


Fossils and Farmscapes Ramble



The top of this Trail meanders a bit through Southern Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties, stopping off at some not-to-be missed farms chock full of fall festivities, fun and funky animals and fresh food. Then on to more of the great outdoors—a handful of parks along the Patuxent River—before plunging straight down through the heart of Calvert County, sampling lots of original art, fine dining (and casual dining too) and more farms! **To Start:** from the intersection of Route 301 (Crain Highway) and Route 214 (Central Avenue) take Route 214 EAST. Queen Anne Farm is 1.5 miles on LEFT.

Queen Anne Farm, Inc. 18102 Central Avenue, Mitchellville

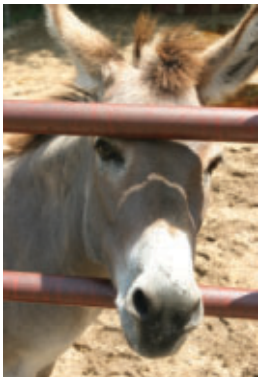
Be careful, or you might just drive off the road when you pass Queen Anne Farm's stand! The Brady family does an amazing job of arranging autumn festivities to be a feast for visitors' eyes. Big-bellied pumpkins pouring over hay bales, winter vegetables that match the colors of the changing leaves, scary noises, smiling faces, pumpkin carving, barnyard animals and holiday treats make this one stop you can't miss. This pumpkin patch boasts seven varieties of pumpkins ranging from a tiny two ounces to over 200 pounds! The produce at the on-site market is picked daily. *Please visit website for days and times.*

 (301) 249-2427, www.queenannefarm.com



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From Route 214 W. (Central Avenue), turn LEFT on Route 193 E. (Watkins Park Drive). Go 0.8 miles to RIGHT into Watkins Regional Park and follow signs to farm.



Old Maryland Farm 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro

Tucked away in an incongruous suburban setting, Old Maryland Farm is an educational site featuring agricultural exhibits, livestock, display gardens and demonstrations such as canning and gardening. It's a popular destination for groups and school tours, providing a chance for kids (of any age) to get a close look at farm animals, peacocks, llamas and more. And for those wanting *more* than a close look, plenty of volunteer opportunities are available. *Open Tues. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sun. and Holidays 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.* (301) 218-6770, www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/Nature/Old_Maryland_Farm.htm


Approximately 1.5 miles SOUTH of the intersection of Route 214 (Central Avenue) and Route 301 S. (Crain Highway), turn EAST on Clagett Landing Road. Go 1.6 miles and keep LEFT on Clagett Landing Road. Drive 0.6 miles to farm on RIGHT.



Cabin Creek Heritage Farm 18235 Clagett Landing Road, Upper Marlboro


This 24-acre property, owned by Lori and Doug Hill, is a first-generation farm focusing on sustainable farming practices and specializing in woodland Berkshire hogs, grass-fed lamb, pastured broilers, grass-fed beef and soy-free eggs. The woods surrounding the Hills' genuine log cabin home and detached farm stand are something of a pig paradise...the happy hogs that live here roam freely in these woods, feasting on roots, tubers, insects and anything they can find. On the farm pastures, there are soy-free layers and dairy goats protected



by livestock guardian dogs (Great Pyrenees). Customers are often treated to a fun farm tour. **Open Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  (301) 430-0170, www.cabincreekheritagefarm.com

This site is on the east side of Route 301 S. (Crain Highway), 2.4 miles SOUTH of Route 214 (Central Avenue).

Montpelier Farms, LLC 1720 North Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro

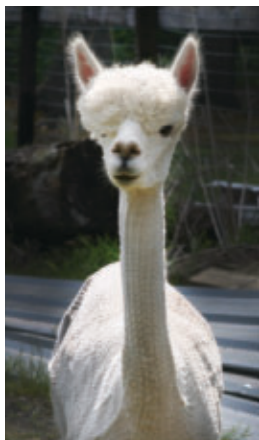
Montpelier Farms is a historical property that was founded with one of the original Maryland land grants from the 1600s. Today, it is a working farm producing hay, straw, soybeans, corn, livestock and produce. It is also a premier agritourism destination. More than 40,000 visitors each year come to enjoy the farmers market and fall festival. The fall festival features a 7-acre interactive corn maze, hayrides, animals, giant hill slides, moon bounces and more. The farm market opens in early May and runs through November, laden with local jams, jellies, honey, seasonal fruits and vegetables (with occasional wine tastings of local wine). Don't miss the newest event, Montpelier's Holiday Celebration, which runs for the first few weeks in December. The fun includes a holiday lights hayride, bonfire, holiday movie screening, a cup of complimentary hot chocolate or hot cider and pictures with Santa! **Hours vary by season. See website for details.**  (410) 320-0464, www.pgcornmaze.com

Autumn-atic Farm Fun!

Fall is for farms! See the *Imaginative Itineraries* section in the back of the guidebook for some fall-themed Trails trips.



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From Route 301 S. (Crain Highway), turn LEFT on Croom Station Road, go 1.5 miles to LEFT on Route 382 (Croom Road), 0.8 miles to LEFT on Mount Calvert Road (not Mount Calvert Road Spur), then 1.5 miles to farm on RIGHT.

5 Alpaca Yarn & Fiber Shop at Pax River Alpacas

15775 Mount Calvert Road, Upper Marlboro

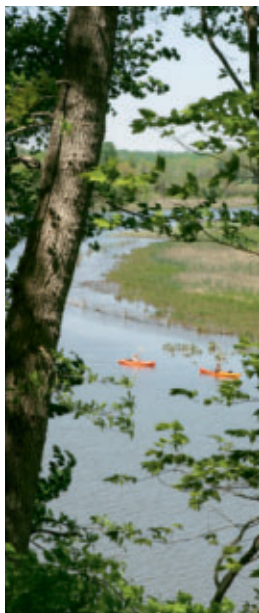
Located at Pax River Alpacas, a working alpaca farm, the Alpaca Yarn & Fiber Shop offers a smorgasbord of tempting treats for those who love the look and feel of authentic fiber. If you knit, crochet, weave or spin, you'll find a varied selection of luxurious alpaca yarns, including gorgeous novelty yarns and alpaca blends from the farm's own animals. Purchase the perfect skeins for your next project, then step outside and meet the alpaca that they came from! (Ask about holding your next club meeting here to knit, crochet, spin, etc.) The shop carries a large selection of handmade scarves, shawls,



hats and even socks, so if you're not in the mood to make it yourself, you can still come away with a personal treasure or a thoughtful gift. Owners Don and Sue Rosche offer occasional seminars for anyone interested in raising alpacas. Annual events include Valentine's Day Yarn Swap, Sit and Knit in the Pasture with the Alpacas in April, Alpaca Farm Day in late September, Thanksgiving Event and Christmas Party. Come and join the fun! **Open year-round, flexible hours.** **f** (301) 627-4924, www.paxriveralpacas.com, www.myalpacayarnshop.com

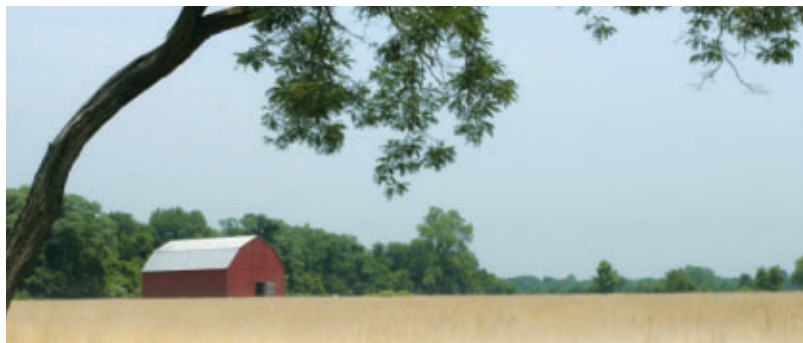
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From Croom Road S., turn LEFT on Croom Airport Road. Drive 1.6 miles to park on RIGHT.



