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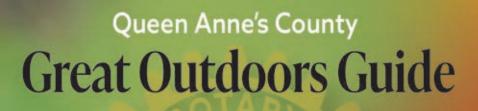


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Welcoune to the 2021 Queen Anne's County Great Outdoors Guide, published by the Rotary Club of Kent Island. This guide provides you with useful information about the outdoor resources and activities we have available in our beautiful county. It is also a fundraiser, as we seek to continue the good work we do in our local community and all over the world. Please support the local businesses advertised in this Guide, as they are our partners in serving Queen Anne's County.

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Why Join Rotary?

O ur world is richly blessed with hundreds of thousands of volunteer-based organizations: Clubs, charities, public policy non-governmental organizations, or self-starter informal groups of individuals with a common purpose and cause to improve the lives of others. In an international context, few of these groups compare with Rotary International, with its 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. Unique to Rotary is its focus on the most needy of our respective communities as well as a variety of youth programs and projects. Rather than a single project, such as the Rotary campaign to eradicate polio, the organization is also providing Shelter Boxes where nature or war have forced families out of their homes, or providing free health clinics staffed by Rotary volunteers. The Rotary Club of Kent Island belongs to a district that includes both Maryland's and Delaware's Eastern Shore. It is the newest of the 40 District 7630 clubs.

Being a part of these many efforts provides great meaning and humility to Rotarians. Founded on the precept of "Service Above Self," all of Rotary's projects focus on the needs of others rather than the needs of the organization. The opportunity to be a Rotarian and experience community service "hands-on" is appealing to business and service professionals from all walks of life. Rotary is one of the most demographically diverse organizations in the world, opening its doors to all who wish to share their time and treasure with those who need it the most.

Becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Kent Island (and thus Rotary International) is a fairly simple process. By contacting a current member, you will be invited to attend a few club meetings, learn about our programs in Queen Anne's County and throughout the world. This is then followed by an invitation to join, following an endorsement by the board and membership, resulting in an installation into the organization.

Our Rotary Club currently has 36 members from a wide range of occupations and vocations. It has been said many times by visiting Rotarians and Rotary leaders that the Rotary Club of Kent Island is involved in more projects and outreach than many clubs with two or three times the membership. This is a reflection of the strong commitment to service by the current members, as well as the willingness to continually seek new ways of serving the needs of others.

Consider being a working partner in these worthwhile endeavors by attending one of our meetings. Rotary Club of Kent Island meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Kent Island Yacht Club. Hope to see you there!



For more information about Rotary Club of Kent Island: KIRotary.org The 2020–2021 Rotary year has been nothing short of challenging. We soldiered through the pandemic, continued to meet almost non-stop via Zoom and in-person, as allowed by governmental orders. Nonetheless, this unprecedented event has impacted everyone during a year in which nothing has been normal.

But all is not doom and gloom. On the contrary, we accomplished much in the 2020–2021 year. These are some of our accomplishments:

- Continued to stand up the Rotaract of Queen Anne's County who, with their limited membership, were able to feed approximately 43 families during Thanksgiving.
- Recruited a new school advisor for our Interact Club to jump start that program.
- Purchased and delivered on-site dictionaries for third graders at Grasonville, Bayside, and Matapeake Elementary schools funded at over \$900 in both 2020 & 2021.
- Funded the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in cooperation with QAC Libraries providing free books to toddlers. This funding of \$1,000 reached 793 children.
- Committed \$500 to District 7630's mask program in response to the mask shortage. Members participated in roll-out at Shore Health in Easton, MD.
- During early stages of pandemic with schools closed, we supported QAC Feeds Kids through private donations and purchase of a pallet of rice from Rise Against Hunger impacting thousands. Members also volunteered to deliver food.
- During Memorial Day weekend, members participated in Flags for Heroes, a display along Route 50 in Queenstown. Also, members provided a flag display for the July 4th celebration in Stevensville
- Continued to support Haven Ministries with \$4,200 contributed as a Silver Sponsor, food pantry sponsor, and other supplemental funding.
- Funded scholarships amounting to \$4,000 for Kent Island High Schools students attending Chesapeake College.
- Although it was late, we published the *Great Outdoor Guide* in mid-summer, which raised over \$12,000.
- Bought and delivered school supplies for local elementary school children.
- When our Casino Night Fundraiser was cancelled, members organized a "basket of cheer" raffle that raised approximately \$4,000, allowing us to fund QAC Christmas Angels for local needy children and nursing program for QAC high schools students.
- Members continued to support Polio Plus and Rotary's Annual Fund.

Additional notable activities and support we have continued this year include:

- A contribution of \$10,000 towards Centreville Rotary Club's Global Grant in support of Kenny Wood's Lifetime Well Drilling and Eye Care in Africa.
- Fundraising for a \$10,000 naming opportunity for the Kent Island Library expansion.
- Participation in DGE Hugh Dawkins' Rotary Day of Service in October 2021 to help supply local food banks with needed food supplies.
- We have Eagle Certificates to deliver to several Scouts at their Court of Honor.

I am very proud of what we have accomplished this year. It has been my privilege to have served as your President. Our 36 outstanding members have been successful in overcoming one of the most challenging times in history. I applaud you!

Yours in Rotary, PATRICK PERRY, *President, Rotary Club of Kent Island*



Patrick Perry

Message from Rotary Club of Kent Island President

KIHS Interact Club



Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. The Kent Island High School Interact

Club is self-governing and self-supporting, but receives support from the Rotary Club of Kent Island. Due to Covid-19 outbreak, the club was inactive during 2020–2021.

We look forward to next year where the service of Interact will resume. Past activities include several opportunities for leadership development and community service including volunteering as tutors at Kent Island Martial Arts in Stevensville, Make a Difference day at Stevensville Middle School, Kent Island Beach Clean Ups (KIBCU), Daddy Daughter Dance at Kent Island Elementary, Fall Festival, Feed-a-Family involving packaging Thanksgiving meals for families, Family Game & Movie Night at Bayside Elementary in Stevensville, Drop and Shop at Bayside Elementary to give parents a night out without kids, Jingle Run, Valentine's Day cards for the elderly in the senior centers, Harlem Wizards game, Homecoming Day where Interact members mobilized the various high school clubs to participate in the Homecoming Parade collecting "BackPack Meals for Kids" food supplies, and a Mother-Son event at the Edge allowing moms and their sons to participate in various activities together.

In addition to the service activities, students have participated in the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), a weekend long event where approximately 125 students enhance their knowledge and skills in leadership, teamwork, communication and community service.

QAC's Rotaract Club

Rotaract Club is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 and up who are dedicated to community and international service.

The mission of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

National Rotaract membership totals over 184,000 in more than 8,000 clubs worldwide. Rotaract clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be either university- or community-based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract clubs and offer guidance and support, making the Rotaract clubs true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary. Rotaract of QAC is sponsored by Rotary of Kent Island and the Centreville Rotary Club.

Kim Sauerhoff, the club's president said, "We look forward to welcoming new members as we aim to grow our club and our footprint here on the Eastern Shore. We encourage anyone interested to come and learn more at one of our meetings. We are working hard to develop fun and enriching opportunities for members to make friends while giving back to their community and beyond."

Visit Facebook.com/QACRotaract/ to keep up to date with meetings and events, or reach out directly to Rotaract President, Kim Sauerhoff via email: QACRotaract@gmail.com or by phone at Lundberg Builders (her place of employment) by calling 410-643-3334.



After hosting a successful Thanksgiving meal drive in 2020, the QAC Rotaract Club is eager to do more in the community.



Rotary Club of Kent Island's Community Activities

FLAGS FOR HEROES

Every year, we honor our community heroes for the service they have given to this country and to this community with our Memorial Day Weekend display of flags. The display is located on DiDonato Properties behind Adam's Grille and is visible from Route 301/50.

