

# Worcester...

MARYLAND'S ONLY SEASIDE COUNTY



BEACH & BEYOND *Visitor's Guide*

# WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE WORCESTER COUNTY... a small world of wonder.

To the east lie sparkling Atlantic beaches...to the west, more than 13,000 acres of State forest. North to south, the deep and timeless Pocomoke River travels the length of the county. One of the nation's most unique scenic rivers, its "black waters" (the Indian meaning of Pocomoke), wind among bald cypress trees at their northernmost range. You'll glimpse an eagle if you're lucky!

The recreational opportunities are as various and rewarding as the landscape.

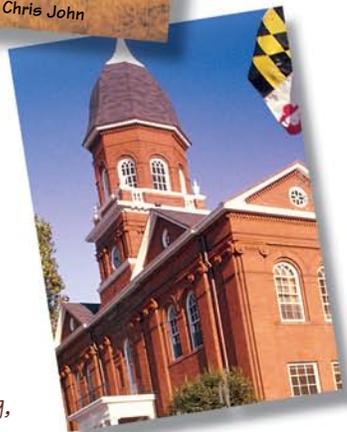
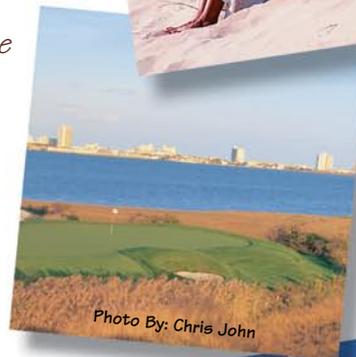
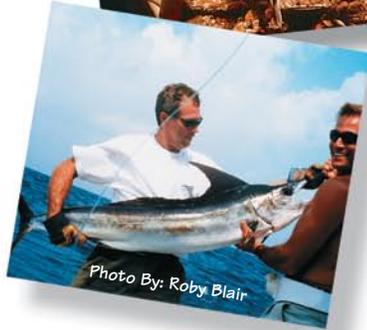
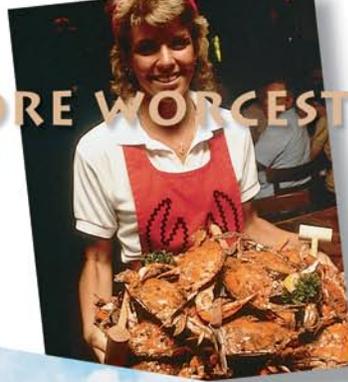
Fishermen enjoy the Assateague surf and offshore canyons...the back bays - Assawoman, Sinepuxent and Chincoteague, all great for crabbing, too..the river, intimate creeks and freshwater ponds.

Hikers, bikers and sight-seers choose special trails and walking tours, rambling through wild pony country along the Assateague National Seashore and inland among the towering loblollies of the Pocomoke Forest.

For sportsmen, game abounds in woods and marsh - deer, duck, geese, quail, wild turkey and rabbit, to mention a few. Throughout the county, camping, swimming, boating, golfing, birdwatching and tennis await your pleasure.

Come wander the native pathways. Share nature's presence, relax, refresh yourself-here in Worcester County.

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# Greetings



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*The Worcester County Commissioners invite you to visit us here in Worcester County, Maryland's Only Seaside County. Worcester County is blessed with a rich heritage and natural beauty that we look forward to sharing with our neighbors from the State of Maryland, the East Coast and throughout the United States, as well as visitors from abroad.*

*Worcester County offers a unique blend of big city excitement in and around the resort community of Ocean City and country ambience in the central and southern areas of our county. We have become well known for our championship golf courses, deep sea fishing, historic towns and villages, scenic byways, and of course our clean, sandy beaches of Ocean City and Assateague Island National Seashore.*

*Visitors to Worcester County are treated to world-class hotels, charming bed and breakfasts and fabulous restaurants. All yours to enjoy while you explore our serene coastal bays and rivers for kayaking, our flat, scenic roads for cycling and our spectacular pristine natural environment which has been called a Birdwatcher's Paradise.*

*This guide is your invitation to our beautiful county: a book full of images and ideas that we've chosen to represent the fun and excitement awaiting you here in Worcester County, Maryland. Whatever you decide to do in Worcester County, we extend to you our best wishes for a vacation full of adventure and discovery.*

*Best Wishes,*

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# Outdoor RECREATION

## Hiking Worcester County Nature Trails

Greenways serve as natural corridors that connect parks, forest and other natural areas for the benefit of people and nature. They provide habitat and passageways for wildlife, buffers for fragile waterways and outdoor recreation areas for people. Worcester County nature trails are part of a regional greenway system. These trails are easily accessible, not generally difficult nor exceptionally long. They are "hiker-friendly" for all ages. Some common sense approaches to relaxed hiking will make your visit a "happy trails" experience.

- Wear appropriate shoes. Sandals, bare feet or flimsy canvas shoes may not be suitable.
- Carry insect repellent in warm weather. Some trails traverse swampy areas where mosquitoes dwell. Ticks may be present as well.
- Bring back all litter for disposal. Protect the environment and wildlife.

Some trails have a brochure available for you to use. Ask at trail headquarters. Take your time, look carefully you may be surprised at what you see!



# Outdoor RECREATION

## Herring Creek Nature Trail

Keyser Point Road, West Ocean City  
410-632-2144

This 1-mile trail, loops around a pond and forested wetlands. A boardwalk trail also extends over the marsh to the pine island where a picnic site and wildlife observation blinds are located. The trail also continues from the island to Herring Creek where a small pier allows fishing and crabbing.

## Sinepuxent Bay Water Trails

Little Egging Island Route  
Assateague Island National Seashore  
410-632-3110 or 410-641-1441

A 2-mile water trail in protected waters along irregular coastline and marsh grasses at Assateague Island. A great place to observe the richness of life in the salt marsh. Options to explore up the "guts" or coves to dead ends will add to this length. Brochure available.

## Life of the Dunes Trail

Assateague Island National Seashore  
410-641-1441

This 1/2 mile trail through soft sand allows visitors to explore a harsh, desert-like environment. Animal tracks and a wide variety of plants characterize the interesting dune land habitat. Trail side exhibits show how salt-laden winds off the ocean naturally prune several plants into unusual shapes.

## Life of the Forest Trail

Assateague Island National Seashore  
410-641-1441

A hard path surface, which makes this trail fully handicap-accessible, winding its way past woodland ponds and through a 1/4 mile of diverse shrubs and mature loblolly pines. Exhibits introduce visitors to many forest inhabitants. An observation deck at the edge of the woods offers a breathtaking view of several miles of forest which overlook the Chincoteague Bay.



## Life of the Marsh Trail

Assateague Island National Seashore  
410-641-1441

An elevated boardwalk, which makes this trail fully handicap-accessible, courses its way through 1/2 mile of Assateague salt marshes. Exhibits interpret the importance of this habitat to Barrier Island ecology. Many wetland bird species are usually seen from this trail and an observation deck offers a panoramic view of Chincoteague Bay on Assateague's backside.

## The Stephen Decatur Memorial Park

Wildfowl Pond and Natural Trail  
Berlin 410-641-2270

A 1/4 mile of nesting waterfowl habitat with two bird boxes. This self-guided trail meanders through a man-made pond over boardwalk bridges. The park is an excellent picnic stop.