6 Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay Natural Area *16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro*

Jug Bay is one of the most important tidewater estuaries of the Chesapeake, and its marshes provide opportunities for scientific research, environmental monitoring and public education. The area offers more than eight miles of scenic woodland trails for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders as well as facilities for picnics and camping. Fishing and hunting are also popular here. The park has two boat ramps; visitors can bring their own boats or rent kayaks or canoes on site. (***A special-use permit or reservation is required for all activities.***) While here, be sure to visit the Patuxent Rural Life Museums, dedicated to preserving the heritage of southern Prince George's County. There are seven buildings: the Duvall Tool Museum, the Blacksmith Shop, the Farrier and Tack Shop, a Tobacco Farming Museum and the 1880 Duckett Log Cabin with its privy, chicken coop and meat house. Visitors can also explore the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Driving Tour (CADT) a four-mile roadway open daily for hiking and bicycling, and on Sundays for vehicles. (It connects Jug Bay Natural Area with Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary.) **Open year-round daily, dawn to dusk.** **📞** (301) 627-6074, www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/Nature/Patuxent_River_Park.htm

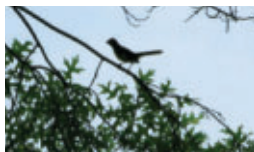


From Croom Road S., go LEFT on St. Thomas Church Road (becomes Fenno Road), then 2.9 miles to park entrance on LEFT.

Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary

11704 Fenno Road, Upper Marlboro

This tract of land belonged originally to Edgar Merkle, an active conservationist who set out to encourage Canada geese to overwinter here by improving their habitat on his farm. Eventually the Merkle family sold the land to the state, and the site has grown to encompass 1,670 acres. Merkle's plan worked; in the winter as many as 5,000 geese can be seen feeding and resting in the fields below the visitor center. Exhibits inside the center focus on the life history and management of the Canada goose, and there's a Discovery Room complete with live snakes, frogs, turtles and other wildlife. (Kids love it!) Outside, bird-watchers can often glimpse bluebirds, osprey, hummingbirds, finches and purple martins. A Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Driving Tour (CADT) connects to the Patuxent River Park and is open for hiking, biking and horseback riding daily (and to cars on Sundays only). It's worth noting that this route features pull-outs that are handicapped-accessible. **Grounds open 7 a.m. to sunset. Visitor Center open Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CADT open to cars Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.** ☎ (301) 888-1410 or (301) 888-1377, www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/merkle.asp



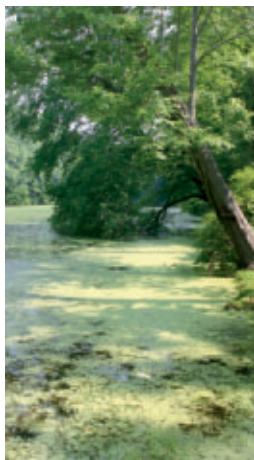
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From Route 301 S. (Crain Highway), just south of Osborne Road, turn RIGHT on West Marilton Avenue. Follow signs.

Rosaryville State Park, Fred Eskew Recreation Area

7805 West Marilton Avenue, Upper Marlboro

Once an old tobacco plantation, Rosaryville Park is now a 982-acre, day-use park with approximately 10 miles of trails for birding, horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking. The trails wind through mixed hardwood forests, fields and wetlands. Many acres of densely vegetated "edge habitat" (where fields and forests meet) contribute to a large diversity of birds, butterflies and wildlife. (Take sunscreen and bug spray to this site!) In another part of the park, you'll find the beautiful historic Mount Airy Mansion, which can be rented for special occasions: (301) 856-9656. **Open year-round sunrise to sunset.** (301) 888-1410, www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/rosaryville.asp



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From the intersection of Branch Avenue and Woodyard Road, go 0.7 miles EAST on Woodyard Road to LEFT on Brandywine Road, 1 mile to RIGHT on Thrift Road, and continue STRAIGHT to park entrance on RIGHT.

Clearwater Nature Center

11000 Thrift Road, Clinton

Clearwater Nature Center in Cosca Regional Park is a surprising natural oasis in the midst of an area that is largely residential. Education is a key goal here; park naturalists offer a variety of interpretive programs in addition to live animal exhibits, displays (including an indoor pond), a lapidary (rock-cutting) laboratory and seasonal herb and butterfly gardens. Sign up for events like “CSI: Critter Scene Investigation,” or learn to make silver clay jewelry. (See the extensive events calendar on the web.) Visit the resident bald eagle (a rescue) or watch a falconer demonstration. (Live birds and animals are sometimes “on the road” for demonstrations, so call ahead and plan accordingly.) **Open year-round Mon. – Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** ♿ (301) 297-4575, www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/Nature/Clearwater_Nature_Center.htm

From the intersection of Route 2 (Solomons Island Road) and Route 256 E. (Deale Rd), go 1.5 miles EAST on Deale Road to marina on RIGHT.

10 Herrington Harbour North Marina Resort & Historic Village

389 Deale Road, Tracy's Landing

Tucked inside this eco-lifestyle Marina Resort is the Historic Village, the largest comprehensive yacht yard on the East Coast and the West Marine Store. Herrington Harbour North's Historic Village is an effort to preserve local 19th-century architecture that would otherwise be lost to development. The village includes nine structures that have been moved here from throughout Southern Maryland, including a one-room school, residence, African-American meeting house and a log smokehouse. The museum offers insight into the simple life of the average citizen at the turn of the century through exhibits, furniture and photographs from the Deale area. The grounds are always open, and buildings are open during limited hours or by appointment (call 410-867-4911), with docents provided by the Deale Area Historic Society. **Grounds open year-round daily. Buildings open May through Oct., Sun. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** ♿ (410) 867-4343, www.herringtonharbour.com

This site is approximately 2 miles NORTH of the North Beach town center (and boardwalk) on Route 261.

11 Herrington Harbour South Marina Resort

7161 Lake Shore Drive, Rose Haven

Take a Southern Maryland day on the Bay and add a splash of paradise, and you'll get a sense of the experience offered by this resort. The Historic Yacht Club is home to top chefs, indoor catered events and Mango's Bar & Grill. The Inn at Herrington Harbour was built in the 1950s during the big band swing era, and the arts and crafts style architecture



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blends well with the rain gardens blooming throughout the warm season. Overnight guests have access to many amenities, including beaches, an Olympic-size pool, hot tubs, volleyball, a fitness center, sauna and much more. The beautifully landscaped grounds arranged against the backdrop of endless water would make a perfect venue for a wedding or other special event; check the website for the full scoop on all that's available here. *Open April through Oct., 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Nov. through March, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.* ♿

♿  (410) 741-5100, ext. 100, www.herringtonharbour.com

This site is approximately 2 miles NORTH of the North Beach town center (and boardwalk) at Herrington Harbour South Marina Resort.

