

Calvert County MARYLAND

2024-2025 OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE



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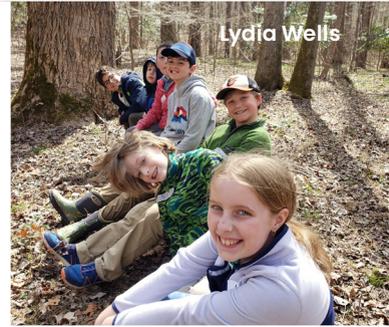
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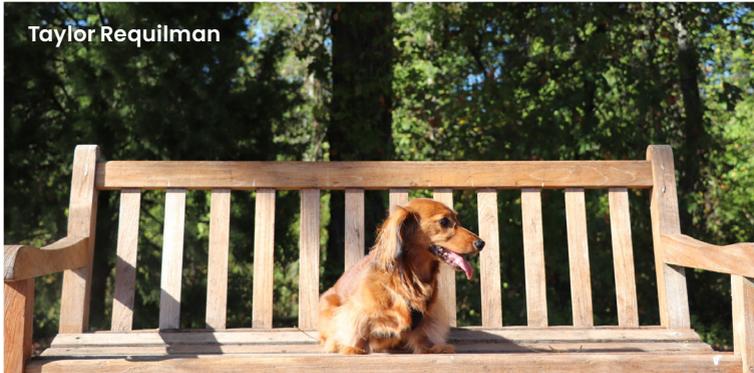
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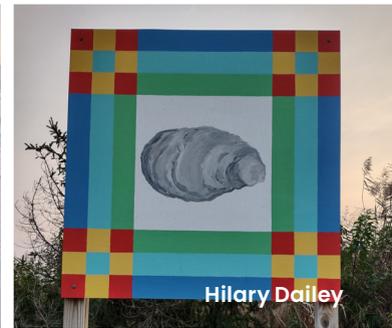
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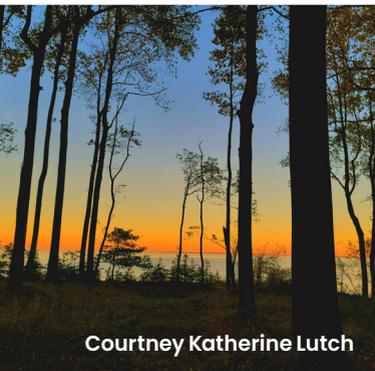
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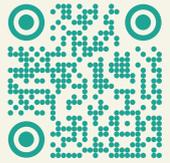
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A PLAYLIST FOR YOUR TRAVELS

To listen to a playlist curated by locals, start by opening Spotify. Click on the search button and then use your camera to scan the code located at the bottom of this page. Elevate your experience further by enjoying this playlist while exploring one of our driving trails.

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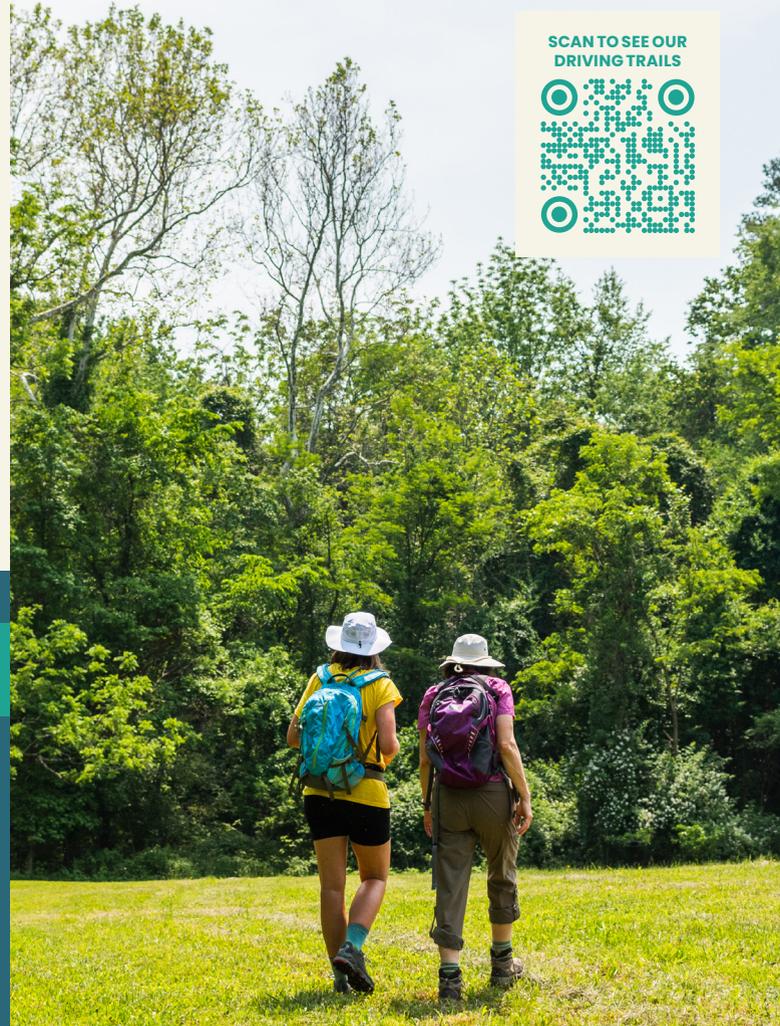
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Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

