# MARYLAND'S BEACH & BEYOND

Worcester County Visitor's Guide

Assateague named Best Beach Camping by the Travel Channel

Ocean City designated top 10 best boardwalk foods by Food & Wine Magazine

Berlin named one of 50 most Beautiful Small Towns in America by Country Living Magazine

Assateague Island named by Frommer's as "Top 100 Places to Take Your Kids Before They Grow Up"

New Breweries Plus Wine and Ale Trail

Top 10 Things You Gotta Do When You're On Vacation in Ocean City

**Pet-Friendly Accommodations** 

### WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE MARYLAND'S

## Beach & Beyond

Assateague Island National Seashore named by Dr. Beach as one of the top 5 "Best Beaches on the East Coast"



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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.

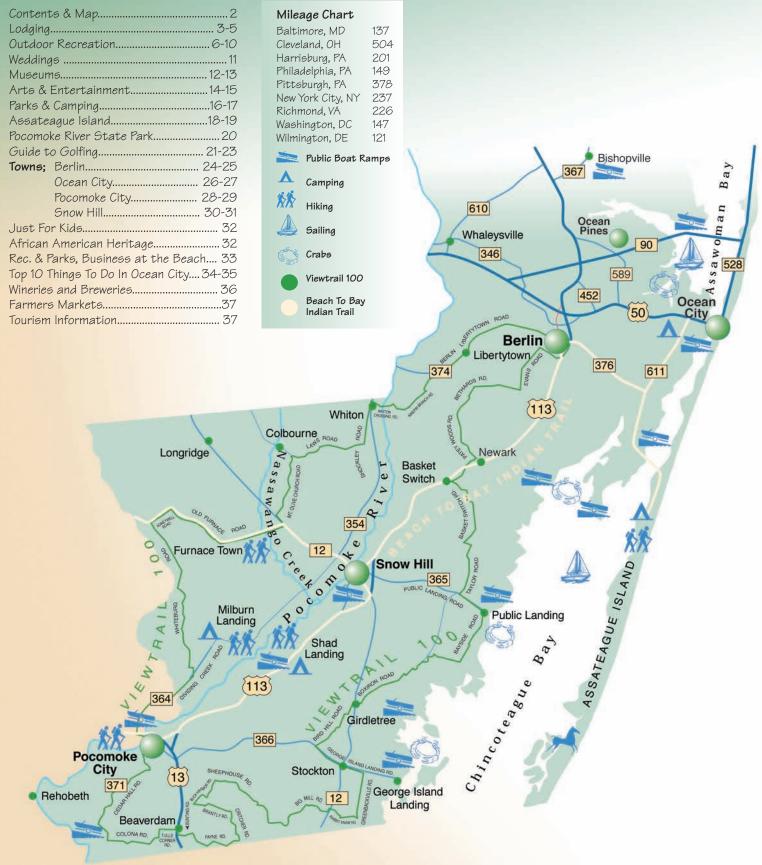
Visitors to Worcester County are treated to world-class hotels, charming bed and breakfasts and fabulous restaurants. All yours to enjoy while you explore our serene coastal bays and rivers for kayaking, our flat, scenic roads for cycling and our spectacular pristine natural environment which has been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

Worcester County Commissioners Anthony "Chip" W. Bertino, Jr. Madison J. Bunting, Jr. James C. "Bud" Church Theodore "Ted" J. Elder Merrill W. Lockfaw, Jr. Joseph M. Mitrecic Diana Purnell

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#### 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. This hidden treasure is perfect for weddings, corporate meetings, receptions and romantic getaways. An Inn on the Ocean offers an adult, smoke-free environment. 6 rooms. (410)289-8894; 877-INN ON OC (466-6662) innonoc@ aol.com www.innontheocean.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; ocbnb@atlantichouse.com; http:www.atlantichouse.com

#### The Lighthouse Club, An Inn at

Fager's Island, 56th Street On-the-Bay. The white frame octagonal structure on The Isle of Wight Bay, a replica of The Thomas Point Lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay, is surrounded by water and wetlands. Twenty three pie-shaped suites with custom designed furniture, double Jacuzzi tubs, marble bathrooms, designer linens & terry toweling, spa robes and evening turndown service are but a few of the many amenities awaiting you. A beautifully decorated Clubroom, surrounded on 3 sides by water with a wrap-around porch, offers an honor bar, all-day Starbucks Coffee, a fireplace and gracious traditional furnishings. Outdoor Pool. Lite Fare & Fine Dining daily at Fager's Island award-winning restaurant. (888) 371-5400. hotels@fagers.com. www.fagers.com.

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#### Pocomoke City

The River Gem BnB at Littleton T. Clarke House 407 Second Street. Will welcome you with the charm and grace of the Victorian era and dazzle you with zest and vitality of the current century. Since the River Gem BnB is a small

capacity BnB with four guest rooms, they have the luxury to focus on the small details of your specific requests or needs. Enjoy a home-made breakfast served in the beautiful cafe-style dining room. Savor the menu made with fresh ingredients from the kitchen garden, and choose a gorgeous reclaimed barn wood table at which to eat. A Maryland Green Travel Partner. 443-437-7577;

www.therivergembnb.com

#### Snow Hill

#### The Cedars, 107 West Federal St.

The Cedars, circa 1850, is a newly restored and elegant bed and breakfast central to Maryland and Virginia Beaches. This elegant home is set on two and a half acres of gardens and lawns only two blocks from the commercial district of Snow Hill. With Ocean City and Assateague Island only a short drive away, enjoy life near the beach in a simple and amiable atmosphere. Local activities include canoeing, kayaking, biking, bird watching, or sightseeing. A 4-course breakfast is served. 3 rooms with private baths. (410) 632-2165



www.cedarsnowbnb.com **River House Inn** 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 or www.bbonline.com

#### 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

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

The picturesque 1895 Atlantic Hotel is located in the Village of Berlin's Historic District, and is central to all festivals and events within Berlin. The Drummer's Café is open daily for lunch and dinner w/fine dining available after 5. The hotel's 16 Victorian period rooms in the hotel have been beautifully restored with gracious touches that make

# lodging

you feel like a guest in a luxurious home. A unique hospitality offering is the hotel's Gardner's Cottage behind the hotel. The Cottage's privacy and décor are unequalled at the beach. The Hotel's Atlantic Ballroom is ideal for wedding receptions, dinners, special events, fundraisers and small conferences.

www.atlantichotel.com (410) 641-3589.