12 Honey's Harvest 7150 Lake Shore Drive, Rose Haven

The team from Herrington on the Bay has transformed this old neighborhood stop-and-shop into a warm and welcoming Old-World-style deli, beer and wine shop and market rolled into one. In addition to groceries, Honey's Harvest features delicious breakfast and lunch sandwiches, salads, local produce in season, bakery items, beer, wine, spirits and a variety of gifts. They use locally sourced products, including honey, seasonal produce and dairy to create their made-fresh-daily meals. The bakery features house-made scones, muffins, cookies and gluten-free breads and desserts. You'll find local and sustainably produced wines and beers here as well. *Open seven days a week. Check the website for daily market and deli hours.* ♿  (410) 257-7757, www.honeysharvest.com





North Beach

A town blessed with sun, sand and sweet surprises

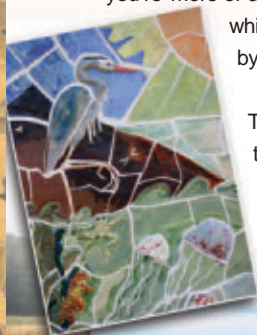
There's no better place to spend the hot summer months than on the beach, and North Beach's seven-block Chesapeake Bay waterfront serves as the perfect sun and sand weekend destination. Take the kids for a bike ride along the half-mile of boardwalk, anchor yourself in the sand for a few hours of relaxing, comb for sharks' teeth on the public beach (don't forget your sunblock!), and end the day with sunset fishing on the pier.

The sand isn't the only thing that draws people to this charming town. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy the wildlife refuge, located in the tidal marshlands that host seasonal migrations and are home to native wildlife year round. Shopaholics and antiques hunters always find treasures in the quaint but lively shops. Or perhaps you're more of a history buff? If so, don't miss the Bayside History Museum, which offers unique insight into the historic bayside cultures shaped by the Chesapeake Bay environment.

There's a good chance you're not far from a party of some sort in this town. From the weekly Classic Car Cruise-In, Friday farmers' markets and free concerts in the summer to the December Christmas parade, you'll find a full schedule of fun events on the town's website.

And it's a good bet your excursions will really whet your appetite for some great beach food. Stop for lunch or recharge your batteries with an espresso and a muffin from Sweet Sue's Bake Shop & Coffee Bar. And when it's time to turn in, there's a cozy bed waiting at one of the Beach's B&Bs!

www.ci.north-beach.md.us





The next several sites are on or near the boardwalk on Bay Avenue, North Beach's town center. You may want to park and stroll this lively, lovely area! Bay Avenue is one-way (north) for vehicle traffic, and closed to traffic during peak days/hours.

13 The Wheel Clothing Store

4109 7th Street, North Beach

An intersection of elegance and whimsy, fine art and fashion, this Chesapeake Bay boutique is a blend of upscale clothing and handmade accents. Their hand-picked, quality clothing is made from fine, natural textiles such as bamboo, alpaca and hemp. But that's not all. The showroom is infused with accent pieces for yourself and for your home, all handcrafted by local artisans. More than 30 artists are showcased; the collection of original creations includes driftwood sculptures, stained glass, handmade jewelry, ceramics, textiles, paintings and more. Since the inventory changes often, you can expect to see new and exciting pieces every time you stop in. *Open Wed. through Sun. Check website for seasonal hours. Open later for special town events.* ♿ (410) 286-0000, www.wheelclothing.com

On the corner of Bay Avenue and 7th Street...

14 Sweet Sue's Bake Shop & Coffee Bar

9132 Bay Avenue, North Beach

If you need to fortify yourself for a walk on the boardwalk, or rest and rejuvenate after one, Sweet Sue's offers the perfect spot. Sip your favorite espresso drink or enjoy a jumbo muffin and watch the crowds bustle by. The menu here features freshly baked quiche, sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads. Cool down with a fruit smoothie, frozen cappuccino or freshly brewed iced tea. You can also order goodies to go, including cakes, pies, party platters, gift baskets and even wedding cakes. *See website for hours.* ♿ (410) 286-8041, www.sweetsues-bakeshop.com



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handmade art or jewelry, local wine and gourmet goodies make great souvenirs!



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On Bay Avenue, in The Baywalk Condominiums...



15 Artworks at 7th

9100 Bay Avenue, #104, North Beach

This gallery's success story began in a cozy space above an antiques store on the corner of 7th Avenue. As visitors discovered the tucked-away shop, more artists were added, along with an expanded offering of paintings, photography, clay, jewelry, mixed media, fiber arts and more. In recent years, the gallery has moved to a bright, handicap-accessible space with inviting nooks and crannies to explore. Each month brings a new exhibit of work by Southern Maryland artists and special events are held throughout the year. The member-artists of this co-op staff the gallery, and are waiting and willing to answer inquiries about the work on display. *See website for hours.* ♿ (410) 286-5278, www.artworksat7th.com



On Bay Avenue (water side)...

16 At the Bay Healing Arts Center

9129 Bay Avenue, North Beach

Owner Valerie Watson believes that art has healing qualities, and so the walls of her waiting area are hung with soothing images of the area created by local artists. Enjoy the art while you wait or purchase some to take away. At the Bay Healing Arts Center offers massage therapy, acupuncture, reflexology, Reiki, energy healing, stress management, Bach flower remedies, hypnosis and meditation. *Open year-round; call for hours.* ♿ (410) 286-9110, www.bayhealingarts.com



Heron's Rest is approximately 0.5 miles SOUTH of the North Beach town center, between 2nd and 3rd Streets, facing the Bay.

17 Heron's Rest

8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach

From the front porch of this charming retreat, you'll have an uninterrupted view of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay stretching off to the horizon. Enjoy it with that special someone, or bring a host of family and friends (Heron's Rest sleeps up to six people) to celebrate a birthday, reunion or bridal shower. This first-floor retreat is luxuriously furnished and decorated with art by the owner. It features two bedrooms, a full kitchen and a living room with garden views. All amenities are provided, including linens, towels, bathroom supplies, hair dryer, etc. Pets are indeed welcome and they will meet new friends on the pet-friendly boardwalk or enjoy a romp around the fenced backyard. Within walking distance, you'll have access to the beach, boardwalk, bakeries, restaurants, wine and spirits shop, boutiques and bike and kayak rentals. **Available year-round.** ☎ (410) 610-2534, www.heronstrestcottage.com




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Seahorse Cottage is two blocks off the Bay near the corner of 1st Street and Dayton Avenue.