## Porters Crossing to Snow Hill Canoe Trail

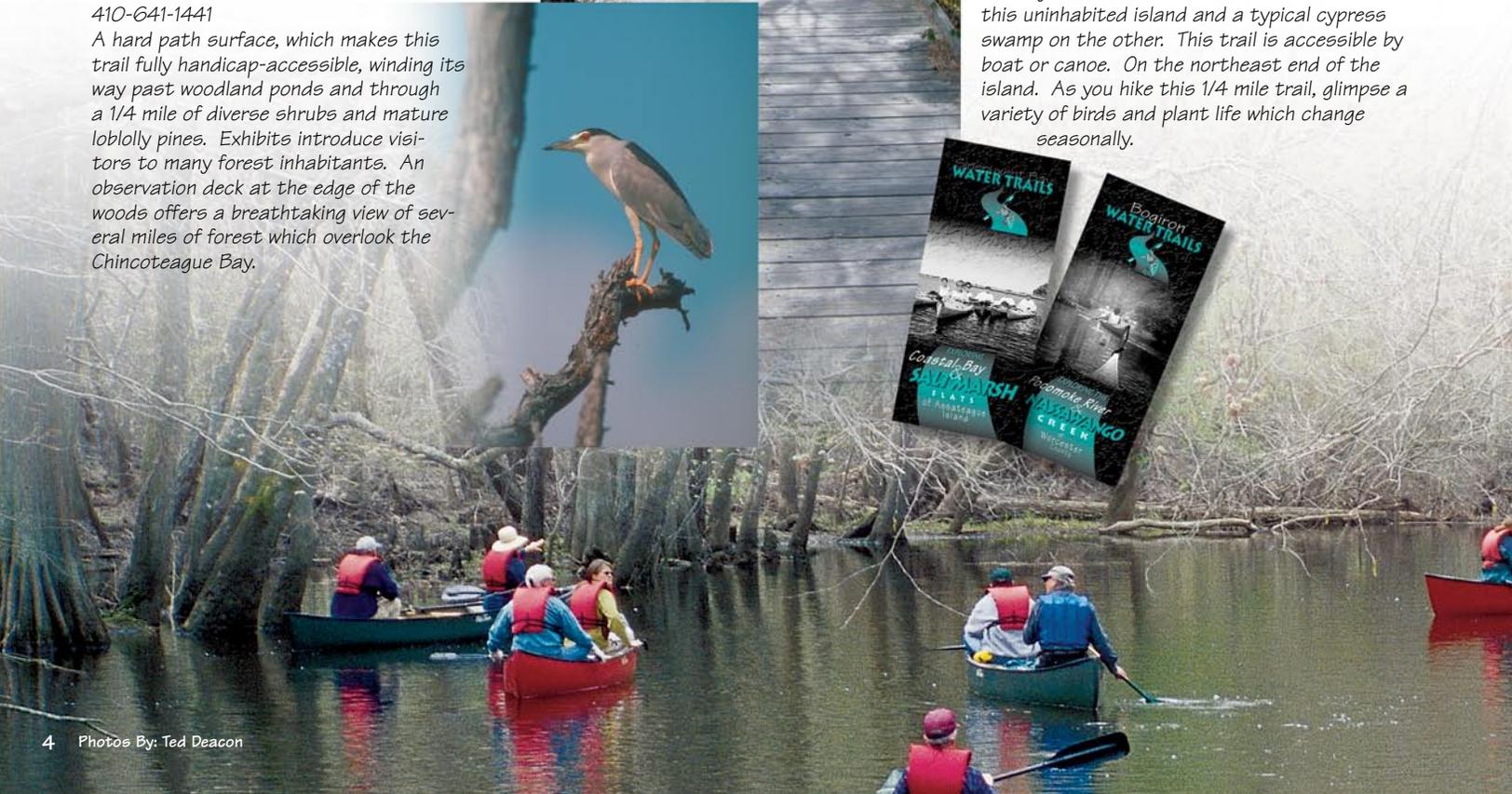
Porters Crossing Road (410) 632-3971

This 5-1/2 mile canoe trail on the Pocomoke River is relatively narrow and easy to paddle. Cypress trees, reeds and other still water plants line the dark waters and decorate the scenery. Heron, egrets and turtles are often seen wading in the River's swampy reaches. The densely wooded banks provide a cool shade canopy overhead.

## Goat Island Nature Trail

Snow Hill 410-632-2080

View Byrd Park and Snow Hill from one side of this uninhabited island and a typical cypress swamp on the other. This trail is accessible by boat or canoe. On the northeast end of the island. As you hike this 1/4 mile trail, glimpse a variety of birds and plant life which change seasonally.



### **Bog Iron Water Trail**

Red House Road

410-632-3971 or 410-632-3110

This easy-to-moderate paddle can take 2-4 hours to complete. From Red House Road at Nassawango Creek it is approximately 4-1/4 miles to Snow Hill and the same distance downstream to Shad Landing at the Pocomoke River State Park. The creek and river are relatively undeveloped and flow through a bald cypress swamp. Brochure available

### **Ocean Pines Natural Trails**

410-641-5306

Ocean Pines has a number of hiking trails leading through the Pines which are accessible from their public parks.

### **The Nature Conservancy's Paul Leifer Trail**

Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum

410-632-2032

This 1-mile trail, accessible through Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum, winds along Nassawango Creek on boardwalks, through the Nassawango Cypress Swamp and on the tow path of the Iron Furnace Canal. Site admission to Furnace Town from April through October.

### **Pusey Branch Nature Trail**

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park

Nazareth Church Tract - Old Furnace Road

410-632-2566

This self-guided nature trail is 1/2 mile long and is complimented by informational signs and exhibits. The trail leads you through pine plantations, mixed pine/hardwood stands and along bottom land hardwoods.

### **Corker's Creek Black Water Canoe Trail**

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park

Shad Landing 410-632-2566

This 1-1/2 mile self-guided canoe trail along Corker's Creek takes approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours to complete. A brochure describing the natural environment along the water route is available making the adventure educational and informative for the novice or experienced canoeist.

### **Trail of Change**

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park

Shad Landing 410-632-2566

A self-guided trail approximately 1-mile long leads you through old growth forest which was once farmland to the cool temperatures of the Cypress Swamp. Learn how this forest through time and man's activities has adapted and changed. Brochure available.

### **Bald Cypress Nature Trail**

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park

Milburn Landing 410-632-2566

This trail is a 1-mile long self-guided glimpse of 3 forest types on the edge of the Pocomoke River: a pine grove, mixed hardwoods and bald cypress swamp. Observe these distinct plant communities competing and changing under the influence of the natural environment. Brochure available.

### **Milburn Landing Hiking Trail**

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park

Milburn Landing 410-632-2566

This is a 4-mile trail that winds along narrow fire trails and wooded roads through the Pocomoke State Forest. Observe managed woodlands and a wide variety of plant and animal life. Map available.

### **Pocomoke City Nature & Exercise Trail**

Cypress Park 410-957-1333

This trail, a total of 4 miles, begins at Cypress Park and winds around Stevenson's Pond to Winter Quarters Landing, a public boat ramp. The trail is enhanced by a floating boardwalk, 57' pedestrian bridge and a 260' fishing pier. A shorter 1-1/2 mile loop may also be hiked.

### **Bird Hill Road Wildlife Restoration Site**

Worcester County's 23-acre wildlife restoration site is located north of the village of Stockton on Bird Hill Road. The site may be accessed by car or bicycle (on the 100-mile View Trail). Four acres of wetlands were restored and nearly twenty acres of native trees were planted on the site. The site includes a small parking area and a 1/4-mile walking/biking trail to a viewing platform with an interpretive sign. Depending on the time of year, wild turkey, neo-tropical migrant songbirds and waterfowl are commonly seen here. Public access for wildlife viewing purposes is permitted daily, dawn to dusk.

For canoe & kayak rentals and portage service call:

Pocomoke River Canoe Company  
410-632-3971

Coastal Kayak  
(877) 455-2925

# Outdoor RECREATION

## Viewtrail 100

Bicyclists who have dreamed of riding in the Tour de France, but could never afford the airfare or exhaustion can satisfy the fantasy here in Worcester County on the Viewtrail 100. A 100-mile scenic bike ride, the Viewtrail can vicariously fulfill those Tour de France fantasies a la Worcester County. From historic Berlin, around the rural farmlands of Snow Hill, through the Pocomoke River State Forest and back to Berlin, the bicycle route provides a complete overview of the county. The trail runs along back roads that are flat and light on motor vehicle traffic. Viewtrail signs mark the route, a brochure including a map are recommended. The trail's vicinity to historic sites, campgrounds and bed and breakfasts also make it an ideal route for a weekend excursion. To obtain free brochure with map, contact the tourism office.

neotropical songbirds begins as they leave their nesting areas to head south. Common sightings include vireos, yellow-rumped warblers and common yellowthroats.

Birding in Worcester County also is a chance to experience the unspoiled wilderness which attracts, sustains and protects so much natural life. Within a radius of just a few miles exist the unique-yet accessible worlds of a barrier island, a cypress swamp, forests, tidal wetlands and secluded fields. Stop anywhere along the road and you'll be able to observe an abundance of birds which inhabit the immediate vicinity. State and national parks in the county offer camping, nature trails and guided tours, inviting you to share the beauty of our native landscape. For a free guide and checklist to birding in Worcester County, contact the tourism office.

## Beach to Bay American Indian Trail

If you plan to drive off the beaten path next time you're in the area, there's a helpful guide you may want to take along. The free guide for the Beach to Bay American Indian Trail- Maryland's only National Recreation Trail- includes a map and information on attractions. Some of the natural areas along the 100-mile plus route still seem almost as pristine as they must have looked to the Indians of the Algonquin tribes who first traveled the trail centuries ago. The guide includes information on hiking trails and parks such as Assateague Island National Seashore and the Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Cypress Swamp at Furnace Town. It also lists historical sites such as the Calvin B. Taylor House in Berlin where exhibits depict life from the early 1800s to the present. For a copy of the guide, contact the tourism office.