#### Waystead Inn B&B, 15 Harrison Avenue

A Bed & Breakfast venue in Historic Berlin, dedicated to serving guests in fine fashion. Our formula is simple: A quiet retreat; ample morning repast. An old house restored to 21st Century capability. Deluxe queen bedrooms. Private tiled-shower bathrooms. Lounging robes. Flat panel TV. Free WiFi. www.waysteadinn.com 410-726-5665

#### Ocean City Accommodations

Enjoy a wide variety of hotel and motel accommodations as well as vacation rentals. Visit the following sites for detailed listings and reservations

www.ococean.com • www.oceancity.com www.ocvisitor.com

#### Pet friendly

#### Barefoot Mailman

16 35th Street, Ocean City, MD, 21842 800-395-3668 • www.barefootmailman.com



**Beach Getaways LLC** 405 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 21842 • 410-289-8531 http://ocbeachgetaways.com

**Bedtime Inn** 12534 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD, 21842 www.bedtimeinn.com

Clarion Fontainebleau10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City,MD, 21842 • 800-638-2100 • www.clarionoc.com

#### Coastal Palms Inn & Suites

12004 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 21842 800-641-0011 • www.coastalpalmshotel.com

#### Comfort Suites Ocean City

12718 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD, 21842 800-424-6423 • www.comfortsuitesoceancity.com

#### Knight's Inn

201 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 21842 800-889-4052 • www.knightsinn.com/ocean-city

#### LaQuinta Inn & Suites

106 32nd Street, Ocean City, MD, 21841 410-289-5762 • www.laquintaoceancity.com

#### Safari Motel

#1 - 13th Street, Ocean City, MD, 21842 800-787-2183 • www.safarimotel.net

#### Sea Cove Motel

2701 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 21842 888-625-6344 • www.oclodging.com

#### Windjammer Condos

4503 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 21842 (410) 289-9409 • www.ocwindjammer.com

# Outdoor Recreation

#### Hike and Paddle our Nature Trails

Green ways 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 trials are part of a regional green way system. These trails are easily accessible, not generally difficult nor exceptionally long. They are "hikerfriendly" 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!

#### 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.

#### EA Vaughn Kayak & Canoe Trail

EA Vaughn Wildlife Management Area, Girdletree and Stockton. 410-632-3110 This trail meanders through tidal creeks surrounded by low marsh and forest. For open water enthusiasts, it offers a 6-mile leg around Mills Island in the Chincoteague Bay. The trail is suitable for both experienced and inexperienced canoers and kayakers. Brochure and map available.

#### 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

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 and website with GPS coordinates is also available with several shorter loop rides. To obtain the brochure or learn more, contact

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#### 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.

#### 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 neotropical songbirds begins as they leave their nesting areas to head south. Common sightings include vireos, yellowrumped 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.

#### 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.

#### Assateague Water Trails

A new public water access site on Ayers Creek will provide paddlers access to the Assateague Water Trail network which connects rural and picturesque Ayres Creek to Newport, Chincoteague and Sinepuxent Bays and provides options to access the Ocean City inlet and the Atlantic Ocean. Paddlers starting at Ayers Creek landing can head southward to the Worcester County public boat ramp at South

Photo By: Jerry Gerlitzki

Point on Chincoteague Bay then connect to routes accessing points at Ferry Landing Road and Bayside Drive on Assateague Island National Seashore. The water trails continue northward along Sinepuxent Bay to the Assateague State Park boat ramp at the Verrazano Bridge, and to the West Ocean City boat ramp. In addition, connections to the trail can be made by existing bike/hike trails at Assateague State and National Parks and along the View Trail 100 cycling route.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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, neotropical migrant songbirds and waterfowl are commonly seen here. Public access for wildlife viewing purposes is permitted daily, dawn to dusk.

#### 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 selfguided 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.

#### For canoe, kayak & Stand-up Paddle Board rentals and portage service call:

#### Ayers Creek Adventures

www.ayerscreekadventures.com 888-602-6288

#### Coastal Kayak

www.c-kayak.com 302-539-7999

Pocomoke River Canoe Company www.pocomokerivercanoe.com 410-632-3971

SuperFun Eco Tours www.superfunecotours.com 410-656-9453

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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.

For all fishing, regulations and licensing information; www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries

#### Fishing Equipment/License Pocomoke River State Park

Shad Landing Area, 3461 Worcester Hwy, 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

#### 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.

#### Angler's Guide

Request our Angler's Guide for complete listings of charter boats, head boats, fishing guides, boat rentals, species, fishing hot spots and boat ramps. Saltwater fishing license is required. For more information on recreational fishing, licenses, fishing tackle and where to

> fish, visit one of our many tackle shops located throughout the county. Complete list of tackle shops is available at visitworcester.org

#### Marinas Ake Marine

12930 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City 410-213-0421 • www.akemarine.com Bahia Marina

22nd Street and Bay, Ocean City 410-289-7438 • 888-575-3625 www.bahiamarina.com

#### Fisherman's Marina

12806 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City

Harbor Marine 12731 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City 410-213-2296 • www.harbormarineoc.com

Harbour Island Marina 14 St & the Bay • 410-289-3511 Ocean Pines Yacht Club & Marina

1 Mumford Landing Rd., Ocean Pines 410-641-7447 • www.oceanpines.org

Sunset Marina 12911 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City 410-213-9600 • 877-514-3474 www.ocsunsetmarina.com

Talbot Street Pier 311 Talbot Street, Ocean City 410-289-9125 • www.talbotstreetpier.com White Marlin Marina 205 Somerset Street, Ocean City

#### Public Boat Ramps

Assateague State Park Located at Route 611 and the Verrazano Bridge. Provides access to Sinepuxent Bay. Facilities include rest rooms 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.

