

# POQUOSON BLUEWAY MAP

## CANOE & KAYAK TRAILS

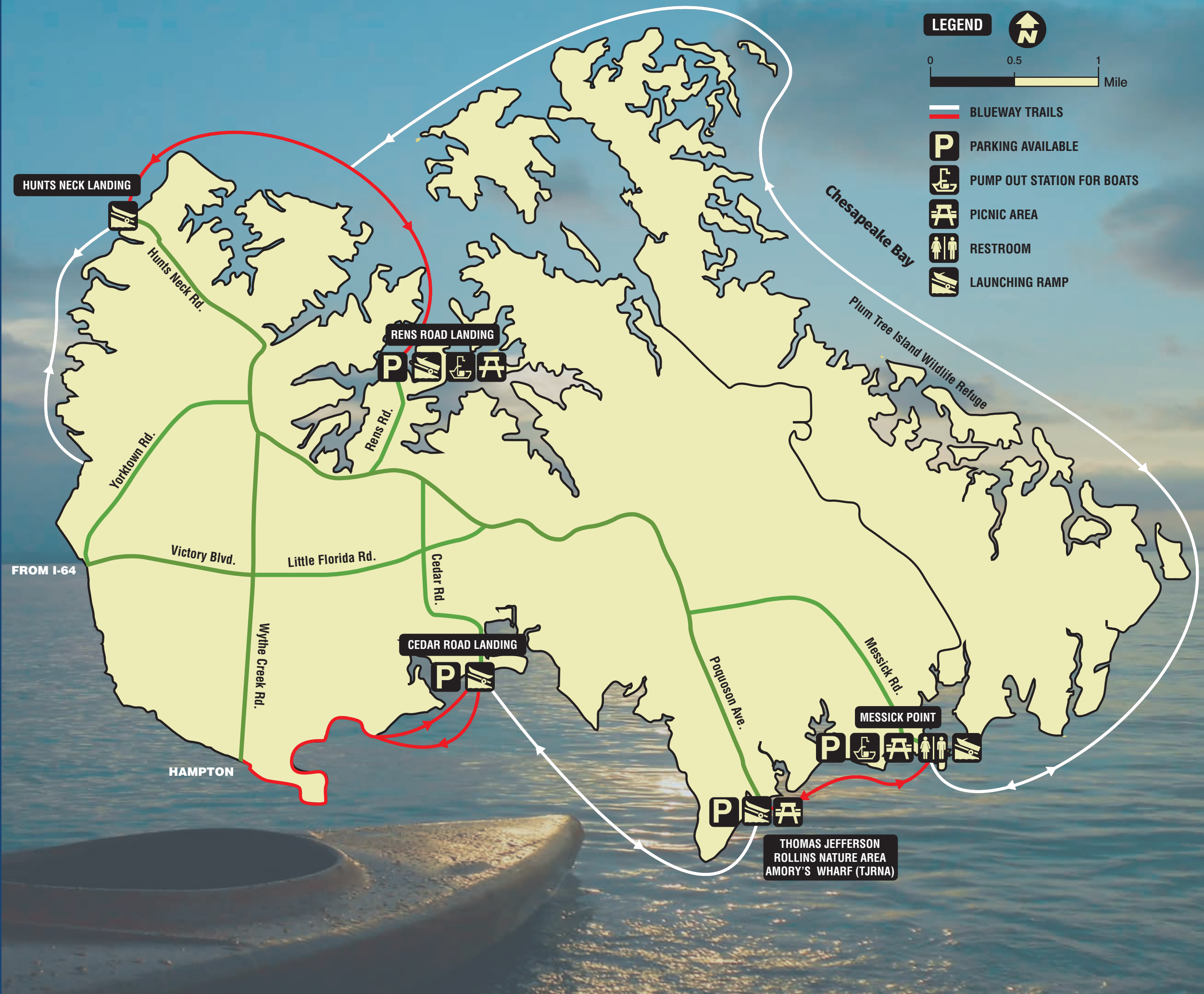
Poquoson, an ancient term for “great marsh” is a paddler’s paradise. Its 87 miles of beautiful shoreline beckon you for a “day at play on the bay”, silently encouraging you to explore numerous inlets and coves.

The City’s water trails meander through a great variety of flora and fauna, taking you within a stone’s throw of bald eagles, heron, deer, marsh grasses, and wild flowers.

Other points of interest are easily visible during your aquatic excursion including views of Factory Point, NASA/ Langley Research Center, and Langley Air Force Base. Your waterway travel is a seamless journey around the City connected by the Poquoson River and Back River. Tidal waters host an ever-changing environment.

