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STATE PLANNER

Route 17 Virginia State Planner

Inland finish chapter: Chesapeake gateway, Hampton Roads / York River history, Middle Peninsula continuity, Fredericksburg reset, and Winchester finish.

USE THIS FOR

Decide stop roles, route zones, backup pauses, overnight/reset posture, and what to verify before driving this state chapter.

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How Virginia works on Route 17

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GATEWAY Chesapeake Practical Tidewater entry from North Carolina.	HISTORY ANCHOR Yorktown Deliberate history stop near the York River.
INLAND RESET Fredericksburg City-scale pause before the northern finish.	NORTHERN FINISH Winchester Clear inland terminus for the Route 17 corridor.

Driving zones

1	Chesapeake gateway	Shift from the North Carolina approach into Tidewater planning.
2	Hampton Roads / York River	Newport News provides crossing context; Yorktown carries the intentional history stop.
3	Middle Peninsula / Rappahannock	Gloucester, Saluda, and Tappahannock keep the river-town middle visible.
4	Fredericksburg / Piedmont transition	Fredericksburg resets the day; Warrenton begins the move into northern Piedmont.
5	Piedmont to Winchester	Marshall, Delaplane, and Paris lead toward the valley finish.

DECISION SHEET

Anchors, backups, and route decisions

Use the state page as a chapter map, not as a checklist of every town.

Useful support stops

- [] Newport News - Route 17 James River Bridge crossing context.
- [] Tappahannock - strongest river-town pause in the Virginia middle.
- [] Warrenton - Old Town reset as the route turns into northern Piedmont.
- [] Marshall - U.S. 17 / I-66 junction cue.
- [] Paris - U.S. 17 / U.S. 50 crossroads at Ashby Gap before Winchester.

Decisions to make before the day

- [] Use Chesapeake to orient the gateway rather than as another history stop.
- [] Let Yorktown carry the history weight.
- [] Use Fredericksburg as the strongest city-scale reset before the final inland run.
- [] Treat Winchester as the finish line northbound and the opening anchor southbound.

Current-condition checks

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PLANNING SHEET

Build your Virginia Route 17 day

Write the roles first, then add only the stops that support those roles.

Primary anchor	
Reset / backup	
Overnight / finish	
Direction (northbound / southbound)	
Must verify before departure	

Notes / route decisions

Cut-first rule

If the day runs long, cut optional support stops before cutting the primary anchor or the safe arrival margin.