For us, this type of service to the community is a way of saying thank you to those, who have sacrificed so much to keep this great country of ours free. Each flag was sponsored by an individual or business in the community in honor of an individual or individuals, who have served.

Like last year, we again wanted to honor those that have put their lives on the line to keep us safe amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. These healthcare workers and first responders are worthy of our recognition. They are indeed heroes in service.

Every time we do this event, we have people stop by to thank us for taking the time to thank those who served. Some even stay to help put up and take down the flags. We feel honored and privileged to be able to give back to those who have given so much. The prevention and resolution of conflicts and the promotion of peace are part of Rotary's six areas of focus.

Contact a local Rotarian to find out how you can sponsor the hero in your life. Look for this display at the end of May.



Photo by Bo Gott

DICTIONARY PROJECT

Rotary of Kent Island is dedicated to making sure that every third grader in Queen Anne's county receives a dictionary of their own. In this age of smartphones, we sometimes forget that those just beginning to read and write still need a kid-friendly resource to help guide them on that journey. We distribute over 600 dictionaries to students at elementary schools throughout the county.

The kids love getting their new dictionaries, which are usually given to them by a visiting Rotarian. We often hear back from the kids telling us how much the dictionaries mean to them. Despite Covid restrictions preventing personal delivery to the students this year, teachers and parents appreciate the extra resource available to them. Basic education and literacy are part of Rotary's six areas of focus.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is held every President's Day Weekend. We sponsor high school juniors from Kent Island High School to participate in the weekend. RYLA participants are trained in public speaking and leadership skills during the three-day event.

Each RYLA participant is placed in groups with their peers from all of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Groups identify a community service project and develop a plan to implement it within their own communities. At the end of the conference, RYLA participants present their plans and proposed projects to an audience made up of over 125 RYLA participants, their parents, and local Rotarians.

RYLA was not held this past year due to the Pandemic, however we look forward to sponsoring participants from Kent Island High School's Interact Club (that's Rotary for high school students) in 2022.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Rotary Leadership Institute or RLI is a chance for our members to develop leadership skills while learning more about Rotary as an organization. Our club reimburses members, who attend RLI, because we believe that it is vital to developing leadership skills that can be used in the club and in the community. It is a great opportunity to network with Rotarians from other clubs throughout Maryland and Delaware. One of our members, PDG Jen Reider is a regular instructor for RLI in the District. Leadership development is one of Rotary's six areas of focus.

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Rotary Club of Kent Island's Community Activities (continued)

KENT ISLAND TALES & TASTES

This book includes recipes. It is not just a cookbook. It is a collection of the history and culture of Kent Island told and collected by those who lived it. This book covers everything from how to make dandelion wine to the history of the Bay Bridge. It also includes a complete guide and walking tour for the downtown historic district in Stevensville. Copies are available for \$10 each from any Kent Island Rotarian. All proceeds are used to fund our projects throughout the year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Besides the Dictionary Project, Flags for Heroes, and RYLA, the Rotary Club of Kent Island supports several causes and charities:

 Rotary partners with Talisman Therapeutic Riding's anti-bullying project by providing funding to pay for students, who have been bullied or have a history of bullying.

- In conjunction with QAC Library, Rotary supports Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an early childhood literacy program.
- To assist in battling hunger, Rotary sponsors programs like BackPack meals for Kids.
- The club works with Haven Ministries by providing financial support and volunteer hours.
- Every year, the club sponsors scholarships to help Kent Island High School seniors attend Chesapeake College. In addition to scholarships, the club sponsors the Kent Island High School Interact Club, a service organization for high school students.
- The club sponsors a drive at the beginning of each school year to provide school supplies for elementary school kids on the Island. Additionally, the club helps fund wreaths for veterans' gravesites and scholarships for campers with disabilities to attend Easter Seals' Camp Fairlee summer camp in Chestertown.
- Donations could also be designated for The Rotary Foundation and Rotary's PolioPlus Campaign.







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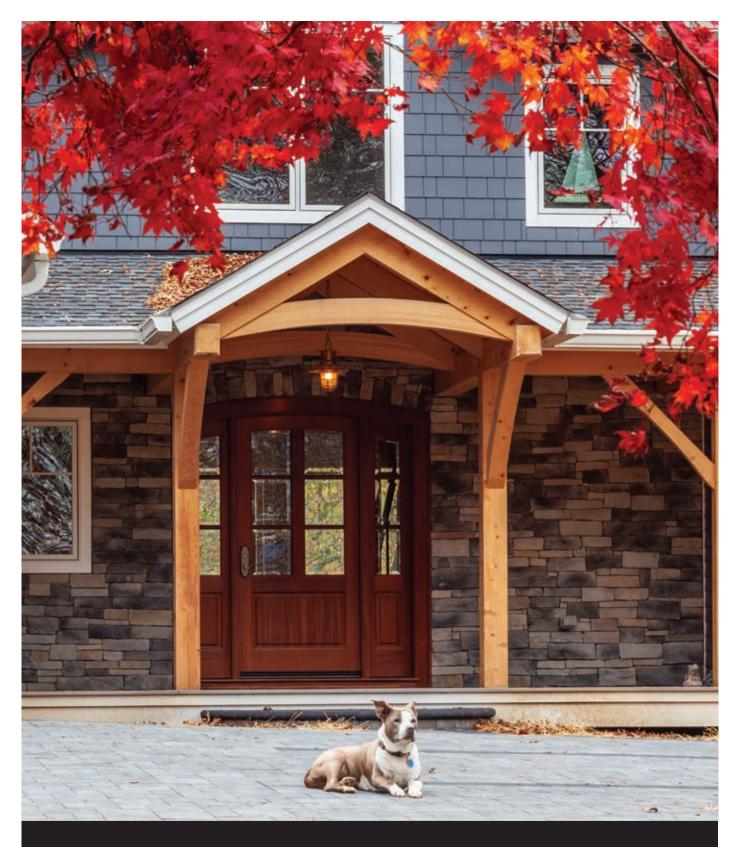




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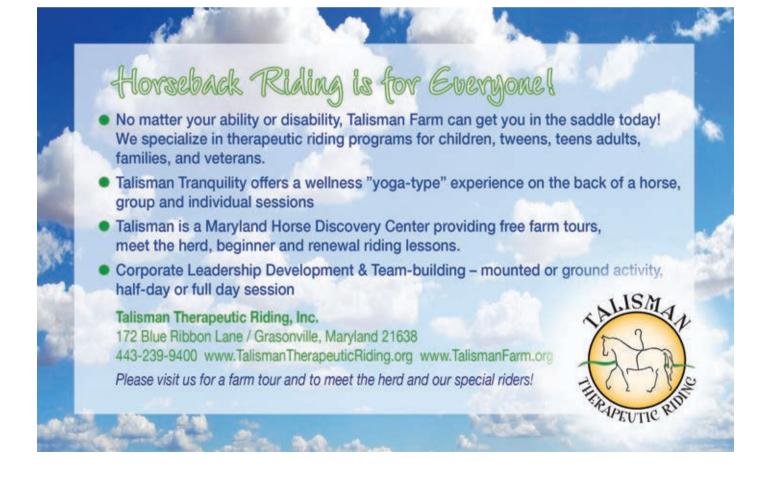