#### Pocomoke City Landing

Located on Riverside Drive at the end of Laurel 410-213-2478 • www.ocfishermansmarina.com 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, 410-289-6470 • www.whitemarlinmarina.com comfort stations and paved parking.

#### 410-632-2566

Public Landing

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.

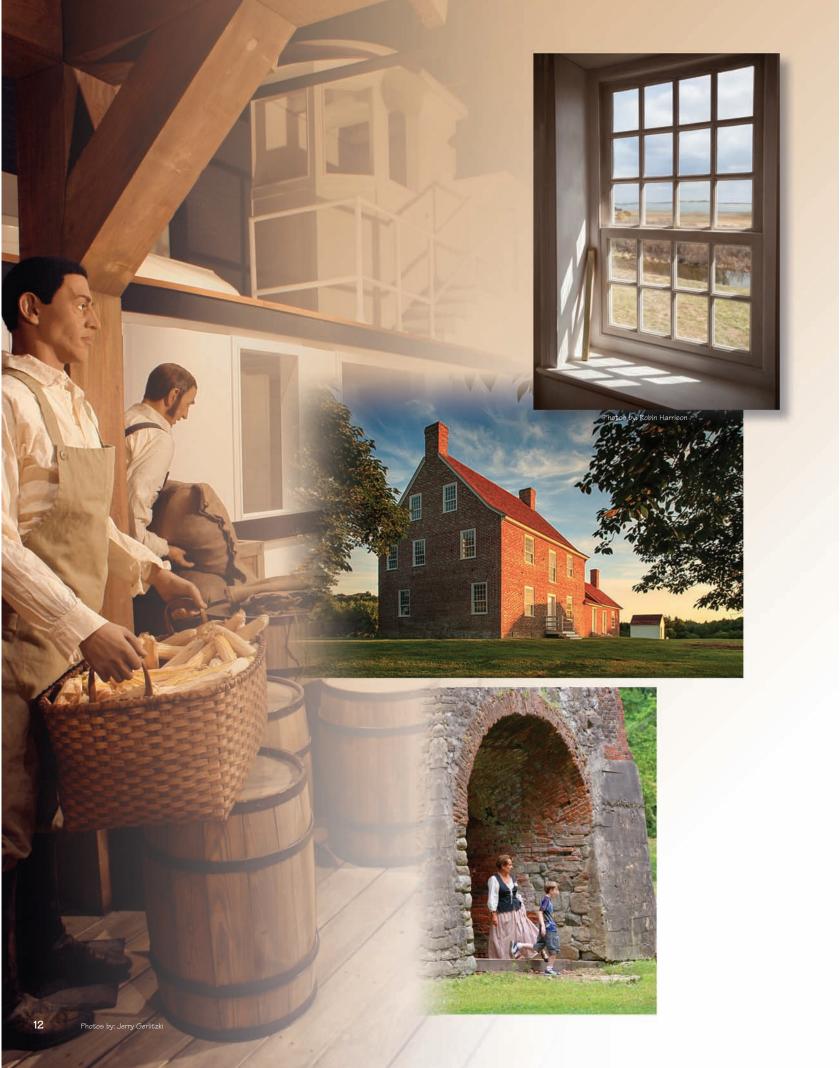
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Beach & Beyond



We offer a complete resource for everything you need to make your special day a memory that will last a lifetime. Gay marriage is now available too! Maryland passed the Civil Marriage Protection Act in 2012 making same sex marriages legal.

From the preparations to the ceremony to the reception and accommodations, beachandbeyond.org has everything you'll need for planning your big day; licenses, dresses, tuxes, jewelers, spas, photographers, wedding planners and more. If you're looking for that special venue whether it's the beach in Ocean City or Assateague Island, a historic site or on a boat, we have all your choices. Planning your special day has never been easier! Use beachandbeyond.org as your one stop wedding planner.





#### Calvin B. Taylor House Museum

Visit this carefully restored 19th century home located in historic downtown Berlin. Furnished with local period pieces, this 1830s home functions as a town museum featuring displays of local history. Open Memorial Day weekend through October Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation. 208 N. Main Street, Berlin, 21811 (410) 641-1019 • www.taylorhousemuseum.org

#### 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 Italiente 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. Open May-Oct. Wed. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Fee. 206 Market Street, Pocomoke, 21851. (410) 957-3110

#### Delmarva Discovery Center

On the Pocomoke River, the Discovery Center serves as a source of learning and discovery for all ages. Located in downtown Pocomoke City, the Discovery Center focuses on river ecology, and the history of the Pocomoke River, including shipbuilding, trading, fishing, and local Native American culture. It offers a regular schedule of programs, tours, and presentations to families, school classes, groups, and other visitors. Open year round. 10am-4pm. 2 Market Street, Pocomoke, 21851. Fee. (410) 957-9933 www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

#### 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 of this iron manufacturing village. Each day two or more artisans in period dress share skills in gardening, woodworking or broom making. 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. 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 21863 (410) 632-2032 www.furnacetown.com

#### 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 1930s. 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. 2802 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829 (410) 632-1641

#### Historic St. Martins Church

Erected for Worcester Parish between 1756 and 1763, this church was the second building to house the St. Martin's congregation at this site. Records indicate there was a chapel of ease for All Hallows Parish at this location as early as 1703. Attendance at St. Martins dwindled and weekly services were eventually replaced with yearly commemorative gatherings in the late nineteenth century. It was closed after a new church was erected in Berlin in 1824. Open Saturdays June-October, 10am-1pm. 11413 Worcester Highway Showell, MD 21862 Historicstmartin@aol.com www.historicstmartinschurch.org

#### Julia A. Purnell Museum

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. 208 West Market Street, Snow Hill, 21863. (410) 632-0515 www.purnellmuseum.com

#### Mt. Zion One Room School

The one room school, moved in 1959 from rural Worcester County to its location on lronshire 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. 100 Burroughs Street, Snow Hill, 21863 (410) 632-1265

#### 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. 813 S. Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, 21842 (410) 289-4991 www.ocmuseum.org

#### 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 1960s and reopened as a museum in 1999. Open May-Oct. 1st and 3rd Sats. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation. 8378 Patey Woods Road, Newark, 21841 (410) 641-0067

#### Rackliffe House

This historic merchant-planter's home overlooks Assateague Island and Sinepuxent Bay. Constructed in the 1740s by Captain Charles Rackliffe, the large brick Manor House now serves as a coastal museum that interprets 18th-century life along Maryland's seaside through an orientation film, historic time line and artifacts on display in the kitchen, spinning room, children's room, and original milk house. Open seasonally. Located off Route 611, just 1/2-mile from the Assateague Island Visitor Center at 11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin, MD 21811. www.RackliffeHouse.org.