WELCOME



Flag Ponds Nature Park

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

A visit to rural Calvert County, Maryland provides the perfect opportunity to get out and explore our impressive natural formations, parks and beaches, and discover the history and culture of our waterfront communities. Escape everyday life and take in the Chesapeake Bay breezes! Calvert County truly is "Always in Season."

From the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

We believe Calvert County is one of the most stunning locations in Maryland. We invite you to take an active role in visiting responsibly, whether it's your first trip or you're a regular here! We can all act on behalf of the places and wildlife by adopting the skills and ethics that enable us all to Leave No Trace.



Chesapeake Windsail Cruises



GETTING HERE

Flag Ponds Nature Park

AIRPORTS

BWI - Baltimore, Maryland (1 hour)

DCA - Arlington, Virginia (1 hour)

IAD - Northern Virginia (1 hour, 20 minutes)

MILEAGE

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Washington D.C. | 36 miles |
| Annapolis, MD | 29 miles |
| Baltimore, MD | 53 miles |
| Richmond, VA | 111 miles |
| Philadelphia, PA | 150 miles |
| Pittsburgh, PA | 270 miles |
| New York, NY | 230 miles |

LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 410-414-2500

Public Bus Service: 410-535-4510

Smart Ride Inc.: 410-535-6932



VISITOR INFORMATION

COUNTY SERVICES

Economic Development

175 Main St., Prince Frederick
410-535-4583

Parks & Recreation

175 Main St., Prince Frederick
410-535-1600, ext. 2649

CALVERT LIBRARIES

Fairview Branch

8120 Southern Maryland Blvd., Owings
410-257-2101

Prince Frederick Branch

850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick
410-535-0291

Southern Branch

13920 H.G. Trueman Road, Solomons
410-326-5289

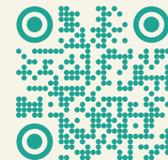
Twin Beaches Branch

4100 5th St., North Beach
410-257-2411

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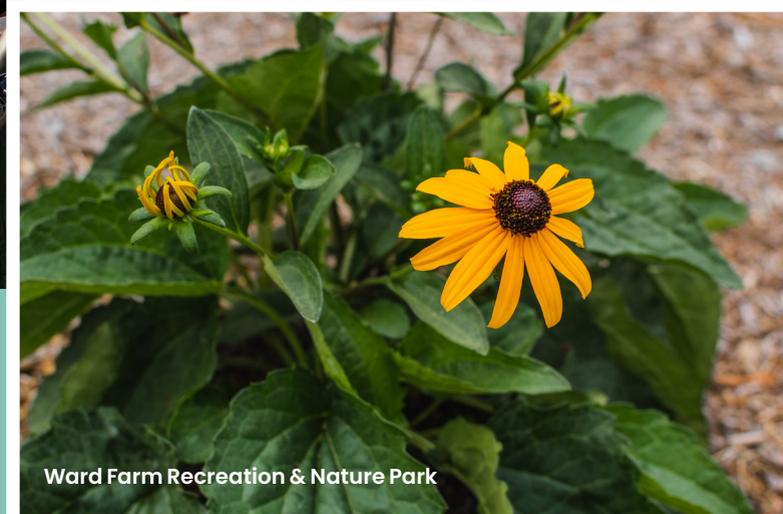
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-  Urgent Care
-  Visitor Information Center