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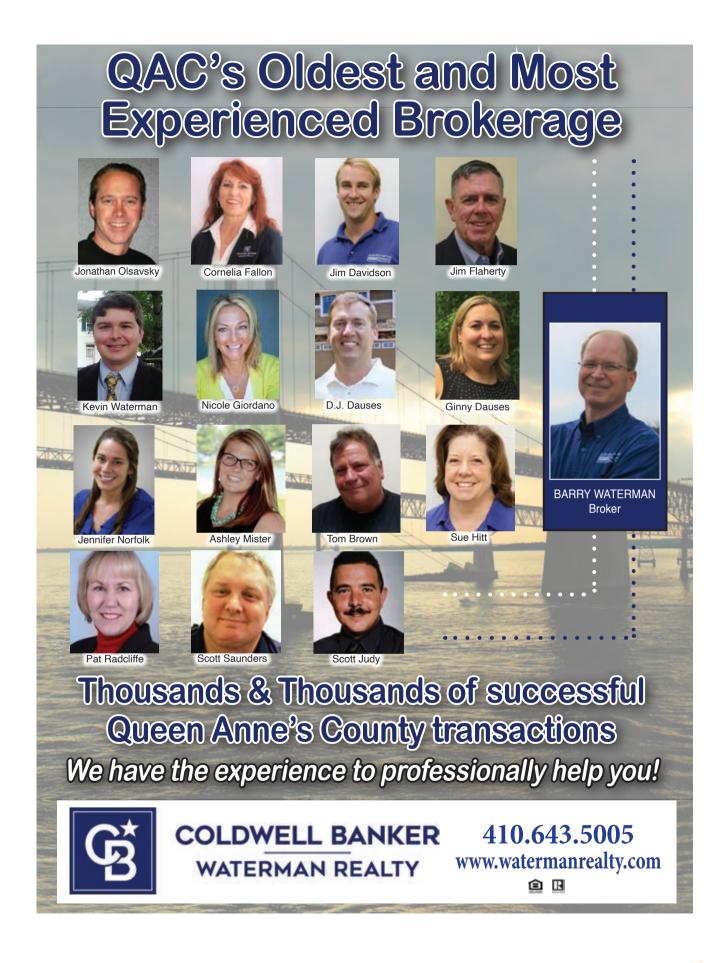
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Dear Visitor,

Queen Anne's County Department of Economic & Tourism Development invites you to explore Queen Anne's County, The Gateway to Maryland's Eastern Shore and the perfect setting for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

Sweep the landscape on scenic trails and find enchantment at every bend. Kent Island, the Bay's largest island, is home to two walking and biking trails; the Cross Island and South Island Trails. There are also six other biking routes, ranging in miles from 5 to 59 that are easily adaptable to any skill level. Explore our waterways by 6 designated water trails, also varying in degree of difficulty, while witnessing spectacular water views of the diverse aquatic life of the Bay.

Enjoy public beaches on the Chesapeake Bay that offer views of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, wooded trails, family picnic areas and a dog beach. There are over two dozen free public parks to discover alone or with 4 legged comrades. The County is embraced by miles of shoreline, with two public fishing piers and 18 public landings and boat ramps. There is a great variety of freshwater and saltwater fishing experiences. The mix of wooded, agricultural and wetland habitats make it a great place for bird watching, photography and filming on land or by boat.

Calling all sporting enthusiast! The local charter fish captains, hunting guides and outfitters, rich in knowledge and experience, will navigate your trip throughout the countryside while narrating local stories and history of the area. The Waterman's Memorial Monument, located in the Kent Narrows Waterfront District, celebrates the rich legacy of watermen dedicated to the maritime industry. While here, you will want to enjoy the freshest seafood at our dock bars and award-winning restaurants.

Do not miss the 510-acre nature preserve and wetlands experience at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC). Here you can learn about watershed and natural habitats of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The center has an education facility, outdoor bird of prey exhibit and walking and hiking trails. Kayaks are also available for rent to explore the incredible waterways. For more information on complete programing visit: BayRestoration.org

If green turf is more to your liking, try a waterfront golf course. Queenstown Harbor Golf, overlooking the Chester River, is a challenging course that features 36 holes of championship golf on two unique layouts. You may also enjoy Blue Heron, an executive golf course suitable for golfers of all ages and ability levels.

Narrow your sites on Queen Anne's County waterfront and countryside. Here, the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries make for an awesome playground. We invite you to stay, explore, and tell a friend!

Sincerely,

Heather Tinelli

Director, Queen Anne's County Department of Economic & Tourism Development



WAY OF LIFE

Dive deep into the Chesapeake country way of life at a collection of historic sites, museums, and artist studios. Take a stroll through historic Centreville and Stevensville. Refresh and relax at our historic inns and BnBs.

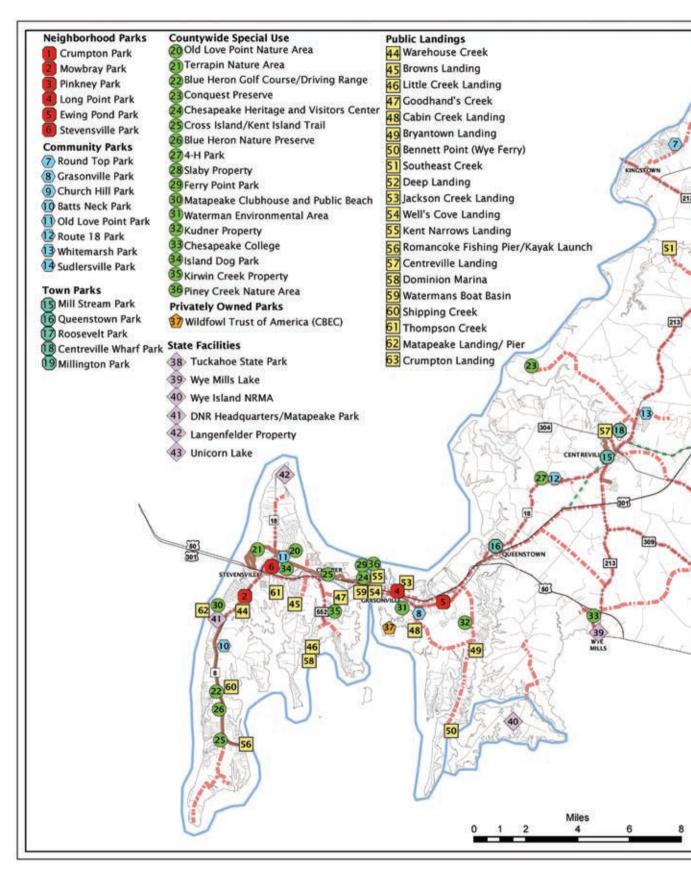
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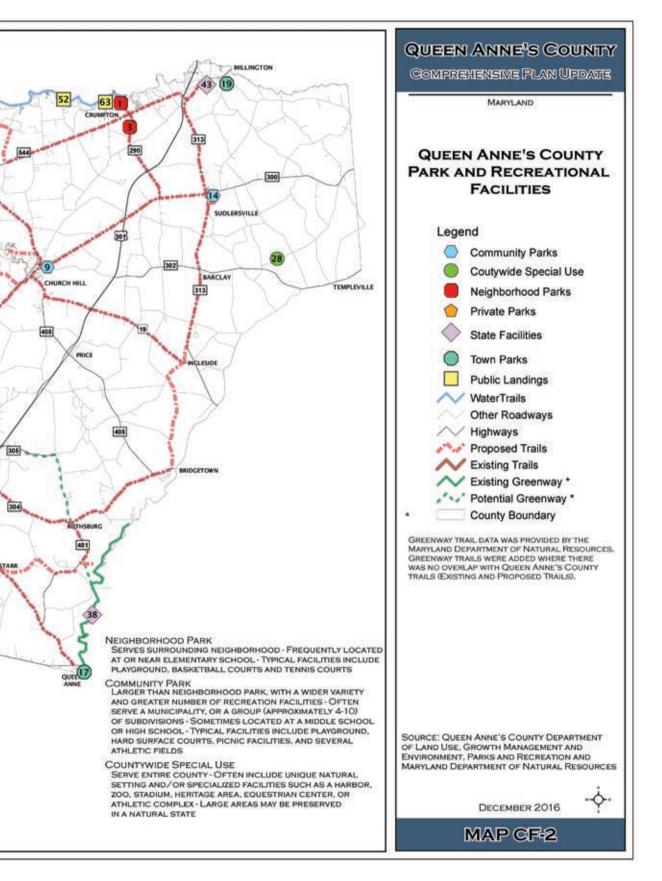
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Batt's Neck Park—Completed in May 1998, this 45 acre park is located on Batt's Neck Road, Stevensville and includes an in-line skating rink, ball fields, multi-purpose athletic fields, playground equipment, and a lighted football field. (10)

Chesapeake Heritage & Visitor Center (CHVC) helps visitors discover the many sights to see in Queen Anne's County and beyond. The center features a rotating exhibit that features local artists. The CHVC also has an exhibit dedicated to the history, heritage, culture of the area. Located adjacent to the property is Ferry Point Park. (24)

Church Hill Park—This lovely park includes lighted playing fields, playground with shaded equipment, a concession stand, restrooms, pavilion and an approximately 2-mile paved walking trail. (9)

Conquest Preserve—This is a 750-acre farm with shorelines on both the Chester and Corsica rivers situated a few miles north of Centreville. The scenic Chester River provides a beautiful and tranquil setting for special occasions and events. Offering a beach front, pavilion, picnic area with grill, bath houses with rest rooms, wheelchair accessible restroom, ball field, horseshoe pits, and a volley ball court. There are also miles of natural trails and recreational opportunities for kayaking, biking and bird watching. Rental of the pavilion and beach are by reservation only.

