

Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) General Information

Accommodations including complete supply and repair facilities together with hotels, restaurants, and other attractions are located along the Hampton Roads waterways, the Dismal Swamp Canal, and the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal. Excellent anchorage and docks are available in Chesapeake, Va. and Elizabeth City, N.C. Bridge and lock operators in this portion of the AIWW monitor marine radio channel 13. Additional information on the AIWW, including navigation updates and cruising news, is available online.

Dismal Swamp Canal Traveling Information

While maintained to a depth of 6 feet, boaters must verify the latest channel conditions, obey the no wake requirements, and watch for underwater and floating debris. Our locks and bridges have minimum operating staff on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Deep Creek and South Mills Locks normal operating schedule is: openings at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., seven days a week, 365 days a year. The schedule is subject to change during droughts or adverse weather conditions; call to confirm before transiting the canal. Both Deep Creek and South Mills Locks have controlling dimensions of 52' wide and 300' long.

Drawbridges at Deep Creek and South Mills are unmanned and open in conjunction with the lock operating schedule. The lock operator also serves as bridge operator, therefore some delays in bridge openings can be expected, as they will be coordinated with the adjacent locks. Deep Creek lock and bridge operators can be reached at (757) 487-0831, the South Mills lock and bridge operators can be reached at (252) 771-5906 or marine radio channel 13.

Vessels can anchor or moor overnight in the canal; limited tie-up facilities are located along the canal including The City of Chesapeake piers near Deep Creek Lock and Douglas Landing. Vessels can stay at tie-up facilities along the canal longer than overnight during adverse weather conditions in Hampton Roads or when approved by the Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center, operated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, is located near mile marker 28 on the canal. The Welcome Center has a variety of published brochures and pamphlets with information on accommodations and attractions. It also has a 150' dock, restrooms, vending machines, picnic tables and grills. Call (252) 771-8333 or visit www.dismalswampwelcomecenter.com for additional Welcome Center information.

The Dismal Swamp State Park Visitor Center and Great Dismal Swamp Canal Bridge are also located near mile marker 28 on the canal. Visitors can access the Center by parking in the State Park parking area on the east side of the canal or by mooring vessels at the Welcome Center and crossing the pedestrian bridge. The park provides access and parking for the canoe/kayak launch during regular daily park hours. The park is open daily. Call (252) 771-6593 or visit www.ncparks.com for additional information.

Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Traveling Information

While maintained to a depth of 12 feet, boaters must verify the latest channel conditions and obey the no wake requirements. Our lock and bridge have operating staff on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Great Bridge Lock opens on demand, but works in conjunction with the Great Bridge Bridge openings. The schedule is subject to change during adverse weather conditions. Mooring is limited to 24 hours near Great Bridge Lock and Great Bridge Bridge. The Great Bridge Bridge is operated by the City of Chesapeake and opens every hour from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on demand after 7:00 p.m. Great Bridge Lock operators can be reached at (757) 547-3311 or marine radio channel 13. The controlling dimensions for Great Bridge Lock are 72' wide and 530' long.

North Landing Bridge opens every hour and half hour from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On demand openings are provided for commercial traffic as needed and for private vessels after 7:00 p.m. North Landing Bridge operators can be reached at (757) 482-3081 or marine radio channel 13.



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Dismal Swamp Canal, Virginia and
North Carolina, and Albemarle and
Chesapeake Canal, Virginia**

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