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Wicomico
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OFFICIAL
**VISITORS
GUIDE**

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Delmar, MD 21875

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- Deck overlooking pond
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- Playground area for the kids
- Pet friendly
- Clean restrooms

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WELCOME

to Wicomico County, Maryland.

Positioned on Maryland's Eastern Shore between the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay, Wicomico County is a place to escape without giving up a thing.

Idyllic landscapes, free of towering buildings. Picturesque fields, forests, and the practically endless waters of the Nanticoke and Wicomico Rivers.

Natural, serene and relaxing. We offer the perfect escape.

But really, we are the middle of everything.

Located in the crossroads of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, we are the soul of Delmarva.

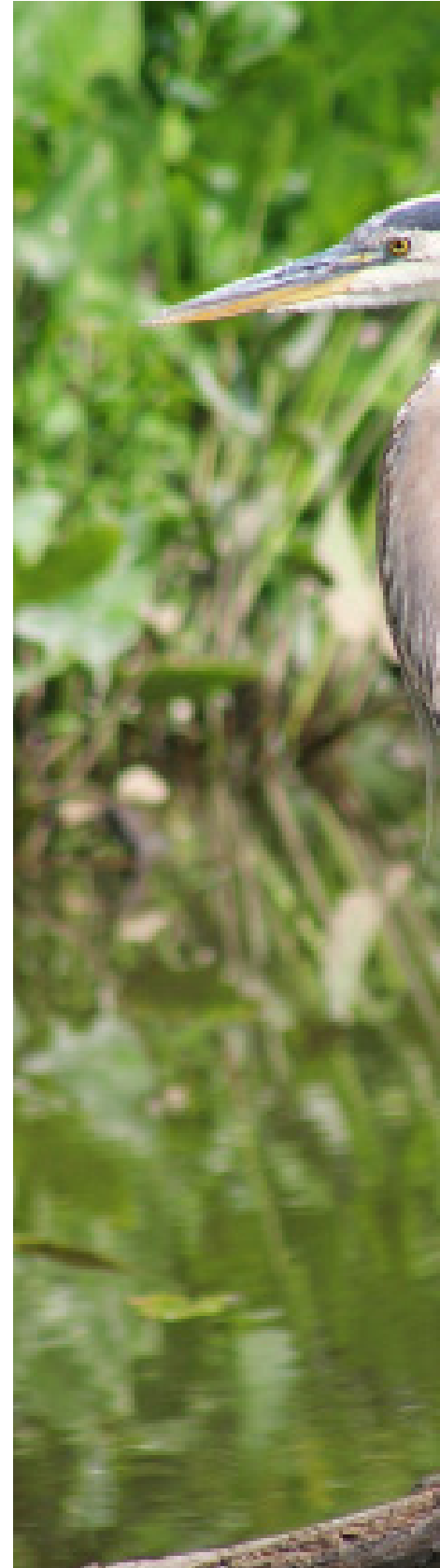
One part college town, youthful, fun-loving and progressive; one part small-town charm, where you'll never meet a stranger and a smile greets you at every turn.

We are a collection of little things.

Parks, museums, unique shops and surprising restaurants.

None pretentious, but all interesting, inviting and here to do at your own pace.

Slow down and escape in Wicomico County without ever feeling lost.





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ROAD TRIP FRIENDLY

Wicomico County rests at the crossroads of two major highways, making it easily accessible from every direction.

FLY INTO SALISBURY

Serviced by American Airlines, the Salisbury Regional Airport (SBY) is located just 10 minutes from Downtown Salisbury.

flsbyairport.com

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS (WITHIN A THREE-HOUR DRIVE)

Baltimore/Washington International

bwiairport.com

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flydulles.com

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NINE QUESTIONS FOR MIKE SEIDEL

You may recognize Mike Seidel from The Weather Channel, but did you know he's also a Wicomico County native? See what he recommends you check out during your visit here.

1. TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR HISTORY HERE IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

I grew up in Salisbury in the Newtown Historic District and worked my first job at 13 at Hutch's Market on North Division Street. I graduated from Wicomico Senior High (1975) and then went on to Salisbury State College for my undergraduate degree (1979). My first jobs in radio and TV were in Downtown Salisbury at WJDY-AM and WMDT-TV, respectively.

I later worked at WBOC-TV, and I've been at The Weather Channel over 30 years, always somewhere typically covering stormy weather.

2. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU THINK A VISITOR TO WICOMICO COUNTY SHOULD NOT MISS?

You must try a [Smith Island Cake](#), the official dessert of the State of Maryland. My favorites are the chocolate layer cake and the banana cake.

3. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CONSIDER A HIDDEN GEM IN WICOMICO COUNTY?

[The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art!](#) It houses the largest collection of wildfowl carvings in the world.

4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT IN WICOMICO COUNTY?

I'm a big walker, so I head to [City Park](#), including Picnic Island and the Salisbury Zoo, which is free and houses over 100 animals.

5. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT IN WICOMICO COUNTY?

For the best crab cake, I head to [Fratelli's](#). Downtown features longtime favorite [Market Street Inn](#), where you can dine on the Wicomico River. I also enjoy eating at [Mogan's Oyster House](#), which is a recent addition just off the Plaza.

6. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY TO DO IN WICOMICO COUNTY?

I come home at least a couple of times a year, and look forward to visiting family and friends and stopping by my alma maters. I can't help to notice how fast the area has grown.



7. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE EVENT TO ATTEND IN WICOMICO COUNTY?

When I'm home in the summer, I always make a point of heading to the [Hebron](#) (June-July) or [Sharptown](#) (August) [Firemen's Carnivals](#). You must try an oyster fritter sandwich!

8. WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE VISITORS IN WICOMICO COUNTY?

To [The Red Roost](#) in Quantico, where they serve all-you-can-eat steamed crabs and seafood. And I always take the scenic route that includes crossing the Wicomico River on either [Upper Ferry](#) or [Whitehaven Ferry](#)! I also like to take them on a drive through [Newtown](#) to show them all of the beautiful Victorian homes, including where I grew up, and the [Poplar Hill Mansion](#).

9. ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT?

During baseball season, catch a [Delmarva Shorebirds](#) game at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. You might see a future Baltimore Oriole! Head to [Pemberton Historical Park](#), a 262-acre conservation area with nature trails along the Wicomico River. And you may be in town for the [Maryland Folk Festival](#). Check online for the annual dates.

WE'RE ALWAYS IN SEASON

No matter what time of year you visit Wicomico County, there's always fun to be had. Check out our top three things to do during each season.



IN THE SPRING

Visit the [Salisbury Zoo](https://salisburyzoo.org). Walk through the beautiful park and see more than 100 animals, including Andean bears, otters, flamingoes and lynx. Learn more at salisburyzoo.org.

Learn about history. Discover stories of the past by taking a walk through [Parsons Cemetery](#) or [Houston Cemetery](#), or take a tour of one of the historic homes or buildings in Wicomico County. There is history to be found in all areas of the County, from the [nation's oldest continuously-operating ferry in Whitehaven](#) to a museum with all kinds of artifacts located in [Mardela Springs](#).

Take in the blooms of the [Salisbury University Arboretum](#). Salisbury University's campus is an arboretum. Walk through to see the trees and other plants bloom in the spring. See a map at salisbury.edu/discover-su/arboretum.



IN THE SUMMER

Cheer for the home team. There's always a fun atmosphere at [Arthur W. Perdue Stadium](#), home of the Delmarva Shorebirds. The minor-league baseball games feature unique promotions and a lovable mascot, Sherman. Check out the schedule at theshorebirds.com.

Enjoy outdoor events that are fun for the whole family. The summer is packed with family-friendly events, including the [Wicomico County Fair](#) and [firemen's carnivals in Hebron and Sharptown](#). Visit our website, wicomicotourism.org, to see which events are coming up.

Beat the heat at a museum. Those hot days when you don't want to spend too much time outside are a great opportunity to explore indoors. Visit the [Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art](#) or one of Salisbury's other art galleries.



