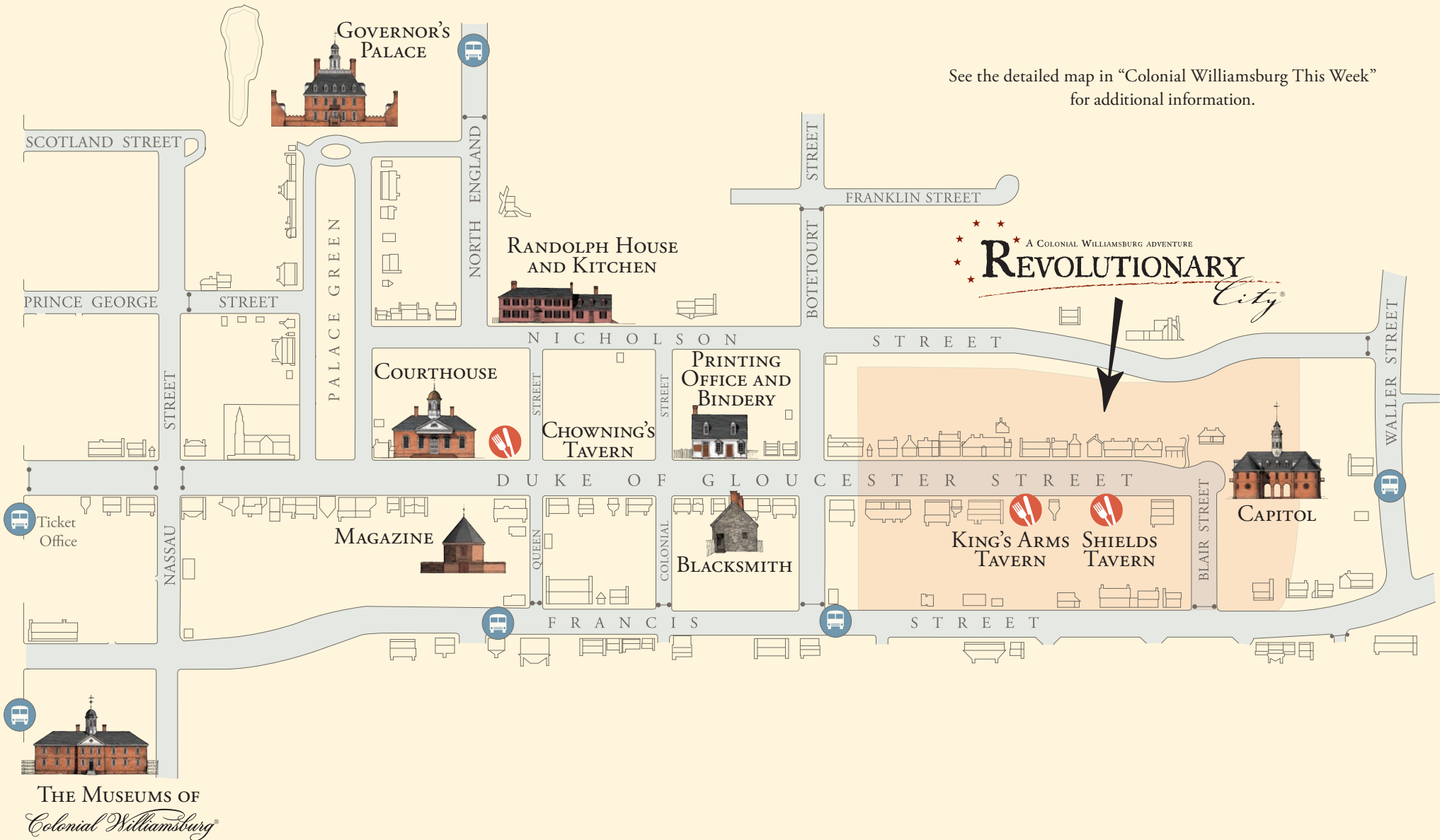


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## YOUR FIRST VISIT? SITES WE RECOMMEND YOU SEE.



