

the skate park.

Cyclist and Jamestown resident Ken Williamson, of Reservoir Circle, said he pedals all around the island. Jamestown is the quintessential environment for outdoor activity.

“It’s probably the prettiest place on the East Coast and the cycling around here’s awesome” said Williamson. “I’ll ride through town, I get a little fresh air, sometimes a Guinness at Simpatico’s and there’s a lot of great pastries you can get downtown. Sometime’s I’ll ride to the north end where it’s really quiet, but there you don’t get the panoramic vistas like you do in town.”

Take a few minutes to enjoy the island’s open spaces you’ll see everything from horses and cows to endangered birds. Several of the island’s working farms welcome visitors. For a \$4 admission charge, Watson Farm on North Main Road offers a glimpse into the past as a “living” museum. Jamestown’s diverse landscapes of rocky coast, salt marshes, woods and grasslands have made it a popular birding destination. Marsh Meadows at Great Creek, a.k.a. Zeek’s Creek, is host to the island’s favorite osprey family.

If you’re more of a thrill-seeker, Ft. Wetherill offers a great environment for scuba diving. Also awaiting exploration is the largest of the island’s military forts which were abandoned after World War II. The park features grassy fields that are great for football games and picnics with family and friends.

Beavertail State Park is an outdoor delight. Miles of trails parallel the jagged cliffs that line the coast and offer spectacular views of the mouth of the Narragansett Bay.

To wind down at the end of a busy day, you’ll often find a group of Jamestowners and out-of-towners alike enjoying the sunset at the pavilion at Ft. Getty as they fire up the barbecue and get ready for a night of burgers, s’mores and campfires at this waterfront camping ground.

Although it’s true it might be difficult to enjoy Jamestown’s aesthetic appeal on a rainy day, all is not lost. As rich as it is in natural beauty, Conanicut Island offers an interesting and in-depth history at any one of its five museums, adding another dimension to the Jamestown experience. Tales of Jamestown’s epic struggle for freedom during the Revolutionary War, evidence of the Native American way of life, the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum and the Jamestown Fire Department Memorial Museum tell a comprehensive history of the innovation and resilience of one small town.



Don’t miss out on Jamestown’s history. On a rainy day, or if you had enough sun, check out the recently restored historic windmill located across from Watson Farm on Saturday or Sundays free of charge, and tour the Quaker Meeting House next door.

Admission to all of the island museums is free.

There is a parking fee at Mackerel Cove and Fort Getty where it costs \$15 a day for non-residents during the summer season from May 21 through Oct. 5.

Don’t forget to explore the village. Jamestown features all types of food from a quick sub or slice of pizza to family style seafood to gourmet award winning restaurants, complete with terrace seating and live jazz music.

Downtown is also home to some outstanding merchants for those who like to shop.

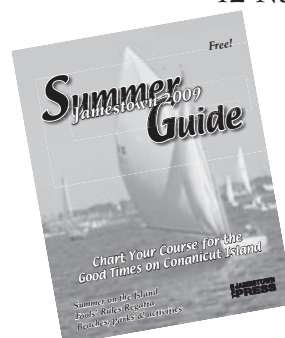
Jamestown is a great place to visit, whether for a day, a weekend or a month.

You can avoid the hustle, bustle and traffic lights this summer. Treat yourself to a pampered, quiet reprieve in Jamestown. No matter what you’re looking for, you won’t be disappointed. ▲

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