### SMALL CRAFT SAFETY TIPS

1. Always wear a life jacket.
2. Know your ability and the demands of the waterways.
3. Stay hydrated and bring plenty of drinking water.
4. Avoid paddling at night and during unstable weather conditions.
5. Use sunscreen and wear a hat to protect yourself from sunburn.
6. Please help in keeping our waterways clean by properly disposing of trash.
7. Check weather and wind conditions prior to your trip.





Driving Directions For all ramps and landings in Poquoson : From I-64 using exit 256-B/Victory Boulevard continue 4 miles towards Poquoson on Route 171 Victory Boulevard. Once in Poquoson:

**Hunts Neck Landings:** At the intersection of Victory Boulevard and Wythe Creek Road make a left turn at the light onto Wythe Creek Road. At the second light, approx. .8 of a mile the road becomes Yorktown Road. Continue through the next light; the road is now Hunts Neck Road. Continue through the large “S” curve to dead end, approx. 1.8 miles. Ramp is at the very end of Hunts Neck Road. Limited parking nearby.

**Cedar Road Landings:** At the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Wythe Creek Road the road becomes Little Florida Road approx. 1.3 miles to Cedar Road. Turn Right onto Cedar Road and follow to the end. Landing is at the end. Gravel parking is on the right of the landing.

**Rens Road Landing:** At the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Wythe Creek Road turn left onto Wythe Creek Road and continue to the first light. Turn right onto Hudgins Road which will end at Poquoson Avenue. Turn right onto Poquoson Avenue and then left onto Rens Road. Proceed .5 of a mile to the waterfront area. The public boat ramp is located to the right near the marina slips. A walk-out pier and pump out facility is nearby. Larger craft should use caution when launching due to varying water depths at the location.

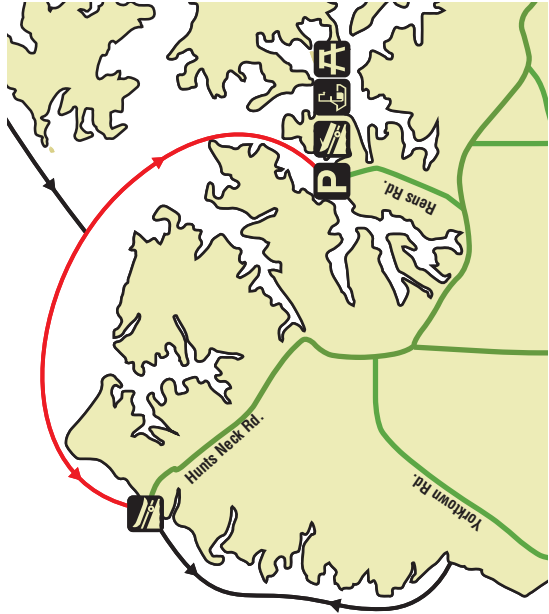
**Messick Point Landing:** At the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Wythe Creek Road continue straight through the light. (Road is now Little Florida Road.) Once passing Poquoson Middle School the road becomes Poquoson Avenue. Continue on Poquoson Avenue until you pass Trinity Church. Turn Left onto Messick Road and follow to the end which becomes Messick Point. Located here are boat ramps, picnic area, public restrooms, a pump out station, and slips for rent. Both electrical and water hook up is available for boat renting slips. The slips can accommodate boats up to 40 feet in length. Trailer parking available.

**Amory's Wharf Landing (TJRNA):** At the intersection of Victory Blvd and Wythe Creek Road continue across Wythe Creek Road. The Road is now Little Florida Road. Continue on Little Florida Road until passing the Poquoson Middle School. The Road is now Poquoson Avenue. Follow Poquoson Avenue to the end. Parking and picnic tables are available at the landing. Small craft is recommended here.

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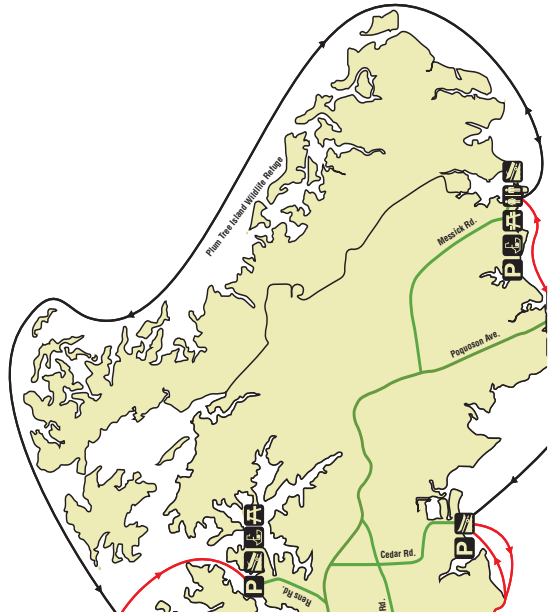