#### 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. 209 Willow Street, Pocomoke, 21851 (410) 957-1913

## tts & Entertainment

#### GALLERIES

#### Ocean City Center for the Arts

94th Street, Ocean City, MD 21842 410-524-9433

www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Ocean City Center for the Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enrichment of life through the arts. Activities are offered for every age and all skill levels from children's exhibits to professional workshops and shows to museum excursions and group outings. Monthly receptions offer an opportunity to socialize, enjoy and appreciate both artistic and culinary creations.

#### Baked Dessert Café & Gallery

4C Bay Street, Berlin , MD 21811 410-641-1800 www.bakeddessertcafe.com Custom cakes, gourmet cupcakes, fresh

pies, handcrafted desserts, artisan breads, cheese spreads and beverages including boutique wines and craft brews. Fine Art Gallery showcasing the works of Patrick Henry in addition to other local talent.

#### The Balcony Gallery at The Globe

12 Broad Street, Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-0784 • www.globetheater.com The Globe offers an ever changing gallery/ restaurant setting to view and enjoy hand picked local artists. The restaurant is filled with each participating artist's work both throughout the dining rooms and upstairs in The Balcony Art Gallery.

#### Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine Gallery

202 West Green Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863 410-632-3555 • www.bishopsstock.com Bishop's Stock showcases established and emerging artists of Delmarva. A broad spectrum of two-dimensional work is presented in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor and mixed media. Artists shown at Bishop's Stock include the area's finest contemporary impressionists, realists and abstract painters. Threedimensional work includes metal sculpture, glass, ceramic stoneware, wood and wearable art-fiber and jewelry. Different artists are featured each month.

#### Firehouse Arts Center

208 Green Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863 410-632-3555.

Art classes exhibits and performances.

#### Jeffery Auxer Design

19 Jefferson Street, Berlin, MD 21811 443-513-4210 • www.jeffreyauxer.com Located behind the Atlantic Hotel is Jeffery Auxer Design Studio, an upscale blown glass and ceramics gallery and studio. Auxer is a glass and clay artist who studied fine arts at Salisbury University. He loves the challenge of glass blowing, creating graceful bowls and decorative vessels in single and multi colors. His work in ceramics includes raku, salt, and cone ten firing. In an effort to give interested parties the chance to learn the methods of the craft of glassblowing, Auxer hosts classes in his workshop. And, for every-one who is wondering - yes, he aladly adds customized and commissioned pieces of all kinds to his repertoire.

#### j.j. Fish Studio & Fine Crafts Gallery

14 North Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-4805 • www.jjfishstudio.com Located on Berlin's historic Main Street, j.j.Fish features the work of 70 craft artisans working in a variety of mediums. Everything from pottery to wood, glass and jewelry can be found. j.j.Fish is also the working jewelry studio of John and Judy Fisher who design and execute their own jewelry pieces.

#### Snap Dragon

West Ocean City, MD 21842 • 410-213-9885 Snapdragon is a gallery of art and unique gifts in West OC across from the Captain's Galley Restaurant and the West OC Harbor showcasing local artists. Works by owner Tracy Bell and many others can be found here.

#### Worcester County Arts Council Gallery

6 Jefferson Street, Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-0809

www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org Established in 1977, the Worcester County Arts Council is a private non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting and encouraging visual, performing and cultural arts in Worcester County, Maryland. Monthly exhibits and classes are offered throughout the year.

#### THEATERS

#### The Mar-Va Theater

Market Street, Pocomoke City 410-957-4230 • http://mar-vatheater.org/ The Mar-Va Theater opened in 1927. Once used as a vaudeville theater complete with stage facilities, dressing rooms and orchestra pits, the Mar-Va was played by



many famous performers, which included some old-time cowboys such as Tom Mix, Roy Rogers, Hopa-Long Cassidy and Smiley Burnett. Most recently, Linda Lavin of the television show "Alice" visited. Today, after extensive renovations, the Mar-Va is host to musical productions, concerts, plays and films.

#### Ocean City Performing Arts Center

Our Performing Arts Center will help your concerts, plays or performing arts shows come to life. With state-of-the-art equipment, your large musical or theatrical production will go off without a hitch. The new 16,000 sq. ft. auditorium will seat up to 1,200. It's the perfect space for general sessions, presentations and large seminars. Our theater-style, two tiers of fixed seating and 51 ft. high ceiling will help you take the stage and hold a meeting your audience is sure to remember. For more information on booking a performance or show in the Performing Arts Center, please contact us at 1-800-0C-OCEAN.

### Classroom instruction for all skill levels and ages offered...

#### Ocean City Center for the Arts

502 94th Street, Ocean City 410-524-9433 • www.artleagueofoceancity.com Arts activities available for every age and all skill levels; offering a variety of classes in watercolor, oil,

pastel and charcoal. The Ocean City Center for the Arts also hosts monthly exhibits and receptions.

#### Worcester County Arts Council

#### 6 Jefferson Street, Berlin

410-641-0809 • www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org The Arts Council is dedicated to promoting and encouraging visual, performing and cultural arts. Workshops and classes are offered in the performing arts and visual arts and offers an annual summer arts camp. The Arts Council hosts monthly exhibits and receptions.