IN THE FALL

Find the perfect pumpkin. Wicomico County is home to numerous [farm markets](#), some of which feature fall-related activities for children. Enjoy family fun, pick a pumpkin and get some local veggies to take home.

Visit a brewery or winery. Anytime can be a good time of year to try a new beer or wine, but [Evolution Craft Brewing Company](#), [Burnish Beer Co.](#) and [Bordeleau Vineyards & Winery](#) all feature indoor and outdoor seating options, so the fall is a nice time to visit. There's also [Gateway Craft Brewing](#), which people can visit inside.

Go for a hike. Enjoy the cooler weather and take in the colorful leaves on a hike along a beautiful trail. Some ideas include [Pemberton Historical Park](#), [Salisbury City Park](#), [WinterPlace Park](#) and the [Naylor Mill Forest Trail](#). You can also visit trails that are part of the [Chesapeake Forest Lands](#), including the [Tom Tyler Nature Trail](#).



IN THE WINTER

Enjoy holiday festivities. Celebrate the holiday season with activities like the [Salisbury Jaycees' annual Christmas parade](#) and the [City of Salisbury's holiday tree lighting](#). The City of Salisbury also displays a [Hanukkah menorah](#) and [Kwanzaa kinara](#).

Go shopping. Wicomico County is home to the largest country store in the East – [The Country House](#) – where you can shop for presents and home décor. There are also unique stores in [Downtown Salisbury](#), antique shops throughout the County and other places to find apparel and gifts.

Enjoy a show at the [Wicomico Civic Center](#). When it's cold outside, head inside for entertainment. The Civic Center hosts concerts, family shows, dinner and show events, and more. See the schedule at wicomicociviccenter.org.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Wicomico County is home to over 50 parks and outdoor facilities. It's hard to choose favorites, but here are our top picks!



WATER ACCESS

Connected to the Wicomico County Welcome Center, [Leonard's Mill Park](#) is divided by a small creek leading to Leonard's Mill Pond. Two bridges, ideal for fishing, connect the upper and lower sides of the park.

The upper side features a boat ramp with access to Leonard's Mill Pond, a large pavilion, picnic tables, a horseshoe pit and a softball field.

The lower side offers a playground area, picnic tables and a walking trail.

[Roaring Point](#) is tucked away along the Nanticoke River, surrounded by dense trees and wildlife. A short path leads to a nearly one-mile stretch of beach.

It's a great place to bring children to play in the sand and splash in the calm, shallow water. Roaring Point is also known for its fishing and crabbing.

[Cove Road Beach](#) is long and narrow with tall beach grass separating it from the parking lot and shaded picnic tables. Like Roaring Point, the water is calm and shallow, perfect for children. Plus, it's a good fishing and crabbing spot.

[Tyaskin Park](#) is home to a small beach area, a large pier perfect for fishing or crabbing, and a pavilion.

If you are looking to launch a boat or kayak, check out [Cedar Hill Marina](#). The marina is located on the Nanticoke River and boasts boat slips, a dual concrete boat ramp, floating dock, pump-out station, and

restroom and shower facilities. The marina is surrounded by a peaceful park with a small beach area, pavilions, picnic tables and grills, a walking trail and a playground area.

More centrally located to Downtown Salisbury, the recently rebuilt [Riverside Boat Ramp](#) provides direct access to the Wicomico River.

TRAILS

[Pemberton Historical Park](#) is a 262-acre expanse of nature and wildlife. The park surrounds Pemberton Hall, which is a plantation home built in 1741, rich in Eastern Shore history.

Pemberton's trail system includes seven trails ranging in distance from .2 to 1.1 miles, which can be connected to form a scenic 5K.



WinterPlace Park is located right off of Route 50 and has 3.2 miles of trails to explore.

The park also features a playground, baseball/softball and soccer/lacrosse fields, and basketball and tennis courts.

Naylor Mill Forest is home to biking-hiking-running trails created by locals. There are five miles of trails in the forest, and even some hills, a rarity on the Eastern Shore.

