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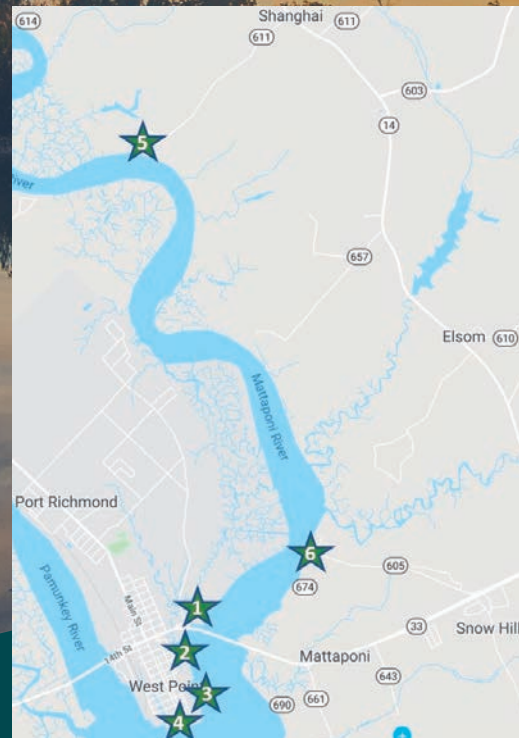
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SAFETY TIPS

- Wear a properly fitted Personal Flotation Device.
- Paddle water appropriate to your skills.
- Inform friends and family of your float plan.
- Do not go into fast current unless you are sure you can safely paddle through it.
- Know and follow all state and federal laws.
- Understand water stages including tidal changes.
- Be visible and carry a whistle and flash light.
- Wear proper clothing to avoid hypothermia.
- Stay alert to changing weather conditions.
- Don't paddle alone; paddle with others who know the river.



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A PADDLER'S
GUIDE

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LAUNCH SITES

West Point offers multiple entry points which allow you to paddle different areas of town and our three rivers, offering you a unique experience each time you launch.

1. Glass Island Landing: Located on Glass Island Road, Glass Island Landing provides fishing access, a boat ramp, picnic facilities, parking, and a separate launch for paddlers, allowing easy entry into the Mattaponi River.
2. West Point Creek: Located on 13th Street in downtown West Point, this site allows entry into the gentle West Point Creek. Travel up the tranquil creek and enjoy abundant wildlife and vegetation. Parking available.
3. 5th Street: Located at the end of 5th Street on the Mattaponi River, enjoy easy entry into the river from a quaint, sandy beach. Paddle up the Mattaponi toward West Point Creek to the north or down the Mattaponi to the York River to the south. Street parking available.
4. Beach Park: Located on Main and 1st Streets in downtown West Point at the confluence of the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers, glide directly into the York River from West Point's public beach. Winds are typically stronger in this area and an eddy on the Mattaponi edge makes for a good workout. Street parking available.
5. Waterfence Landing: Located at the end of Waterfence Road (from West Point, turn left on Rt. 14 from 33 and turn left on Waterfence Road), in King and Queen County, easily glide into the Mattaponi River and enjoy freshwater wildlife. Parking and pier access available.



WILDLIFE

The blue crab is most often associated with West Point; yet, it is only one of many marine animals that make their home in our brackish waters. Paddling the waterways of West Point, you are sure to see fiddler crabs and muskrats along the marsh edges. In the sky and along the water's edge, you'll see herons, bald eagles, and osprey. With over 30 different species of duck and geese visiting throughout the year, you are sure to see plenty of water fowl. Aquatic life changes with the seasons; catfish, croaker, spot, rockfish, and jellyfish are just some of the many species found in our rivers. On occasion, dolphins and sea otters can be spotted. Whatever the season, you'll enjoy the plentiful wildlife our waterways harbor.

6. Chain Ferry Road Beach: Located at the end of Chain Ferry Road (from West Point, turn left onto Rt. 605 from 33) in King and Queen County, glide into the Mattaponi River from a quaint, sandy beach. Paddle up the Mattaponi River to the north and enjoy freshwater wildlife, or travel down the Mattaponi to the south into the town of West Point and enjoy saltwater wildlife. Parking available.