An admission ticket is required for exhibit sites and museums. See "Colonial Williamsburg This Week" or ask any ticket sales agent for information.

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Is this your first visit to Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area?  
Here is what we recommend you see!

## Is this your first Colonial Williamsburg visit . . . or your first visit in a long time?

Like Boston and Philadelphia, Williamsburg played a major role in the American Revolution. Williamsburg was the social, political, and cultural center of Virginia (the wealthiest and most populous of Britain's mainland colonies) and the training ground for many prominent leaders of the American Revolution, such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, George Mason, and Patrick Henry.



**GOVERNOR'S PALACE** (Allow an hour)  
The residence of seven royal governors and the first two elected governors of the new sovereign state of Virginia, the Palace is

shown today as the home of Lord Dunmore, the last British governor of the colony, on the eve of the Revolution. *Please Note: You will need a two-day Governor's Key-to-the-City Pass, a Freedom Pass, or an Independence Pass to enter the Palace itself. A one-day Capital City Pass will allow you into the Palace Grounds.*



**RANDOLPH HOUSE AND KITCHEN**

(Allow 45 minutes) Home of one of Virginia's leading politicians, this was the site of important social and political gatherings. The backyard shows the range of work undertaken by enslaved men and women and their interaction with the white household. (Closed Sunday)



**COURTHOUSE** (Allow 20 minutes)

County and city courts provided local justice both in civil and criminal cases.

Participate in a wide variety of court trials in which lives, liberties, and property come into contest.



**MAGAZINE** (Allow 30 minutes) The Public Magazine, Williamsburg's arsenal, was the warehouse for gunpowder and firearms belonging to the colony and Commonwealth of Virginia. *Daily 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.*



**PRINTING OFFICE AND BINDERY**

(Allow 20 minutes) Printed items such as newspapers, political notices, and manuals played a key role in the spread of information before and during the Revolution. *Printing Office open 9 a.m.–1 p.m.; Bindery open 1–5 p.m.*



**BLACKSMITH** (Allow 30 minutes) During the Revolution James Anderson's shop repaired arms for the American forces.



**CAPITOL** (Allow 40 minutes) Here, in the spring of 1776, Virginia's patriots voted for independence and a new state constitution.

From the Capitol over the next five years, the government conducted the war and introduced the legislation that created the state's republican government.



**THE MUSEUMS OF  
COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**

(Daily 10 a.m.–7 p.m.)  
*Allow at least an hour*

The DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum features world-class English and American silver, ceramics, paintings, prints, and textiles dating from 1600 to 1830. The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum is the first museum dedicated solely to American folk art.



A series of dramatic scenes about the lives of Virginians before and during the American Revolution played out on the streets of Williamsburg (check daily listings in "Colonial Williamsburg This Week"):

- ★ **BUILDING A NATION** (Mondays): Meet the men and women—well known and humble—who shaped Williamsburg, the American Revolution, and the promise of the new nation.
- ★ **THE COLLAPSE OF ROYAL GOVERNMENT** (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays): Events in Williamsburg between 1774 and 1776 were pivotal in the evolution of Virginians from the subjects of a distant monarch to citizens of a self-governing republic. Experience the difficult choices facing townspeople in the crucial years leading up to the Revolution.
- ★ **CITIZENS AT WAR** (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays): From the elation of the early days of the Revolution to the despair of occupation by British forces, experience the tests and trials that befell the people of Williamsburg in their struggle for independence and freedom.



**HUNGRY?** Why not stop for a tavern lunch at

Chowning's, Shields, or King's Arms, located in the Historic Area (see map overleaf). For more information about food options, vending machines, restrooms, and shopping, see the *Guide to Dining and Shopping*, available at the Visitor Center.

**COLONIAL EVENING PROGRAMS** Additional tickets are required for colonial evening programs. Consult "Colonial Williamsburg This Week" for schedules and prices. Reservations and tickets are available at the Greenhow Lumber House, the Visitor Center, and any other ticket sales location.

\* For hours of all buildings and sites, please check "Colonial Williamsburg This Week," a free guide to what's happening in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area and museums, available at the Visitor Center or any ticket office.

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