Naylor Mill is Salisbury's last remaining old-growth forest, with giant red oaks that are over 100 years old.

SPORTS FACILITIES

Recently reimagined to accommodate the growing popularity of pickleball, **Harmon Field** features 12 pickleball courts, two basketball courts and a playground.

Schumaker Park is an 11-acre wooded area nestled along the waterline of Schumaker Pond. The park has a large pavilion, playground and picnic tables,

but its claim to fame is the 18-hole disc golf course, affectionately called "the Schu" by locals. There are multiple tees and pins on every hole, allowing everyone from rec players to pros to have an enjoyable round.

The **Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex** is Wicomico County's premier baseball/softball tournament facility. A recent addition to the complex is Field 7 ½, which was designed to provide individuals with physical or mental disabilities the opportunity to play baseball.

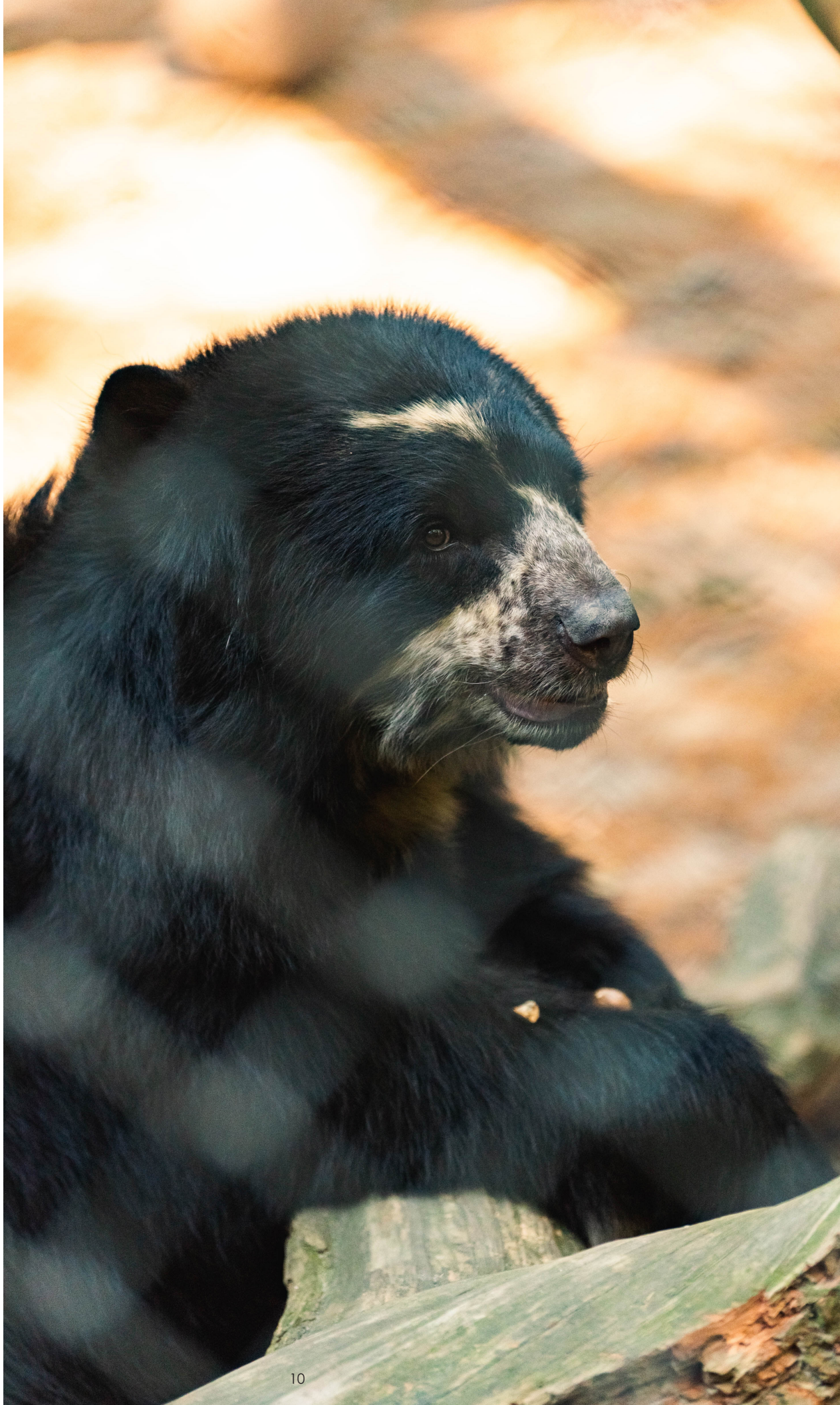
Field 7 ½ is complemented by the Donnie Williams Inclusive Playground, built to encourage children, adults and families of all abilities to play together. The equipment is designed to address the needs of every person.