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WELCOME PAGE





Breezy Point Beach & Campground



Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Calvert County Sheriff's Office

30 Church St., Prince Frederick
410-535-2800

Maryland State Police Barrack U

210 Main St., Prince Frederick
410-535-1400

MEDICAL FACILITIES

CalvertHealth Medical Center

100 Hospital Road, Prince Frederick
410-535-4000

Patriot Urgent Care Dunkirk

10845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 108, Dunkirk
410-650-4346

Patriot Urgent Care Prince Frederick

821 N Prince Frederick Blvd., Prince Frederick
410-535-8911

Patriot Urgent Care Solomons

14090 H.G. Trueman Road, Suite 1300, Solomons
410-394-2800

TOWN HALLS

Chesapeake Beach Town Hall

8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach
410-257-2230 or 301-855-8398

North Beach Town Hall

8916 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach
301-855-6681

VISITOR CENTERS

Sally Donaldson Welcome Center

9023 Bay Ave., North Beach
410-286-3799

Solomons Visitor Center (inside Calvert Marine Museum)

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
410-326-2042

South County



Drum Point Lighthouse

Southern Calvert County encompasses St. Leonard, Lusby and Solomons, with all points in south county conveniently reachable within a 20-25 minute drive from one destination to another.

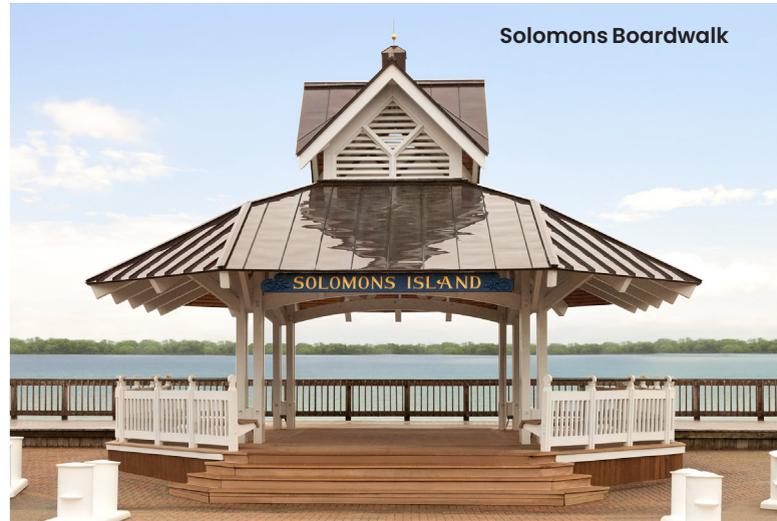
SOLOMONS

Solomons is a charming, waterside community located at the southern tip of Calvert County, where the Patuxent River merges with the Chesapeake Bay. In the 19th century, shipyards developed here to support local fishing. Today, Solomons is fun and friendly with its local attractions, restaurants and shops. For boaters, the Patuxent River and Back Creek provide numerous anchorages, moorings and marinas with plentiful transient docks.

SCAN TO EXPLORE
SOUTH COUNTY



Solomons Boardwalk





Garden in Lights
Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center



Calvert Marine Museum



Calvert Marine Museum



Fairy & Gnome Home Festival
Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center



Calvert Marine Museum



Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

SOUTH COUNTY THINGS TO DO

DISCOVER ART AND NATURE

Explore **Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center**, 30 acres of forests and fields, with a paved sculpture walk and numerous trails, providing a serene setting for a large collection of outdoor sculpture and engaging spaces. In the Arts Building, visit the galleries, gift shop, Nature Nook and popular artLAB, a creative reuse center where you can create your own work of art. Annmarie hosts numerous markets, festivals and family events throughout the year, including **Artsfest**, the **Sea Glass & Beach Crafts Market** and the **Fairy & Gnome Home Festival**, as well as smaller scale art classes and nature programs.

