Jamestown sites – Historic Jamestowne and Jamestown Settlement, providing details of the discovery of the original 1607 fort in 1996 and the ongoing archaeology and artifacts, now on display at Historic Jamestowne. In addition, readers get information on the special events surrounding this year’s 225th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown celebrated nearby at the Yorktown Battlefield, the Yorktown Victory Center and the historic Yorktown community.

A special section on “Family Travel on the Road to Jamestown, from the Chesapeake Bay, Hampton Roads and Virginia’s Eastern Shore,” highlights Busch Gardens Williamsburg, voted the world’s “Most Beautiful Theme Park” for 15 consecutive years; Newport News, likely named for the 1607 Captain Christopher Newport; Virginia Beach, where the 1607 settlers first came ashore in the New World; and First Landing State Park, the most visited park in Virginia’s park system, where it is believed settlers dropped anchor on April 26, 1607.

Another section, “Inns, Wines & Shops on the Road to Jamestown, from Central and Northern Virginia,” highlights Virginia’s Wine Trails; Northern Virginia’s premium outlet malls; historic inns and B&Bs; Henricus, the 1611 settlement site just south of Richmond; and Virginia’s Civil War Trails and Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail as well as spa/shopping packages.

A third section, “The Great Outdoors on the Road to Jamestown, from Shenandoah, Blue Ridge Highlands and Heart of Appalachia,” covers recreation and attractions such as the Crooked Road Music Trail, Shenandoah National Park, Skyline Drive, the Appalachian Trail, the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, the Natural Tunnel that William Jennings Bryan called “the eighth wonder of the world”; and the Virginia Creeper National Recreation Trail among others.

For anyone traveling with children, the “Kids at Play” section is a good Colonial companion, followed by a 2006 calendar of events, a list of America’s 400th Anniversary Signature Events and an explanation of the Jamestown 2007 Community Partners Events. The magazine begins and ends with the “Windows to the New World – An English Perspective, A Virginia Indian Perspective and An African-American Perspective,” all commemorating America’s 400th Anniversary: Jamestown 2007. To get a free copy, call 1-800-932-5827 or go to www.virginia.org/secrets.

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