A sensory trail runs behind Field 7 ½, consisting of sensory pods.

Check out more of Wicomico County's great outdoors at wicomicorecandparks.org.



The Salisbury Zoo is home to four Andean bears. These bears are endangered, with as few as 10,000 left in the wild.



SPEND A DAY WITH THE FAMILY AT SALISBURY CITY PARK

The heart of Salisbury City Park - the [Salisbury Zoo](#) - was founded in 1954 after animals were placed on permanent exhibition in Salisbury City Park. Today, the zoo provides naturalistic enclosures for species native to North, Central and South America.

Hours

The zoo is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. every day, with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Admission

Admission and parking are free. Donations are appreciated and go toward feeding the zoo's residents.

Accessibility

Paved pathways and ramped boardwalks make the zoo accessible. Restrooms are ADA compliant and equipped with changing tables.

Events

The zoo holds several family-friendly events throughout the year. If you are planning a visit, be sure to check out the events calendar at salisburyzoo.org.

If you are visiting with kids, [Ben's Red Swings](#) is a no-brainer.

Built in memory of Benjamin Layton, who passed away at age 4 of leukemia, the playground is located immediately outside the zoo's west entrance.

The playground is one of Salisbury's largest, and features swings, slides, monkey bars, sandboxes, a climbing wall and picnic tables. It was built amongst trees, which provide ample shade.

Both the zoo and Ben's Red Swings are located within [Salisbury City Park](#). City Park is also home to a dog park, tennis courts, skate park, walking trails and bike trails.

The park surrounds [Park Lake](#), a popular fishing spot to catch and release catfish, largemouth bass, perch, carp and the occasional snakehead.

Pack a picnic! There are plenty of tables, benches, pavilions and shade throughout City Park.



The Delmarva Shorebirds usher in their season with an opening night celebration each April.



OTHER FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS

After you check out the zoo, park and playgrounds in Salisbury City Park (page 11 if you missed it!), check out these family-friendly spots.

DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS

The Delmarva Shorebirds, a Baltimore Orioles Single-A affiliate, are in season from April to early September at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium.

6400 Hobbs Road
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-219-3112 | theshorebirds.com

WICOMICO COUNTY WELCOME CENTER

Open daily, year round.

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Easter Sunday.

8480 Ocean Highway
Delmar, MD 21875
1-800-332-TOUR | wicomicotourism.org

DOWNTOWN SALISBURY

Downtown Salisbury is a Main Street Maryland community that is committed to revitalizing and creating a great place to shop, dine, live, work and play.

Visitors Center: 110 N. Division St.
Salisbury, MD 21801
410-677-1916 | downtownsbymd.com





FUN FOR FOODIES

Explore Downtown Salisbury on a tasting tour.

You can learn a lot about an area through its food. OC Foodie Tour creator Sandy Gillis has brought the food tour experience to Wicomico County with the [Heart of Salisbury Foodie Tour](#). These tours allow attendees the opportunity to walk between several Downtown Salisbury restaurants, enjoy a tasting at each, and learn about Salisbury and its history.

“It’s like having a personal friend in a town you are discovering,” she says. “It gives you a backstage view from a local’s perspective.”

Sandy’s husband, Palmer, is a Salisbury native and encouraged her to bring the foodie tour to Salisbury. As she developed the tour, she came to love Salisbury along the way.

