



The Most Historic 177 Yards of Golf In America



The River Course, Williamsburg, Va. – On the colorful scorecard, hole 17 at [Kingsmill Resort's River Golf Course](#) reads like thousands of other golf holes around the world: 177 yard Par 3. And that's a shame. It should read: *"You are about to play the most historic 177 yards of golf in America. Take it all in. Don't rush. Look around and imagine how this very land played a role in American history starting in 1607."*

Thanks to its strategic and inviting position overlooking the James River, the tee box features clearly visible remnants of the earthen works (a hastily made fort or defensive structure) from the American Revolution, which was then repurposed (location, location, location) in the War Between the States. Today a Civil War cannon and flag guard this sacred ground. We're sure some golfers would like to use the cannon to launch their ball to the tee (not allowed).

But well before aggression, Native Americas lived here and ate the oysters still plentiful and being served up at the 19th hole here at Kingsmill. Early settlers arrived to this very shoreline in seek of a new home. Today, when golfers walk between the tee box and the green, they are stepping on the same land where the Jamestown settlers stepped off their boat in 1607. Those settlers would later sail upriver and start what is now the United States of America at Jamestown. The old pilings in the river are the location of their original port and start of the road from the James River to Williamsburg, the amazing Colonial town that's still thriving 400 years later. To the left of the hole are the foundations of what was basically a pub, early warehouse, hotel and some say a brothel all dating way back before 1776.

That's 177 yards of history from the Native Americans to the Jamestown Settlers, Williamsburg, the American Revolution and Civil War to where LPGA players now tee off in an annual professional golf tournament. Kingsmill Resort is also the place where President Clinton, Bush (43) and Obama have come to meet, relax, work and rehearse for debates. Today golfers, families, couples and friends come to Kingsmill Resort's hallowed ground to make their own history.

And while you may not eagle this hole (which would be a hole in one, too) it's quite common to see the American Bald Eagle flying overhead. They nest on the grounds of Kingsmill Resort. Perfectly fitting for the most 177 historic holes of golf, in America.

Winston Churchill said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." In golf, us amateurs call this a mulligan, and if there is any golf hole in American to pause, stop and take it all in – and use a mulligan – this is it.

[Kingsmill Resort](#) is the only AAA Four Diamond condominium resort in historic Williamsburg, Va. The resort's one- to three-bedroom condominiums, with kitchens and spacious living areas, are ideal for golfers. For more information, visit www.kingsmill.com for specific details or call (800) 832-5665.

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