DIVE INTO CHESAPEAKE HISTORY

At the **Calvert Marine Museum**, pre-history, natural history and maritime heritage come together to tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. This family-friendly museum houses live animals, a discovery room, an estuarine biology gallery, a paleontology exhibit, interactive exhibits, an outdoor marsh walk and the **Drum Point Lighthouse**, a furnished cottage-style lighthouse open year-round. Catch a ride on the *Wm. B. Tennison* bugeye boat and attend an annual event like the Waterside Music Series Concerts, **Solomons Maritime Festival** or **Sharkfest!**

MORE THINGS TO DO IN SOUTH COUNTY

DO THIS

Spend the day outside starting with a round of golf at the **Chesapeake Hills Golf Course**, then head to **Bunky's Charter Boats, Scuba Center and Outdoor Rec** or **SOMD Water Sports** to rent a paddle board, kayak or jet ski, or captain a private pontoon boat from **Solomons Boat Rental**. Grab a drink at the **Tiki Bar & Grill Solomons** or relax on a floating tiki hut with **Crusin' Tikis Solomons Island**, then indulge in a cooking or mixology class - or just enjoy the view of Back Creek from the deck at **No Thyme to Cook**. Kids still need to run off some energy? Book a session at **Atomic Seafood's** golf simulator or **Imaginarium** to refuel with a free coffee while the kids have tons of fun at the indoor play zone.

OR THIS

Feel like fishing? Make a stop at the **Department of Natural Resources Solomons Service Center** for licensing information, then head over to the **Solomons Boat Launch & Fishing Pier** to catch a big one; or leave it to the experts and book any one of a number of **fishing charter boats** available for hire in and around Solomons for half day and full day trips. Many of these charters also offer **lighthouse tours** on the bay as well - just ask!

WHERE TO EAT

Craving an authentic Maryland meal? There are several great, locally-owned restaurants in and around Solomons main land, or head out onto Solomons Island to enjoy a bounty of waterfront eateries located right on Back Creek or along the majestic Patuxent River.



FootGolf
Chesapeake Hills Golf Course



No Thyme To Cook



Charter Boat Fishing

SCAN TO SEE MORE
DINING OPTIONS



The Pier



SOUTH COUNTY WEEKEND ITINERARY

DAY 1

Spend a quiet morning poking through nooks and crannies to find that perfect collectable at **Chesapeake Marketplace & Auction House** or find a great deal while supporting a good cause at **The SPOT Thrift Shop** or **SMILE Thrift Shop**.

Comb the beach at **Flag Ponds Nature Park**, then go on an adventure to **Calvert Cliffs State Park** featuring unique fossil-hunting, an accessible recycled tire playground and 13 miles of hiking trails. Later, enjoy a tasting or two at **Perigeaux Vineyards & Winery**, **Cove Point Winery**, **Ruddy Duck Brewery & Grill** or **Barrel 9** and have dinner at one of several homestyle restaurants in the area, then spend the night at **Hilton Garden Inn** or **Solomons Inn Resort**.



Cove Point Lighthouse

FUN FACT:

The Cove Point Lighthouse Keeper's House is a unique vacation rental with a picturesque view.



Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

DAY 2

Wake up in one of three beautiful Bed & Breakfasts on the island; **Back Creek Inn**, **Blue Heron Bed & Breakfast** or **Solomons Victorian Inn**. Grab some lunch at any one of the locally-owned restaurants and get some serious shopping in at **carmen's gallery**, **Inner Equinox**, **Hooked Crafts and Apparel** and **Grandmother's Store**. Finish up with a stroll along the beautiful Solomons boardwalk with a tasty treat from **BRRRR Ice Cream**, **Shakes & Crepes**, **The Ice Cream Place** or **Cone Island** in the warmer months.

Connect with the past at **Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum**, a place full of secrets waiting to be unearthed. Hike miles of trails, explore the visitor center full of interactive exhibits and join in on an educational program like **Public Archaeology Days** or a large-scale on-site event like **Children's Day on the Farm**.

central county

Central Calvert County encompasses Huntingtown, Prince Frederick and Port Republic, with all points in central county conveniently reachable within a 20 minute drive from one destination to another.