“I learned quickly that the community/culture of Salisbury is amazing,” Sandy says. “After spending months researching the history and restaurant owners’ stories, I have fallen in love with Salisbury and have become excited to offer this experience to our guests.”

Both visitors and residents have an opportunity to learn new things about the city through the tour. Many guests are locals, Sandy says.

“Each one of them has remarked how much they are surprised at how much they have learned and have enjoyed learning about their own community,” she says.

We asked Sandy a few more questions about the Heart of Salisbury Foodie Tour.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT INTRODUCING VISITORS TO SALISBURY AND ITS RESTAURANTS ON THE TOUR?

I love sharing my newfound love for Salisbury through meeting and working closely with the locally owned businesses. I also love the energy that makes Downtown Salisbury an exciting dining district with its vibrant history, architecture and culture.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE HEART OF SALISBURY FOODIE TOUR FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER EXPERIENCED IT?

Salisbury is the perfect place for a food tour – for its architecture and rich history; as an artist community; its public, visual and performing arts, as well as its culinary arts.

HOW ARE THE DISHES CHOSEN – ARE THEY DIFFERENT EACH TIME? DO THE CHEFS PICK WHAT THEY ARE HIGHLIGHTING THAT DAY?

That is the most exciting and fun part of the foodie tours. Depending on the seasonal availability of the local flavors, seafood or produce, each chef/baker creates what inspires them daily.



TAKE THE TOUR

The Heart of Salisbury Foodie Tour is offered Thursdays from May to December. Check ocfoodietour.com for the schedule and to book your tour.

Wicomico County
is home to three
breweries -
Evolution Craft
Brewing being the
oldest.



BREWERIES + WINERY

Enjoy a drink made on-site at Wicomico County's breweries and winery. These places also regularly offer fun events and activities.

BORDELEAU VINEYARDS + WINERY

Bordeleau – “The Water’s Edge” – features red, white, off-dry and sweet wines and is located just 15 minutes south of Salisbury on the beautiful Wicomico Creek.

3155 Noble Farm Road

Eden, MD 21822

410-677-3334 | bordeleauwine.com

EVOLUTION CRAFT BREWING COMPANY

Evolution makes top-rated beers with a focus on great food pairings. “Ever-better beer for ever-better food” is Evolution’s motto.

201 E. Vine St.

Salisbury, MD 21804

443-260-2337 | evolutioncraftbrewing.com

BURNISH BEER CO.

Burnish offers numerous styles of brews crafted on-site, along with pizza and other food options in an indoor-outdoor space.

2305 Northwood Drive, Suite E

Salisbury, MD 21801

443-978-7320 | burnishbeerco.com

GATEWAY CRAFT BREWING

Enjoy traditional styles as well as experimental brews at Gateway Craft Brewing, a small brewery and taproom.

2207 Northwood Drive, Suite 3A

Salisbury, MD 21801

443-944-3916

Search “Gateway Craft Brewing” on Facebook for information.