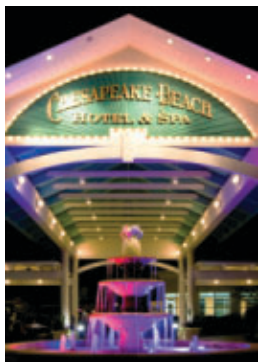
18 Seahorse Guest Cottage and Artist's Retreat

8811 Dayton Avenue, North Beach

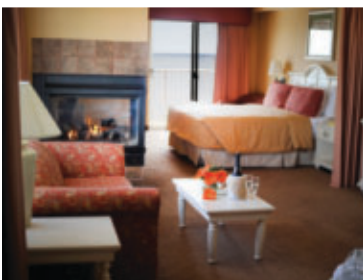
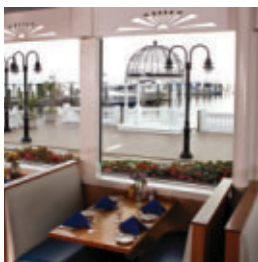
This 1930s cottage was totally renovated in 2011, but still maintains its original charm and character, reminiscent of the time when North and Chesapeake Beaches were "Washington's Salt Water Resort." The main cottage is fully furnished and features a living room with sofa-bed, bedroom with queen-size bed, sun porch with daybed, a full, stainless-steel kitchen and a fenced backyard with a deck and gas grill. And there's a secret surprise... a detached, private studio behind the main cottage! This cozy getaway spot is an inspirational place for artists, musicians and writers, as well as anyone who enjoys relaxing near the shore. The cottage is just a stroll away from the Chesapeake Bay and the North Beach town boardwalk, beach and pier, several restaurants and quaint shops. A marina with boat launch, a water park and a shopping center are within a mile of the cottage. And there are opportunities nearby for charter fishing, kayaking, hiking, fossil hunting, bicycling and bird watching. The Seahorse Guest Cottage is dog-friendly. **Available year-round.** ☎  (410) 610-9322, www.seahorseguestcottage.com



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From Bayside Road S. (Route 261), turn LEFT on Mears Avenue. Restaurant and Spa are just ahead.

19 Rod 'N' Reel Restaurant

4160 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

The Rod 'N' Reel is truly an icon of Northern Calvert. Its long and lively history is portrayed in fascinating framed photos on the restaurant wall... grand dames of North Beach in 1940s beach attire, sepia views of the pier in the days of the steamboats, long-ago fishermen posing with their day's catch. And speaking of the day's catch, the seafood here (the restaurant's specialty, of course) is fresh and straight from the water. Be sure to try the jumbo lump crab cakes broiled to perfection, or a mouth-watering crab imperial made from a secret recipe. If you're in the mood for "fall-off-the-bone" ribs or a well-stacked pulled pork sandwich, go next door to Smokey Joe's Grill. Outside at the Boardwalk Café, savor soft breezes, cold drinks and local favorites. (And don't miss the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum on the grounds for an exciting taste of area history.) **Open Mon. – Fri. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.** ♿ (410) 257-2735, 1-(877) RODNREEL (763-6733), www.cbresortspa.com

20 Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa

4165 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

The Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa is a landmark in Calvert County. With a 72-room hotel, two restaurants and an outdoor café, a full-service salon and spa, kayak and canoe rentals, charter fishing and bingo, there really is something for everyone. Woven throughout the entire resort is the Old World feel of the early 1900s when Chesapeake Beach was a popular getaway for people in Washington and Baltimore. **Open year-round.** ♿ (410) 257-2735, (866) 312-5596, www.cbresortspa.com





Chesapeake Beach

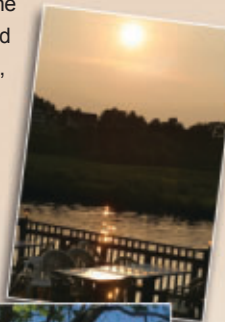
Boatloads of food, fun and adventure await you

The location of Chesapeake Beach is so ideal that it was initially founded to be the grandest beach resort on the Chesapeake Bay. Tourists and day-trippers flocked here via the Chesapeake Beach Railway to enjoy the luxurious Belvedere Hotel. The town's rich and lively history included a boardwalk park with a bandstand and dancing bears, carousels, casinos, theaters and a massive roller coaster called The Great Derby. Today, Chesapeake Beach is a perfect blend of its older identities: a bayside retreat for rest and relaxation stocked with plenty of ways to play.

It's the ideal place to enjoy a lazy weekend of charter fishing, dining, wining and unwinding. Treat your inner child to the Chesapeake Beach Water Park or indulge in some big kid fun at one of the many local sports bars. Hungry? Crack open a Maryland blue crab or pick your own lobster from the tank at Rod 'N' Reel, where you can dine deliciously, inside or out.

Chesapeake Beach station, where the final train chugged away from the town in 1935, is now the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, offering a look into the hustle and bustle of the town's early days. And the old rail bed has been turned into a recreational walking trail...an easy stroll highlighted by bird sightings and the hushed whispers of bay grasses. No matter what you choose to do, you'll enjoy this town's casual atmosphere spiced with sea breezes and the smell of salt water.

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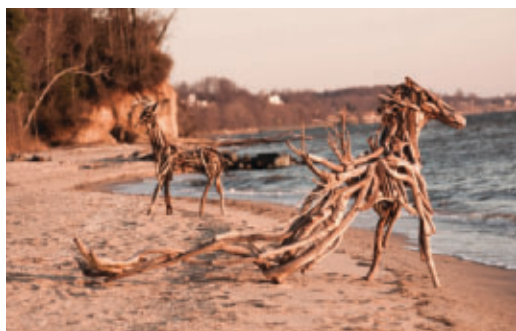
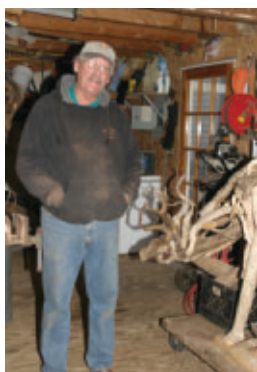


Take Route 261 S. (Bayside Road) SOUTH out of Chesapeake Beach for approximately 0.5 miles to RIGHT on Old Bayside Road. Go 0.7 miles to RIGHT on H Street, then 0.1 miles to studio on LEFT.

21 Turtlepoint Driftwood Sculptures LLC Larry Ringgold

7532 H Street, Chesapeake Beach

In the skilled hands of carpenter/sculptor/artisan Larry Ringgold, driftwood twisted and smoothed by the waves of the Bay become the sinew and bones of wild horses, mermaids and other fanciful creatures. It's as if the very essence of the waterways surrounding Calvert County is given form and structure in these unusual driftwood sculptures, which can be seen in galleries and shops throughout the area and as permanent installations at various businesses and public buildings. Larry's 20' x 36' workshop overlooking Fishing Creek is a woodworker's paradise, arrayed with piles of driftwood, diagrams of the anatomy of various creatures and critters and an assortment of tools. Visitors can "talk shop" with Larry and see an assortment of works in various degrees of completion...perhaps a driftwood crab as wide as a dining room table, or a delicate heron poised on a graceful branch. *Open by appointment.* ♿ ♻️ 📱 (410) 507-2179, www.turtlepointdriftwood.com



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The Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail

Chesapeake Beach, Maryland

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 Trail head is on Gordon Stinnett Ave., behind the water park.

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail runs alongside Fishing Creek in the small town of Chesapeake Beach, along part of the right of way of the long-abandoned Chesapeake Beach Railway. The trail offers scenic views of the creek and the hundreds of acres of surrounding marsh and forest. Wildlife is abundant, and visitors to the trail are often treated to sightings of bald eagles.

From the Route 2/Route 4 split: Go 2.6 miles NORTH on Route 4 to LEFT on Chaneyville Road, then 2.1 miles to winery on RIGHT.

