

# Colonial Williamsburg

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## Haunting on DoG Street Returns this October with Spooky Family Fun, Community Trick-or-Treating

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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Aug. 23, 2018) – Colonial Williamsburg’s Haunting on DoG Street returns this October with Halloween fun for the whole family. Ghost tours, evening programs and museum talks throughout the month lead up to two festive nights of community Trick-or-Treating Oct. 26-27 and a Blackbeard’s feast at Shields Tavern Halloween night Oct. 31.

A special cresset-lit lecture on the history of witchcraft in Virginia by historian Carson Hudson Jr. kicks-off the Halloween season Oct. 15 following “Cry Witch”— a favorite evening program where guests cast their vote for the guilt or innocence of Grace Sherwood, “the Virginia Witch,” after weighing presented evidence. “Cry Witch” runs Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 and 9 p.m. throughout October and is not recommended for young children. Hudson will also present “Witchcraft in Colonial Virginia” at the Hennage auditorium Oct. 24, 26 and 31 at 11:15 a.m.

Colonial Williamsburg’s fourth annual community trick-or-treating event returns Friday and Saturday Oct. 26-27 thanks to the generosity of Mars Wrigley Confectionery. Trick-or-Treating and fun-filled spooky delights fill the cresset-lined Historic Area 5:30-7:30 p.m. Guests will encounter haunted horsemen on their skeleton horses, jugglers, witches and the return of Blackbeard and his merry pirates in recognition of the 300th anniversary of Blackbeard’s death. Guests are invited to participate in a haunted auction at Raleigh Tavern and a Pumpkin Patch dance party featuring live music on the Capitol south lawn. A food and beverage stand selling AMERICAN HERITAGE® Chocolate items, including hot chocolate and baked goods, will be available to trick-or-treat guests near the Capitol building.

“This October we are excited to highlight the fun evening programs that make Colonial Williamsburg such a unique and special place to visit during the Halloween season and all year round,” said Robert Currie, Colonial Williamsburg director of entertainment. “We welcome guests back to the Historic Area and to our Art Museums this fall to experience our ghost tours, spooky evening programs, museum talks and trick-or-treating event in the cresset-lit, 18th-century ambiance of this historic city.”

“The Official Colonial Williamsburg Ghost Walk” and “Ghosts Amongst Us,” the only ghost tour that takes guests inside Colonial Williamsburg’s historic buildings, run nightly at 7 and 8:30 p.m. all month and “The Official Colonial Williamsburg Ghost Walk Junior,” perfect for families with children 4 to 7 years of age, is offered at 6 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays throughout October.

Additional spooky evening programs include “To Hang a Pirate” Thursdays and Saturdays and “Escape the King” Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. “Monsters, Mayhem and Musick,” which showcases the darker side of baroque music in a concert presented at the Governor’s Palace as a series of nightmares, returns Oct. 16, 23 and 30 at 7:30 and 9 p.m. each night. These programs are not recommended for young children. Special tickets are required for Colonial Williamsburg evening programs.

Art Museum programs offered at the Hennage auditorium this October include “Murder or Misfortune?, The Tragic Death of Robert Routledge” which recreates the most controversial crime in 18th-century Virginia and runs Oct. 15, 22 and 29 at 3:30 p.m.; “Ethereal Love Songs,” in which guitarist and vocalist Kent La Rue shares love songs with a Halloween twist Oct. 25 at 4:30 p.m.; “Boo-Grass and More,” where Chisman Creek shares a variety of spooky musical genres featuring bluegrass, classic rock and country Oct. 27 at 4 p.m.; “The Wreck of the Sea Venture,” which tells the true tale of the wreck in light and shadow Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. and “Ghouls, Ghosts and Gleeful Gloom!” 4:30 p.m. Halloween evening Oct. 31. Hennage Art Museum programs are included with Colonial Williamsburg or Art Museums admission with the exception of “Boo-Grass and More,” which requires an additional ticket.

Guided museum tours running this October at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg include “In Memoriam,” where guests can explore period mourning customs and see examples of mourning jewelry, art and textiles Oct. 22 and 29 at 10:15 a.m.; “Face Your Fears,” where guests confront fears and phobias as they discover creepy, scary and not-so scary objects Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. and Oct. 19 and 26 at 10:15 a.m.; and “Weird Wild Spooky,” which explores strange and spooky objects Oct. 24 and 31 at 10:15 a.m. Art Museum tours are included with Colonial Williamsburg or Art Museums admission.

On Halloween night Oct. 31, guests are invited to don their best pirate gear and head to Shields Tavern for Blackbeard’s Feast, an immersive buffet dinner theater experience marking the 300th anniversary of the infamous pirate's death, complete with a pig roast and pirate punch. The legendary Blackbeard and his crew will engage guests with spell-binding story, bawdy song, sword play and more in the tavern garden. Tickets are \$65 per person and include tax and gratuity.

Trick-or-Treating tickets are \$5 per child. Children must be accompanied by a legally responsible adult, and adults must register in advance and accompany a child to attend the event. Official trick-or-treat bags may be picked up on the day-of at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center. Ticket purchases support Colonial Williamsburg’s educational mission. Through a continued collaboration with the Teal Pumpkin Project, young guests with

food allergies may claim a special trick-or-treat bag and collect allergen-free treats at designated Historic Area sites.

Programming is subject to change. Tickets, current information and instructions for ticketed guests are available by visiting Colonial Williamsburg ticketing locations, online at [www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/haunting](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/haunting), by calling 855-296-6627 toll-free, by downloading the free Colonial Williamsburg Explorer app via the Apple App Store and Google Play, and by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](#) and [@colonialwmsburg](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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