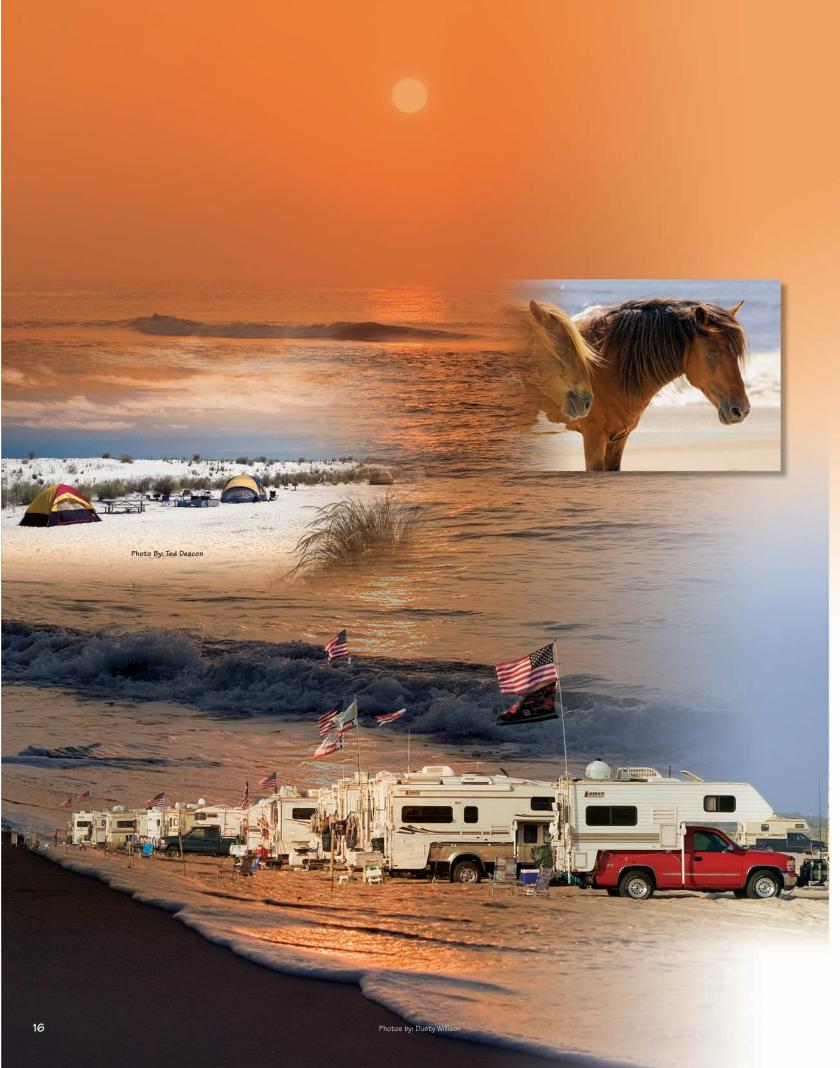


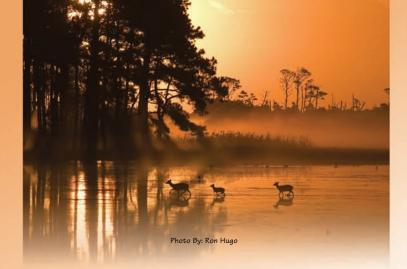




#### Arts & Times

The Arts & Times Community Calendar, highlights special events, exhibits, rural arts, performances, and classes on the Lower Eastern Shore. Look for the print edition quarterly in the local galleries and cultural attractions of Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset Counties.





## Parks & Camping

#### Assateague Island National Seashore

7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-3030; reservations 800-365-CAMP • www.nps.gov Open Year Round; pets allowed on a leash, dump station/RVs

#### Assateague State Park

7307 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-641-2918 www.dnr.maryland.gov or http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us. Open the end of April -October:; no pets, bathhouses, camp store, limited 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

#### Castaways RV Resort and Campground

12550 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, MD 21811 410-213-0097 • www.castawaysrvoc.com Open April 1-November 1. Located on the shores of the beautiful Sinepuxent Bay overlooking Assateague Island. Bath houses, electric & water, pools, lodge with lounge, fitness room, arcade, boat ramp, fishing & crabbing piers

#### Fort Whaley Campground

1224 Dale Road, Whaleyville, MD 21872 410-641-9785 • www.fortwhaley.com Open mid-March to late November. 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, dog park, fishing lake, paddle boats, bath houses and more

#### Frontier Town Campground

8428 Stephen Decatur Highway. 410-641-0880; 800-228-5590 • www.frontiertown.com Open early April until late November. Ocean City's premier camping resort situated along the Sinepuxent Bay featuring over 500 spacious campsites from primative tenting up to luxury 45' motor homes, deluxe rental trailers and cabins. On-site water park, western theme park, miniature golf, swimming pool, playground, trails, dog park and camp store. Minutes from Ocean City's beautiful sandy beaches, famous boardwalk, fishing and amusements galore

#### Island Resort Campground

9537 Cropper Island Road Newark, MD 21841. 410-641-9838; 888-641-9838 • www.islandresort.org Open May-Nov; cabins and campsites; pets allowed in campsites only; stocked fish ponds, canoe & kayak rentals; electric, sewer & water hookups

#### Pocomoke River State Park

3461 Worcester Hwy., Snow Hill, MD 21863 410-632-2566 • www.dnr.state.md.us Open year round; dump station, bathhouse, cabins, laundry, camp store, pets on leash, swimming pool, canoe and rowboat rentals

#### For Camper Rentals Call:

#### Coastal Camper Rentals

6915 Stephen Decatur Highway Berlin MD 21811 410-726-4015 • www.coastalcamper.com Dedicated to providing the highest quality camper rentals available. Pop-Ups, Hybrids and Travel Trailers available

#### Just Tow and Go

11628 Church Street Showell MD, 21862 443-235-7117 • www.justtowandgo.com Travel Trailer rentals, we offer the largest campers at the most reasonable prices! All trailers and pop-ups are fully stocked at no extra cost!



## Assateague Island

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 Assategue 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 bathouses 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 <u>trails. Each is about one half mile and has parking facilities</u>.

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.

Canoe Rentals Available at the end of Bayside Drive.

**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 lifeguarded 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.