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Fridays Creek Winery 3485 Chaneyville Road, Owings

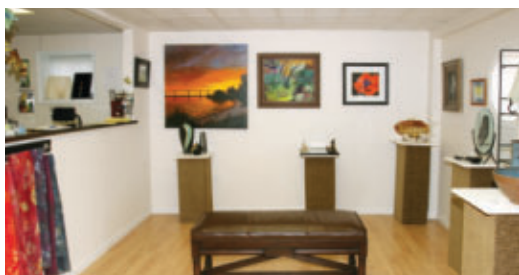
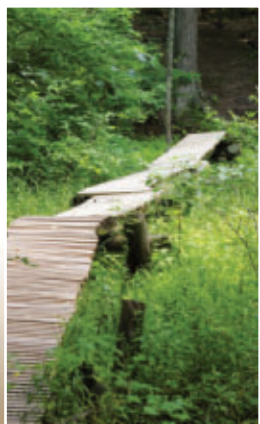
Fridays Creek Winery is a beautiful example of this area's transitioning agricultural climate: fields where tobacco once grew now produce premium wine grapes, and a legacy tobacco barn now houses oak barrels of signature wines. The interior is stunning with rich walnut and oak harvested on the property. The site includes a tasting room, an art gallery and seating on the patio overlooking the vineyard. One of the various Cleary brothers is usually around and happy to discuss grape growing and wine making. Tastings and brief tours of the vines available. **Open year-round Thurs. – Mon. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**   (410) 286-WINE (9463), www.fridayscreek.com



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Cox Art Center is located at the Route 2/4 (Solomons Island Road) and Cox Road intersection.

23 Cox Art Center

32 Cox Road, Huntingtown

Calvert's newest gallery offers a rich pallet of art experiences, whether you wish to learn to paint, watch art in action or purchase a piece by one of the area's best artists. Roam the rooms of gallery space and shop for original stained glass, watercolors, drawing, fused glass, acrylics, pastels, jewelry creations, pottery, photography and more. Or see a painting in progress at one of several on-site open studios. And finally, the gallery offers an exciting schedule of classes from a wide variety of disciplines. *Open Thurs. – Sat. noon to 7 p.m., Sun. noon to 5 p.m.* ♿ **f** (410) 535-0014, www.coxartcenter.com

From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), turn RIGHT on Old Town Road. Go 0.2 miles to LEFT on Route 521 S. Go 1.5 miles to park entrance.

24 Kings Landing Park

3255 Kings Landing Road, Huntingtown

This mixed-use park was once a 47,000-acre farm at the confluence of two watersheds—Kings Landing Creek and Cocktown Creek. Today, 265 acres are managed by Calvert County Natural Resources. The park has an accessible pier for fishing, a soft shoreline kayak/canoe launch, and hiking and equestrian trails. Families can rent Wisner Hall or the picnic pavilions; guided kayak trips and children's programs are held throughout the year. In the summer, enjoy a swim in the county swimming pool. No entrance fee. *Open Memorial Day through Labor Day daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Open Labor Day through Memorial Day daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.* ♿ **f** (410) 535-2661, www.calvertparks.org/klp.html



From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), turn LEFT on Cox Road and go 2.2 miles to LEFT on Route 263 E. (Plum Point Road). Continue 2.2 miles to slight RIGHT continuing on Route 263 E. Go 0.2 miles to farm on RIGHT.

25 Canaan Farms, Inc.

3381 Plum Point Road, Huntingtown


Artist Selena Daughtrey-Andersen's farm is all about animals. Stop in and visit her small barn studio/gallery, and she will likely introduce you to horses, dogs, cats (and possibly even peacocks) along the way. Join the butterflies and hummingbirds that visit the garden in the warm months. You can call ahead to arrange pony rides and horseback riding for one or several. And with a little food as reward, the koi at Canaan Farm might actually let you pet them. Ask her about camps and classes in the summer months. Selena's art (paintings and "collagraphs," a merging of collage and printmaking) is also for sale. **Open year-round daily by appointment.**  (410) 257-0706, www.canaanfarmscalvert.com



From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), turn RIGHT on MF Bowen Road. Go 0.5 miles to site on left. Studio is the detached building at the foot of the hill.

26 MadeWithClay / Ray Bogle

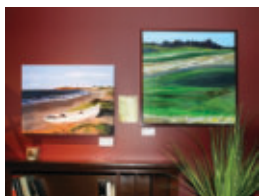
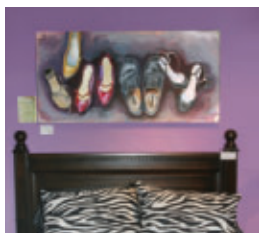
220 MF Bowen Road, Huntingtown

MadeWithClay owner Ray Bogle has been intrigued with clay since his first high school pottery class in the late '70s. Through the years, a serious hobby gave way to a full-fledged profession, and today, his work is available in galleries throughout the region. His signature style is sleek and dramatic, and he continues to experiment with new and unusual techniques. Ray has recently expanded into teaching pottery, and his large detached studio, outfitted for electric, gas and raku firing, is well-equipped to handle lessons, workshops and classes. Ray can often be persuaded to bring his raku equipment to your home if you would like to host a "Raku Party." How fun is that?! **Open year-round by appointment.**  (410) 474-0584, www.madewithclay.com

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From here, you can continue on Route 231 WEST (across the Benedict bridge) to meet up with the *Heron's Flight*.



Site is located 1.4 miles NORTH of the intersection of Route 2/4 (Solomons Island Road) and Route 231(Hallowing Point Road) in the Fox Run Shopping Center.

27 artcenter at the Furniture Gallery of Prince Frederick

559 Solomons Island Road North, Prince Frederick

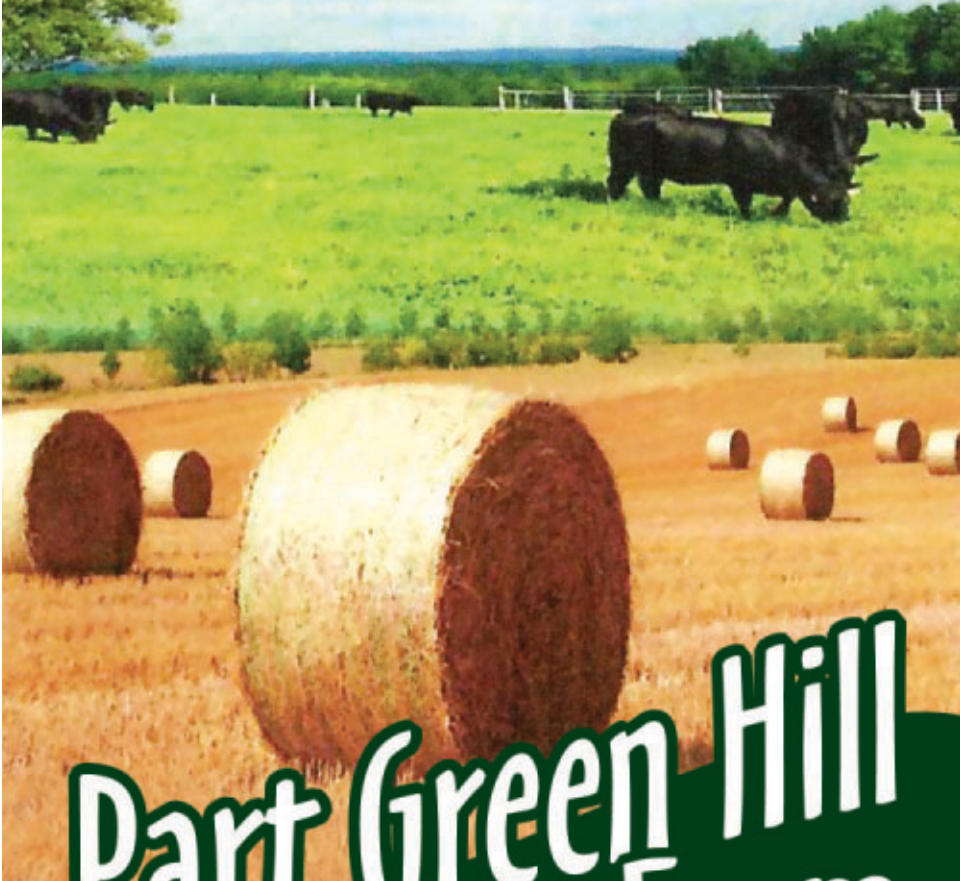
Buy a stunning piece of original art, and while you're at it, pick out a sofa to go with it! Owner David Raley has turned a large area of dedicated wall space inside his Prince Frederick furniture store into a showcase of juried and curated work by artists from the Tri-County area. The gallery hosts several group shows throughout the year, complete with "meet-the-artist" receptions. In addition, many original pieces from previous shows are displayed beautifully throughout the showroom. *Open Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sun. noon to 5 p.m.* ♿ (443) 975-7313, www.princefrederickfurniture.com