## Pocomoke River

Rising quietly from the Great Cypress Swamp in Delaware, the Pocomoke River winds southward 55 miles through Maryland before emptying into the Chesapeake Bay. The river's slow, meandering course through Delmarva reveals distinctive landscapes: undisturbed swamp forests give way to scattered residential areas; the river then flows into a 1432-acre State Wildland known as Cypress Swamp before reaching the salt marshes along the Pocomoke Sound. A major tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, the Pocomoke has been designated a State Scenic River. Local tradition says that the word "Pocomoke" is an Indian word that means "black water". Modern scholars attribute the word to Algonquin-speaking tribes whose name for the river meant "pierced or broken ground".

National Historic Sites and Museums testify to the watershed's significance as a busy shipbuilding, manufacturing and religious center during the 18th and 19th centuries.

A full color brochure highlights these historic sites as well as canoeing and boating information and fishing and licensing requirements. For a free copy, contact the tourism office.

## Birding

For those interested in viewing birds, there are no off-seasons on the coast. In the earliest months of the year you can see ducks and geese. Great flocks of gulls will congregate, and uncommon species may be seen. In the spring the songbird and shorebird migration is at its peak. Barrier island beaches will get their annual visits from terns, skimmers, brown pelicans and piping plovers. In the fall, the peak movement of



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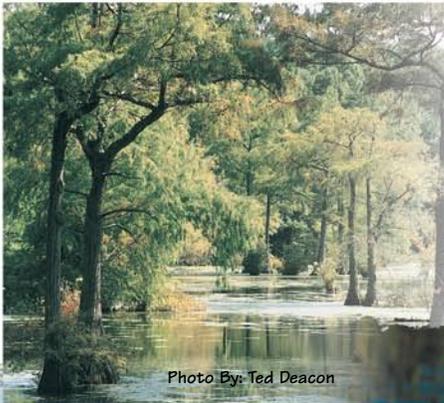
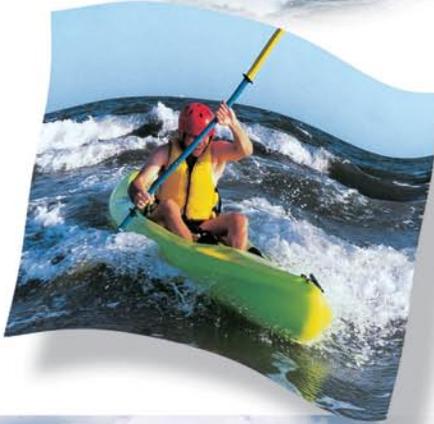


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## Fishing

### Pocomoke River

Amateur, novice and expert fishermen will find the tidal Pocomoke uniquely challenging. Yellow and white perch, eel, gar, sunfish, pickerel, catfish, crappie, bluegill herring, spot croakers, bluefish and largemouth bass will tease and taunt the best rod'n reelers.

Certain areas of the river banks have been designated as "Free Fishing Areas" where no Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License is required. For locations, check where fishing licenses are sold. Fishing from a craft requires a license.

## Fishing Equipment/License

### Pocomoke River State Park

Shad Landing Area  
3461 Worcester Highway, Snow Hill, MD 21863  
410-632-2566

### Pocomoke River Canoe Company

312 North Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863  
410-632-3971

### Sea Hawk Sport Center

643 Ocean Highway, Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
410-957-0198

## Guides

### Capt. Bruce Wootten

[www.captbrucewootten.com](http://www.captbrucewootten.com)

### Atlantic Ocean

Ocean City, the White Marlin Capital of the World, is famous for bottom fishing in the bays and deep sea fishing offshore. The Gulf Stream is a short distance offshore and easily reached by boat to fish waters teeming with bigeye and yellowfin tuna, mako and dolphin, plus trophy fish like white and blue marlin and an occasional sailfish.

## Marinas

### Bahia Marina 22nd Street & the Bay

Ocean City, MD 21842  
410-289-7438

### Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club,

Seabreeze Road on the St. Martin's River, a small craft marina 410-641-7447

### Ocean Pines Yacht Club Marina

Mumford's Landing, Ocean Pines, MD 21811  
410-641-7447

### Sunset Marina

West Ocean City Harbor, Ocean City, MD 21842  
410-213-9600 • 877-514-FISH

### Talbot Street Pier

311 Talbot St. & the Bay, Ocean City, MD 21842  
410-289-9125 • 800-659-7703

## Public Boat Ramps

### Assateague State Park

Located at Route 611 and the Verrazano Bridge. Provides access to Sinepuxent Bay. Facilities include restrooms and lighted paved parking.  
410-641-2120

### Byrd Park

Located on Market Street in Snow Hill. Provides access to the Pocomoke River. Facilities include picnic area, comfort stations and paved parking.

### Cedarhall Wharf

Located 6 miles from Route 13 off Route 371. Provides access to the Pocomoke River.

### George Island Landing

Located in the Stockton vicinity at the end of Route 366. Provides access to Chincoteague Bay.

### Gum Landing

Located on Gumpoint Road .6 miles off Route 589. Provides access to Isle of Wight Bay via Turville Creek.

### Isle of Wight

Located at the intersection of Route 90 and Saint Martins Neck Road. Provides access to Assawoman Bay.

### Mason Landing

Located in the Newark vicinity off Route 113 and Langmaid Road. Provides access to Massey Creek and Newport Bay.

### Mumford's Landing

Adjacent to the swimming pool providing access to the Isle of Wight Bay. It is restricted to small watercraft. 410-641-7447

### Pocomoke City Landing

Located on Riverside Drive at the end of Laurel Street in Pocomoke City. Provides access to the Pocomoke River. Two 80 foot boating piers and paved parking.

### Pocomoke River State Park

Shad Landing Area

Located off Route 113, 4 miles south of Snow Hill. Provides access to the Pocomoke River.

Facilities include water and electrical hookup, 23 boat slips, pump-out station, several boating piers, canoe rentals, comfort stations, telephones, camping, picnic areas and paved parking.  
410-632-2566

### Pocomoke River State Park

Milburn Landing Area

Located on Route 354 in the vicinity of Snow Hill. Provides access to the Pocomoke River. Facilities include picnic area, barbecue grills, comfort stations and paved parking.  
410-632-2566

### Public Landing

Located at the end of Route 365, off Route 113 in the Snow Hill vicinity. Provides access to Chincoteague Bay. Facilities include fishing pier, pavilion and paved parking.

### Shell Mill

Located at the end of Shell Mill Road off Saint Martins Neck Road. Provides access to Assawoman Bay via St. Martins River. Facilities include boating pier and paved parking.

### South Point

Located at the end of South Point Road off of Route 611. Provides access to Sinepuxent Bay. Facilities include telephone and paved parking.

### Taylor Landing

Located 3 miles east of Girdletree off Route 12 and at the end of Taylors Landing Road. Provides access to Chincoteague Bay.

### West Ocean City

Located off Golf Course Road in West Ocean City. Provides access to Sinepuxent Bay and Ocean City inlet. Facilities include lighted, paved parking.

### White Horse

Located on Beauchamp Road off Rte. 589 - Two boat ramps provide access to the St. Martin's River. Limited parking is available. 410-641-7447



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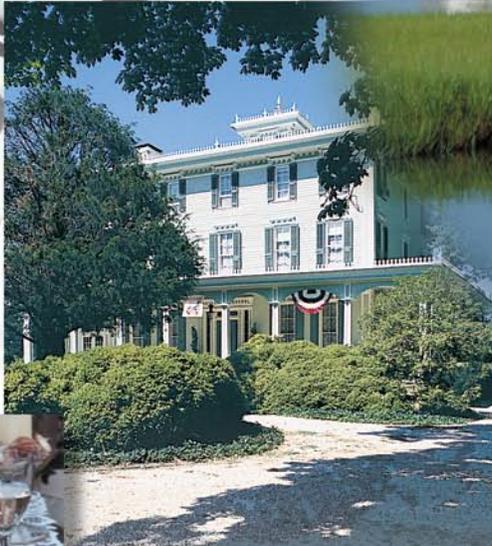


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# Bed & Breakfasts

## Berlin

### **Holland House**, 5 Bay Street

Located in Berlin's Historic District, this c. 1900 home offers all the comforts of a cozy inn, just minutes from Ocean City, Assateague Island National Seashore and 14 championship golf courses. The innkeepers serve a full breakfast to prepare you for a day of main street shopping, nature walks, golf and a day at the beach! 7 rooms. (410)641-1956

### **Merry Sherwood Plantation**, 8909 Worcester Hwy. (Rt. 113)

This magnificent 1859 manor home has 27 rooms restored to exacting standards. The house features loblolly pine flooring, nine marble fireplaces, three-story mahogany rail and staircase and a cupola. Guests receive a full breakfast in the formal dining room. The inn is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a grand setting for parties, receptions and weddings. Located just outside of the Berlin town limits, the inn is situated on 21 acres. 8 rooms. (410)641-2112 or (800)660-0358; [www.merrysherwood.com](http://www.merrysherwood.com)