Crumpton Park—Located on Dudley Corners Road in Crumpton, this park provides a picnic area, playground equipment and ball field. (1)

Ewing Pond Park—Located on Main Street next to the Grasonville Elementary School, Ewing Pond Park has a *continued on page 20*

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Ferry Point Park—Accessed from the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitors Center, this 41-acre nature park on the Chester River has a 2-mile trail that connects the parking lot to the shoreline over a wooden bridge and through marsh lands with beautiful scenery. (29)

Grasonville Park—Located at 301 Perry's Corner Road, Grasonville Park offers a child's picnic and playground area, volleyball court, two ball fields, tennis and basketball courts. This park is home to the Leonard Smith Trail, a 1/3-mile walking trail. (8)

Island Dog Park—Located at 200 White Pine Lane, Stevensville boasts a fenced area for small dogs and one for large dogs with dog agility equipment where dogs are allowed to run free. (34)

Long Point Park—Located on Long Point Road and Jackson Creek Road in Grasonville, this park offers a 1/3-mile trail through wetland habitat and has a pond. This is the trailhead for the Cross County Connector. (4)

Matapeake Clubhouse and Public Beach—This park include a public swimming beach, an outdoor amphitheater, family picnic area and trails through the surrounding woods, with views of the Bay Bridge. There is also a pet friendly beach area where you can take your dog for a swim! (30)

Mowbray Park—Known as the county's first park and located on Rt. 8 South, this park includes lighted tennis and pickleball courts, athletic fields, pavilion, playground, restrooms, and picnic area in the 13.5 acre park. (2)

Old Love Point Park—One of the County's most utilized parks, this 30-acre site on Old Love Point Road in Stevensville includes lighted basketball courts, athletic fields, tennis courts, a playground, concession stand with restrooms, 2 lighted fields and 2 championship sand volleyball courts. (11)

Pinkney Park—Lighted basketball courts, athletic fields, a playground, pavilion and picnic areas are prime attractions of this 12.5-acre park located on Route 290 near Pondtown. (3)

Roosevelt Park—In Queen Anne on Park Avenue, this 7.5 acre park has a paved walking trail, pavilion, baseball field, volleyball court and playground equipment. (17)

Round Top Park—Just west of Chester Harbor on Roundtop Road, this 110-acre facility has athletic fields, tennis courts, a playground, basketball courts, a pavilion and picnic area. (7) **Route 18 Park**—Two lighted ball fields, a 1.5-mile paved walking trail with fitness stations and relaxation areas, and dozens of picturesque trees highlight this 52-acre facility located on 4-H Park Road near Centreville. It offers multipurpose athletic fields, a concession stand with restrooms and a playground. (12)

Sudlersville Park—Located on Route 300 in Sudlersville, this park boasts multi-purpose athletic fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and a sand volleyball court. A paved fitness trail, playground equipment and pavilion are also there for your enjoyment. (14)

Whitemarsh Park—Located on Rt. 213 north of Centreville is a 318-acre park with multi-purpose athletic fields, baseball fields, historic property (future home of the Maryland Women's Museum, grass trail, pond for fishing and preserved nature areas. (13)

TOWN OF CENTREVILLE PARKS

Millstream Park—Comprising 26+ acres, this park contains two full playgrounds with swing sets, a basketball court, a multi-purpose, handicapped-accessible picnic pavilion for family, groups, entertainment and available for one-day rental, comfort stations, and a kayak/canoe soft launch area. (15)

Millstream Park Trail — Exercise along the 1.5-mile paved Millstream Trail, which goes from South Liberty Street to Creamery Lane and back with nature observation decks along the trail. The park includes tidal and upland interfaces so visitors can enjoy the marshes and wetland life and the upland natural wood buffers.

Centreville Wharf — Soon to be the crown jewel of the Centreville Park System, Wharf Park is under construction. Covering 2.4+ acres of prime Corsica River navigable water frontage, this park contains a playground area for young children, pavilion for a picnic, kayak/canoe ramp accessible for launching with a full length bulkhead and boardwalk serving 10 rental slip holders and transient docking areas and handicapped accessible restroom facilities. Other opportunities at the Wharf include Bigbie's Shore Performance and CD Outdoors. Design plans include a band shell/multi-use pavilion, picnic shelters, and expanded playground and perimeter walks that tie to the Millstream Trail System. For more information visit, www.townofcentreville.org. (18)



State Parks in Queen Anne's County

Tuckahoe State Park. Tuckahoe Creek, a quiet country stream bordered for most of its length by wooded marshlands, runs through the length of Tuckahoe State Park. A 60-acre lake offers boating and fishing. The park offers 20 miles of scenic hiking, biking and equestrian trails, flat water canoeing, hunting, picnicking, as well as a recycled tire playground for children. The park also offers activities and special events on a seasonal basis. Activities include day camps, canoe trips, Scales & Tales presentations and displays, and Challenge Course programs.

The park's flooded woodlands are home to many birds, turtles and mammals. Eagles and osprey are routinely viewed flying overhead, and silent paddlers often observe otter, beaver and muskrat. The park has canoes, kayaks and paddleboats for rent or you can bring your own. 1-888-432-2267

Wye Mills Lake. At 50 acres in size, Wye Mills Lake is among the largest impoundments on the Eastern Shore. Maximum depth is 8 ft, and the average is 4 ft. The upper third of the lake is quite shallow with gradual dropoffs, while the lower two thirds of the lake has steeper banks with sharp drop-offs. The lower two thirds of Wye Mills Lake consists of outstanding fish habitat. There are many downed trees and undercut roots on the shorelines. Aquatic vegetation is widespread during the summer months. Additionally, several fish attractors have been placed along the concrete dam breast to provide fishing opportunities from shore.

Unicorn Lake. Unicorn Lake is located on the Unicorn Branch, a tributary to the Chester River, one mile south of the town of Millington. The lake has existed for more than 100 years, formed when a dam was constructed for a woolen mill sometime around 1860. In 1961 the lake and surrounding grounds were purchased by the State of Maryland for the sum of one dollar. The lake is managed as a largemouth bass and bluegill fishery. Quality fishing for both of these species exists within the lake. Anglers may occasionally catch other species including: chain pickerel, pumpkinseed sunfish, green sunfish, channel catfish, brown bullhead catfish, black crappie, yellow perch, white perch, American eel and creek chubsucker. Other fish species that are found in the lake include: margined madtom, eastern mud minnow, pirate perch and blacknose dace.

