

# Our State



By doing four of the following activities, you will have completed this Try-It. Activity 1 and activity 3 are highly recommended as two of the activities to complete. These two activities will give you a great deal of information on our state, Virginia.

1. Maps are fun. On a globe or world map, find the United States. Look for our state, Virginia. Be able to point to it on the map. Look at a map of the United States. Find Virginia. Look to see what states surround Virginia. Be able to name some of them.

Look at a map of Virginia. See if you can find all of the following: the state capital; the county, city, or town where you live; the Potomac River; the James River; the Shenandoah River; Mount Vernon; Jamestown; Charlottesville; Roanoke; Virginia Beach; Norfolk; Williamsburg; the Atlantic Ocean; the Chesapeake Bay; the Dismal Swamp; Smith Mountain Lake; the Blue Ridge Mountains; and the Appalachian Mountains.

Draw your own map of Virginia. (You can copy the outline of the state.) Draw in all of the places above.

2. Find out all you can about how Virginia was settled. Be able to tell your troop who settled Virginia first and when. Who was the leader, and who did he marry? What was the name of the settlement?
3. Go to the library and find a book about Virginia or go to your local chamber of commerce or visitors bureau for information about Virginia. Find out all of the following about our state: the state bird, the state flower, the state nickname, the state tree, the state flag, and the state song. Be able to tell what they are. Draw or cut out pictures of each. Share what you have learned with another troop.
4. Virginia is called "the Mother of Presidents." Why is our state called that? Find out about the presidents who came from Virginia. Find out one interesting fact about each. Several had influence on important documents for our country, such as the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; find out who. Mark where each of the presidents is from on the map that you have drawn.
5. There are many historical places in Virginia. Visit one of them with your troop or your family. Share what you learn with your troop or another troop.
6. Find out five interesting facts about Virginia and share them with your troop or another troop.

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