### **The Atlantic Hotel**, 2 North Main Street

This faithfully restored Victorian Hotel on Berlin's Main Street has been meticulously refurbished to its former elegance and grandeur and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Atlantic Hotel offers a dining room, lounge, parlors and a long front porch. Included in the Great Inns of America, the hotel features a five-star restaurant and serves breakfast each morning. 16 rooms. (410)641-3589 or (800)814-7672; <http://www.atlantichotel.com>

## Ocean City

### **An Inn on the Ocean**, Oceanfront at 10th, 1001 Boardwalk

Located directly on the ocean, this casually elegant B&B/Inn is a perfect blend of hospitality and beauty. All rooms are magnificently decorated for luxury and comfort (some with jacuzzi tubs). Guests are treated to an expanded continental breakfast, afternoon refreshments and other amenities. Watch the waves and world go by from the oceanfront veranda, relax by the fireplace in winter or enjoy nearby championship golf, shopping, fishing, water sports or Assateague Island. This hidden treasure is perfect for weddings, corporate meetings, receptions and romantic getaways. The Inn received Ocean City's Beauty Spot Award and is a member of the Maryland Bed & Breakfast Association. An Inn on the Ocean offers an adult, smoke-free environment. 6 rooms. (410)289-8894; 877-INN ON OC (466-6662) email: [innonoc@aol.com](mailto:innonoc@aol.com); [www.innontheocean.com](http://www.innontheocean.com)

### **The Lighthouse Club**, An Inn at Fager's Island,

56th-60th Streets in the Bay Located on The Isle of Wight Bay. The white frame octagonal lighthouse structure, a replica of the Thomas

Point Lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay, is surrounded by water - the bay and the natural wetlands - 23 luxurious pie-shaped suites with custom-designed furniture, private decks, all marble bathrooms - some with double jacuzzis and gas-burning fireplaces - have evening turndown service, a continental breakfast, sodas in the refrigerator, a coffee maker with tea, hot chocolate and Godiva coffee, a newspaper delivered to your door and terry robes to use while you visit. Our Romantic Island Getaways Packages are available year-round. Ask about our seasonal value packages. The Lighthouse Club is the ideal escape any season of the year. Bring a favorite companion and experience the beach and the beauty of a seaside environment through all seasons of the year. (888)371-5400 or (410)524-5400; email: [island@dmv.com](mailto:island@dmv.com); <http://www.fagers.com>

### **Atlantic House**, 501 N. Baltimore Avenue

The Atlantic House is one of the resort's most picturesque, old-time summer homes located one block from the ocean in the heart of Ocean City. Comfortable appointed rooms, homemade baked goods and refreshments, a full breakfast buffet and a relaxing sit on the front porch with a view of the ocean and boardwalk guarantee a leisurely vacation. 11 rooms with one 2-rm. suite. (410)289-2333; email: [ocbnb@atlantichouse.com](mailto:ocbnb@atlantichouse.com); <http://www.atlantichouse.com>

## Pocomoke City

### **Littleton's**, 407 Second Street

A blend of traditional and Victorian decor with special attention to details highlight this c. 1860 National Register home. The sitting parlor is bordered with an unusual Lincrusta frieze, handsomely papered and tastefully decorated. In town activities include golfing, nature and fitness trails, canoeing and fishing. Convenient to Chincoteague/Assateague beaches. Full breakfast served, ice set up with beverage at check in. 4 rooms. (410)957-1645; email: [innkeeper@littletonsbandb.com](mailto:innkeeper@littletonsbandb.com); <http://littletonsbandb.com>

## Snow Hill

### **River House**, 201 E. Market Street

Treat yourself to a comfortable, yet casually elegant getaway at the River House Inn, a lovely Victorian country home in Snow Hill set on over two acres of rolling lawn and gardens that lead to the Pocomoke River. This c. 1860 home offers porches for relaxing, spacious rooms with private baths, beautiful decor and a full breakfast. Special packages throughout the year include birdwatching, biking and canoeing. 10 rooms. (410)632-2722; email: [innkeeper@riverhouseinn.com](mailto:innkeeper@riverhouseinn.com) or [www.bbonline.com](http://www.bbonline.com)





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# Parks & Camping

## **Assateague Island National Seashore**

7206 National Seashore Lane  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-641-3030;  
reservations  
800-365-CAMP  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

Open Year Round; pets allowed on a leash,  
dump station/RVs

## **Assateague State Park**

7307 Stephen Decatur Hwy  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-641-2120  
[www.dnr.state.md.us](http://www.dnr.state.md.us)

Open Mid-April- October; no pets, bathhouses,  
camp store, laundry, electric, dump station

## **Bali-Hi RV Park**

St. Martins Neck Road  
Bishopville, MD 21813  
410-352-5477

Open May 1- November; Rvs only, bathhouse,  
laundry, pets on leash, electric, water hookup,  
sewer hookup

## **Ft. Whaley Campground**

1224 Dale Road  
Whaleyville, MD 21872  
410-641-9785  
[www.fortwhaley.com](http://www.fortwhaley.com)

Open year round, Family campground  
located a stone's throw from Ocean City  
& Assateague Island National Seashore.  
Miniature golf, daily planned activities, pool,  
camp store, pavilion, clubhouse with arcade,  
fishing lake, paddle boats, bath houses  
and more.



## **Frontier Town Campground**

Stephen Decatur Hwy,  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-641-0880; 800-228-5590  
[www.frontiertown.com](http://www.frontiertown.com)

Open April- Mid-October;  
western theme park, waterslide,  
miniature golf, arcade, swimming  
pool, playground, trails, dump station, bath-  
house, laundry, camp store, pets on leash,  
electric, water hookup, sewer hookup

## **Ocean City Campground**

105 70th Street  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
410-524-7601

[www.occamping.com](http://www.occamping.com)

Open year round; bathhouse, laundry, camp  
store, pets on leash, electric, water hookup,  
sewer hookup

## **Pocomoke River State Park**

3461 Worcester Hwy.  
Snow Hill, MD 21863  
410-632-2566

[www.dnr.state.md.us](http://www.dnr.state.md.us)

Open year round; dump station, bathhouse,  
cabins, laundry, camp store, pets on leash,  
swimmingpool, canoe and rowboat rentals

## **Island Resort Campground**

9537 Cropper Island Road  
Newark, MD 21841  
410-641-9838; 888-641-9838

[www.islandresort.org](http://www.islandresort.org)

Open May-Nov; cabins and campsites; pets  
allowed in campsites only; stocked fish ponds,  
canoe & kayak rentals; electric, sewer &  
water hookups.

# Assateague

The white sand beaches of this windswept barrier island are a major reason for visitors to flock to this beach. This 37-mile-long paradise straddles the Maryland-Virginia border and derives its name from the Native American word that translates to "A Running Stream Between." The island is perhaps most famous for the wild horses that continue to roam the beaches since the late 17th century. The horses are descendants of domesticated horses brought to the island that reverted to a wild state. Park personnel warn visitors not to pet or feed the horses because they are wild and can bite and kick.

The island consists of 2 parks; Assateague Island National Seashore and Assateague State Park. Assateague State Park is Maryland's only ocean park and was selected by National Geographic Travel magazine in 1994 as one of the 10 best state parks in the United States. Assateague National Seashore was voted Top 10 National Seashores and Lakeshores by Coastal Living Magazine.

Before exploring Assateague, please take time to get to know the island by visiting the Barrier Island Visitor Center just west of the Verrazano Bridge.

## Activities

**Camping** The National Park offers 2 campgrounds, Oceanside and Bayside, with some sites available year round. Primitive outdoor facilities include chemical toilets, drinking water and cold water showers. Any size camping vehicle can be accommodated (dump station only, no hook-ups). There are also several backpack and canoe-access campsites.

Parking and back country permits are required.

The State Park offers camping with bathhouses with hot showers and flush toilets. A small camp store and snack bar are open in summer. Any size camping vehicle can be accommodated (dump station and a few hook-ups are available).

**Hiking** Short, self-guided walks are available on the Life of the Marsh, Life of the Forest and Life of the Dunes nature trails. Each is approximately one half mile and has parking facilities.

**Biking** Cyclists can use three miles of paved bike path along Bayberry Drive and Oceanside Campground. Summer bike rentals are available at the end of Bayside Drive.

**Canoeing** Canoe rentals are available at the end of Bayside Drive.



# ISLAND

**Birding** Assateague's bird life is abundant. The trails through the marsh, forest and dunes offer easy access for viewing. The Park Service offers guided walks, talks, children's programs and seashore recreation demonstrations daily in summer. Guided walks include explorations of Assateague's birdlife, the beach, salt marshes, bay and dunes.

**Fishing** Surf fishing is available with no saltwater licenses required. Fishing is prohibited on life-guarded beaches or in designated surfing zones.