Site is located 2.5 miles WEST of the intersection of Route 2/4 (Solomons Island Road) and Route 231(Hallowing Point Road).

28 Spider Hall Farm, LLC

3915 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick

If you're not already a believer in buying local farm food, The Farm Stand at Spider Hall Farm will change your mind for good. It's fully stocked with a plethora of farm-fresh choices: produce, locally raised meats including the Southern Maryland Meats brand, Maryland-made cheese and ice cream, shelves full of every kind of condiment, flowers, gifts and more. And when you're fully stocked with farm food, stay a while longer for some great ag adventures! This 362-acre, family-owned working farm welcomes kids, families, school groups and just about anyone looking to learn about agriculture or spend a day having fun on a farm. *Open Mon. – Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.* 📞 (410) 610-0094, www.spiderhallfarm.com



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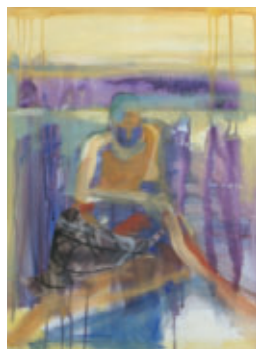
23321 Part Green Hill Farm Lane, Leonardtown Maryland 20650



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The next TWO SITES are located at the intersection of Route 2/4 (Solomons Island Road) and Route 231 (Hallowing Point Road) in the Prince Frederick Center.



29 CalvART Gallery

Arts Council of Calvert County

110 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick

This sparkling retail art gallery, a cooperative of Southern Maryland artists, is a fusion of traditional and contemporary style with an open metropolitan design. It features original works of painting, sculpture, jewelry, pottery and photography. Plan to spend a while; the selection is extensive and you will want to enjoy every intricate detail. **Open Wed. – Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** ♿ **f** (410) 535-9252, www.calvartgallery.org, www.calvertarts.org

www.somdtrails.com



30 Dream Weaver Cafe and Catering

114 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick

Owner Trish Weaver has created a cozy, casual European-style cafe in the heart of Calvert, where diners can savor dishes made daily with locally sourced eggs, dairy products, beef, pork, produce and herbs. The décor features rich, jewel-toned walls graced with original art, and whimsical touches adorn the dining room (which seats 75) and two banquet rooms. The menu features lots of “Dreamy” specials, all made fresh on site, plus breakfast all day and a lavish Sunday brunch. Dream Weaver also offers an extensive catering menu—let the “Dream Team” customize your perfect event! **Open Mon. – Sat. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** ♿ **f** (410) 535-4355, www.dreamweavercatering.com

From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), go LEFT on Duke Street. Go 0.2 miles to RIGHT on Main Street. Immediately on RIGHT is....

31 Chesapeake Gallery & House of Frames

475 Main Street, Prince Frederick

This elegant Georgian home-turned-gallery is filled with rooms of original artwork, glass, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, candles and more, all hand-chosen by owners Beverly and Joe Smailek. Having trouble deciding between the floral on canvas and the hand-pulled landscape print? Bring a photo of your décor and Bev will lend her designer expertise to the decision. (She occasionally even makes house calls.) Framing is done on site, offering another level of customization to the process. *Open year-round Mon. – Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Sun.* ♿  (410) 257-1420, www.chesapeakeartandframe.com




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From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), go RIGHT on Route 506 (Sixes Road), go 1.7 miles to LEFT on Grays Road, then 0.2 miles to park on RIGHT.

32 Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary & Nature Center

2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick

Where else can you roam through a swamp without getting your feet wet? At BCCSS, a boardwalk trail winds through one of the northernmost stands of bald cypress trees in North America. In addition to the fascinating cypress “knees,” your swamp walk might include glimpses of bright red cardinal flowers, the hum of frogs and crickets and a host of other wildlife surprises. A national natural landmark, the park has a nature center with exhibits and demonstrations. No entrance fee. *Open Memorial Day through Labor Day Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Open Labor Day through Memorial Day Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.* ♿  (410) 535-5327, www.calvertparks.org/bccss.html



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From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), go 0.4 miles on Route 264 (Broomes Island Road) to school on RIGHT.

33 Port Republic School #7 3080 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic

This restored one-room schoolhouse is a living museum for hundreds of students and visitors each year, depicting the days when rural Calvert schoolchildren walked miles to school when not harvesting crops.

The structure was built in 1870 and was in continuous use until 1932 when schools were consolidated. It was restored as a bicentennial project in 1976 by the Calvert Retired Teachers Association. It's open only a few days a year, but worth a visit. *Open Sundays in May and June, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.* www.calvertoneroomschool.org



From Route 2/4 N. (Solomons Island Road) go RIGHT on Parkers Creek Road. Go STRAIGHT through the intersection of Route 765, 0.4 miles to RIGHT on Scientists Cliffs Road, then 0.8 miles to entrance of American Chestnut Land Trust on LEFT.

34 American Chestnut Land Trust Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic

Enjoy a leisurely hike through 19 miles of natural trails or join a guided canoe trip on Parkers Creek and experience what has been called the most pristine watershed on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. ACLT, a member-supported, nonprofit organization, is working to preserve the natural and cultural resources surrounding the Governors Run and Parkers Creek watersheds. In addition to these trails on Scientists Cliffs Road (the South Side Trails), ACLT also administers two additional trails systems, the North Side trails on Double Oak Road in Prince Frederick and the PD2BAY trail on Vianney Lane in Prince Frederick. See the website for directions to the additional trail heads and the ACLT office, for a list of events and volunteer opportunities and to register for canoe trips. *Trails open year-round dawn to dusk. Office open Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.* 📞 📧 (410) 414-3400, www.acltweb.org

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From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), go 0.4 miles EAST on Calvert Beach Road, go straight through roundabout, go 0.4 miles to RIGHT on Long Beach Road, 2.2 miles to RIGHT on Bayview Road and 0.1 miles to studio on LEFT.