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. Pets are allowed in marina area to board vessels, in some camp sites and adjoining beach areas. Pets are allowed in day use areas from Oct. 1- April 30 in the State Park.

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

#### Assateague Island National Seashore

www.nps.gov/asis Visitor Center 410-641-1441 Camping 410-641-3030

#### Assateague State Park

www.dnr.maryland.gov Visitor Information 410-641-2918 Camping 888-432-CAMP (Monday-Friday)

## Pocomoke River State Park & 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.

**Pets** are permitted at Milburn Landing Area. Pets allowed in all day-use areas after Labor Day to Memorial Day weekend in Shad Landing. Pets are also allowed in the Acorn Trail camp loop.

Pocomoke River State Park www.dnr.maryland.gov Search key word "Pocomoke" State Park Information 410-632-2566 State Forest Information 410-632-3732 Camping 888-432-CAMP



## A guide to Worcester County Golfing

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 P.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.

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#### 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 1-800-4-0C-GOLF or 410-213-7050 www.oceancityaolf.com

Ocean City Golf Groups 1-888-GOLF-GRPS or 410-289-8042 www.ocgolfgroups.com

OCGolfing.com 866-0C-GOLFING - 866-624-6534 www.ocgolfing.com

Tee1OFF Golf Packages 800-833-1633 www.tee1off.com

Course	Yards	Par
The Bay Club	6958	72
Deer Run Golf Club	6105	70
Eagle's Landing	7003	72
The Links at Lighthouse Sound	7031	72
Man O' War @ GlenRiddle	7035	72
Nassawango Country Club	6344	72
Ocean City Golf Club		
Newport Bay Course	6712	72
Seaside Course	6604	73
Ocean Pines Golf Course	7000	72
River Run	6705	71
Rum Pointe	7001	72
War Admiral @ GlenRiddle	6889	72
Winter Quarters	5298	70

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## A guide to Worcester County 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

#### 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, 9122 Libertytown Road, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-641-4081 www.thebayclub.com

#### 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 www.golfdeerrun.com



#### 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 Sinepuxent Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Assateague Island National Seashore. 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 www.eagleslandinggolf.com

#### 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. 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

#### 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 everpresent 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

#### 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 www.nassawango.com

#### Ocean City Golf Club

Founded in 1959, the club offers: 36 holes of championship golf Newport Bay Course par 72, Seaside Course par 73, golf carts equipped with Pro Link GPS system, 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 www.oceancitygolfclub.com

#### 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

#### 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 hold 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

#### 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

#### War Admiral at GlenRiddle Golf Club

Man O'War's sister course, War Admiral, is routed through mature forest and offers a completely different golf experience. The course is sheltered from the wind, but provides a demanding test from the tees. The site's beautiful tidal marsh comes into play on five dramatic holes, offering amazing views. Rugged, breathtaking bunkers reminiscent of golf's great past is the signature of the War Admiral Course. From the rear tees the course plays to a par of 72 and a length of 6,889 yards. 11501 Maid at Arms Way Berlin, MD 21811 410-213-2325 • 888-632-4747 www.glenriddlegolf.com

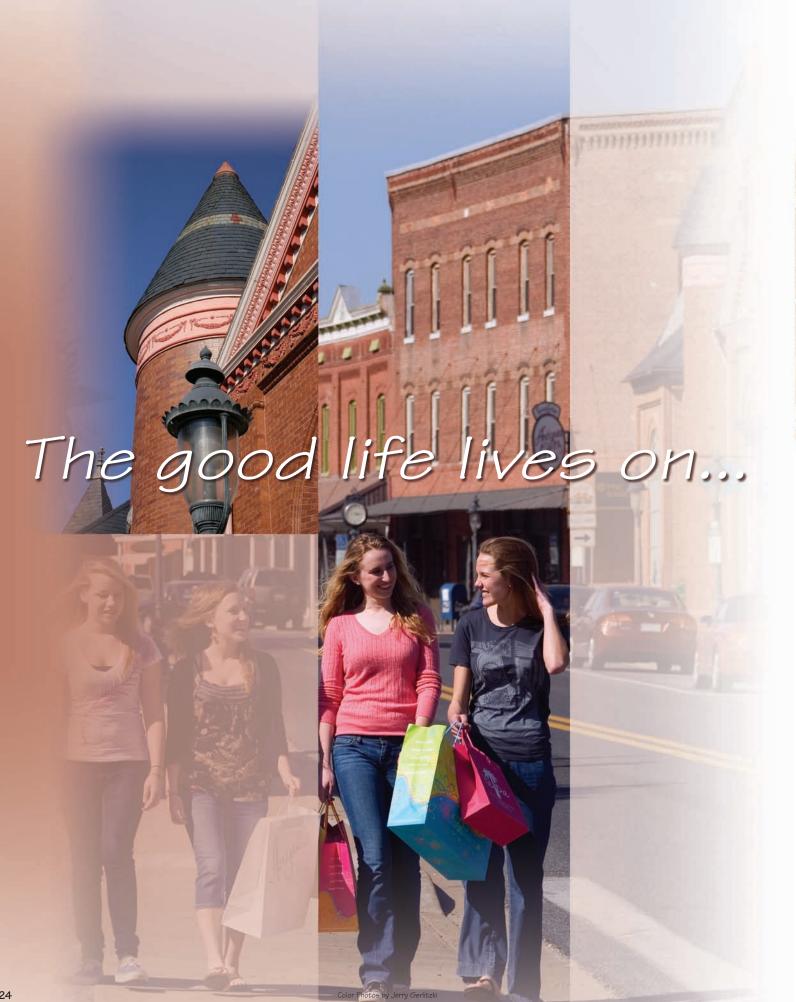
#### Winter Quarters

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

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

WORCESTER COUNTY TOURISM 104 West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 2863 www.visitworcester.org tourism@co.worcester.md.us

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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 300acre land grant dating back to 1677.

#### IF YOU GO

Arts & Entertainment District

includes art galleries art classes horse & carriage rides audio walking tours ghost tours

**Events include** Second Friday Art Strolls Jazz & Blues Bash 1st Saturday in May Berlin Fiddler's Convention-3rd weekend after Labor Day

> Official town dessert-Peach Dumpling

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 numerous 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.