FAMILY FUN

Head to **K&K Adventure Park** to play mini golf and ride the bumper cars, swim at **Kings Landing Pool** or fish at the pier at **Kings Landing Park*** and enjoy an afternoon at **Lord Calvert Bowling Center**. For the littles, bounce their energy out at **Let's Play Indoor Playground** or **Hallowing Point Park playground**.

**Check with Maryland Department of Natural Resources for fishing and crabbing rules and regulations.*

GET OUTDOORS

Explore **Battle Creek Cypress Swamp**, one of the northernmost stands of bald cypress trees in North America and get your steps in on one of **American Chestnut Land Trust's** trails, offering over 26 miles of adventure.



Let's Play Indoor Playground



Kings Landing Park



K&K Adventure Park

WHERE TO EAT

With tons of restaurants, Prince Frederick is THE place for eating in Calvert County. Savor the best of breakfast, brunch and lunch at the locally-owned **Bulrushes Café** and **Dream Weaver Café**. For a delightful twist, explore **Brick Wood Fired Bistro** or try international options like **EZ Thai**, **Pollo Delicioso**, **Nagoya Asian Bistro** and **Pho Town & Grill**. Seek out **Calvert Crabs & Seafood** and **Stoney's Seafood House** for great local seafood. At the end of the night, enjoy a wine tasting at **Running Hare Vineyard's Tuscan Villa** or grab a beer at **Mully's Brewery**.

SCAN TO SEE MORE DINING OPTIONS



Bulrushes Café



Brick Wood Fired Bistro



EZ Thai



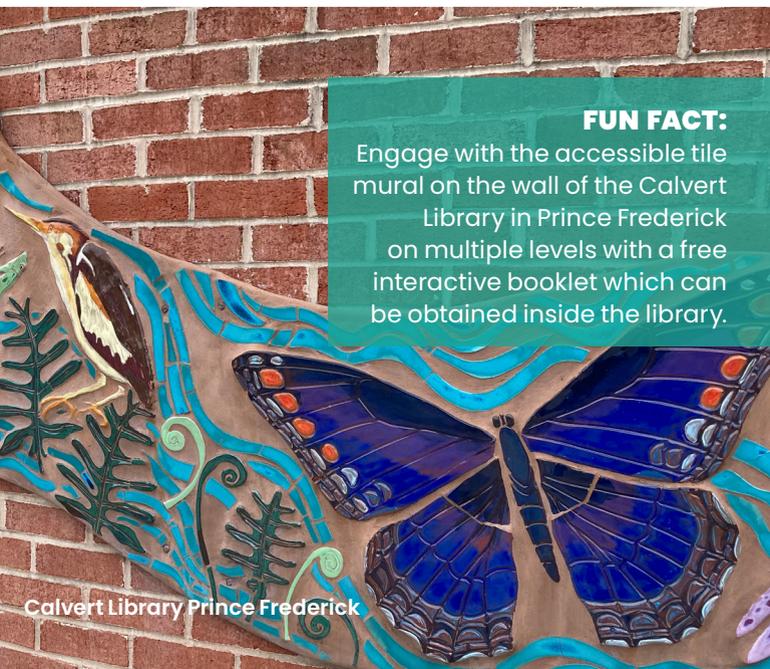
Nagoya Asian Bistro



Calvert Crabs & Seafood



Mully's Brewery



FUN FACT:

Engage with the accessible tile mural on the wall of the Calvert Library in Prince Frederick on multiple levels with a free interactive booklet which can be obtained inside the library.

Calvert Library Prince Frederick

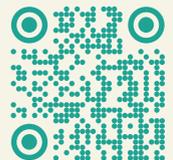
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Pick out an original piece of art to take home at the **CalvART Gallery**, **The Mermaid's Cottage** or **Mandy Lee's** and go thrifting for a good cause at **Project ECHO Thrift & Gift Shop** and **Shoppe for Hospice**.

WHERE TO STAY

Spend the night at **Holiday Inn Express Prince Frederick**, **SureStay by Best Western** or **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Prince Frederick**.