Wye Island NRMA. Wye Island Natural Resources. Management Area (NRMA) is located in the tidal recesses of the Chesapeake Bay between the Wye River and the Wye East River. Wildlife viewing and hiking are the most popular activities on Wye Island's six miles of trails. The School House Woods Nature Trail takes you through a mature hardwood forest while the Ferry Landing Trail leads beneath a canopy of Osage Orange Trees. Wye Island also houses a Holly Tree that is more than 290 years old. Follow the Holly Tree Trail to visit this longtime resident. The topography of the island is relatively flat. From the novice to the advanced hiker, access to the trails is very easy from the main park road. The Maryland Park Service does not rent horses, and only provides the trails as a means of recreation. nrma.wyeisland@ maryland.gov

Hunting is available at Wye Island NRMA for both Canada Goose and White Tailed Deer through managed hunts and lotteries. The white tailed deer population is specially managed through a hunting program that includes limited hunting days for Shotgun and Muzzleloader through a lottery program. Archery hunting is permitted on a posted schedule with a limited number of hunters each day. These hunts help to maintain the ecological balance between the whitetail deer herd and their habitat. Goose hunting is also limited and controlled through a lottery drawing process. For more information regarding hunting opportunities/lotteries, contact the facility office at 410-827-7577.



Public Boat Landings and Ramps

Queen Anne's County provides great access for all your water activities: boating, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, crabbing, or just enjoying the views. Here's a description of QAC landings and ramps. Numbers at the end of the descriptions correspond to the location on the map on pages 16-17.

Bennett Point Landing

200 Wye Ferry Road, Queenstown

This 1.5-acre facility does not have a launching ramp; however it is a wonderful spot for fishing and crabbing or enjoying nature. Canoes, kayaks and car top boats may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (50)

Brown Landing

Brown Road & Cox Neck Road, Chester The Browns Landing public soft hand-launch area is along the Cox Creek. This is a road-end facility and parking may be very limited. Permit is required for parking. (45)

Bryantown Landing

320 Bryantown Landing Road, Queenstown

This 0.5-acre facility does not have a launching ramp, the pier and bulkhead offer a wonderful spot for fishing and crabbing or enjoying nature. Canoes, kayaks and car top boats may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (49)

Cabin Creek Landing

Cabin Creek Road, Grasonville

This 2.6-acre facility offers fishing and crabbing. Handlaunched vessels, such as canoes, kayaks and car- top boats, may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (48)

Centreville Landing

201 Front Street, Centreville

This 1.0-acre facility has a 26-foot-wide boat launching ramp and parking for about 12 vehicles. Fishing and crabbing are accessible from this location on the Corsica River and permanent restrooms are available for patrons April through November. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (57)

Crumpton Landing

400 Market Street, Crumpton

This small 0.3-acre facility has a 14-foot-wide boat launching ramp. Fishing and crabbing along the Chester River are accessible from this location; portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (63)

Deep Landing

Deep Landing Road, Crumpton

This 0.65-acre facility on the Chester River has a 14-footwide boat launching ramp. Fishing and crabbing along the Chester River are accessible from this location; portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (52)

Goodhands Creek Landing

500 Goodhands Creek Road, Chester

This 1.5-acre facility on Goodhands Creek off Prospect Bay has a 15-foot-wide boat launching ramp and is accessible for fishing and crabbing. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (47)

Jackson Creek Landing

Jackson Creek Road, Grasonville

This 1.5-acre facility has a beach and benches for enjoying nature or for fishing and crabbing. Hand-launched vessels, such as canoes, kayaks and car-top boats may be launched from the beach. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (53)

Kent Narrows Landing

Piney Narrows Road, Chester

Primarily this 1.0-acre landing is used for boat launching using the two 34-foot-wide boat launching ramps. Parking for approximately 85 vehicles. Portable toilets are provided from April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (55)

Little Creek Landing

1900 Little Creek Road, Chester

This renovated 1.0-acre facility has a 14-foot- wide boat launching and a bulkhead for fishing and crabbing and allows access from Little Creek to Crab Alley Bay. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (46)





Reading meets nature in this summer's newest outdoor attraction, *Queen Anne's County Storywalk*[®]. A partnership between the Queen Anne's County Library and Parks and Rec Department, Storywalks[®] will be installed this summer at three trails in Queen Anne's County between June 14 and August 14, as part of the Library's Summer Reading program.

Storywalks[®] use picture books, mounted to posts and spread throughout a trail, to encourage literacy, physical activity and exploring nature in children and adults. Families can have fun by reading the pages aloud at their own pace, while exploring the free parks available to them. Storywalk[®] Trails will be a quarter to a half mile long, depending on length of story and park layout.

Three picture books will rotate every two weeks between each trail. Trails included in the StoryWalk[®] program can

be found at Sudlersville Park, Long Point Park and Rt. 18 Park in Queen Anne's County.

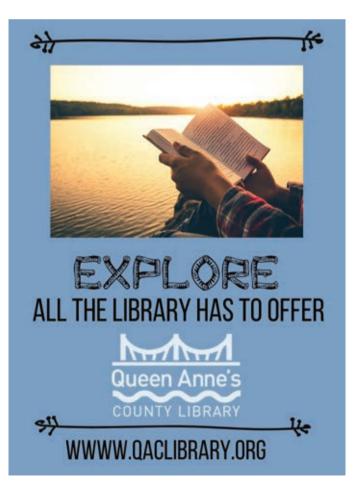
StoryWalk[®] was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and was developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library. They can be found in every state and 12 countries.

This year's Queen Anne's County Library Summer Reading program is full of outdoor components including Outdoor Story Times, Reptile Wonders programs, partnerships with Adkins Arboretum and Outdoor Yoga for all ages.

Follow the Queen Anne's County Library Facebook page for updates on upcoming programming and events or visit www.qaclibrary.org.







Matapeake Landing / Fishing Pier

1112 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville

Highlighting this facility are the 650 foot lighted fishing pier and the 25-foot-wide boat ramp. The ramp and pier are open 24 hours a day year round giving the avid fisherman ample opportunity to catch the tide, fish at night, first light or all day long. The facility has restrooms and a picnic area with grills. Picnic area is open dawn to dusk; pier and ramp are open 24 hours. \$10.00 per car parking fee for access to pier, ramp and picnic area. Exceptions to entrance fee include holders of Queen Anne's County Public Landings Permit or a Queen Anne's County Slip Renter Tag (for use of the ramp only) or the Maryland State Golden Age Pass. (62)

Romancoke Landing / Fishing Pier

9700 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville

The 600 foot lighted fishing pier provides access to the Eastern Bay. Permanent restrooms are available April through November for the convenience of patrons. Seasonal crabbing is popular at this facility. Open dawn to dusk. Pets not allowed. \$10.00 per car. Exceptions to entrance fee include holders of Queen Anne's County Public Landings Permit or a Queen Anne's County Slip Renter Tag (for use of the ramp only) or the Maryland State Golden Age Pass. (56)

Shipping Creek Landing

131 Shipping Creek Road, Stevensville

This 2.5-acre facility has a 14-foot-wide boat launching ramp, providing access to Shipping Creek and Cox Creek, and has parking for approximately 40 vehicles. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (60)

Southeast Creek Landing

800 Southeast Creek Road, Church Hill

This 0.25-acre facility has a 14-foot-wide boat launching ramp, providing access to Southeast Creek and the Chester River. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (51)

Thompson Creek Landing

750 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville

This 0.25-acre facility has a 13-foot-wide boat launching ramp, providing access through Thompson Creek to Cox Creek. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (61)

QAC Public Landing Regulations

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

- At all landings a current permit must be displayed by every vehicle, with or without a trailer, for either the launching of a boat or for general parking.
- <u>Annual</u> permits are valid only when displayed on the driver's side of either the boat trailer tongue or the vehicle rear bumper. For special or unique circumstances contact Public Landings office.
- <u>Daily</u> permits are valid only when hang tags are displayed on vehicle mirror with permit information facing out.
- <u>Commercial</u> permits are available from Public Landings office.
- Launching at landings without a ramp is limited to canoes, kayaks, and car-top boats.
- At Matapeake boat ramp and Romancoke kayak launch area, landing permits are valid for boat launching only. Use of the fishing piers requires a separate entrance fee of \$10.
- No-Permit Violation: \$50 per offense
- All landings are **trash free**. Please take home what you bring with you.
- Trash-Free Violation: \$250 per offense