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Today the downtown commercial district is a true success story. Named both a Maryland Main Street and an Arts & Entertainment District, tree-lined streets, art galleries, antique shops, carriage rides, audiowalking tours and great eateries and cafes attract locals and visitors. Berlin was the filming location for Paramount Pictures Runaway Bride and Disney's Tuck Everlasting. In 2014, Berlin was named the Coolest Small Town in America by Budget Travel.

## Ten miles of white sandy beaches...



# 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

#### IF YOU GO

Ocean City's boardwalknamed top 10 in the US by USA Today

Home to the largest billfishtournament in the worldthe White Marlin Openheld annually the beginning of August

Weekly summer concert seriesin downtown's Sunset Park and on the beach

> **Only 15 minutes to-**Assateague Island National Seashore and State Park



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 town's 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...

# 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.

#### IF YOU GO

Home of the award-winning Delmarva Discovery Center

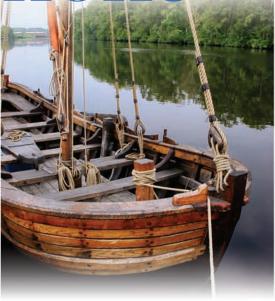
Museums

**Restored art-deco movie theater** providing live performances, concerts and films

#### **Riverfront dining**

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 Mar-Va Theater. Other attractions include the Delmarva Discovery Center, the Costen House Museum, home of the city's first mayor, and the Sturgis One Room School House Museum.

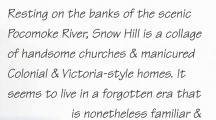


The Pocomoke River has been designated a wild and scenic river by the state of Maryland and continues to be the centerpiece of the community. Its surrounding wetlands serve as sanctuary for more than 127 species of birds and waterfowl. Sightings of rare birds such as the pilliated woodpecker and bald 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.



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## Get to know us...



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#### IF YOU GO

Named an Arts & Entertainment District

Host to First Friday-Arts on the River

Blessing of the Combines held annually in early August

Canoe, kayak and stand-up paddle board rentals

Self-guided walking tour of some of the county's oldest and finest homes

rict 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. visitworcester.org



## African American Heritage

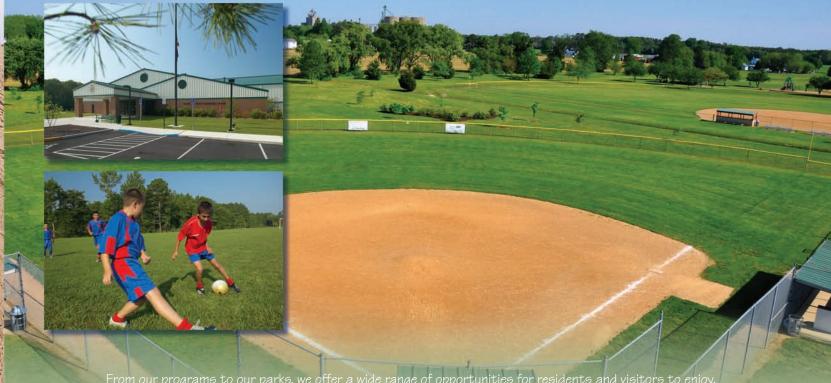
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The history of the African-American experience in Worcester County consists of a fabric of written facts and oral traditions as well as people of local, state and national prominence. Worcester County has a strong history of resistance to slavery. 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; visitworcester.org

### Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks



From our programs to our parks, we offer a wide range of opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy. We provide a variety of special events, programs and fitness opportunities for youth and adults of all ages. Our 13 parks are open to explore and enjoy all year long and our Rec Center is a climate controlled 47,000 square-foot multi-purpose fitness arena. **Check us out!** • www.worcesterrecandparks.org

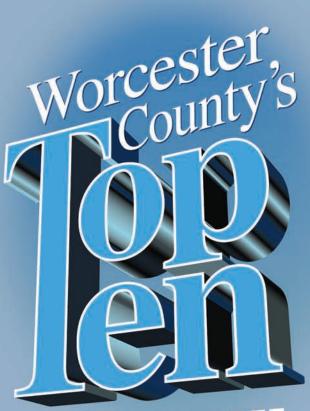
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### Business at the beach... Enjoy the best of both worlds

As Maryland's only seaside, Worcester County is strategically located in the heart of the Delmarva Peninsula, offering a superb family-friendly lifestyle, award-winning schools and ready access to major metropolitan markets, including Washington, DC, Baltimore and Philadelphia. We pride ourselves on our low property tax rate, an abundant workforce to choose from and a transportation network of highways, rail and airports to serve your business needs.

Worcester County Department of Economic Development, Bill Badger, Jr. Director 410-632-3112 • bbadger@co.worcester.md.us • www.chooseworcester.org



### Things you gotta do on vacation in Ocean City!







- 1 Ocean City Boardwalk & Lifesaving Station Museum - Located at the inlet, this museum interprets the fascinating history of O.C. and its life saving service, along with kids programs including; knot tying, "All About Sharks" program and aquarium feeding. 410-289-4991.
- 2 Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Ocean City - Discover its 1875 roots as a small fishing village and some of the architectural gems that still occupy the downtown today. 410-289-1413.
- 3 Sundaes in the Park, Free Beach Concerts & Bonfire Hour - Enjoy all events free, free!!

**Sundaes in the Park-**Bring the family and enjoy live musical entertainment. Create your own sundae. Sundays; July-August, 6pm-8pm. Northside Park. 410-250-0125. **Concerts on the Beach-**Live entertainment every Wednesday. Bring a blanket or chair. July-August, 8pm. North Division Street. 410-250-0125.

**Bonfire Hour-** sit beside the bonfire and learn interesting facts, history and fun things to do. Thursdays; July-August, 9pm. North Division Street. 800-0C-0CEAN.

