

Fort Monroe National Historic Site (VA)



My name is Chris Martin and I am an adventurer. After being raised in Newport News, VA I finally got a taste of the mountains as a teenager during hiking trips to Shenandoah National Park. I attended James Madison University due to its prime location in the Shenandoah Valley between some incredible mountains of Virginia where I received a Bachelor of Science in biology with a focus on environmental sciences. Upon graduating from JMU I embarked on a journey to hike the entire 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail, from Georgia to Maine, to gain a better

appreciation for the environment and natural resources. I am passionate about teaching others about nature and have a strong belief that most of this education comes simply from going outside and experiencing it. During my hike I frequently taught others how to identify birds and plants. I plan on becoming an environmental scientist and hope to inspire future generations to live life more adventurously by spending more time outside.