**Off-Road Vehicle use** ORV zones are posted and maps are available at the Barrier Island Visitor Center. Permits are available at the Ranger Station. A fee is charged for all permits. ORVs must stay on marked oversand vehicle routes.

**Picnicking** Picnic areas are available at the state park beach, the National Park North Ocean Beach and at the Bayside Recreation Area. Picnic tables and grills are available at these sites.

**Swimming** Assateague Island National Park Service and Assateague State Park lifeguards supervise the beaches during the summer season.

**Kids Programs** Assateague offers environmental education programs and day camps during the summer months such as bayside kayak tours, beach scavenger hunts, biological beach combs, salt marsh exploration and junior ranger programs. Check at the Barrier Island Visitor Center for program descriptions and schedules at the National Park or call 410-641-2120, ext. 20 at the State Park.

**Pets** Dogs are permitted on a leash in the National Park. No pets are permitted in the State Park.

## Assateague Island National Seashore

[www.nps.gov/asis](http://www.nps.gov/asis)  
Visitor Center 410-641-1441  
Camping 410-641-3030

## Assateague State Park

[www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.html)  
Visitor Information 410-641-2120  
Camping 888-432-CAMP (Monday-Friday)



# Pocomoke RIVER STATE PARK & STATE FOREST

Located along the banks of the wild and scenic Pocomoke River, this park provides an opportunity for visitors to experience the wonders of a cypress swamp and the tranquility of one of the state's premier tidal rivers. Pocomoke comes from the Native American word meaning "black water". The river originates in the Great Cypress Swamp in Delaware and flows southwesterly to the Chesapeake Bay.

The park's combination of swamp and upland offers a great variety of plant and animal life such as river otters, beaver and bald eagles, and over 50 species of fish.

**Activities** Popular activities in the park include biking trails, boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and hiking.

**Camping** Shad Landing has 191 campsites with washhouses that have hot water showers, flush toilets and a laundry tub. All types of camping units are welcome. Some campsites have electric hookups. A dumping station is

available for sewage and potable water. Milburn Landing has 32 campsites, some with electric. Amenities are limited at Milburn Landing and pets are allowed in the campground. A dump station is available.

Snacks, souvenirs, camping equipment, groceries, canoe rentals, gas, firewood, boat slips with electric and water hookups and an in-ground swimming pool are available at Shad Landing.

**Cabins** There are 12 mini-cabins available, four at Milburn Landing and eight at Shad Landing. All cabins sleep up to four persons.

**Boating** The Shad Landing Marina has 23 boat slips with water and electrical hookups, launching ramp, lighted dock area and a fuel and transient pier. Rowboats and canoes may be rented. Milburn Landing has a launching ramp.

**Biking** The Pocomoke River State Forest and Park Trail Guide is available for purchase at park headquarters and is a complete guide to multi-use trails within the park.

**Fishing** A Chesapeake Bay Sports Fishing License is required to fish the Pocomoke River and nearby creeks. A "Fish for Fun" pond is located across from the marina parking lot and requires a freshwater license.

**Picnicking** Milburn Landing and Shad Landing have picnic areas with tables, grills, playground equipment, pavilions and comfort stations.

**Off Road Vehicle Use** Motorcycles and four-wheeled ATV's are permitted in the Chandler Land Use Tract, located across from the Shad Landing entrance. A permit is required.

**Pets** are permitted at Milburn Landing Area campground. Pets are not permitted at Shad Landing.

**Pocomoke River State Park**

[www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov)

Search key word "Pocomoke"

State Park Information 410-632-2566

State Forest Information 410-632-3732

Camping 888-432-CAMP



# Golfing

## A GUIDE TO WORCESTER COUNTY

Golfing is a year-round sport in Worcester County and continues to grow in numbers. With over a dozen courses, golfers have a wide variety to choose from. Our courses have the distinction of offering island greens, with designs by top names like Gary Player and Pete and F.B. Dye, and locations on the Sinepuxent Bay, Atlantic Ocean and on the St. Martin and Pocomoke Rivers.

The Delmarva Peninsula features over fifty courses from Wilmington, Delaware to Cape Charles, Virginia, making this region an ideal golfing destination.

A number of golf tournaments are held annually in the resort area, many to raise money for charitable causes. Check local golf clubs for upcoming events.

### **Golf Packagers**

Several area golf packagers book hotel and tee time reservations, allowing you to make all of your arrangements with one phone call.

#### **Hospitality Hotel Golf** 410-524-3000

**Ocean City Golf Getaway**  
1-800-4-OC-GOLF or 410-213-7050  
[www.oceancitygolf.com](http://www.oceancitygolf.com)

**Ocean City Golf Groups**  
1-888-GOLF-GRPS or 410-289-8042  
[www.ocgolfgroups.com](http://www.ocgolfgroups.com)

**Pam's Golf Getaways**  
1-800-472-6722 or 410-213-7171  
[www.pamsgolf.com](http://www.pamsgolf.com)

**OCGolfing.com**  
866-OC-GOLFING  
[www.ocgolfing.com](http://www.ocgolfing.com)

**Tee1OFF Golf Packages**  
800-833-1633  
[www.tee1off.com](http://www.tee1off.com)

Course	Yards	Par
The Bay Club	6958	72
The Beach Club Golf Links	7020	72
Deer Run Golf Club	6105	70
Eagle's Landing	7003	72
The Links at Lighthouse Sound	7031	72
Nassawango Country Club	6344	72
Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club		
Newport Bay Course	6712	72
Seaside Course	6604	73
Ocean Pines Golf Course	7000	72
Ocean Resorts Golf Club	6596	72
Pine Shore Golf - North	3380	60
Pine Shore Golf - South	3767	59
River Run	6705	71
Rum Pointe	7001	72
Winter Quarters	5298	70
Man O' War @ GlenRiddle	7,035	72

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## **Nassawango Country Club**

This 6,344 yard golf course lies on the banks of the Pocomoke River offering: 18-hole championship course, electric golf carts, newly renovated clubhouse, including a well-stocked pro shop. Restaurant serving lunch & dinner. New driving range (May 2004). Open year 'round. Tournament, lessons and clinics available by appointment.  
3940 Nassawango Road,  
Snow Hill, MD 21863  
410-632-3114 410-957-2262

## **The Beach Club Golf Links**

Two 18-hole semi-private championship courses: InnerLinks - 7000 yds. OuterLinks - 6600 yds., Driving range, putting greens & practice bunker, Golf lessons by PGA pros available by appointment, club rentals, tournament arrangements available, Groups and packages welcome, Full-stocked pro shop with apparel and clubs, Clubhouse with locker rooms and dining facilities, Breakfast and lunch served daily, Beverage cart, Electric golf carts (mandatory), Open year round and tee times recommended.  
9715 Deer Park Drive  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-641-GOLF • 800-435-9223

## **Deer Run Golf Club**

Public golf course located at the gateway to Ocean City. A Billy Casper managed facility. 18-hole championship golf course, Best golfing value on the shore, 3-hole learning center with driving range, Electric carts available, Pro shop, pub, snack bar and club rental, Golf pro, Open year round, tee times recommended, beverage cart, custom clubs, Club repairs and island green.  
8804 Logtown Road  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-629-0060 • 888-790-4GOLF

## **Rum Pointe Seaside Golf Links**

Rum Pointe is one of Ocean City's finest golf courses, designed by Pete



and P.B. Dye. Located along the Sinepuxent Bay, overlooking Assateague Island, the 18-hole championship golf course features a fully-stocked pro shop, ProLink GPS system in each cart. Clubhouse with restaurant and bar. Driving range with practice facilities. Open year round. Tee times recommended.  
7000 Rum Pointe Lane  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-629-1414 • 888-809-4653  
www.rumpointe.com

**River Run Golf Club & Community** River Run, a Gary Player signature course, features bent grass from tee to green. This spectacular 18-hole championship golf course has matured into one of the most scenic courses in the area. The front 9 is reminiscent of Scottish-type courses & the backside offers an entirely new & challenging landscape of tree-lined fairways and natural marshes. Electric golf courts, PGA professional lessons, golf school, clubhouse, 9th hole grill, open year round. Reduced twilight rates, fully stocked pro shop. Golf club community with single family lots and duplexes for sale.  
11605 Masters Lane  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-641-7200 • 800-733-RRUN  
riverrungolf@dmv.com

## **Ocean Resorts Golf Club**

Ocean Resorts Golf Club Course featuring: 18-hole, par 72 championship golf course. Clubhouse with fully stocked pro shop and snack bar. Open year round. Professional tournament management services available. Lessons available. Motorized golf carts, club rentals, beverage cart, patio area for outside dining. Driving range, putting and chipping greens. Tee times recommended. Twilight, group and junior rates. Locals card.  
10655 Cathell Road  
Berlin, MD 21811  
410-641-5643  
info@oceanresortsgolfclub.com  
www.oceanresortsgolfclub.com