Warehouse Creek Landing

Great Neck Road, Stevensville

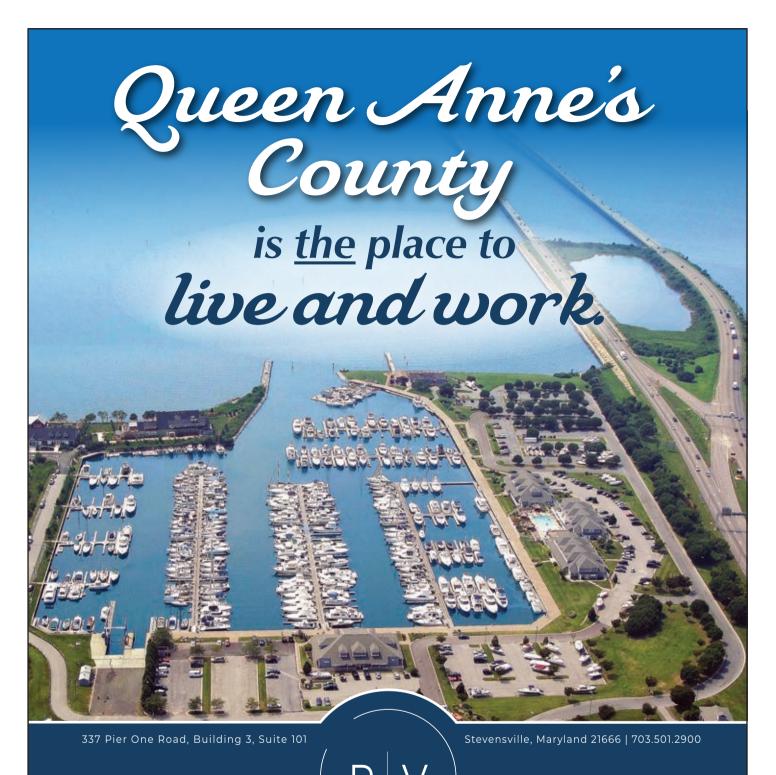
At the end of Great Neck Road, this 0.1-acre facility provides access to Warehouse Creek to enjoying nature, fishing or crabbing. Hand-launched vessels such as canoes, kayaks and car-top boats may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (44)

Wells Cove Landing

Wells Cove Road, Grasonville

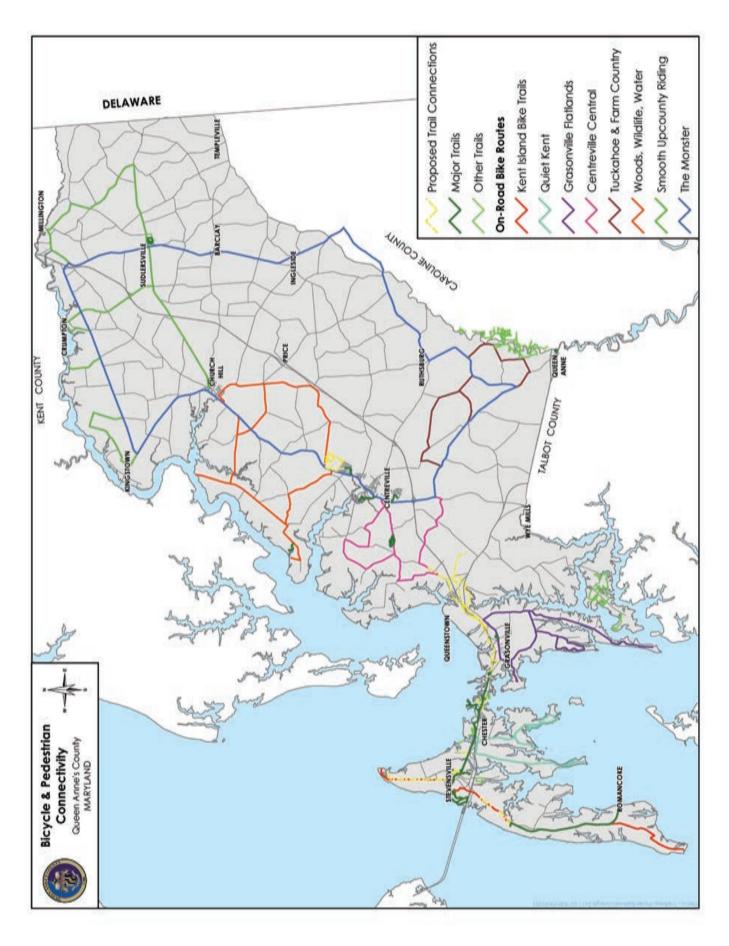
At the end of Wells Cove Road, this 2.0-acre facility allows the patron to enjoy a nice promenade to view Eastern Bay. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking. (54)





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Walking and Biking Trails

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Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC). CBEC has over four miles of hiking trails. Walk around the property and see and hear native wildlife, and take in views from observation decks and blinds on each trail. Guided hikes are offered throughout the year. Visit, BayRestoration.org.

Cross Island Trail. This tree-lined linear park offers a safe avenue for non-vehicular transportation. The trail is 6.5 miles long, spanning east to west from Terrapin Park to the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center at Kent Narrows, with future plans for expansion. The trail wanders through farmlands, meadows and woods accented with ornamental trees. Flanked by park benches, the trail crosses several creeks with wooden bridges, offering a spectacular view of waterfowl and wetlands. Portable toilets are available year round.

Cross County Connector Trail. The Cross County Connector Trail connects to the Cross Island Trail. The project extends the trail system approximately 1.2 miles easterly to Long Point Park with a 10-foot-wide trail consisting of 4,323 linear feet of elevated boardwalk and 1,978 feet of at grade pavement. **Kent Island South Trail.** A 6-mile hiker/biker trail extends from Matapeake Park to Romancoke along Rt. 8 South. It travels through wooded areas and next to farm fields over wooden bridges with views of the bay.

Terrapin Park/Nature Trail. This award-winning 276-acre nature park features a 3.25-mile oyster chaff walking trail, which meanders through wildflower meadows, wetlands, tidal ponds, woodlands and sandy beaches. A gazebo and wheelchair-accessible boardwalk, located along the beach, afford a spectacular view of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The trail, which wanders over several bridges, across marshlands and through woodlands, features two observation blinds overlooking the tidal ponds. The trail connects to the Cross Island Trail. Portable toilets are available year round.

Blue Heron Nature Preserve. This 300-acre park off Rt. 8 South has a riding trail that skirts an environmentally protected area adjacent to Price Creek.



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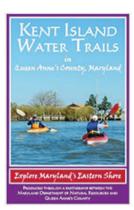


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Kent Island Water Trails

Kent Island Water Trailways Guide was developed through a partnership between Maryland DNR and Queen Anne's County. The trails provide a wide variety of paddling experiences so there are options for all levels of expertise. While the detailed trails range in length from 1.25 to 3.6 miles, the open waters of the Chesapeake Bay, Chester River, Eastern Bay and Prospect Bay offer endless opportunities for more experienced paddlers. Below are two of the six trails featured in the guide. Pick up a copy of the full guide at the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center at 425 Piney Narrows Road, Chester.





Eastern Bay Trail

Distance: Approximately 3 miles

Difficulty: This water trail should only be attempted by experience paddlers. For an easy to moderate alternative, stay in the confines of the Shipping Creek Cove.



Thompson Creek Trail

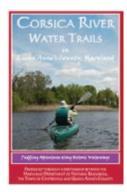
Distance: Approximately 3.6 miles

Difficulty: The full route of this water trail should only be attempted by experience paddlers. For an easier alternative, launch at either Thompson Creek or Warehouse Creek and stay in the narrower, more sheltered shoreline areas

PLEASE NOTE: The maps on these two pages are meant to be used as references for existing public access sites and facilities. We strongly recommend using more detailed maps, charts, and supplemental information geared to your specific needs when planning for or undertaking an excursion.



