

# Paleontological tours at Stratford Hall

## Booking Information

January 2, 2018

*Please read carefully*

### **Stratford Hall mailing address:**

Stratford hall

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### **Coordinator for Paleontological Trips:**

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### **Driving Directions to Stratford Hall:**

Stratford Hall Plantation is located just off State Route 3 on State Route 214, six miles northwest of Montross, Virginia in Westmoreland County and 42 miles southeast of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

### **Directions from Washington**

*from Eastern half of the Beltway:* Take Maryland Route 5 South to U.S. Route 301 South. About 10 miles after crossing the Potomac River toll bridge, turn left onto Virginia Route 3 East. Follow Route 3 for 20 miles, and then take a left onto Route 214 at Lerty, Virginia. Follow Route 214 for 2 miles. Stratford's gate is on the left.

*From the Western half of the Beltway:* Take I-95 South to Virginia Route 3 East (exit 130A on I-95) in Fredericksburg. Follow Route 3 for about 45 miles, and then take a left onto Route 214 at Lerty, Virginia. Follow Route 214 for 2 miles. Stratford's gate is on the left.

### **Directions from Richmond**

Take Route 360 East to Warsaw, Virginia. In Warsaw, take Route 3 West to Montross, Virginia. From Montross, continue on Route 3 to Route 214 at Lerty, Virginia. (It is 5 miles past the town of Montross.) Turn right and follow Route 214 for 2 miles. Stratford's gate is on the left.

### **Distance in Time**

from Washington: 2 hours

From Richmond: 1 1/2 hours

From Fredericksburg: 50 minutes

From Charlottesville: 2 1/2 hours

From Williamsburg: 2 hours

### **Distance in Miles**

Richmond to Stratford: 75

Washington to Stratford: 98

Charlottesville to Stratford: 120

Fredericksburg to Stratford: 42

**For directions using GPS or online mapping, use the following address: 483 Great House Road, Montross, VA 22520.**

The Inn at Stratford Hall has lodging accommodations and a dining room serving lunches throughout the week.

Great House tours are from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm...Tickets available at Gate during operating hours, and at the Gift Shop 11:00am – 4:00 pm.

### **General tour booking information**

Please read carefully.

Booking your 2017 tour:

- 1) Pick three dates during calendar year 2017. A first choice and two alternative dates.
- 2) Tour scheduling is solely the responsibility of Stratford Hall.
- 3) Schedule a time that is commensurate with beach access at Stratford Hall: 9:30 -4:00.
- 4) Arrival and departure times will be conveyed to Stratford Hall.
- 5) Stratford Hall will need the name, e-mail, and phone number of the person coordinating the tour.
- 6) A list of all attendees with e-mails and phone numbers will be provided to Stratford Hall at least one week in advance of the proposed tour visit.
- 7) A copy of the Stratford Hall Release of Claims form will be e-mailed to the coordinator of the tour, who will then, in turn forward to all persons attending the tour.
- 8) Stratford Hall Release of Claims forms will be e-mailed to prospective tour group leader prior to visitation. All attending the tour must have signed and submitted the Liability Release before they can access the beach.
- 9) On the day of the tour, all signed Stratford Hall Release of Claims forms will be turned in to a Stratford Hall staff person.
- 10) The low tide information is the responsibility of persons organizing the tour.  
For tide information select the button for Colonial Beach at:  
<http://www.saltwatertides.com/dynamic.dir/potomacsites.html>  
Scroll down and follow directions for selecting month, first day and how many days. It will then generate a tide chart for those days.
- 11) Saturdays and Sundays may be selected, however, dependent on current staff schedules, paleo – patrol availability and prior scheduled Stratford Hall public events.
- 12) The Stratford Hall staff person will keep an eye out for changes in weather. Cancellation of the event for weather will be the responsibility of the Stratford Hall staff person and may occur prior to the event time due to evaluation of weather.
- 13) If the weather conditions are such, that a cancellation must occur prior to the scheduled tour date, Stratford Hall will notify the person coordinating the tour to inform tour attendees of the necessary cancellation.
- 14) During a tour, if weather conditions deteriorate, a Paleo Patrol member or a Stratford Hall staff person will advise Stratford Hall about the weather. The Stratford Hall staff person will make the decision whether to cancel the remainder of the trip. The Stratford Hall staff person will then assist in notifying any tour attendees about the cancellation.
- 15) Refunds will be honored if inclement weather affects the tour length less than one hour. Tours interrupted by weather or other unforeseen situations that result in a cancellation after one hour will result in no refund.

16) Any fossil of scientific value found by a trip attendee will remain the property of Stratford Hall and will be retained by Stratford Hall. Provenance/location will be recorded, as well as contact information.

17) Tour Considerations:

- **ALL TOURS WILL BEGIN AT VISITOR CENTER DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. TOURS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR ARRIVAL AT OR AFTER 9:30 AM, AND CONCLDUE BY 3:45 PM.**
- Minimum on tour 5, maximum of 40\*
- Suggested minimum age is 8 years old.
- Expect moderate physical exertion.
- **Cost is based as follows:\*\***
  - 4 hours total 5-10 adults and children, adults 45.00 each, children (8-13) 40.00 each.
  - 4 hours total 11- 20 adults and children, adults 35.00 each, children (8-13) 30.00 each.
  - 4 hours total 20-30 adults and children, adults 25.00 each, children (8-13) 25.00 each.
  - Special fee arrangements may be considered.
- All checks made out to RELMA, Credit Card payments may be made over the phone or at the Gift Shop on day of event. Gift Shop hours 11-5 daily.
- All tour charges due in advance, or with prior agreement. Other situations will be considered upon discussing in advance with Stratford Hall staff.
- **Public parking information will be conveyed to tour organizer prior to trek.**
- **All participants must wear an orange safety vest.**

18) A bathroom is located at the Mill during winter hours.

**\*larger groups can be accommodated with special arrangements**

**\*\* Fees and costs subject to change**

**What to consider:**

This is a weather dependent event...please be aware of potential inclement weather...also, the trip/tour attendees will have at least one member of the Stratford Hall Paleo Patrol personnel assigned. The patrol is responsible for outlining safety and precautions, assisting in identification of found specimens, and monitoring the group's activities. The Paleo Patrol is a group of volunteers working closely with Stratford Hall. They will greet all tours and review safety policy. They will then accompany all groups for the length of the tour. At least one member of the patrol will be assigned to accompany all groups. The patrol member/s will keep an eye out for changes in weather during the trip. In coordination with the Stratford Hall staff person, the Paleo Patrol volunteers will notify the trip leader and trip attendees during a trip that a trip must be cancelled due to weather conditions. Cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances that are shorter than 1 hour of scheduled times will result in reschedule and/or refund. Cancellations after one hour of scheduled times will result in no rescheduling or refund. The Paleo Patrol volunteers will determine if a fossil specimen found by a trip attendee has potential scientific value and as a result be retained by Stratford Hall for further determination.

**The Paleo Patrol will be easily identified in orange tee shirts. A first aid kit will be available for minor cuts, however if and ambulance is needed please call 911 and immediately identify your locations as Westmoreland county, Virginia.**

- What to bring:
  - Appropriate seasonal clothing and footwear (flip flops are discouraged)
  - No bare feet allowed.
  - Appropriate footwear.

- No flip flops
- Water shoes
- Shoes with a hard sole.
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Bug repellent (ticks and chiggers are a nuisance)
- Bottles of water
- Snacks
- Zip locks Sandwich bags
- Small colander or screen for sifting (optional)

**For more information:**

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