

Colonial Williamsburg

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Winter 2019 Site Schedules and Operational Changes



The January 2018 renovation of the Great Hall of the Governor's Palace, left, and the completed space. The latter phase of the project will be completed Jan. 7-Feb. 1, 2019 in the adjoining Stairway Hall during the site's annual maintenance closure.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Dec. 27, 2018) – Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area, the Art Museums, hotel, merchandise, recreation, and food and beverage operations remain open during winter 2019 with intermittent seasonal closures at some locations, while some Historic Area retail locations will permanently consolidate early in the year.

In the Historic Area, the Capitol will close for regular annual maintenance Jan. 2-4 and the Governor's Palace from Jan. 7-Feb. 1. Colonial Williamsburg's Collections, Conservation and Museums and Operations divisions will complete renovation of wall coverings on the Governor's Palace's first floor, replacing dark stain in the Stairway Hall with more historically accurate cream-colored paint, as was used during the 18th century to present arms displays in clear relief. The project's first phase in the [Governor's Palace Great Hall](#) was completed in January.

Maintenance closures are also scheduled for the Printing Office and Bindery Feb. 4-8 and at the Magazine Feb. 19-March 1. Outdoor military programming will not be offered during the Magazine's closure. The James Anderson Blacksmith Shop and Public Armoury complex, including the Tin Shop, is closed for maintenance March 4-15. During that time the Leather Works will continue to operate at the Magazine.

Due to the 21st Annual [Working Wood in the 18th Century conference](#) at the Williamsburg Lodge Jan. 17-20, the Cabinetmaker is closed Jan. 16-21 and the Joinery Jan. 8, 17-20, 22, and 29 but will be open in addition to its regular schedule Jan. 16 and 23.

Kings Arms and Shields taverns are closed Jan. 1-Feb. 28, and Christiana Campbell's Jan. 1-March 14. Raleigh Tavern Bakery and Huzzah's Eatery are closed Jan. 2-Feb. 14. Historic Area dining is available 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily at Chowning's Tavern without reservations, and snacks and other refreshments are available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at the Dubois Grocer, also on Duke of Gloucester Street.

The Prentis Store will close for maintenance Feb. 11-15.

Effective Jan. 1, the Post Office will close permanently along with the store at the Colonial Nursery. The Colonial Nursery will continue operation as a Historic Trades interpretation site. Retail sales at the Mary Dickinson Shop will continue Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays until the end of January, at which time the shop will close permanently.

After Jan. 30, items currently sold at the Mary Dickinson Shop such as period womenswear and accessories will be available for sale at Tarpley, Thompson and Company, a one-stop shop for 18th-century family attire. Tavern dinnerware will be available for purchase at the John Greenhow Store, nursery items at the Market House, and items currently offered at the Post Office, including Williamsburg postmarks, will be available at the Prentis Store.

The Governor's Inn remains closed for the season as of Dec. 10 through March 14. Winter Getaway Package deals at Colonial Williamsburg's other hotels are available through March 24 on stays between Jan. 1 and March 28 by visiting colonialwilliamsburghotels.com/winter.

The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg remain open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays this winter. They will remain open throughout their \$41.7-million expansion, which is funded completely by donors and scheduled for completion in 2020. As part of the expansion, the Hennage Auditorium will be closed Jan. 2 through mid-April for upgrades. During this time, programming will be offered in the Goode Education Studio and in galleries around the museums.

Historic Area and Art Museums tickets, merchandise and up-to-date schedule information are available by visiting colonialwilliamsburg.com. Reservations and information about hotel, dining, recreation and the Spa of Colonial Williamsburg are available at colonialwilliamsburghotels.com. Tickets, reservations and information are also available by calling 855-296-6627, toll-free.

Information, dining reservations and same-day program tickets are available via the free Colonial Williamsburg Explorer app, which can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play. Information is also available by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/colonialwilliamsburg) and [@colonialwmsburg](https://twitter.com/colonialwmsburg) on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/colonialwmsburg) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/colonialwilliamsburg).

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Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

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