

The Viewtrail 100

Worcester County, Maryland

A 100-mile cycling route through Maryland's only seaside county, featuring great rural landscapes, curious and historic towns and villages, spectacular waterfronts, abundant travel amenities and more nature than one could possibly imagine. This trip sheet begins in Berlin, Maryland, though cyclists could start anywhere on the route (See details on available parking).

1. BEGIN at Main & Broad Streets in Berlin, Maryland (N 38° 19.513' W 075° 13.66') in front of the Atlantic Hotel. Take Broad Street, NW (which changes to Route 374 and then to Libertytown Road), travel 6.7 miles and turn left (SW) onto Ninepin Branch Road. (N 38° 18.257' W 075° 19.530').

Points of Interest: In Berlin you will find restaurants, accommodations, convenience stores, a hardware store, parking and public restrooms. The town is also home to the Calvin B. Taylor local history museum, shops and antique stores.

2. Go 2.1 miles on Ninepin Branch Road to Whiton Crossing Road (N 38° 17.48' W 075° 20.934') and turn right (W). Go and go 1.8 miles to Whiton Road (N 38° 17.369' W 075° 22.587'). Turn left onto Whiton Road (S).
3. Continue 2.1 miles on Whiton Road to Laws Road (N 38° 15.558' W 075° 22.469') and turn right (NW).
4. Pedal 4 miles to Mount Olive Church Road (N 38° 15.3590' W 075° 26.6179') and turn left (SW). Stay on Mount Olive Church Road (look for the pretty little white Methodist Church that gives the road its name) for 2.8 miles to Route 12 (N 38° 13.075' W 075° 27.464') the Snow Hill-Salisbury Road.
5. Turn left (SE) onto Route 12 and travel 6.5 miles to Old Furnace Road (N 38° 12.638' W 075° 27.063'). Turn right onto Old Furnace Road (W).

Side trip: Rather than turning right onto Furnace Road, continue straight on Route 12 for 5 miles to the town of Snow Hill. Snow Hill has restaurants, shopping, B&B accommodations, public parking, shops and galleries, a hardware store and canoe & kayak rental on the Pocomoke River. It is home to the Julia A. Purnell local history museum. The Pocomoke River State Forest, Shad Landing has campsites (Route 113 south, 5 miles from Snow Hill). Return NW on Route 12 to pick up the View Trail again at Old Furnace Road.

6. Ride 5.4 miles, past the Furnace Town Historic Site, to Honeywell Road (N 38° 13.1480' W 075° 32.3130') and turn left (SE) onto Whitesburg Road (N 38° 12.787' W 075° 33.524').
7. Continue on Whitesburg Road for 7.3 miles to Dividing Creek Road (N 38° 07.139' W 075° 31.626'). Turn right (SW) onto Dividing Creek Road.

There are camping facilities at nearby Milburn Landing of the Pocomoke River State Forest. Instead of turning right onto Diving Creek Road, turn left. Pedal 2.5 miles until you see the entrance to Milburn Landing on your right.

8. Stay on Dividing Creek Road for 4.3 miles and you will be approaching Pocomoke City. Cross Route 13 and Dividing Creek Road ends at Market Street (N 38° 04.653' W 075° 34.604'). Turn left (SE) onto Market Street.

9. Pedal on Market Street for .45 miles to Clark Street (N 38° 04.528' W 075° 34.128'). You will be at the edge of Pocomoke City proper. Turn right onto Clark Street (SW).

You will have crossed to Pocomoke River and on your right you will see the Delmarva Discovery Center, a hands-on museum of life on the Pocomoke River. In downtown Pocomoke City there are B&B accommodations, restaurants, parking, carryout shops, a hardware store, and along Route 13 motels and national restaurant chains.