35 Vista Bay Studio / Ann Crain

6032 Bayview Road, St. Leonard

Spirit, warmth and a touch of whimsy are the hallmarks of Ann's style. Her paintings resonate with a strong sense of depth and texture, often enhanced by sophisticated collage elements on canvas, paper and panels. Her work is represented in galleries on the East Coast and in private collections throughout the world. Inspiration for Ann's work is drawn from the local landscape and her fascination with color and light. Her mastery of a mixture of mediums and her deftness with color combine to create pieces that delight the eye and inspire the imagination. **Open year-round by appointment.** (410) 586-1765, www.anncrainart.com



From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), turn RIGHT on Parran Road, go 1.8 miles to slight LEFT on Mackall Road, then 1.7 miles to winery on LEFT.

36 Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery

8650 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

In 2001, John Behun and Mark Flemming planted the first vines in what was to become Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery, a microwinery specializing in small batches of handcrafted, quality wines. Today, the eight acres of vines produce eight varietals; each successive harvest further develops vines with the unique character of the Southern Maryland micro-climate between the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River. The tasting room, opened in spring of 2012, was conceived to showcase both great wine and sustainable design principles. The large front room, with its graceful arched opening to the main vineyard, has high open ceilings with the intact, rough-sawn timbers exposed. The design reflects traditional southern Maryland architecture even as it creates a grand new space for festive gatherings. **Open Wed., Thurs. and Sun. noon to 6 p.m., Fri. and Sat. noon to 8 p.m.**

f (410) 586-2710, www.perigeaux.com

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See the *Imaginative Itineraries* section for some perfect pairings of wineries and other stops.



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From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), turn RIGHT on Parran Road, go 1.8 miles to LEFT on Mackall Road, then go 2.8 miles to park entrance.

37 Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum 1015 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, a state museum of archaeology, is situated on 560 acres and 2.5 miles of waterfront along the Patuxent River and St. Leonard Creek. Visitors can spend a carefree day picnicking, biking, hiking the trails and exploring the Visitor & Exhibit Center, Children's Discovery Room and recreated Eastern Woodland Indian Village. JPPM is a great destination for canoe and kayak enthusiasts who will appreciate the scenic views along St. Leonard Creek. On the grounds, you'll find the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to research, conservation and storage of Maryland artifacts. More than 70 archaeological sites have been identified on the property, reflecting more than 9,000 years of human occupation of this area. JPPM offers scheduled educational tours, programs, workshops and activities throughout the year. *Park and grounds open every day 7:30 a.m. to dusk. Visitor Center open March – Late Nov. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.* ♿ (410) 586-8501, www.jefpat.org



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This site is located just north of the intersection of Route 2/4 (Solomons Island Road) and Route 765 (St. Leonard Road).



38 Chesapeake's Bounty, LLC 6415 St. Leonard Road, St. Leonard

Chesapeake's Bounty is a year-round market that carries local, farm-fresh foods from the Chesapeake Bay region. Owner William Kreamer says the market's goal is to create a local, sustainable food production network in Southern Maryland that is both ecologically sound and economically viable. The market supports many local farmers, watermen and other producers, and pays fair-market prices (or better) for its products. It's goal is to find new and innovative ways of connecting local food producers with steady markets, while at the same time considering the ecological consequences of food production. Stop in seven days a week to find fresh seafood, fruits and veggies, meats and poultry, baked goods, dairy products, canned goods, teas and other speciality items. You'll also find locally made décor for all seasons such as Christmas trees, wreaths and cut flowers. The on-site nursery features annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, and there is also a small, on-site farm where all produce is grown organically, including all crops in the CSA program. *Hours vary seasonally, generally 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.* (410) 586-3881, www.chesapeakebounty.com



From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), turn LEFT on Flag Pond Parkway. Follow signs to park.

39 Flag Ponds Nature Park

1525 Flag Ponds Parkway, Lusby

One of the hidden gems of this Trail, Flag Ponds beckons a visitor to be still and discover this region's quiet pleasures. There are several miles of trails through pine-scented shade; go slowly or you may miss a curious lizard lurking near the boardwalk or a seldom-seen butterfly pollinating a native plant. The shady trails open to a spectacular stretch of beach where the fossil hunting is fine. Flag Ponds was once a thriving pound net fishery. Note that an entrance fee is required (per vehicle). *Open Memorial Day through Labor Day Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Open Labor Day through Memorial Day Sat. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays vary.* ♿ (Partially HC) 📞 (410) 586-1477, www.calvertparks.org/fpp.html



From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), turn LEFT on Route 765 (H.G. Trueman Road), then 1.3 miles to park entrance.

40 Calvert Cliffs State Park

9500 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby

The cliffs that dominate the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay for 30 miles along this Trail were formed more than 15 million years ago when all of Southern Maryland was covered by a warm, shallow sea. More than 600 species of fossils have been identified from these cliffs, including the teeth of various species of sharks. There is a 1.8-mile walk to the beach, where you can picnic, hike or just wander the shoreline. NOTE: Due to the risk of landslide, walking under, digging in, or climbing on the cliffs is strictly prohibited. *Open year-round daily.* 📞 (301) 743-7613, www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/calvertcliffs.asp



From Route 765 S. (H.G. Trueman Road), turn LEFT on Cove Point Road, then 0.4 miles to winery on RIGHT.

41 Cove Point Winery

755 Cove Point Road, Lusby

Cove Point Winery is a small boutique winery—the first licensed and bonded Class 4 Winery in Southern Maryland. Owners Tim and Sheryl Lewis obtain grapes and juice from local growers and from their own vineyard. They produce more than two dozen wines, including several award-winning vintages, which are available directly from the winery (stop in for a tasting) and at many stores throughout Maryland. They have cultivated a small, experimental vineyard with plantings of Cayuga White, Chardonnell, Merlot, Seyval, Foch, Catawba, Dornfelder and others. Their goal is to produce a variety of fantastic wines that the non-wine drinker will enjoy, as well as impress the savvy connoisseur. *Open year-round Wed. – Sun. 11:30 to 5:30 p.m. (except for show weekends).* 📞 (410) 326-0949, www.covepointwinery.com



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From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), go **RIGHT** on Monticello Lane, then 0.1 miles to **LEFT** on Garner Lane. Follow signs.

42 Solomons Island Winery 515 Garner Lane, Lusby

Solomons Island Winery started as a boutique home winery producing small lots of handcrafted wines. Though young, Solomons Island Winery has received critical acclaim, including an award for Best Dry White Wine in the 2004 Governors Cup competition for its Sauvignon Blanc. One of this winery's most popular offerings is the Solomons

Island Mist series, which blends a varietal wine with another fruit for a touch of sweetness. Plan a visit to the tasting room to see what all the fuss is about, then ask for the wines by name at many stores and restaurants throughout Southern Maryland. (Check the website for a full list.) **Open year-round from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Mon.)** ♿ **f** (410) 394-1933, www.solomonsislandwinery.com

From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), go **EAST** on Dowell Road. Brewery is on the **LEFT**.

43 Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill 13200 Dowell Road, Dowell

If you haven't visited the Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill, Southern Maryland's first brewery, then it's time to "get quackin'!" This vibrant space is paired with artisan-crafted food and beer delivered with passion. It features fresh brewed beer and meals made from scratch from local produce, meats and seafood. The lively but laid-back atmosphere is enhanced by lots of live music and themed events. (Check out the Halloween bash. It's a blast!) Be sure to try the beer flight featuring all the Duck's favorites. Partners Carlos Yanez and Michael Kelley paid tribute to the area's agricultural heritage, using lumber from an old tobacco barn in the construction of the building. **Open year-round. Check the website for hours.**

f (410) 394-3825, www.ruddyduckbrewery.com





From Route 2/4 S. (Solomons Island Road), travel SOUTH on Dowell Road 0.4 miles to park entrance on LEFT.