SCAN TO EXPLORE CENTRAL COUNTY





North Calvert County encompasses North Beach, Chesapeake Beach, Dunkirk, Owings and Sunderland, with all points in north county conveniently reachable within a 20 minute drive from one destination to another.

FAMILY FUN

Kids need to burn off some energy? Head to **Mellomar Golf Park & Mini Golf**, then make a stop at **Dunkirk District Park's** accessible playground or hike around **Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park's** nature trails.

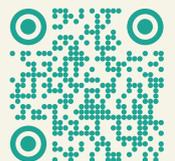
After the kids slow down, get creative at **The Pottery Patch** and take the family crabbing or drop in your kayaks at **Lower Marlboro Wharf**.*

WHERE TO EAT

After a full day of fun, eat at any number of **locally-owned restaurants** and reward the adults in your group with a wine tasting at **Fridays Creek Winery**.

**Check with Maryland Department of Natural Resources for fishing and crabbing rules and regulations.*

SCAN TO EXPLORE
NORTH COUNTY



NORTH BEACH

The **Town of North Beach** is known as the “Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay” for a reason! The **sandy beach** and **boardwalk**, adorned with flower beds and park benches, are ideal spots to gaze out over the bay. The **Mark R. Frazer Sunrise Garden**, **Wetlands Overlook Park** and the **North Beach Nature Center** add to the charm of the quintessential bay town.

First off, grab something to eat at **City Sliders Fusion Cuisine**, **Hook & Vine – Kitchen and Bar**, **Neptune’s Seafood Pub** or other local establishments.

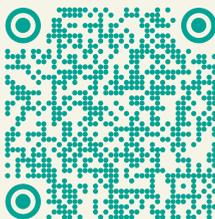
Next, indulge in a shopping spree at **Artworks @ 7th**, **Sisters’ Corner**, **Lighthouse Market & Signs**, **North Beach Soap** and **Ella’s Whimsy Clothing Boutique**, followed by a visit to the **Bayside History Museum**.

Lastly, take a stroll down the boardwalk with a treat from **The Cold Penguin**, **Jango’s Frozen Treats**, the **bakist** or **Vaughan Cheese** depending on what you are in the mood for! Out late? Rock out to some live music at the **Wheel House Beer Garden at 7th Street**.

FUN FACT

Explore North Beach like never before with the town’s virtual map. It’s your key to unlocking the best of North Beach’s beaches, historic sites, eateries and more! The map is brimming with clickable links that seamlessly connect you to the heart of the town’s vibrant culture.

SCAN TO EXPLORE
NORTH BEACH



Bayside History Museum



North Beach Boardwalk



Jango's Frozen Treats

Mark R. Frazer Sunrise Garden



CHESAPEAKE BEACH

The **Town of Chesapeake Beach** was incorporated and owned by the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company in the early 20th century as a destination resort.

Discover the history of the railway and resort at the **Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum**, located in the former train depot, and take a walk through time with **Chesapeake Windsail Cruises' walking tours** or head out on your own on the **Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail boardwalk**, built on the location of the old railroad right-of-way.

Grab a snack at **Calvert Kettle Corn** or **Butterflies & Wishes Tea & Sweets**. Or get a bite to eat overlooking the bay at **Baia Coastal Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar**. Enjoy life like a local at **Trader's Seafood Steak & Ale** or **Abner's Crab House**.

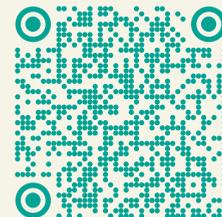
Eat, play and sleep at the **Rod 'N' Reel Resort** and book an early morning **fishing charter boat trip** from any number of charter captains in the "Charter Fishing Capital of Maryland."



FUN FACT

The Chesapeake Beach Heritage Trail digital brochure allows you to step back in time as history comes alive to take you on a leisurely stroll through time—both literally and figuratively. You can immerse yourself in the enchanting tale of a town that has gracefully evolved over the decades, offering a unique glimpse into its early 20th-century charm.

SCAN TO VIEW
THE BROCHURE



MORE CALVERT FUN

RECENTLY ENGAGED?

