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*Road-tripping and shopping in small town Northern Neck*

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If you've ever been to the **Northern Neck**, you know that it's a little like going back in time, in all of the best ways possible. Life seems a little slower and more laidback - the air a little fresher. I was born in Virginia (**Fluvanna**, to be specific) and have lived here most of my life, but never really spent much time in the Northern Neck, outside of a river cruise to **Ingleside Vineyards** or a visit to **Lowrey's Seafood Restaurant** in Tappahannock.



**A Day in White Stone**

So on a recent Saturday morning, I hopped in my car and headed up Route 33 and 3, with the intended purpose of checking out the **Irvington Farmer's Market**. Before getting there though, I had to pass through White Stone (and white-knuckle it over the narrow 2-lane Rappahonock River bridge!), where I saw a couple of boutique-like shops I knew I had to visit on my way back.

One of those boutiques was the succinctly named **Farm** on Chesapeake Drive. Inside, it reminded me of a cross between Anthropologie and a reclaimed furniture store, full of odds and ends like ornate drawer knobs, ruffled shower curtains, and assorted toys, stationary, and tableware – everything you need for your by-the-bay beach cottage. They also carry women's garb from such specialty

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labels as Velvet, Ella Moss, and Rebecca Beeson, as well as vintage farm tables and chairs – I think I even saw a cool, old apothecary cabinet. Someone will probably snap that up by the next time I visit.

Outside of Farm, it was like a mini-botanical garden. I was tempted to plop myself down in their yard and take in the greenery like I was at the park. Crepe myrtles, rosemary, lavender, tickseed and other summer-y plants filled the landscape, as did pots full portulca and other succulents, a wisteria clinging from a trellis, and billowing, cinnamon-colored hibiscus of some variety. Needless to say I came away with an idea or two of what to do with some oyster shells I have in my shed at home (Farm used some as a landscape edging).

If you want to make a visit to White Stone or Irvington more than a day trip, check out [The Tides Inn](#) or [The Hope and Glory Inn](#) and stay a while. From there, take another day trip to [Kilmarnock's](#) downtown or go in the opposite direction and drive until you hit water for some swimming, fishing, or boating on the bay.

As for my next road trip? I'm thinking [Tangier Island](#).

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I visited some relatives in White Stone a few weeks ago and regret that I didn't have time to visit some of the shops in the area, especially after reading this article.

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