44 Annmarie Garden Sculpture & Arts Center 13480 Dowell Road, Dowell

You know you're in for a memorable art experience from the moment you pass through the handmade ceramic gates gracing this 30-acre sculpture park and arts center. A beautiful blend of art and nature, this site features a shady path through the sculpture garden, a new arts building, a studio school and an ever-changing calendar of exhibits, activities, programs and classes. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the fascinating outdoor sculpture (much of it on loan from the Smithsonian Institution). Set out on one of the outdoor scavenger hunts for an unforgettable art walk. In the new arts building, you'll find two floors of exhibits (selected to appeal to all ages) in a beautiful open space looking out on the sculpture park, a gift shop (featuring work by many local artists!) and a café with an outdoor patio. At the studio school, classes and workshops are offered in a relaxed and friendly arts environment that will challenge the beginning or experienced student. (There is a fee to enjoy the facility.) *Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.* ♿ **f** (410) 326-4640, www.annmariegarden.org



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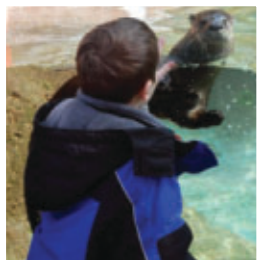


This site is just south of the Route 2/Route 4 split at the entrance to Solomons Island. Follow signs.

45 Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

The local maritime and environmental history of Southern Maryland comes to life at this unique waterfront museum. Explore two of Maryland's original lighthouses, touch twenty-million-year-old fossils taken from Calvert Cliffs, discover where fresh and salt water meet in our fifteen-tank "Estuarium," or take a ride aboard the Wm. B. Tennon, a 110-year-old, log-built bug-eye. See skates and rays swim, touch a horseshoe crab or diamondback terrapin and watch the otters, Bubbles and Squeak, at play. There's a marsh walk where you might spy water snakes, great blue heron, osprey and hermit crabs in their natural environment. And of course, make a stop in the expanded museum store for gifts that will delight visitors of all ages. *Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Office open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.* ♿ (410) 326-2042, www.calvertmarinemuseum.com



Studio 56 is on Solomons Island Road S. between Langley Lane and C Street, facing the Patuxent River.



46 Studio 56 / Joan McGill Kocen

14270 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

A history buff and home restoration junkie, Joan has a continuing passion for all related subjects. The studio, previously in Lusby, has a new home on Solomons Island. Joan works predominantly in oils (some prints are available), and her work is sold in gift shops and historic sites throughout Southern Maryland. *Open Jan. through Nov. 20 by appointment only.* ♿ (410) 326-3776

Opened in 1977, the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge (AKA Patuxent River bridge) connects Solomons to St. Mary's County.

From Solomons Island Road S., turn LEFT on C Street. Go 0.2 miles to sharp RIGHT into parking lot.

47 The Dry Dock Restaurant

251 C Street, Solomons

Serving fine food and drink for 30 years, The Dry Dock has long been a favorite waterfront destination for boaters and landlubbers alike. Chefs make use of available local products in season to create a menu with zest and diversity, as well as favorite seasonal classics. Starters include fried oysters, amaretto shrimp, crab cake sliders, and mussels. Ask about their nightly specials and soups. *Summer hours: Open daily for dinner at 5 p.m., Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Winter hours: Tues. – Sat. open for dinner at 5 p.m., Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations suggested.* 📞 📍 (410) 326-4817



From Solomons, you can cross the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge to join the *Barnwood and Beach Glass Loop*.

From Solomons Island Road S., turn LEFT on Alexander Lane. Go 0.3 miles to inn on LEFT.

48 Back Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast

210 Alexander Lane, Solomons

For more than 125 years, this waterman's home has stood on the tree-lined banks of Back Creek, one of Southern Maryland's scenic waterways. Since 1987, this has been a peaceful retreat setting, great for getaways and business travelers. The inn has a unique blend of old traditions and modern conveniences. Sunrises greet you at the dock. Relax in an Adirondack chair and watch the boats go by, play lawn games, ride bicycles or launch a kayak to explore neighboring creeks. Artist/innkeeper Carol Pennock and staff welcome you. A full country breakfast is served. *Open year-round daily.* 📞 📍 (410) 326-2022, www.backcreekinnbnb.com



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This site is on Solomons Island Road S., across from the south end of the boardwalk.

49 carmen's gallery

14550 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

From the moment you enter the rich, feline-toned rooms of carmen's gallery, you know you have discovered a true gem of the area. Bella will be your feline escort (or perhaps she'll just supervise) as you roam two floors of artwork created by local, regional and world-renowned artists. This restored Victorian house, once owned by famed boat builder M.M. Davis, is the perfect setting for paintings, sculpture, pottery, handmade jewelry and much more. Ask about special shows and demonstrations. The gallery also offers custom framing. *Open year-round. Call for hours.* ♿ (Partially HC) **f** (410) 326-2549, www.carmensgallery.com



October is Trails Month!

This site is on Solomons Island Road S., across from the south end of the boardwalk.

50 Lotus Kitchen

14618 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

Local chefs Amanda Comer and Kelly Guilfoyle have vowed to carry on Kim's tradition of the best Key lime pie around. Add to that the lure of flavorful soups, salads and sandwiches, all made with simple, fresh and comfortable food, and this destination becomes a tasty tribute to the bounty of our local agricultural community and a great place to grab a snack. They have wine and microbrews too! The cozy ambiance invites you to kick back, savor your meal and gaze at the water views outside the window and the original artwork on the walls. *Open year-round. Hours are seasonal; please call ahead or just stop by!* ♿ **f** (410) 326-8469





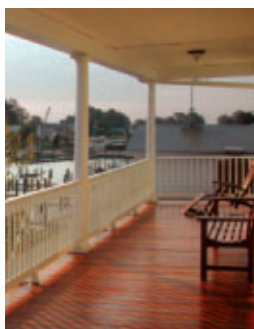
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51 Bistro Belle Maison & the Blue Heron Inn

14614 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

The Blue Heron Inn is a charming, four-guestroom waterfront Charleston Colonial located in the heart of Solomons Island. All the rooms boast spectacular water views and en suite baths. Innkeeper/Chef Amanda Comer makes guests feel at home with her inspired hospitality, individually tailored to their needs. Located within the main level of the inn is a surprise...an intimate, comfortable and elegant dining experience, **Bistro Belle Maison**. The chalkboard menu changes weekly, and the food is sourced from the abundance of surrounding farms. *Blue Heron Inn open year-round. Bistro Belle Maison is open Wed. – Sat. for dinner, Sun. for brunch.*

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52 Solomons Victorian Inn

125 Charles Street, Solomons

Solomons Victorian Inn, known locally as “the Davis House,” was built in 1906 by shipbuilder Clarence Davis. (The Davis shipyard once built some of the Chesapeake’s finest yachts.) The house is now an eight-room inn surrounded by sumptuous gardens featuring many plants indigenous to the area. (Garden lovers take note: in 2005, this garden was certified by the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service as part of the “Bay Wise” program.) Helen and Richard Bauer will be your hosts; escape to the porch with a book, enjoy spectacular views of Solomons Harbor or reserve the Solomons Sunset Suite and relax in the whirlpool. *Open year-round daily.*

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