10. Stay on Clark Street for .86 miles until you reach McMichael Avenue (N 38° 04.357' W 075° 34.644'). Turn left (SE) onto McMichael Avenue.
11. Continue .42 miles and at the stop sign McMichael Avenue changes to Cedar Hall Road (N 38° 03.860' W 075° 34.404'). You will travel south on Cedar Hall Road for 3.95 miles to Colona Road (N 38° .01235' W 075° 36.574'). Turn left (SE) onto Colona Road.
12. Travel 3.6 miles (along the way Colona Road will make a sharp turn to the left) to Tulls Corner Road (N 38° 00.900' W 075° 33.636'). Turn right (E) onto Tulls Corner Road. It gets a little complicated here, so watch the signs and the road markers carefully.
13. Stay on Tulls Corner Road for .95 miles to Makemie Road (N 38° 00.922' W 075° 32.652'). Turn right (S) onto Makemie Road.
14. You will only go .15 miles to the next turn, onto Bunting Road (N 38° 00.766' W 075° 32.710'). Turn left (SE), crossing Route 13, onto Bunting Road.
15. Pedal on Bunting Road for .65 miles to Payne Road (N 38° 00.734' W 075° 31.983').
16. After 2.87 miles you will come to the intersection of Critcher Road (N 38° 00.429' W 075° 29.567'). Turn left (N) onto Critcher Road.
17. Travel 1.6 miles to Brantley Road (N 38° 01.535' W 075° 30.065'). Turn left (NW) onto Brantley.
18. Ride 1.8 miles to Buck Harbor Road (N 38° 01.872' W 075° 31.975'). Turn right (NE) onto Buck Harbor Road.
19. In 1.7 miles you will see Sheep House Road (N 38° 02.789' W 075° 30.777') Turn right (SE) onto Sheep House Road. Sheep House changes to Big Mill Road at a Y intersection.
20. Stay on Big Mill Road for 6.9 miles to Route 12 (N 38° 01.462' W 075° 25.308') Turn left (NE) onto Route 12.
21. You will only be on Route 12 for .1 miles, where you will turn right onto Rabbit Knaw Road (N 38° 01.565' W 075° 25.211'). Turn right (SE) onto Rabbit Knaw Road.
22. Go 1.4 miles to Greenbackville Road (N 38° 01.123' W 075° 23.900'). Turn left (N) onto Greenbackville Road.
23. After 2.15 miles you will reach George Island Landing Road (N 38° 02.930' W 075° 23.496'). Turn left (NW) onto George Island Landing Road, toward the village of Stockton.

Side trip: If you turn right onto George Island Landing Road, in 1.25 miles you will arrive at George Island Landing, a working waterfront. There are no amenities here, but there are spectacular views across Parker Bay to Mills Island, with Assateague Island in the distance. George Island Landing marks the southern margin of the E.A. Vaughn Wildlife Management Area (the northern edge of Vaughn is near Taylor Landing to the north).

24. Continue on George Island Landing Road (it changes to Stockton Road in the village) for 2.6 miles to Bird Hill Road (N 38° 04.016' W 075° 25.856'). Turn right (NE) onto Bird Hill.
25. Stay on Bird Hill Road for 2.63 miles until you see Onley Road (N 38° 05.610' W 075° 23.906'). Turn right (E) onto Onley Road. In the village of Girdletree, Onley Road changes to Taylor Landing Road. Continue on Taylor Landing.
26. You will reach Boxiron Road on the edge of Girdletree (N 38° 05.726' W 075° 23.489'). Turn left (NE) onto Boxiron Road.
27. Go 2.33 miles (bearing left at a Y intersection) where Boxiron Road appears to end at Truitt's Landing Road (N 38° 06.704' W 075° 21.354'). Turn right (E) onto Truitt's Landing Road and Boxiron Road picks up again on your left in just .1 mile. Turn left, putting you back on Boxiron Road headed east.
28. Pedal just .4 miles to Cherrix Road (N 38° 06.914' W 075° 20.943'). Turn right (SE) onto Cherrix Road.
29. Continue on Cherrix Road for 1.1 miles to Ayres Road (N 38° 07.341' W 075° 20.125'). Along the way, Cherrix Road will make a hard left. You'll pass Boxiron Creek Road on your right and a little church on your left before getting to Ayres Road. Turn right (SE) onto Ayres Road.
30. Ride .3 miles to Bay Side Road (N 38° 07.427' W 075° 19.820'). Turn right (E) onto Bayside.
31. Bayside Road will make a hard left at Figg's Landing. Stay on Bayside for 3.6 miles until you reach the town of Public Landing, at Route 365, Public Landing Road (N 38° 08.949' W 075° 17.246'). Turn left (NW) onto Public Landing Road.

