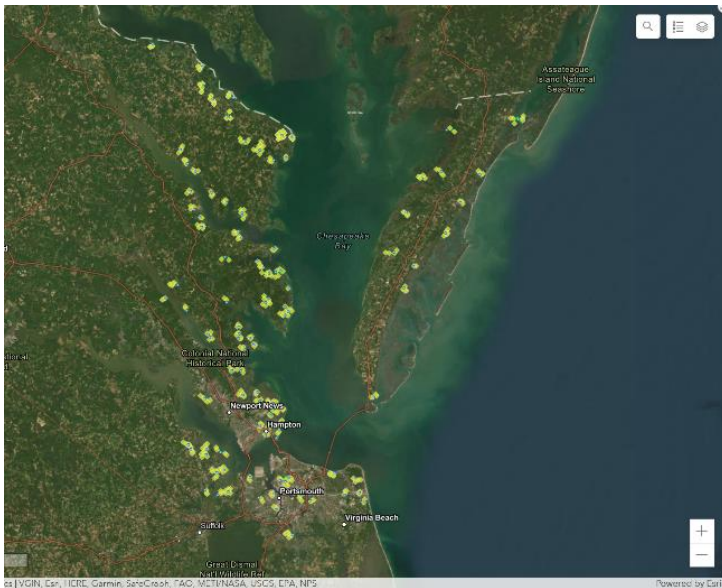


Are you interested in participating in DWR’s Diamondback Dash? Follow the guide below for instructions on using the Adoption Portal to sign up for your very own data collection route/loop, today!

1. Start by navigating to the project’s Adoption Portal. You can access it by clicking, [here](#). You may receive a prompt to sign into your ArcGIS Online account. Simply select ‘OK’ and the prompt will go away. If you receive a second prompt to sign in, just click the ‘X’ in the top right corner to dismiss it.
2. You can now see all the routes associated with this research project via the interactive map on the left side of the page. The Google Form which is used to sign up for a route is located on the right side of the page.

Interactive Map ↴



Google Form ↴

Diamondback Dash Loop Sign Up

Submit the below information to reserve a sampling loop as part of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resource’s Diamondback Dash. Loops will be assigned to volunteers on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to selecting your first choice, volunteers can also indicate their second and third choices in the event that their first choice has already been reserved. Once you have submitted your information, a DWR biologist will contact you to confirm your loop reservation.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

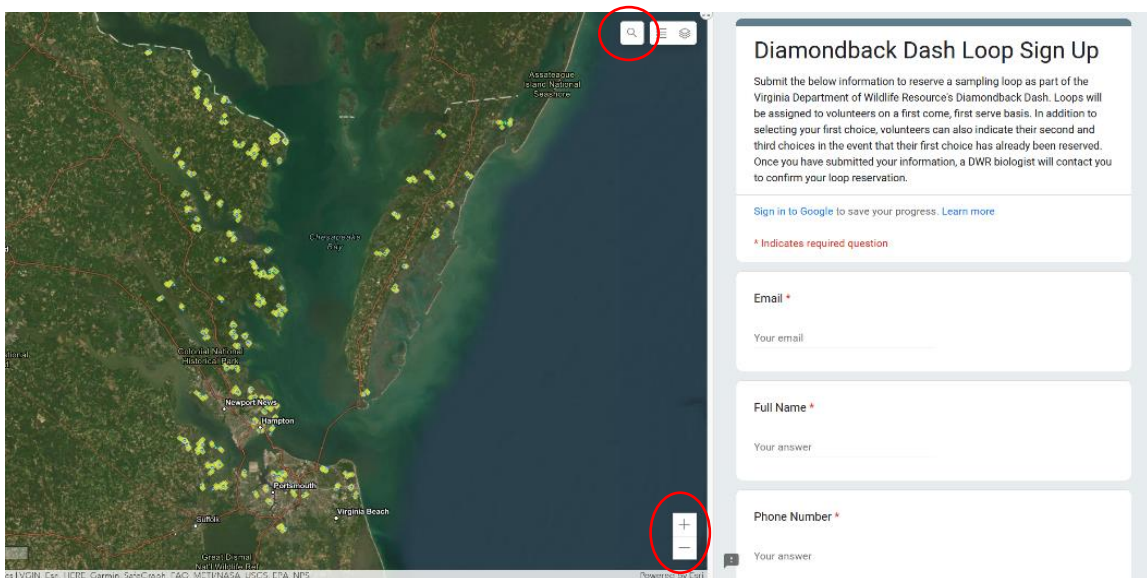
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Email *
Your email

