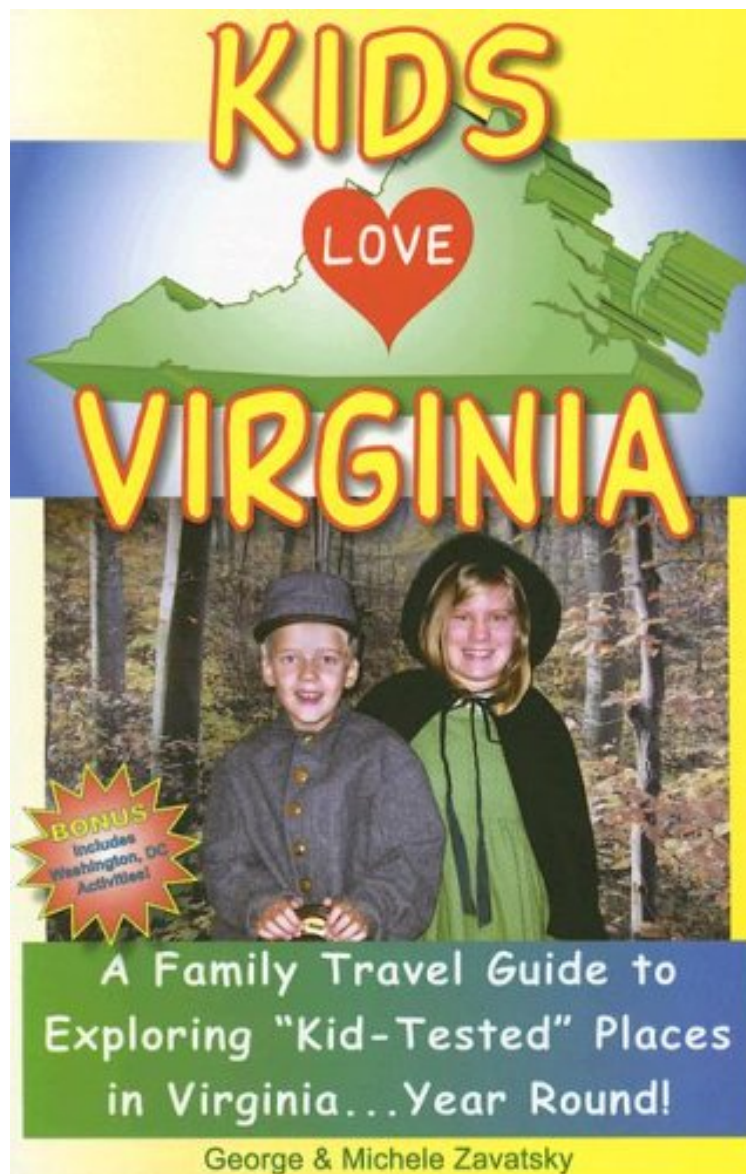


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kids Love Virginia: A Family Travel Guide to Exploring "Kid-Tested" Places in Virginia...Year Round! (Kids Love Virginia Washington, DC: A Family Travel Guide to):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. just a pile of places you may or may not take older children. By MISS K E PEASE I was expecting a book filled with childcentric activities, and that is a guide on age appropriateness and hidden gems. We found this book is places you can go with children.... or not. It really is just a regular guide book. Perhaps my expectations were too great. I could have purchased a regular guide book, or just picked up a pile of maps and flyers available in the hotels or tourist centres. We were dissappointed to spend \$16.00 on just a guide book, not for us I'm afraid. Perhaps other people would enjoy it? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful! A+ By Customer Full of good info and very true to date. Lots of free places to go. I also would go ahead and buy the ASTC passport that will get you into the high priced museums for free for a year. =>

KIDS LOVE VIRGINIA lists and reviews hundreds of kid-tested attractions throughout the state. Besides all of the details (where, when, how much?), the book is best known for its easy-to-read reviews of what is most engaging about each site or festival. You won't find all of this information together in any other resource. Great ideas for inexpensive, easy day trips or mini-vacations.

"The great thing about these books is that your family actually lives these adventures" -- CBS ANCHOR "Very helpful to lots of families when the kids say, I'm bored...and I don't want to go to the same places again!" -- CBS ANCHOR "You spent more than 1000 hours doing this research for us, that's really great - we just have to pick up the book and it's done!" -- NBC ANCHOR From the Publisher Who says you have to head far away to vacation? There are hundreds of activities going on right in your own backyard for kids of all ages. Whether you're planning a day trip, seasonal festival, weekend get-away or full-week excursion, look to Virginia attractions for great kid-friendly diversions. But, planning trips can be so frustrating ... especially when your kids seem bored and are begging for new ideas on something fun to do. Sure, go on the internet and try to plan a short family trip...it takes so much TIME! And, how can you decide which places are "kid-friendly" and a good value? "Traveling with family friends shouldn't be so hard. We wanted to make family time easy so, we researched and wrote this book" say parents/authors George and Michele Zavatsky. After 1000 hours of research and publishing, the result is their book, KIDS LOVE VIRGINIA. This book is part of series of best-selling regional travel guides for ten states in the South and Midwest. KIDS LOVE VIRGINIA has been kid-tested and the descriptions include great hints on what kids like best. This informative guide contains 280 pages packed full of over 600 places and events specifically designed for children between the ages of 2-15. At the beginning of each chapter, we list "Favorites." At the end of each chapter you'll find "tried and true" suggested lodging and dining that appeals to kids. Find quarterly updates and major changes to the book on the publisher's website. This keeps the book current for several years after publication. Travel trends indicate many people seek opportunities to learn while taking some time off. Others look for unusual things to do and places to go where they can enjoy something different. Virginia is full of these kind of sites and events. Kids can discover where ponies swim and dolphins dance, dig into archaeology and living history, or be dazzled by natural bridges and tunnels. It'll tell you how Colonial, American Indian and Pioneer folks lived and even how to dance the Virginia Reel or cook with stones. You'll know where to go to learn the secrets of making clay bricks, digging for fairy stones, commanding a battleship, or making pinch pots. Another weekend you'll have all the travel details you need to go behind the scenes of famous parade floats or walk through Holy Land. Of course, there's plenty of kid-friendly details on nationally known sites like Mt. Vernon, Luray Cavern's fried eggs, places where the Civil War began (Harpers Ferry) and ended (Appomattox), Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown. Want Action? Trolley, trot or walk past famous homes. Drive your car underwater or through a zoo. Kayak many quiet rivers or raft the whitewaters, downtown! Ride a batteau on the James, touch a starfish, or catch a wink from a mermaid. Pack your knapsack as you follow "A Soldier's Life". If you're hungry, KIDS LOVE VIRGINIA knows where to make potato chips, gourmet cakes curds. It'll tell you how to eat your way through apple, birthday cake, pumpkin peanut festivals. Unusual theme restaurants include old taverns or railroad depots, a gristmill serving yummy corn cakes, dining in the same room Washington once celebrated birthdays, or reminiscing simpler times on Walton's Mountain. The book is formatted in 6 geographical zones (one of them is Washington, DC) providing maps, engaging descriptions, websites, prices, etc. to save you lots of time. Web searching? Wasting Time? You won't find all of this information together anywhere else! And, you will probably find there are at least 50 things to do within an hour of your home. Best of all, if you have a limited budget, don't worry - our books list lots of places to visit for little or no charge! From the Author We are two parents (with our kids) who have spent thousands of hours of research and traveled over 250,000 miles visiting over 5000 places as a family. We've done all the scouting, "kid-testing" and reviewing. Our "Kids Love" family travel books help your family spend less time searching and.....more time having fun!