Corsica River Water Trails



Corsica River Water Trails: Paddling Adventures along Historic Waterways depicts three paddling routes, which span approximately eight miles of waterways near Centreville.

Public water access is provided at two adjacent but distinct sites. Centreville Wharf is located on Watson Road and is operated by the Town of Centreville. Centreville Landing is located at 201 Front Street and is

operated by the Queen Anne's County Parks Department.

All of the Corsica River water trails start from the soft launch at Centreville Wharf. These trails provide water recreation opportunities for paddlers of all abilities. Novice paddlers or those seeking a leisurely experience will enjoy exploring the Mill Stream and Yellow Bank Stream trails. These routes follow slowly meandering waterways that pass through low marshes and are sheltered from extreme winds and currents. More experienced paddlers can take on the challenge of open water and longer distance offered by the Corsica River and Alder Branch Trail.

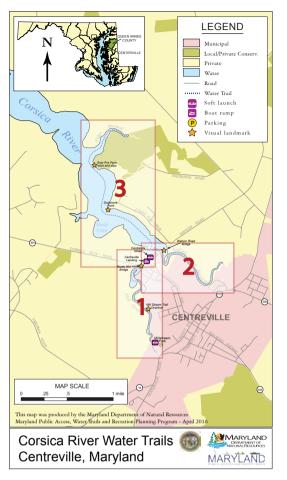
The trail map is available at Centreville Town Hall, the Chesapeake Heritage & Visitor Center, and Centreville Outdoors at the Centreville Wharf. For more information, contact Queen Anne's County Parks at 410-758-0835.

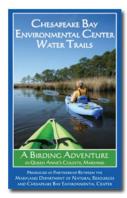
Chester River Water Trail

From the headwaters in Delaware to the river's mouth between Kent Island and Rock Hall, the Chester River Water Trail encompasses more than 100 miles of waterways, a variety of ecosystems, and over 10,000 years of human history. The navigable portion of the Chester River begins near the town of Millington, where the river is heavily wooded, narrow, and winding. After reaching the small town of Crumpton, the scenery transitions from woodlands to large waterfront farms. The lower Chester River near Rock Hall is over three miles wide and features excellent crabbing, fishing, sailing, boating, and scenic views. Paddlers in canoes and kayaks can explore numerous tidal creeks entering the river that contain pristine wetland habitats and abundant wildlife.

CBEC Water Trails

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC), located at 600 Discovery Lane in Grasonville, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting stewardship and environmental education of the Chesapeake Bay. CBEC offers three separate water trails that range from 1 mile to 2.8 miles along Marshy Creek, Prospect Bay, and Cabin Creek. CBEC features extensive marsh and woodland habitat and is a great place for wildlife enthusiasts to view a variety of wildlife. Bring your own kayak or rent one from CBEC. Copies of this water trail map are available at the CBEC's visitor center. For more information on CBEC, call 410-827-6694 or visit www.bayrestoration.org.







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Birding in Queen Anne's County

By Walter G. Ellison

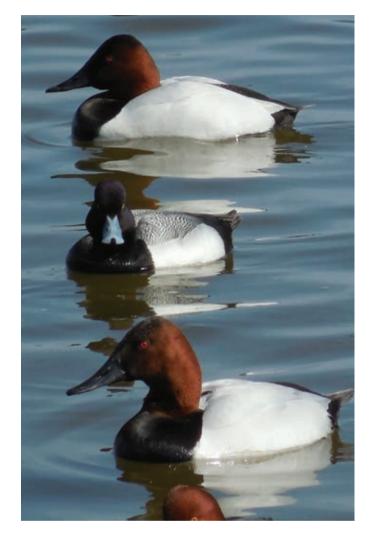
hesapeake Bay and the flat fertile land surrounding it have been famous for fish and wildlife since the time of John Smith's early explorations of the estuary. The Bay has been famed for its wintering waterfowl since colonial times. Audubon painted his portrait of the Canvasback with the skyline of Baltimore harbor in the distance and remarked in his writings, "While in our Atlantic Districts, it is found in much greater numbers on the Chesapeake and the streams that flow into it, than any where else." This remains true.

Beyond swans, geese, and ducks, the Eastern Shore is known for its other waterbirds including herons and egrets, birds of prey, especially Bald Eagles and Osprey, and for being at or near the northern periphery of the ranges of many characteristic nesting songbirds of the southeastern United States. Over 330 bird species have been recorded in Queen Anne's County, providing a feast of potential sightings for any birder.

An advantage of Eastern Shore birding is the year-round consistency of bird variety and numbers. In winter we have waterfowl, short-distance migratory birds from the north woods, and birds of prey. In spring local nesters begin returning by early March, shorebirds pass through mostly in April and May, and tropical wintering songbirds peak from late April to mid-May. Migrant songbirds headed for Canada and the northern states largely bypass the Coastal Plain as they move up the Appalachian Mountains with substantial spread eastward onto the Piedmont. However the full diversity of these songbirds pass through the Upper Shore in small numbers and may be sought in large preserved woodlots especially those associated with parks and wildlife management areas.

In summer the Upper Shore has a good variety of nesting birds with a distinctly southern flavor, shorebirds start their return migration in July, and other waterbirds, notably herons and terns, come northward to Upper Bay feeding areas from their nesting colonies in late summer. Autumn brings returning waterfowl, mostly late October onwards but some arrive as early as late August, a more prolonged but equally hit-or-miss songbird migration, and the return of wintering birds in October and November. It is not unusual for a seasoned observer to find sixty to seventy bird species per day year-round and less experienced observers seldom lack for variety and spectacle.

Although birding can be done anywhere there is roadside habitat and birds, it is generally better where there



is public access and outdoor recreation is encouraged. The best year-round birding sites combine good habitat for songbirds, water vistas, and wetlands. Three such regional destinations are:

- 1. **Terrapin Point Park** near the east foot of the Bay Bridge on Kent Island with its ponds, blinds, bay shore, and winding paths through light woods.
- 2. Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville, which offers salt marsh, pine woods, ponds, and sweeping views of open water.
- 3. Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge in nearby Kent County (on Eastern Neck Island surrounded by Queen Anne's waters), which hosts large numbers of wintering waterfowl, other waterbirds, Bald Eagles, and is good for seeing land-bird migrants.

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Birding in Queen Anne's County continued

Other good birding spots include county boat landings such as Kent Narrows or Cabin Creek, Tuckahoe State Park including Adkins Arboretum in Caroline County, Conquest Beach on the Chester River north of Centreville, and Wye Island. Birding locations in neighboring counties include the Chesapeake Farms Auto Tour in Kent County, and Pickering Creek Audubon Center in northern Talbot County.

A useful online resource on birding sites are the Maryland Ornithological Society's Queen Anne's County pages in its statewide birding guide (https:// birdersguidemddc.org/explore-birding-sites/by-region/ the-eastern-shore-region/queen-annes-county/). To get the best out of birding one should have good field guides—the National Geographic guide and the Sibley guide are excellent choices, good optical equipment aim for reputable brands in a mid-priced range, and commonsense clothing for being outdoors.

What are you waiting for? The birds are out there, time to go out and find some of them.







Walking Tour of Downtown Stevensville

Created by the Kent Island Heritage Society, this easy strolling tour of downtown Stevensville (a National Historic District) will give you a little history of this small town. For more info about Kent Island history, please visit kentislandheritagesociety.org

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Stevensville sits on land called Stevens Adventure, a 1694 grant to Francis Stevens. The town developed after the 1850 sale of two farms by James and Charles Stevens, descendants of Francis Stevens.

Stevensville's development

the town had two schools, four doctors, a blacksmith and a sawmill. The end of passenger rail service by 1938 and the freight line in 1948 halted growth of the town.