**Hunts Neck Landing to Rens Road Landing**  
(Whitehouse Cove) is approx. 2 miles (red line)

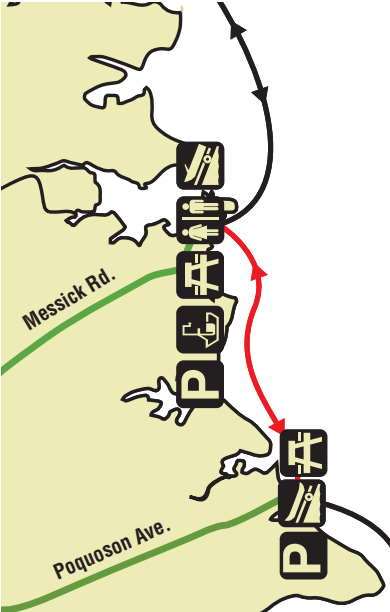
**Cedar Landing to Amory's Wharf (TJRNA)**  
Noted below on the map with the black line. Distance is approx. 3.22 miles.



**From Cedar Landing to Amory's Wharf (TJRNA)** there are many small coves and marshy inlets to explore along the coastal edges of the City in the Northwest Branch of Back River. Point of Interest: Paddle along Poquoson Museum's Marsh Walk. It will lead you to the grounds of the Poquoson Museum from Topping Creek.



**Messick Point to Rens Road Landing** is approx. 8 miles. Be sure to follow the coastline as the water is shallow and best for small craft in these areas. As you approach more open water, conditions are very tidal, and current can be very strong. Note that the Plum Tree Wildlife Refuge is not open to the public. Due to the fragile habitats and safety concerns associated with its former use as a bombing range, public access is prohibited. Off-site wildlife viewing is only permitted from adjacent waters. When the prevailing east, northeast, or southeast wind is at its peak, moderate to heavy wave action is the norm.



**Amory's Wharf (TJRNA) to Messick Point** is an approximate trip of 1.5 to 2 miles. Recommended course is to stay near the shoreline in the more calm water. Explore unique marsh flora and fauna. Enjoy views of Factory Point.



\*For more detailed reef information visit:  
[https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/maps/reef\\_map.php](https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/maps/reef_map.php)

**Bluefish Rock** "BF" by buoy; approx. 4 1/2 nautical miles east of Buckroe Beach and the entrance to Salt Ponds.

**Back River Reef** "BR" by buoy; circular reef located 3 nautical miles east of Plum Tree Point between Back River and Poquoson River.

**Poquoson Reef** "PQ" by buoy; approx. 2 1/2 nautical miles east of the Goodwin Islands and northwest of Poquoson River channel buoy "4". The reef runs parallel to the Poquoson River channel.

Poquoson is located within minutes of 4 man-made fishing reefs. All are a short trip by boat from most launching points in the City.\*

**York Spit Reef** "YS" by buoy; located east of the entrance to the York River, 1/2 nautical mile south of New Point Comfort Shoal.



**Whitehouse Cove Marina**  
757-508-2602  
Lat 37° 0.30N Lon 76° 22.38 W  
105-B Rens Road, Poquoson, VA  
whitehousecovemarina.com  
165 boat slips, deep water access to the Chesapeake Bay; floating docks with full length finger piers. Transient dockage for boats up to 110 feet. On-site facilities include swimming pool, free Wi-Fi, picnic area, pet friendly, laundry, shower & restroom facilities. 50 amp power service, free public boat ramp (Rens Road) nearby. Enjoy the Surf Rider Restaurant and the coastal sunsets as you dine on the outdoor deck also located at Whitehouse Cove Marina.

**Messick Point**  
757-868-3580  
Lat 37° 06.5N Lon 76° 19.1W  
380 Messick Road, Poquoson, VA  
Boat slips for rent. Convenient and easily accessible free public boat ramps on-site. Slips accommodate boats up to 40 feet long. Water and electrical service available at the pier. Easy and convenient, free daytime trailer parking. Small craft launch on-site. Public restroom facilities and picnic area.

**York Haven Marina**  
757-868-4532  
100 Mingee Street, Poquoson, VA  
yorkhavenmarina.com  
79 boat slips; MLW of 6'; services include haul-outs up to 65'; 50 ton travel-lift, 10 ton forklift, contracted or do-it-yourself repair yard.

**Islander Marina**  
757-592-8098  
127 E. River Rd, Poquoson, VA.  
Slips available for rent; 30 amp service; accommodating boats up to 44'.