If you look to your right before making this turn you will see the bay front town of Public Landing. The town was a Victorian resort until Ocean City attracted all the tourist trade. There is a large parking lot and a public pier with a covered pavilion at its end. A magnificent Federal era home is on the water to the right of the pier, with grand views across Chincoteague Bay to Assateague Island.

32. Stay on Public Landing Road for 1.6 miles until you reach its intersection with Taylor Road (N 38° 09.744' W 075° 18.596'). Turn right (NE) onto Taylor Road.
33. After 2.3 miles you will find yourself at Cedar Town Road (N 38° 11.684' W 075° 17.905'). Turn left (NW) onto Cedar Town Road.
34. Ride just .3 miles to Basket Switch Road (N 38° 11.796' W 075° 18.229'). Turn right (NE) onto Basket Switch Road and pedal 3.45 miles to what is left of the town of Basket Switch, so named because of a basket factory that thrived at the railroad switch there.

35. You'll reach the intersection with Newark Road (N 38° 14.127' W O75° 18.655'). You will be able to see the traffic on Route 113 just ahead, but don't cross 113 here. Turn right (E) onto Newark Road.
36. Newark Road will take you across Route 113, .8 miles into the village of Newark. When you reach the intersection with Patey Woods Road (N 38° 15.054' W O75° 17.457') turn left onto Patey Woods.
37. Patey Woods Road will take you past the tiny, and now unused but restored, Queponco Railroad Station (Newark was once called Queponco Station) and then 2.65 miles to Bethards Road (N 38° 17.062' W O75° 18.183'). Turn right (NE) onto Bethards Road.
38. Pedal 2.2 miles to Ironshire Station Road (N 38° 17.892' W O75° 16.275') and turn right (SE) onto Ironshire Station.
39. In 1 mile you will find Evans Road (N 38° 17.671' W O75° 15.219'). Turn left (NE) onto Evans Road.
40. Evans Road will make a sharp right turn and in 3.25 miles you will be at South Main Street (N 38° 18.895' W O75° 13.227'). You'll see a large cemetery at the corner, and if you turn left onto South Main you will be back in Berlin, where this journey began, in less than a mile. But you won't quite have logged a century ride. So if you are intent on doing the full 10 miles, turn right (S) onto South Main.
41. Bear left across Route 113 and in .7 miles you will be at Trappe Road (N 38° 18.850' W O75° 12.645'). Turn left onto Trappe Road. Trappe Road takes you through Germantown, a historic African-American community on the outskirts of Berlin.
42. In .75 miles you will arrive at the intersection of Harrison Road (N 38° 18.700' W O75° 11.822'). Turn left (NE) onto Harrison Road.
43. Pedal along Harrison Road for only .3 mile, until it ends at Route 376, Assateague Road (N 38° 18.850' W O75° 11.583'). Turn left (NW) onto Assateague Road.

If you choose to turn right onto Assateague Road you will be headed to the Assateague Island State Park and the Assateague Island National Seashore, where camping facilities are available. Assateague is among the most pristinely preserved of all the Atlantic barrier islands and is famous for its population of wild horses. Its Atlantic beach is spectacular. To get to the island, take Assateague Road SE for 2.8 miles. It ends at Route 611, Stephen Decatur Highway. Turn right onto Route 611 and continue for 3.6 miles until the road makes a sharp left turn. Turn left and in 1 mile you will see the Verrazano Bridge, which crosses from the mainland to Assateague Island.

44. Assateague Road crosses Route 113 and changes to Bay Street. In 1.6 miles you will be back in Berlin at the Atlantic Hotel (N 38° 19.440' W O75° 12.667').