Full Name *
Your answer

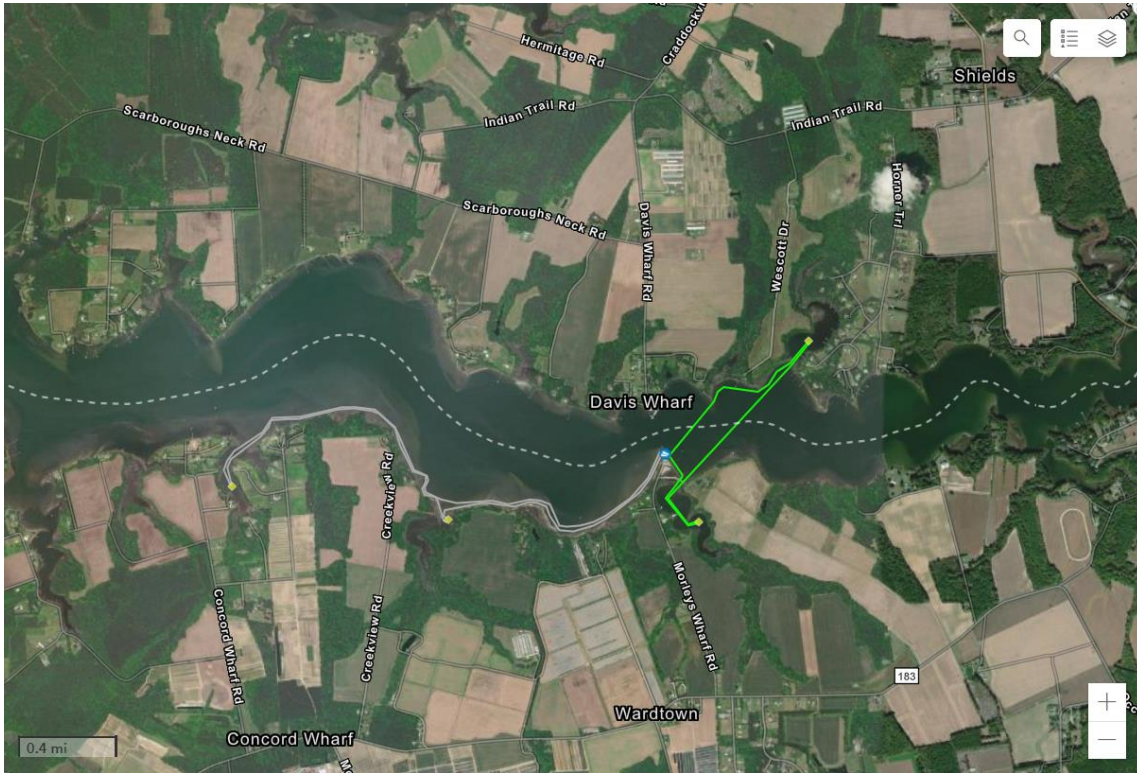
Phone Number *
Your answer

3. You can manually zoom into an area of interest using your mouse wheel or by clicking the + and - buttons at the bottom right side of the map. There is also a magnifying glass at the top right of the map which can allow the user to search for a specific location or area. or use the magnifying icon at the top right of the screen. These features are circled in the image below. To move around the map area shown on screen, simply click and drag on the map.



- Routes that are available for adoption appear as bright green on the map whereas routes that have already been adopted and are therefore no longer available appear as light grey.

