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Here are the Best Ways to Enjoy Yorktown's Spectacular July 4th Fireworks

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Fireworks will light up the sky over the York River on Thursday, July 4, in an annual community tradition. The best place to view the fireworks show is along the Yorktown waterfront. Due to the expected crowd, there are policies and procedures in place to make it an enjoyable experience for all those who visit.



The **Yorktown Battlefield**, located at the corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street, will be the central location for **free parking for the evening festivities**, including the fireworks. It will **open at 4 p.m. and will close once it reaches capacity**. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. **It is important to note that the walk from the Yorktown Battlefield to the waterfront is approximately one mile and includes hills and uneven terrain**. At the conclusion of the fireworks, Yorktown will be **closed temporarily to incoming traffic, including any pick-up services**, so that sheriff's deputies may safely exit all vehicles. Depending on the crowd, the process should take roughly an hour.

Those requiring handicapped parking and special assistance are asked to report to Yorktown Middle School from 4 to 7 p.m. and must be checked in by 7 p.m. to take advantage of this service. Transportation will be provided for the disabled or special needs individual and one escort for each individual. Drop-off will be at Riverwalk Landing, approximately 200 yards from the performance area. Due to limited shuttle capacity, we politely request all other individuals in the party take a separate vehicle to park at the Yorktown Battlefield.

It's important to note that once the shuttle is parked at the waterfront at 7:30 p.m., it will remain there until after the fireworks. The first run back to York Middle School begins at 9:45 p.m. Return runs will take place until 10:30 p.m. Each person must possess his or her pass to board the shuttle.

While visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and coolers—*alcoholic beverages are prohibited*. There will be several Yorktown restaurants open for business, and several to-go options at the Patriotic Food Pavilion which will be open from 4 – 9:15 p.m.

The food trucks and vendors will be set up at Riverwalk Landing and include local favorites like Smoke BBQ, Mama Barbara's Kitchen, Boyd's Tasty Dogs, Kona Ice, Pop's Kettle Corn and Ben & Jerry's. Pavilion proceeds will go to support the York-Poquoson Sheriff Office's D.A.R.E. Program.

The free air-conditioned Yorktown Trolley will run from approximately 10 a.m., following the parade, until 5 p.m.

Visitors arriving early for the fireworks show are encouraged to enjoy the following activities:

- 7 p.m. **Sounds of Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony**
 Location: Riverwalk Landing Performance Stage
- 8 p.m. **Super Jazz Band Concert featuring Conni Ironmonger**
 Location: Riverwalk Landing Performance Stage
- 9:15 p.m. **Spectacular Fireworks Display**
 Location: Over York River – Yorktown Waterfront

Other Important Notes: Barbecue grills will be limited on July 4 to the National Park Service Beach Picnic Area with designated areas for the disposal of hot coals. The Beach Picnic Area will be open to the public, but it will be closed to all vehicles the entire day. It is also recommended that pet owners leave their dogs at home during the fireworks as the crowds, music, and fireworks can be upsetting for many animals.

Additional Event Info:

- www.visityorktown.org
- York County Tourism Development: (757) 890-3500
- Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter: Visit Yorktown
- **#visityorktown** and **#york757**

Additional photos available at <https://bit.ly/2WuASr7>.