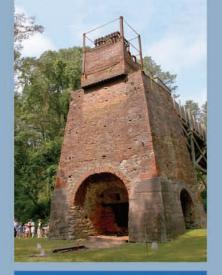
4 Assateague Island National Seashore and State Park - Stop at the Barrier Island Visitor Center, see wild horses, sika deer and a beach landscape unchanged over centuries. 410-641-1441. (15 min. from 0.C.) **Hike and Bike at Assateague National Seashore -** Hike the three nature trails; Life of the "Dunes", "Marsh", and "Forest" Trails. You can also bike or canoe the designated trails. Rental information: 410-213-2297.

5 Berlin's Commercial Historic District
 Visit a Victorian Village, the location of 2
 major motion pictures, Runaway Bride and
 Tuck Everlasting. Don't miss the art galleries,
 antiques and boutiques.

 Calvin B. Taylor House Museum Memorial Day thru October- Mon, Wed,
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Fri & Sat, 1-4pm. 410-641-1019. Sit and have an old-fashioned milkshake at **Rayne's Reef**. (**Berlin** is 15 min. from 0.C.)

- Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum Experience a 19<sup>th</sup> century industrial village, the site of Maryland's only bog ore furnace, including broom house, kitchen garden, print shop, weaving house, woodworkers shop and blacksmith. April through October, 10am-5pm daily. 410-632-2032.
   (35 min, from Ocean City.)
- 7 Canoe or Kayak the scenic Pocomoke River, Nassawango Creek or the Coastal Bays. Outfitters: Pocomoke River Canoe Company 410-632-3971. Assateague National Seashore Rentals Maryland Coastal Bays Program 410-213-2297. (30 minutes from Ocean City.) Ayres Creek Adventures: 443-513-0889; 888-602-6288. SuperFun Ecotours: 888-41-KAYAK. Coastal Kayak: 877-445-2925







- 8 Pocomoke River State Park Hike our trails, fish in the catch and release pond, look for bald eagles and rent a boat or canoe. 410-632-2566. (35 min. from Ocean City.)
- 9 Tour Art Galleries in Berlin, Snow Hill and Ocean City - Take an art lesson or just browse and shop for locally produced jewelry, pottery or canvas art.
  Berlin Galleries, (15 min. from Ocean City.) Jeffrey Auxer Designs 443-497-0812 j.j. Fish Studio & Fine Craft Gallery 410-641-4805 The Globe, Fine Food, Arts & Spirits 410-641-0784 Worcester County Arts Council Gallery 410-641-0809 Snow Hill Galleries (30 minutes from Ocean City.) Bishop's Stock 410-632-3555 Ocean City Galleries Ocean City Center for the Arts 410-524-9433
- **10 Explore the Delmarva Discovery Center** on the banks of the river in Pocomoke City. The shore's leading destination for hands-on discovery. 410-957-9933. www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

#### 800-852-0335 or www.visitworcester.org

### Wineries & Breweries

If you love craft beer and a beautiful coastal destination, then Maryland's Beach & Beyond is your craft beer destination. Worcester County is fast becoming known for its many breweries in the region. Next time you dine out, ask about the craft beer offerings. Don't want to drive? Take the Brewz Krooz or C-Breeze Shuttle Service. Come see for yourself why we are fast becoming a craft brew destination.



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**Costa Ventosa Winery & Vineyard** 9031 Whaleyville Road, Whaleyville, MD 21872 410-352-9867 • www.costaventosa.com



For more information on all brewery news, events and packages visit **ShoreCraftBeer.com** 

**Assawoman Bay Brewing Co.** 4435 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842 (410) 390-3231 • assawomanbaybrewing.com

**Backshore Brewing Co.** 913 Atlantic Avenue (10th St and the Boardwalk), Ocean City, MD 21842 (410) 289-0008 • backshorebrew.com

Brews Up 9028 Worcester Hwy, Berlin, MD 443-513-4744

**Burley Oak Brewing Company** 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin, MD (443) 513-4647 • burleyoak.com

Fin City Brewing Co. 12913 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21842 (410)213-1771 • fincitybrewing.com

Ocean City Brewing Co.

5509 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD (443) 664-6682 • ocbrewingcompany.com



### Farmers Markets

Berlin Farmer's Market 214 Harrison Ave, Berlin. Wed May 6-July 29th 3-6 pm; www.berlinchamber.org/event-farmers-market

#### Downtown Berlin Farmer's Market @ the Firehouse

Harrison Ave, Berlin. Wed 3 pm – 6pm June 3-Aug 15; Fri 10 am – 3 pm Apr 3 – Dec 18 sassafrasfarm@comcast.net

#### Ocean City Farmer's Market

Phillips Seafood extended parking lot 142nd St & Coastal Hwy, Ocean City. Sat 8 am – 1pm; May 23 to Oct 10; Sun 8 am-1 pm May 3 to Oct 11. sassafrasfarm@comcast.net

**Ocean Pines Farmer's Market** White Horse Park 239 Ocean Pkwy, Ocean Pines Sat. 8 am – 1pm Jan 3-Dec 26 www.oceanpines.org/farmersmarket

**Snow Hill Farmer's Market** 210 W Green St, Snow Hill. Thurs noon-5 pm; May 7-Sept 24 • 410-632-2080

**West Ocean City Farmer's Market** 8816 Stephen Dec Hwy, Berlin Sat 9-noon Apr 4-Nov 7 888-232-5186

### Information

Assateague Island National Park (410) 641-1441 www.nps.gov/asis Assateague Island State Park 410-641-2918 www.dnr.state.md.us Berlin Chamber (410) 641-4775 www.BerlinMdCC.org Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council (410) 677-4706 www.lowershoreheritage.org MD Coastal Bays (410) 213-2297 www.mdcoastalbays.org Ocean City Chamber (410) 213-0552 www.OceanCity.org Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau (410) 289-8181; (800) 0C-0CEAN www.occoean.com Ocean City Development Corporation (410) 289-7739 Ocean City Downtown Association (410) 289-1413 www.downtownassociation.net Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Inc. (410) 289-6733 ocvisitor.com Ocean Pines Chamber (410) 641-5306

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www.oceanpineschamber.org
Pocomoke City Chamber
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www.pocomoke.com
Pocomoke River State Park
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www.dnr.state.md.us
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www.snowhillmd.com
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