

# ELI Weekly

## Great Places to Visit: Part 3--Colonial Williamsburg

Now that you have learned about the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore, its time to visit the place where American history lives—Colonial Williamsburg. If you are interested in seeing how life was before the U.S. gained its independence, then this is the place for you to visit.

Colonial Williamsburg is actually the historic district of Williamsburg, Virginia. It is home to many of the buildings that, from 1699 to 1780, formed Virginia's capital. Not surprisingly, it is Virginia's number one tourist attraction with over 4,000,000 visitors each year. It is considered to be the world's largest living history museum.



Williamsburg, named after King William III of Great Britain, was originally called Middle Plantation. Williamsburg became the capital after many colonists had troubles in Jamestown, the original settlement. In 1780, though, the capital moved to Richmond for security reasons during the American Revolution, and there it stayed. For many years after Richmond became the capital, the colonial section of Williamsburg became neglected as a more modern town was built around it. By the early 20th century, many of the older buildings were in poor condition or not in use anymore. However, in the 1920's, a local reverend started a campaign to restore the old colonial area. He got financial support from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the wealthy son of the Standard Oil Company founder. Once townspeople approved, hundreds of buildings built after 1790 were demolished and Colonial Williamsburg was recreated.



Take a carriage ride

On a trip to Colonial Williamsburg today, you will see homes, businesses, taverns, and open-air markets just as they were during colonial times. The townspeople stay in character 24-hours a day—shopkeepers, children playing, farm families, military men—all asking you to immerse yourself into the 18th century! You can take tours and interact with the “colonists.” There are also many special events going on throughout the year. Sounds like a great American history lesson!

## Activities This Week

**Fri., July 25-Aug. 3**

### **Ozark Empire Fair**

It's time for the annual fair! It will be a week full of live shows, contests, rides, and food. Don't miss it!

**Where:** Missouri Entertainment & Event Center (formerly the Ozark Empire Fair Grounds)—take Kansas Expressway north, pass I-44, and turn right on Norton Road.

**How much:** Tickets are \$8.00 at the gate

**When:** Gates open at 1:00 pm each day

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>



**Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Computer Lab**

## Announcements



- Academic Lecture THIS week:  
**Tuesday, July 22**  
*Psychology*  
Level 5
- Conversation Night  
**Wednesday, July 23rd @ 7:30pm**  
Want to practice your speaking and listening skills with native English speakers! Then come to the Belmonte, located at 428 W. Commercial Street, for Conversation Night. Some snacks, drinks, music, and games will be provided, but bring anything you want to share. If you need a map, ask Phil.  
**\*\*Carpooling is a great idea, so get a group together to ride together!\*\***

## Did You Know....

**A few interesting facts about Trinidad & Tobago:**



Pitch Lake, located on the island of Trinidad, is the world's largest natural reservoir of asphalt. By the way, "pitch" is another word for "tar."

Scientists believe that Trinidad was part of South America until the last Ice Age.

Christopher Columbus gave Trinidad (Trinity) its name after seeing the three peaks on the southeast of the island.

The country has 2 national birds—the scarlet ibis and the cocorico.



### What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located near the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

**This week:**

- The Foot Fist Way
- Bigger, Stronger, Faster
- Mongol



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

## Weather Forecast

**Degrees: High/Low**

**Forecast for July 21-27**

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	92/73	33/23
Tuesday:	86/69	30/21—chance of rain
Wednesday:	84/69	29/21—chance of rain
Thursday:	87/72	31/22—chance of rain
Friday:	88/69	31/21—chance of rain
Saturday:	88/68	31/20—chance of rain
Sunday:	87/68	31/20—chance of rain



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), or watch the local news or weather channel.