

# Interpretive Signs

Look for the special signs along the trail that describe the major natural components in the park. The Interpretative Sign Trail map will help you locate each of these signs. Visit [NatureInWindsorCastlePark.com](http://NatureInWindsorCastlePark.com) to learn more about each sign's topic. At the bottom of each topic's information page, test your knowledge by selecting THOUGHT QUESTIONS and other links.

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View hundreds of photographs taken at Windsor Castle Park showing the life and dynamics of each of the four habitats. Read the stories and click on the links to learn more about the wildlife, plants, and ecosystems of the park. Immerse yourself in the natural aspects of the park by taking a *virtual stroll* through the park's nature website on your tablet, smart phone, or home computer.

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This website can also be found on the list of "Things to Do" on [WindsorCastlePark.com](http://WindsorCastlePark.com)



# Nature IN THE PARK

An online guide to the natural resources of Windsor Castle Park



Windsor Castle Park  
SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA



No matter what your interest in nature is, a full spectrum of natural wonders presents itself to you as you walk along Windsor Castle Park trails or paddle its waterways. As you prepare to visit the park or just simply wish to learn more about this natural community, enjoy exploring our website

[NatureInWindsorCastlePark.com](http://NatureInWindsorCastlePark.com)

## Outfitters

Bring your kayak to explore the creek and marsh habitats. Seasonal kayak, canoe and paddleboard rentals are available.

If fishing, a fishing license may be required.



# 4 Habitats

Explore the variety of areas the park offers its many natural residents. The park is home to four main types of habitats which foster the rich diversity of life found in this 208-acre haven. Although each area is distinctly different, they all are linked together in exchanging organisms and nutrients fostering a wonderful display of varied approaches to life.

## Creek

The waters of Cypress Creek and Little Creek add a unique dimension to Windsor Castle Park. They help to create the marsh environment and flavor it with a salty mix that determines which organisms can live here.

## Marsh

The marshes of Windsor Castle Park are irresistible. The brackish waters of the creeks meet the land, and both share with each other their nutrients, living creatures, and physical features.

## Forest

The forest surrounds you when walking through it. The light is darker here, and the smell is distinctively woody. And the forest is alive with its distinctive life from the bottom to the top.

## Fields

The fields of the park take us back in time by reminding us of what this farm setting looked like years ago. A careful look reveals that these areas serve many important members of the community of living organisms.



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| <b>A</b> Main Parking Lot      | <b>E</b> Mason Street Bridge | <b>I</b> Fishing Pier         | <b>M</b> Manor House            |
| <b>B</b> Picnic Area           | <b>F</b> Ravine Bridge       | <b>J</b> Kayak Launch Parking | <b>N</b> Dog Park               |
| <b>C</b> Play Area             | <b>G</b> Jericho Bridge      | <b>K</b> Kayak Launch         | <b>O</b> Station Bridge Parking |
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