# Golfing

## **Assateague Greens Golf Center**

Ocean City's complete family golf center offers: 9-hole, part 3 executive golf course, 30 station-lighted driving range plus grass area, 18-hole miniature golf, Fully-stocked pro shop, 12 covered stations, Rental clubs available, Lessons available by PGA professional Stuart W. Jarmon. 12217 Sinepuxent Road Berlin, MD 21811 410-213-7526

## **Eagle's Landing Golf Course**

Eagle's Landing, one of the most scenic and challenging courses on the East Coast. Located just minutes from Ocean City, the course offers a spectacular view of the serene Sinepuxent Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Assateague Island National Seashore. "The natural beauty of the land and wildlife tend to let your mind wander from the game." 18-hole championship course with four sets of tees makes it playable for golfers of all skill levels. Abundantly stocked pro shop, snack bar, putting & chipping greens. Twilight rate available. 2 PGA professionals. Open year 'round. Tee times recommended. Tournaments and large groups welcome. 12367 Eagle's Nest Road, Berlin, MD 21811 410-213-7277 • 800-283-3846 eagleslandinggolf.com

## **Winter Quarters**

Nestled on the banks of the Pocomoke River, this municipally-owned course features: 9-hole regulation course, par 70, Golf carts available for rent, Reservations suggested, Pro shop with club rentals, Snack shop and open year 'round. 335 Winter Quarters Drive Pocomoke City, MD 21851 410-957-1171

## **The Bay Club**

Home of "Devil's Island" - the area's original island green. This public club offers: 36-holes of championship golf, par 72, motorized golf carts, clubhouse with fully-stocked pro shop and restaurant, golf pro, tournament arrangements available, Open year 'round, lessons available, driving range and practice green, club rentals, tee times recommended, beverage cart Golf packages available, Call for daily specials or visit us at our website: www.thebayclub.com 9122 Libertytown Road Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-4081

## **The Links at Lighthouse Sound,**

a breathtaking public 18-hole championship golf course designed by Arthur Hills, overlooks Assawoman Bay and the Ocean City skyline. Rated in the top 5 courses in MD. Lessons available through our golf professionals & the Lighthouse Sound Golf Academy. Pro Link GPS system, expansive driving range & practice facility. Tee times recommended. Full-service restaurant. Tournaments and large groups welcome. 12723 St. Martin's Neck Road Bishopville, MD 21813 410-352-5767 • 888-554-4557 www.lighthousesound.com

## **Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club**

Founded in 1959, the club offers: 36 holes of championship golf Newport Bay Course par 72, Seaside Course par 73, golf cars equipped with Pro Link GPS system, golf cars allowed to roam - not restricted to car paths, Complete practice facilities, PGA professional staff and fully-stocked pro shop, Large clubhouse with full food & beverage service, Reduced rates after 2:00 p.m.,

Tournament and group arrangements available, Hospitality cars, tee times recommended and open year 'round. 11410 Country Club Drive Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-1779

## **Ocean Pines Golf Course**

The Delmarva Peninsula's only Robert Trent Jones, Sr. design golf course. This 18-hole championship facility is located within the private community of Ocean Pines. Flexible membership packages, electric golf carts, pro shop, locker rooms, 19th hole snack bar. Open year 'round. Limited open play. Tee times recommended. 100 Clubhouse Drive Ocean Pines, MD 21811 410-641-6057 www.OceanPines.org

## **Pine Shore**

This public course, designed, built and owned by Al Janis includes: 27-hole, mid-length course, par 30 per 9 holes, clubhouse with snack bar & pro shop. Tee times available for 18-hole play, Year 'round "golf specials" and "twilight golf" (May-October), Open year 'round (weather permitting), practice putting & chipping green with sand bunker. Public driving range (grass tee & mats), Senior, junior & group rates, Power carts, pull carts and club rentals available. 11285 Beauchamp Road Berlin, MD 21811-3108 410-641-5100 • 877-466-5398 www.pineshoregolf.com

## **Pine Shore Golf South**

Extensively renovated and more "golfer friendly". Features 18-hole mid-length public course, new clubhouse, snack bar and pro shop. Tee times available for 18-hole play. Power carts,

pull carts and club rentals available. Challenging layout with two island greens. The back nine plays along Ayers Creek and offers awesome sunsets. 8219 Stephen Decatur Highway Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-3300 • 866-779-3300 www.pineshoregolf.com

## **Peninsula Golf Center**

"A family place to golf" featuring: 20-acre driving range, Free tips from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. by professional golfer, 60 hitting stations, 12 covered dividers, non-covered dividers, 18-hole miniature golf course, pro shop, rental clubs available, Professional lessons by appointment for the novice and experienced players alike. 11243 Racetrack Road Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-5442 • 800-364-7080

## **Man O'War at GlenRiddle Golf Club**

Occupies the westerly portion of GlenRiddle. Features 7,035 yards and a par of 72. Pure, windswept links golf. Large greens, double fairways, pot bunkers, sand dunes and the ever-present eastern shore winds. The historic racetrack, used to train champion thoroughbreds, is utilized as a strategic cross hazard on 3 holes. 11501 Maid at Arms Way Berlin, MD 21811 410-213-2325 • 888-632-4747 www.glenriddlegolf.com

For more information about accommodations, activities, attractions and additional golf courses in the region, contact:

**WORCESTER COUNTY TOURISM**  
P.O. Box 208, Snow Hill, MD 21863  
[www.visitworcester.org](http://www.visitworcester.org)  
email: [econ@ezy.net](mailto:econ@ezy.net)

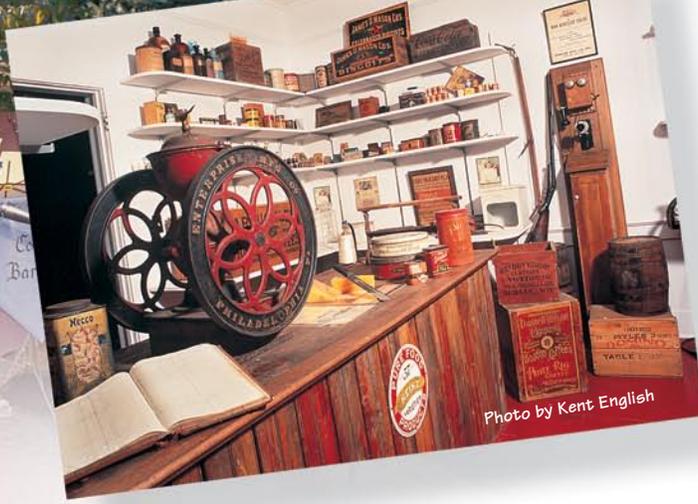


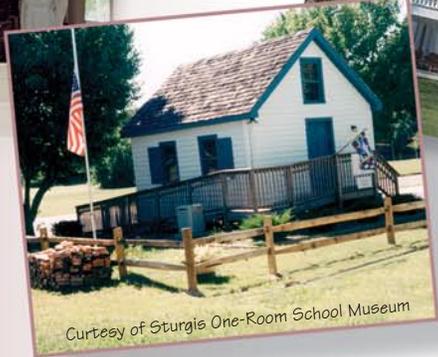
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Worcester County invites you to explore a world of wonderfully diverse museums from the Lifesaving Station Museum in Ocean City to the Costen House in Pocomoke City, the home of the city's first mayor. Learn about iron making and train travel and discover the roots of names like Nassawango and Queponco. Make sure to request a free Beach and Beyond Passport for discounts on admissions to select museums.

To book group tours, call Linda Davis at 410-632-2032. Also visit our museums at [www.octhebeach.com/museums](http://www.octhebeach.com/museums)



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Courtesy of Sturgis One-Room School Museum

Worcester County Tourism  
800-852-0335  
[www.visitworcester.org](http://www.visitworcester.org)



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# Museums

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## **Costen House & Hall Walden Garden**

Located in downtown Pocomoke City, a few short blocks from the scenic Pocomoke River, Costen House is a fine example of Victoria Italicente architecture. Home to Dr. Isaac Costen and his family for over 100 years. The museum exhibits furnishings from 1870-1970, including Dr. Costen's medical instruments. After serving as a blockage runner, narrowly escaping capture, he settled in Pocomoke (Newtown) and married. He served on the State Central Committee, one term in the legislature and twice as mayor.

Open May-Oct. Wed. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Fee (410) 957-3110

## **Sturgis One Room School**

Built 100 years ago on land purchased by William Sturgis in 1888. Operated as a school for 37 year with grades one through seven taught by one teacher. It closed in 1937 and was home to Mr. Sturgis, after which it fell into disrepair. Restoration began in 1996 and it was opened in 2000. The artifacts reflect the history of both the school and the African-American life in a rural area.