1 THE DUNN HOME. The home of Charles G. "Gil" and Florence Dunn was built in 1910–12 for George Holland, a cannery owner. Former owners were John M. Ruth and John Daniel. Gil Dunn was a pharmacist for more than 40 years at the Kent Island Shopping Center.

2 KENT ISLAND FEDERATION OF ART. The house was built ca. 1900 for Dr. William L. Henry, his wife and their two sons. The entrance to his office can be seen from the enclosed front porch. Currently home of the Kent Island Federation of Art, which exhibits work by artists and craftsmen.

3 CAPT. EUGENE HERBERT HOUSE. This house ca. 1870–1875 was probably built by Capt. Gene and his brother, Sam, both carpenters. Capt. Gene was master of a sailing vessel that plied the waters from Maine to North Carolina carrying coal, lime, phosphate and wheat.

4 THE COCKEY HOUSE. This house, ca. 1870, was originally owned by Charles B. Downes. An 1877 map identifies it as parsonage for the First Methodist Protestant Church, which rented it until a new parsonage was built next to the church (see Site 20). Miss Mary Cockey, an elementary school teacher, and her father, James Cockey, assistant postmaster in Stevensville, bought the house in the early 1900s.

5 THE LEGG FARM HOUSE. This is the third oldest structure in Stevensville, one of two with fish-scale siding. Wooden pegs used in its construction can be seen in the attic. This house was owned by Bloody Point lighthouse keeper Moses Legg and his wife, Ann Wrightson Legg. The street was then named New Legg Road, later changed to Locust Street.

6 PRICE-RINGGOLD HOUSE. Dorothy Arters and Fred E. Thomas bought this house on Locust Street in 1887 from David Jones, owner and builder. In 1904 the property was sold to Mary Ringgold and Thomas Ringgold Price.

7 CAPT. JIM ED JONES HOME. Captain James Edward Jones and his wife, Sarah Carroll, built a prior house here in 1880 that was destroyed by fire. The present house was built in 1882. It has been in the Carroll family since that time.

8 TWO-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE. Built in 1870 as a tworoom schoolhouse, School No. 2, District 4, Queen Anne's County Schools. The school board had two teachers for grades 1 through 7. Dr. John R. Benton bought the building in 1910 and had it moved to its present location.

9 CHARLES STEVENS STORE. Built ca. 1865-1870 for Charles Stevens, this was one of the first stores in Stevensville. A Mr. Beitzel was an early shopkeeper. Dr. John R. Benton bought the property, separated and moved a portion of the building to land now occupied by the adjacent office building. Thomas Carroll was the merchant here for many years, followed by Rose Baxter Weston and her son, James Richard Weston.

10 GROLLMAN'S ORIGINAL DRY GOODS STORE. Built in 1870 for Charles B. Downes by his brother, Sam Downes, Henry Grollman bought this property in 1910. After leaving his partnership with Ellis Grollman, he built an addition to the house and, with his wife Lena, opened a dry goods store.

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Walking Tour of Downtown Stevensville (continued)

11 CHRIST CHURCH AND RECTORY. Built in 1880, this is the oldest church on Kent Island. It is the fifth church of this Christ Church parish founded in 1631, and is the oldest continuous Episcopal congregation in the United States. Previous church buildings were in nearby Broad Creek, one of the first towns established in Maryland. The church is a superb example of the Queen Anne style of ecclesiastical architecture. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places.

12. ACME MARKET/STEVENSVILLE POST OFFICE. John Tolson built this general store that was later operated by Fred Thomas. First known as the American Store, the name was later changed to Acme Market. Julius Grollman, a local merchant in the early 1900s, worked in the store as a young man, earning \$15 a week. The building was later used as a post office from 1952 until 1975.

13 THE JENNIE LEGG DRY GOODS STORE. In 1809 John Denny purchased from J. Stevens the lot on which this structure and the adjacent Cray House sit. It is believed that he constructed this building shortly after Cray House, which would make this the second oldest building in Stevensville.

14 CRAY HOUSE. This is the oldest house in Stevensville. John Denny purchased this lot from J. Stevens in 1809 and constructed both this house and the adjacent structure (see site 14). A ship's carpenter, Denny used an unusual post and plank construction method in which walls are formed by tenoning horizontal planks into mortices (slots) cut into vertical corner posts. The south portion of the house was added around 1842 by Mary E. Carville Legg. After a series of owners, it was sold at public auction in 1914 to Nora Cray, a widow who lived there with her three children. Her heirs deeded the property to The Kent Island Heritage Society in 1976. This house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

15 STEVENSVILLE TRAIN STATION. In 1894 the Maryland Legislature gave approval to Queen Anne's Railroad Company to build an east-west railroad across Delmarva, connecting Queenstown with Lewes, Delaware. In 1902, the route was extended 13 miles to Love Point, and provided employment and excitement to Kent Island. The abandoned terminal building was donated to The Kent Island Heritage Society. It was moved to its present site in 1988 and restored to its 1902 appearance.

16 THE COUNTRY STORE. The corner building was constructed ca. 1900 as a grocery store and owner's residence by Everett Cook and Eugene Herbert. The original German siding—now covered by vinyl—was probably salvaged from the Johnstown Flood of 1889.

17 HOME OF DR. C. PERCY KEMP/DR. J.E.H. LEWIS. Built ca. 1880-90 for Dr. J.E.H. Lewis. The first occupant was probably Ann Kemp, widow of Thomas Kemp. She later married her landlord, Dr. Lewis. Her son, C. Percy Kemp made this his home after becoming a physician. He also used Dr. Lewis's adjacent former office, which no longer exists.

18 OLD STEVENSVILLE POST OFFICE. The construction data of this building is not known, but it appears on an 1877 map and served as the Stevensville Post Office for the first half of the 20th century. The government paid rent of \$18.75 a month and the outlandish sum of \$25 a year to heat the structure. It was acquired in 1997 by The Kent Island Heritage Society.

19 STEVENSVILLE BANK. The Stevensville Bank of Queen Anne's County, built ca. 1903-07, opened for business in 1909. It is the oldest bank building on Kent Island and one of the oldest in the county. The façade's classical architectural details, combined with the pressed tin ceiling and intact furnishings and vault, helped place it on the National Register of Historic Places.

20 METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH AND PAR-SONAGE. In 1851 Charles and Mary Ann Stevens sold the land to the Chesapeake Lodge #59 of the Order of Odd Fellows for one cent. In 1864 the Lodge sold it to the trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church, John Jeffers, Charles Downes, James Denny, William C. Gibson, Franklin Bright, M.G. Goodhand and C.G.L. Porter. No longer used as a church, it was purchased by William E. Denny III, who restored the structure and its marvelous stained-glass windows—a number of which are dedicated to the memory of members of his family.

21 LOWERY HOTEL. Built about 1860 for J. Reuben Jeffers. The 1877 map shows it was a boarding house rented to Alexander Lowery of Coxe's Neck. He later bought the property and opened it as a hotel in November of 1883. Alterations and additions were made to meet the needs of the many overnight travelers coming from the Matapeake, Broad Creek and Love Point ferry landings. A livery stable provided transportation. Meals were 25 cents. Fountain and Florence Lowery Jackson continued the business for several years after Mrs. Lowery's death. It remained in the Lowery family until the heirs sold it in 1935.

22 H. GOODHAND HOTEL. Known as the H. Goodhand Hotel on the 1877 map, it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Skinner around the end of the 19th century. Then called Skinner's Boarding House, it offered room and board to salesmen and other travelers. The house was later owned by Roland and Lolita Bright Carvel.

23 PRICE HOUSE. Built in 1915 for owners and first occupants P. Thomas and Augusta Legg Price. One of the largest houses in town, it has a unique cupola on top that was used during World War II as a lookout for enemy planes. Volunteers manned the post, connected by telephone to a communications center. The house remained in the Price family for many years.







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