Congratulations! A wedding in Calvert County is one that will be fondly remembered for a lifetime. The county's rural charm brings serenity that's perfect for your joyous occasion.



No Thyme To Cook

MEET OUR LOCALS

Calvert Love Local shines a spotlight on Calvert County's movers, shakers and makers - the local residents and business owners who enjoy living and working in Calvert County, and make it such a great place to visit!



Megan Vaughan, Vaughan Cheese

GUIDED TOURS

From fossil-finding on a sandy beach to pulling in a bushel of blue crabs on the bay, Calvert County hosts several interesting water and land-based guided tours. With all the best bits of information, history and trivia picked out and compiled into a fully curated itinerary, all you need to do is choose your topic, choose your tour and get ready for a stress-free day of facts and fun!



Solomons Heritage Tour



Megalodon Adventures



SEASONAL EVENTS

Waterside Music Series Concert
Calvert Marine Museum



SPRING INTO THE OUTDOORS

Spring arrives early in Calvert County, with cherry blossom trees exhibiting their blooming pink blush in early March. Fishing abounds on the Chesapeake Bay in springtime, giving everyone the opportunity to make that big catch! Head to a U-Pick berry farm, then explore and hike our unique habitats including tidal wetlands, freshwater marshes and woodland paths.

- Azalea Season at Annmarie Garden
- Campfires on the Beach
- Chesapeake Beach Heritage Tour
- Discover Archaeology Day
- Fairy & Gnome Home Festival
- Night at the Museum for Friends with Disabilities
- Ottermania!
- Savor Solomons
- Solomons Maritime Festival
- Southern Maryland Celtic Festival
- Waterside Music Series Concerts

Children's Day on the Farm
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum



SPLASH INTO SUMMER

Cool off with a dip at a local swimming pool or get out on the bay and river in a rented kayak, paddle board, pontoon boat or jet ski. Summer is also the prime time for locally-grown produce, so be sure to make a stop at a roadside stand or local farmers market.

- African American Family Community Day
- American Indian Heritage Day
- Annual Patuxent River Wade-In
- Celebratory July Fireworks
- Children's Day on the Farm
- Dragon Boat Festival
- INSECTIVAL Insect Festival
- Jousting Tournament
- Movies on the Beach
- One Room Schoolhouse Ice Cream Social
- Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department Carnival
- Sea Glass & Beach Crafts Market
- Sharkfest
- Watermen's Festival & Boat Docking Competition



FALL INTO FUN

Fall fun abounds with a variety of agritourism destinations to pick pumpkins, navigate corn mazes and play in corn bins! Discover the Calvert County Barn Quilt Trail, meandering down back roads from the top of the county to the bottom. Grab your friends and pile your plate high with steamed blue crabs. Can't you just smell the Old Bay seasoning?

- Agritourism fun at local farms
- Artsfest Fine Arts Festival
- Boo Bash
- Calvert County Fair
- Halloween in the Garden
- Lower Marlboro Freedom Day
- Monster Market
- Night at the Museum for Friends with Disabilities
- North Beach American Film Festival
- Parkers Creek Challenge
- Patuxent River Appreciation Day
- Taste the Beaches



WANDER INTO WINTER

Calvert County beaches are accessible all year round, so winter is the perfect time to come search for sharks' teeth and fossils in the off-season. Learn about the past at our local museums or take a self-guided tour of the J.C. Lore Oyster House. The holidays beckon in Calvert County with breathtaking light displays and family-friendly events.

- Annmarie Garden in Lights
- Home for the Holidays
- Lighted Boat Parade
- North Beach Holiday Parade
- Polar Bear Plunge
- Polar Express Dramatic Reading
- Santa on the Beach
- Solomons Christmas Walk
- Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5K

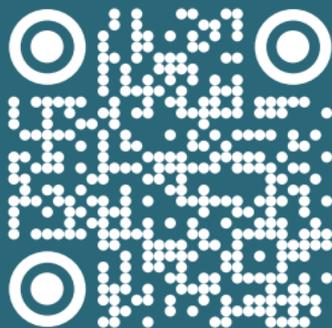
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Cottages of Governors Run, Drum Point Lighthouse,
Rod 'N' Reel Resort*