Open May-Oct. Wed. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Fee (410) 957-1913

## **Girdletree Barnes Bank**

Six miles south of Snow Hill stands the quiet town of Girdletree. In the past, Girdletree had been a thriving community and George Barnes, a prosperous merchant, saw the need for a town bank. It opened in 1902 operating under George L. Barnes & Co. It closed in the 1930's.

Reopening in 1999 the restored building serves as a museum, exhibiting items and memorabilia from Girdletree's past.

Open May 1st-Sept. 5th Wed. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation (410) 632-1641



## **Mt. Zion One Room School**

The one room school, moved in 1959 from rural Worcester County to its location on Ironshire Street in Snow Hill. Donations such as the teacher's desk, recitation bench, student desks, pot-belly stove, bucket, dipper and a collection of early texts have been given by former students and teachers to the Worcester County Retired Teacher's Association.

Open mid June-Aug. Thurs.- Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Fee (410) 632-1265

## **Julia A. Purnell Museum**

"The Attic of Worcester County". Housed in the first Catholic Church in Snow Hill, an 1892 cottage style Gothic, Purnell Museum was named for a local folk artist. Housing a large collection of her needle art, the museum has over 10,000 pieces that tell the Worcester County story. From the earliest known Indian Societies through the Colonial, Victorian and Industrial Ages and into the Modern Era, the artifacts, exhibits and programs of Purnell Museum illustrate the culture, people and heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Open April-Oct. Tues-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sun. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Fee (410) 632-0515  
[www.purnellmuseum.com](http://www.purnellmuseum.com)

## **Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum**

On twelve tree-shaded acres next to the Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Preserve, Furnace Town depicts life in the early 19th Century in this iron manufacturing village of 300 people. Each day two or more artisans in period dress share skills in gardening, woodworking or broommaking. Twelve historic structures which are exhibits, picnic areas and nature trails. Workshops, programs and special events.

Open April-Oct. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee (410) 632-2032  
[www.furnacetown.com](http://www.furnacetown.com)

## **Queponco Railroad Station**

In the village of Newark, Queponco Station stands today, a symbol of earlier times when the railroad was a vital part of life on the Eastern Shore. Erected in 1910, halfway between Berlin and Snow Hill, Queponco is part of the rail service in Worcester County from 1872 to the present. The building was sold in the 1960's and reopened as a museum in 1999.

Open May-Oct. 1st and 3rd Sats. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation (410) 641-0067

## **Calvin B. Taylor House Museum**

Visit this carefully restored 19th century home located in historic downtown Berlin. Furnished with local period pieces, this 1830's home functions as a town museum featuring displays of local history. Of particular architectural note are the hand-grained interior doors and exterior butterfly modillions.

Open Memorial Day weekend through October Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation (410) 641-1019  
[www.taylorhousemuseum.org](http://www.taylorhousemuseum.org)

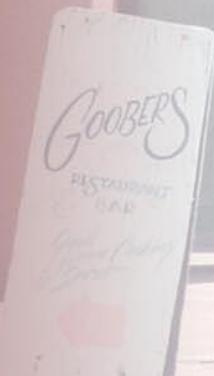
## **Ocean City Lifesaving Station**

Shipwrecks, lifesaving and rescues, Ocean City history, swim wear, sea life saltwater tanks, sand from all over the world, replicas from the early structures on the boardwalk and much more.

Open June-Sept. 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; May&Oct. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. weekends. Fee (410) 289-4991  
[www.ocmuseum.org](http://www.ocmuseum.org)



# THE GOOD LIFE LIVES ON...



# Berlin

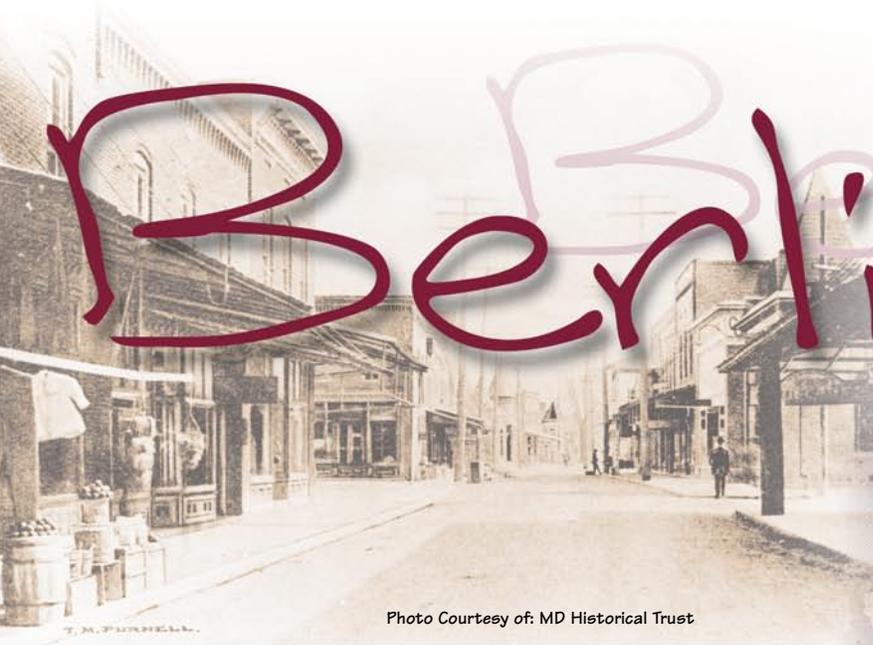


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*Travel back into the past with a stroll down Main Street. The path you walk is the same as that taken by the Assateague and Pocomoke Indians. Later, the path became the Philadelphia Post Road, the main route connecting the centers of commerce to the north and west. This area was part of the Burley Plantation, a 300-acre land grant dating back to 1677.*

*At a crossroad on the plantation, now the corner of South Main and Tripoli Streets, colonial travelers stopped at the Burleigh Inn. It is rumored that the name was contracted over time to Berlin.*

*Although the village began in the 1790s, Berlin was not incorporated until 1868. The town became a popular spot for tourists who enjoyed hunting and fishing on the lower shore or were on their way to Ocean City.*

*Berlin boasts 47 structures on the National Register of Historic Places spanning two centuries of architecture. The town is the 1885 birthplace of the Reverend Charles Albert Tindley who composed the now famous song "We Shall Overcome" among his many achievements. Berlin is also the birthplace of Stephen Decatur, the 19th century naval hero.*

*Today, the downtown commercial district is a true success story. Tree lined streets, art galleries, antique shops, the restored Atlantic Hotel and Globe Theater once again captivate and attract visitors. Berlin was recently the filming location for Paramount Pictures Runaway Bride and Disney's Tuck Everlasting.*

# TEN MILES OF WHITE SANDY BEACH...





# Ocean City



More than a century ago, Ocean City was a barren, wind-swept barrier island that separated the Atlantic Ocean from Sinepuxent Bay. This lonely stretch of sand was known only to a handful of fishermen who came to the island. Shortly after the Civil War in 1869, the Rhode Island Inn was constructed for the fishermen and others who sought the beach as a refuge. The popularity of the inn began to realize the beach's potential to attract visitors. In 1872 early developers of the island named it the "Ladies Resort of the Ocean" inferring a gentility to attract families to visit.

Access from the mainland was by stagecoach and then by ferry. The Atlantic was the first hotel. It opened on the fourth of July 1875 and still



stands today. Popularity of the resort grew rapidly with the construction of the railroad bridge. This was followed by construction of the famous boardwalk, which was permanently laid in 1910.

Then in August 1933, a hurricane ravaged the island. The town was slow to recover but benefitted by the event. The heavy seas opened an inlet separating the town from what is now, Assateague Island. The inlet created a safe harbor for fishing vessels and boosted the towns economy.

Today, the town is a year round destination which truly offers something for everyone. Make sure you take the self-guided walking tour of the downtown to experience and understand its proud heritage.

