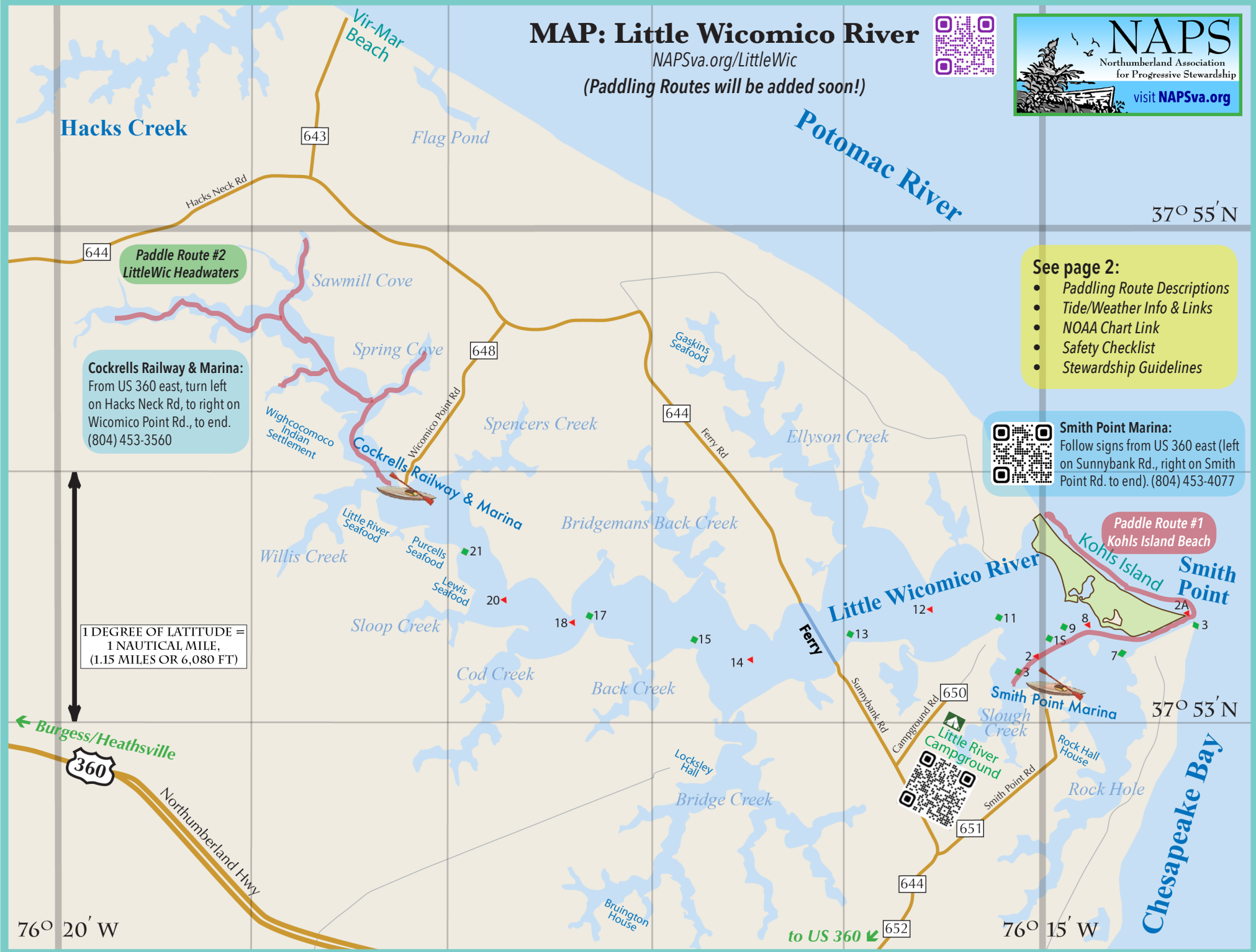


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(Paddling Routes will be added soon!)





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Tide Information:



Scan QR for tide predictions at Sunnybank, Little Wicomico River (site also links to the local marine weather forecast).

