

Launch of the Month



The launch at Menokin photo by Ralph Heimlich

Water Body: Cat Point Creek; Rappahannock River

Comments https://www.northernneck.org/MAPS/rc_cat_point_creek_water_trail_guide_web.pdf

Cat Point Creek at Menokin Bay

Lat: 38.003632

Long: -76.80598

Address : 4037 Menokin Road Warsaw, Virginia 22572

Type: beach launch

Parking: Moderate

Restroom: Yes

Fee: No

Ownership: Menokin Foundation

County: Richmond

State: Virginia

This launch is located on the grounds of the Menokin Foundation (<https://www.menokin.org/>), the 18th century colonial home of Francis Lightfoot Lee, which is undergoing restoration and preservation under a unique glass structure. The kayak launch is free, and debouches onto Cat Point Creek, a tributary of the Rappahannock River, which is 9.1 miles downstream from the launch.

We visited Menokin on the way home from a car camping trip to Belle Isle State Park in 2020 and paddled the creek. It is a great “plan B” if you are paddling the Bay down at Fleets Island or the Reedville area and have adverse weather, but still want to paddle protected waters.

If you have non-kayaking friends that you would like to introduce to the sport, this is an attractive launch. Rappahannock Outdoor Adventures, in partnership with the Menokin Foundation, have rentals and guided tours leaving from the launch in season. See <https://www.menokin.org/kayak>



Paddling Cat Point Creek above Menokin to Woodville Creek photo by Ralph Heimlich



Paddling on Menokin Bay at Cat Point Creek photo by Ralph Heimlich

Find more launch sites and paddle-in camping sites at the CPA webpage under “Resources” at the [Chesapeake Bay Access and Paddle-in Campsite Interactive map](#).