# FRIENDLIEST TOWN ON THE SHORE...



Photo By: Charlie Patrossi



# Pocomoke

*Settled in the 1600s on the banks of the Pocomoke River, the town has been called by many names through the centuries, beginning with Stevens Ferry, Warehouse Landing and Newtown. The name of Pocomoke City was finally adopted in 1878.*

*Shipbuilding was the largest enterprise from the late 1800s through the early 1900s. Tull Shipyards, on the banks of the river near downtown, built some 200 vessels from luxury ocean-going schooners to steamships.*

*Pocomoke City's commercial district is reminiscent of the early 20th century. A beautiful example is the art-deco Marva Theater. Other attractions include the Costen House Museum, home of the city's first mayor, and the Sturgis One Room School House Museum.*

*The Pocomoke River has been designated a wild and scenic river by the state of Maryland and continues to*



*be the centerpiece of the community. Its surrounding wetlands serve as sanctuary for more than 127 species of birds and waterfowl. Sightings of rare birds such as the pilliated woodpecker and bald eagle are common in the swampy reaches of the river. Avid fishermen are drawn to the dark, tea-colored waters from which the river earned its Native American name. Popular species include perch, gar, catfish, pickerel, herring and large mouth bass. Visitors are encouraged to wander along the river in Cypress Park and through the 4-mile nature trail adjoining the park.*

# GET TO KNOW US...

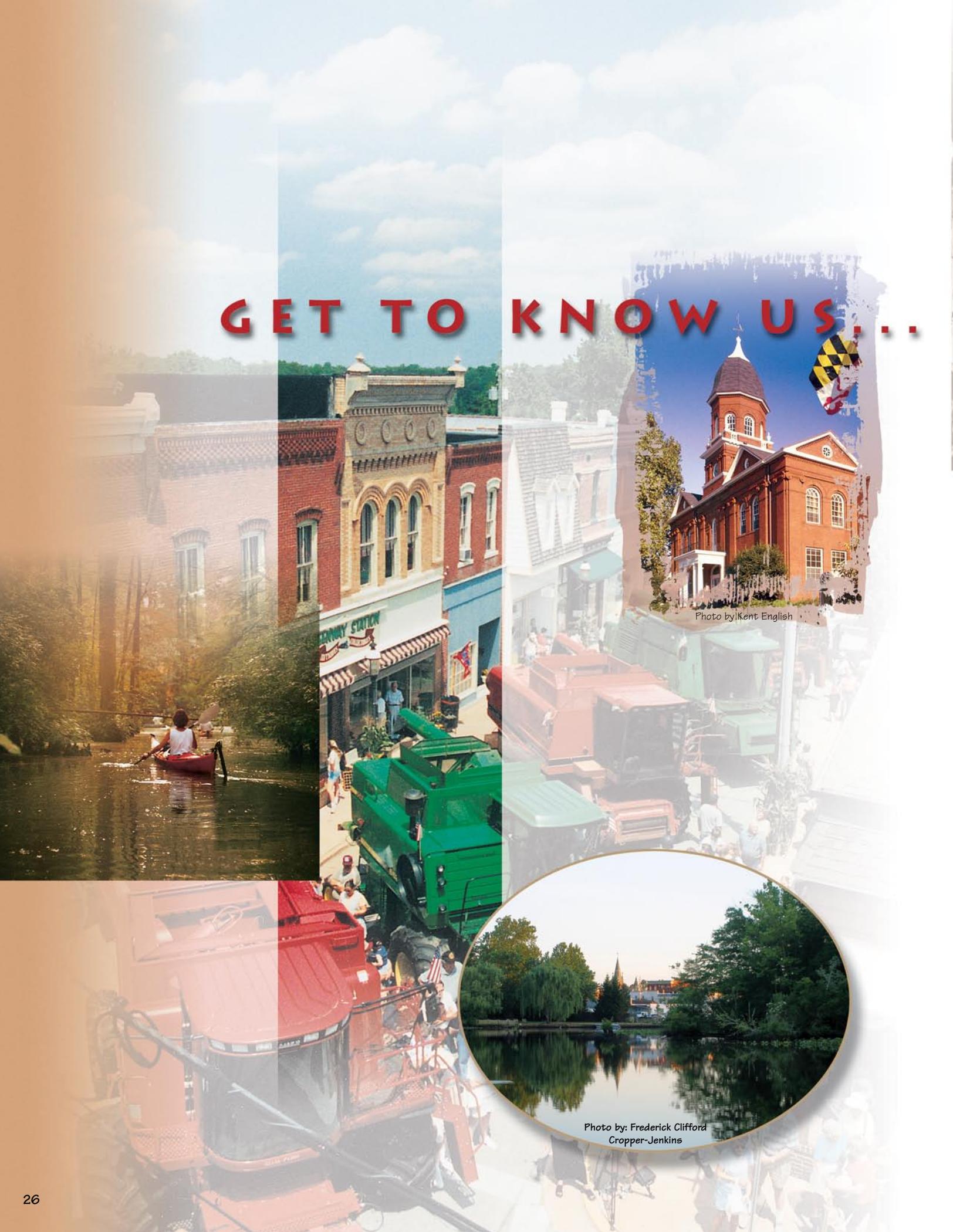


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# Snow Hill

*Resting on the banks of the scenic Pocomoke River, Snow Hill is a collage of handsome churches & manicured Colonial & Victoria-style homes. It seems to live in a forgotten era that is nonetheless familiar & comforting.*

*Founded in 1642 by English Settlers, Snow Hill was made a royal port by William & Mary of England and became the Worcester County seat in 1742. Imported goods came through Snow Hill to be taxed. In addition, Snow Hill was the home of a thriving shipbuilding industry. The railroad provided a new boost after the Civil War, continuing the town's importance in the shipping of goods.*

*There are many options to explore this picturesque oasis. The historic district is well represented with over 100 houses over 100 years old, including 60 structures built before 1877. A historic walking tour brochure is available to guide you through a historic trove unparalleled in Maryland.*

*The Pocomoke River is an adventure all on it's own and truly a birdwatcher's paradise. Byrd Park, Sturgis Park and the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways site, one pearl in the string surrounding the Chesapeake Bay, provide access to the river for canoes & kayaks. Rentals are available to explore the natural beauty of the bald Cypress swamps upriver or along Nassawango Creek.*

*However you choose to experience Snow Hill, one of the best treasures of the Lower Eastern Shore, it is unlikely you will forget the magic of this community.*

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# Just for Kids

Fun comes in all flavors and all seasons here in Worcester County. Kids can explore a genuine wilderness on Assateague Island or on the Pocomoke River. Rent a bike or canoe. Become a junior ranger. You can catch the latest wave, too! We've got a 3-mile oceanfront boardwalk with awesome eats, thrilling amusements and tons of souvenirs. Or try the many miniature golf courses, both indoor and out. Don't miss Frontier Town's western theme park including a rodeo, Indian ceremonial dancing, can-can show, authentic western shops, steam train, stage coach and pony rides. Check out the only indoor ice skating rink on the peninsula at the Carousel Hotel. Our parks and recreation department has programs galore for kids. From the wild ponies at Assateague to the wild rides at Ocean City, we're kids' territory. For a free color brochure, contact the Worcester County Tourism Office.

800-852-0335,  
www.visitworcester.com



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# African American Heritage

The history of the African-American experience in Worcester County consists of a fabric of written facts and oral traditions as well as people of local, state and national prominence. Worcester County has a strong history of resistance to slavery. Common to many places on the shore, there are numerous claims by homeowners as to their property being used as a stop along the "Underground Railroad". Worcester County's African-American community can point to a long and rich history of people, places and events that have helped shape the cultural traditions of the Delmarva peninsula. For a free color brochure that explores our history in more detail, please contact the tourism office at 800-852-0335 or visit our web site; [www.visitworcester.org](http://www.visitworcester.org) For more information on the African American Heritage Festival call 410-641-1988.

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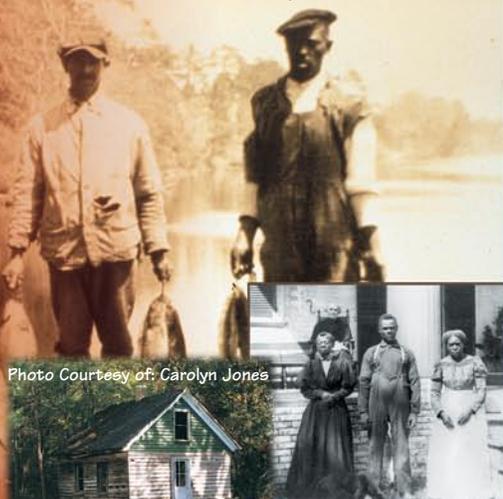


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# Home Grown EASTERN SHORE

Farm produce stands and u-pick signs dot our rural roads and scenic byways. It is something so synonymous with the Eastern Shore just as surely as Ocean City, the Chesapeake Bay and steamed crabs.

Agriculture and tourism are two important components of the lower eastern shore's economy.

Whether you seek seasonal farm fresh produce, the opportunity to pick your own vegetables and fruit or dig your own perennials, you'll find it here on Maryland's lower eastern shore.

And when you go take the whole family. Digging in the dirt or picking fresh produce is fun for all ages. And there's nothing more rewarding or wholesome as coming home and serving fresh quality products on your dinner table.



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# Tourism Information



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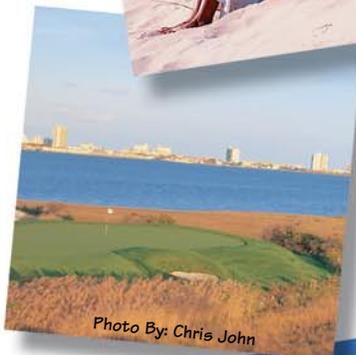


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