The starting point for each route is symbolized as a blue boating icon and the transparent, yellow diamonds depict the designated head count locations associated with each loop. Some access points, as in the below example, will have multiple routes available from the same starting location.

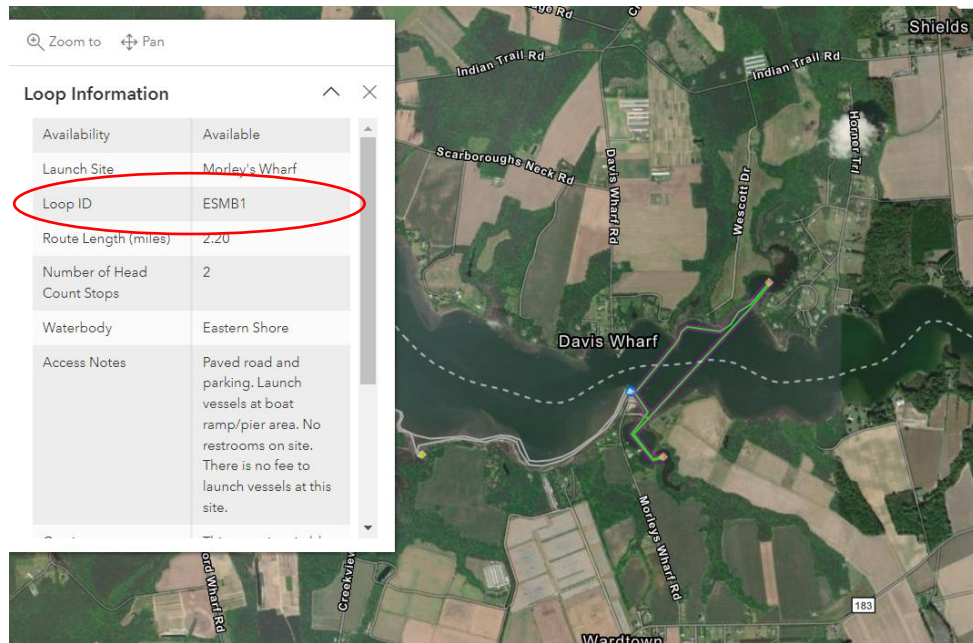


- To learn more about each route, simply click on it to generate a pop-up window on your screen with information about the route. Make sure you are clicking on the green line of the route and NOT a boating access point or head count point.

Please be sure to read through each of these fields carefully before selecting a route as they contain important information such as the routes Loop ID which individually identifies it, whether the route is available for adoption, the route length, any special considerations such as restroom availability on-site, and a recommendation to kayaker skill level appropriate for each route.

Loop Information	
Availability	Available
Launch Site	Morley's Wharf
Loop ID	ESMB1
Route Length (miles)	2.20
Number of Head Count Stops	2
Waterbody	Eastern Shore
Access Notes	Paved road and parking. Launch vessels at boat ramp/pier area. No restrooms on site. There is no fee to launch vessels at this site.

6. Once you have found an available route that you are interested in adopting, you can fill out and submit the Google Form on the right. Simply enter the information the form asks for, including the Loop ID of your preferred selection. As a reminder, this information can be found in the 'Loop Information' pop up and is circled in the below example.



Once you have entered all of your information into the Google Form, click 'Submit' at the bottom of the form. Following your submission, you will be contacted by a DWR staff member to confirm your selection.

Routes will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. You can use the 'Second Choice' and 'Third Choice' fields to indicate your interest in other loops in the event that your first choice has already been selected but has not yet been confirmed on the map.

The image shows a Google Form with three input fields for loop IDs. The form is titled 'Loop ID of First Choice *', 'Loop ID of Second Choice', and 'Loop ID of Third Choice'. Each field has a 'Your answer' label and a text input area. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Submit' button and a 'Clear form' link. A note states: 'A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.' At the very bottom, there is a small warning: 'Never submit passwords through Google Forms.'

Thank you for your interest in this research and volunteering your time and efforts. We could not successfully complete a project of this magnitude without your help!