Average tidal range is 14 inches but can vary widely due to frequent coastal flooding.

The marshes at the headwaters of most of the creeks are secluded and full of wildlife. They are best explored near high tide, **BUT PLAN CAREFULLY: Explore only while the tide is rising - A falling tide may leave you STRANDED!**

Wind & Weather:



Scan QR for Weather Underground's Reedville forecast and live radar. Storms can develop very quickly, especially in the afternoons during spring and summer.

Moderate winds (13-20 mph) can cause significant wave action on the open sections of the Great Wicomico River, but the creeks are mostly well-protected by high banks and can be comfortably navigated in most conditions.

Marine Charts:



Scan QR for NOAA Chart of this segment courtesy of WaterwayGuide.com (or download the Waterway Guide® or other marine charting app for IOS or Android)

Paddling Routes

Paddle Route #1 Kohls Island Beach

Though just a 4-mile round-trip, this route requires skill and planning for favorable tides and wind/weather conditions - paddling through the jettied channel against the tide is difficult, and the Chesapeake Bay can have stacked water and significant swells.

Put in at Smith Point Marina, paddle out of Slough Creek, around Bamboo Is. (may be submerged) and straight out the channel. See Smith Point Lighthouse out to your right, and spectacular sunrises if you start out early. Wildlife is everywhere, and so are boaters - be watchful and highly visible!

Left out of the jetty, follow the deserted mile-long Kohls Island beach, but please do not disturb - owned and protected by Virginia Outdoor Corporation, the island is not open to visitors.

Paddle Route #2 LittleWic Headwaters

Put in at Cockrell's Marine Railway/Little Wicomico Oyster Company. Enjoy a peaceful paddle with little traffic as you explore Saw Mill, Spring, and Hanson Coves, and the brackish-to-fresh headwaters, teeming with wildlife. 4 to 6 miles roundtrip, depending on how far you go.



← Find more paddling routes on our detail maps of Great Wicomico East, Little Wicomico, Yeocomico, Coan, and Indian & Dividing Creeks.

For paddling routes in other Virginia counties, visit VirginiaWaterTrails.org →



Did you know Northumberland County has its own volunteer sea rescue service?

For over 50 years, **Smith Point Sea Rescue** has been "there when needed" to assist or rescue boaters - **no charge!** It monitors VHF Channel 16 or can be dispatched through the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office or 911. Scan QR to learn more or to make a donation.



Safety Checklist:

- ☐ Paddle with a buddy.
- ☐ Dress appropriately - bring rain gear or poncho.
- ☐ Wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and/or paddleboard leash.
- ☐ Carry an extra paddle, a bilge pump or bailer, and a first aid kit.
- ☐ Leave a "float plan" with a friend - let them know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- ☐ Watch for motorized watercraft and wakes. Carry a whistle and wear highly-visible clothing and hat. An orange flag mounted on a mast is recommended.
- ☐ Bring a smartphone and/or GPS receiver - keep in a sealable bag with flotation (most smartphones will function normally while inside a baggie). A VHF radio is recommended.
- ☐ Bring charts and/or guides - always know where you are.
- ☐ Bring water, snacks, insect repellent, and sunscreen.
- ☐ Be aware of tides, currents and wave action. Do not venture into the Chesapeake Bay or Potomac River unless you have the skills and preparation to navigate open, unprotected waters.

Emergency? Call 911 on mobile phone or MAYDAY on VHF-16

Stewardship Guidelines:

- Respect private property.
- "Leave no trace" - dispose of all trash properly.
- View wildlife from a distance and do not disturb nests or dens. Do not touch or feed wildlife!
- Fishing requires a fishing license and knowledge of regulations.

Please send suggestions, corrections, or new info to Stewardship@NAPSva.org. Produced and frequently updated by NAPS - an all-volunteer non-profit dedicated to preserving and improving the natural environment for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors. If you are enjoying these paddler's guides, please donate to NAPS - or better yet, join us! (scan QR for more info) →

