

James River



**Captain John Smith
Chesapeake National
Historic Trail**



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The James River begins in the Appalachian Mountains, passing through the city of Richmond before dropping towards the Chesapeake Bay. The lower James River is where Jamestown fort was built by the Virginia Company of London in 1607. American Indian peoples, such as the Paspahegh and Chickahominy, lived near where the fort was built. Soon after the fort was built, conflicts started to happen between the English and American Indians. The James River is where the troubled relationship between tribal governments and the United States of America began.