

Chronology of Capt. Smith's Exploration

Prior to 1607

The Setting

- As many as 50,000 people, organized into hundreds of tribes and living in agricultural communities lived near the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

1607 - First Contact

- April 26
English colonists enter Chesapeake Bay and land at Cape Henry
- May 13
Colonists arrive at Jamestown Island after exploring the James River
- December to Jan 2, 2008
Smith captured by Opechancanough, meets Powhatan at Werowocomoco, is adopted as a werowance, and returns to Jamestown

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The First Voyage

- June 2 - July 21
Smith leads fifteen men on the first exploration of Chesapeake Bay
- June 2-3 - Smith's party sails from Jamestown to Cape Charles, VA
- June 3 - Cape Charles to Accomack County (Accomack Town)
- June 4 - Accomack Town to Chesconnessex Creek near present-day Onley, VA
- June 5 - Chesconnessex Creek to Tangier Island, VA and Pocomoke City, MD (Wicocomoco Town)
- June 6 - Pocomoke City, MD (Wicocomoco Town) to Bloodsworth Island
- June 7-8 - Bloodsworth Island
- June 8 - Bloodsworth Island to the mouth of the Nanticoke River
- June 9 - Mouth of the Nanticoke River
- June 10 - Up the Nanticoke River, past present-day Vienna, MD (Nantaquack Town)
- June 11 - Nanticoke River to Randle Cliff near present-day Poplars, MD
- June 12 - Randle Cliff to Sillery Bay on the Patapsco River
- June 13 - Sillery Bay to past present-day Baltimore Harbor to the modern port town of Elkridge and back on the Patapsco River
- June 14 - Patapsco River
- June 15 - Baltimore Harbor to Herring Bay, near present-day Fairhaven, MD
- June 16 - Herring Bay to Cornfield Harbor June 17 Cornfield Harbor to Nomini Creek, near present-day Stratford, VA
- June 18 - July 15 - Nomini Bay to Great Falls, MD, then return to the mouth of the Potomac near present-day Point Lookout
- July 15 - Mouth of the Potomac River to Ingram Bay, VA
- July 16 - Ingram Bay to Fleets Bay

- July 17 - Fleets Bay to Stingray Point near present-day Deltaville on the Rappahannock River
- July 18-19 - Stingray Point to present-day Hampton, VA (Kecoughtan) on the James River
- July 20 - Hampton (Kecoughtan), past present-day Newport News to present-day Smithfield, VA (Warraskoyack)
- July 21 - Smithfield (Warraskoyack) to Jamestown

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The Second Voyage

- July 24 -Sept 7 - Smith leads fifteen men on the second exploration of Chesapeake Bay
- July 24 - Jamestown, VA to Hampton (Kecoughtan)
- July 25-26 - Hampton, VA(Kecoughtan)
- July 27 - Hampton (Kecoughtan) to Stingray Point
- July 28 - Rappahannock River to Cove Point, Maryland
- July 29 - Cove Point to the mouth of the Patapsco River
- July 30 - Patapsco River to the head of the Northeast River, present-day North East, MD
- July 31 - North East, MD to Sassafrass (Tockwogh) River
- Aug 1 - Up the Sassafrass (Tockwogh) River Aug 2 Sassafrass (Tockwogh) River to Smith Falls on the Susquehanna River, Pennsylvania
- Aug 3 - Susquehanna River to the head of the Elk River, MD, present-day Elkton, MD
- Aug 4 - Elkton, MD to Big Elk Creek
- Aug 5 - Elk Creek back to Smith's Falls on the Susquehanna River, PA
- Aug 6 - Susquehanna River to Sassafrass (Tockwogh) River
- Aug 7 - Sassafrass (Tockwogh) River
- Aug 8 - Sassafrass (Tockwogh) River to Rock Hall Harbor at the mouth of the Chester River
- Aug 9 - Chester River to the Patuxent River
- Aug 10 - Up the Patuxent River to Battle Creek
- Aug 11 - Battle Creek to present-day Dunkirk, MD (Mattpanient Town)
- Aug 12 - Dunkirk, MD (Mattpanient Town) back toward mouth of the Patuxent River
- Aug 13 - Patuxent River to St. Jerome Creek below Point No Point
- Aug 14 - Potomac River to the Rappahannock River, VA
- Aug 15-16 - Up the Rappahannock River to present-day Morattico (Moraughtacund Town)
- Aug 17 - Morattico, VA (Moraughtacund Town) up the Rappahannock to Cat Point Creek near present-day Tappahannock and Warsaw
- Aug 18-19 - Cat Point Creek to close to present-day Port Royal (Nantaughtacund towns)
- Aug 20 - Port Royal (Nantaughtacund towns) to near King George (Upper Cuttatawomen towns)

- Aug 21 - King George (Upper Cuttatawomen towns) to Moss Neck/Fetherstone Bay
- Aug 22 - Moss Neck/Fetherstone Bay to present-day Fredericksburg, then to Hollywood Bar
- Aug 23 - Hollywood Bar to King George (Upper Cuttatawomen towns)
- Aug 24 - King George (Upper Cuttatawomen towns) to Pissaseck
- Aug 25 - Pissaseck to near Morattico (Moraughtacund), where the boat was ambushed
- Aug 26-29 - Negotiations near Morattico (Moraughtacund)
- Aug 30-31 - Morattico (Moraughtacund) to the Piankatank River
- Sep 1-3 - Piankatank River exploration
- Sep 3-4 - Piankatank River to Old Point Comfort by present-day Hampton
- Sep 5-7 - Point Comfort to Jamestown, with explorations of the Elizabeth and Nansemond Rivers