PUBLIC ART: BEHIND THE SCENES WITH MURALIST BRANDON BELL

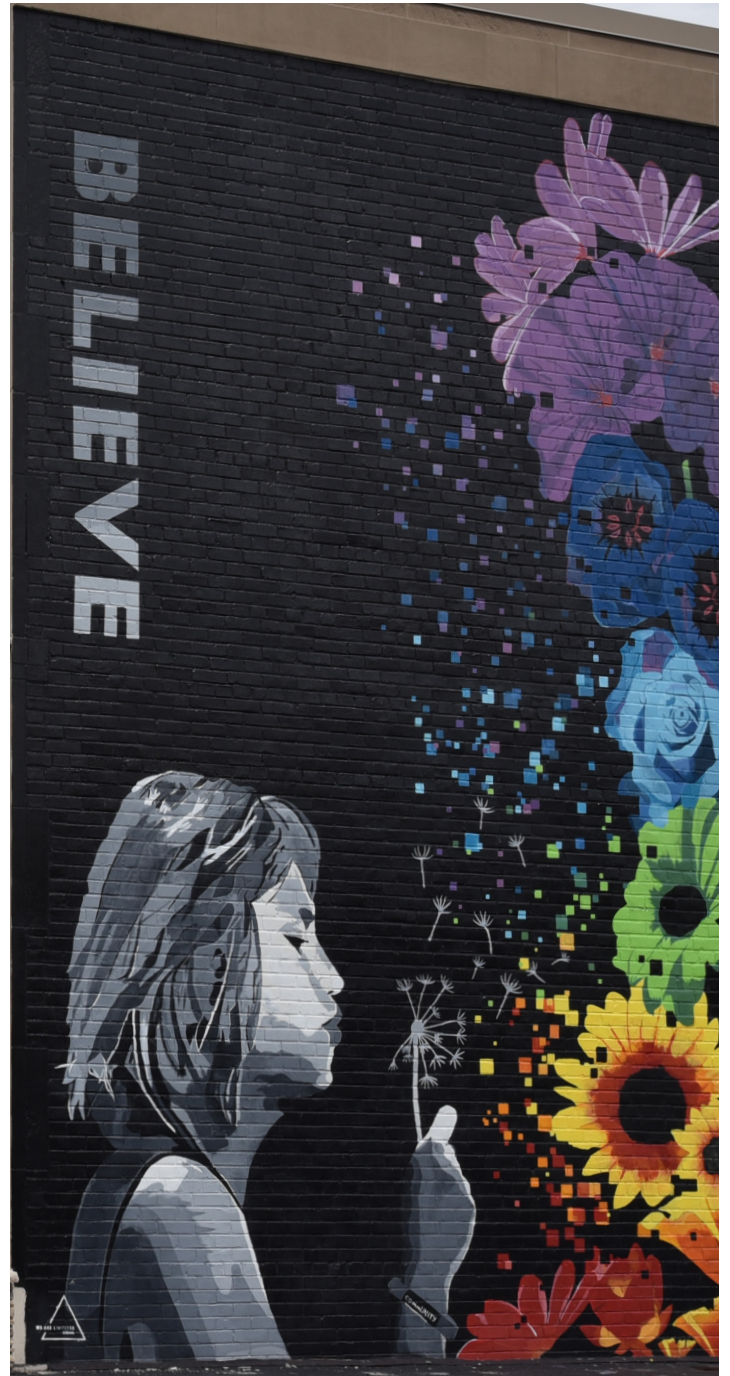
With public art, anything can be a canvas, from the side of a building to an electrical box. Wicomico County has been seeing more public art installations over the last several years.

Behind each piece of public art is an artist. Brandon Bell, who is part of We Are Limitless Studios with Deserea Martin, answered a few questions.

We Are Limitless Studios' largest pieces in Wicomico County include the "Believe" mural in Downtown Salisbury on East Market Street and the "Sun & Suds" mural on the side of the Evolution Craft Brewing Co. building which is visible from Route 13.



"Bloom" – Blaine Steiner



"Believe" – We Are Limitless Studios

WHERE DO YOUR ARTISTIC IDEAS COME FROM?

We, as many other artists, tend to draw from our personal life experiences and interests.

CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE PROCESS OF WORKING ON A LARGE MURAL?

So far, we have completed two large mural installations. While we considered our first (our Believe mural) large at the time, the one we recently completed at EVO made it shy in comparison. We utilized a grid for the latest EVO mural that was approximately 4,500 square feet.

ABOUT HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

The time is hard to tell! Each wall has its own unique properties and needs to be treated as such. Some walls need old paint scraped while others need multiple layers of primer. The design intricacy also is a huge factor.

WHY IS PUBLIC ART IMPORTANT?

Everyone has their own perception of art, as it is a very subjective matter; however, we feel as though in general it livens up an area and brings character to an otherwise often ignored space. It can create conversation, instill a vision/message to others, and may show care for the community.



“Sun & Suds” – We Are Limitless Studios

**TAKE THE TOUR**

Take a self-guided Public Art Walking Tour. A brochure is available at salisburyartsdistrict.com.




Victoria Volkis
PHOTO-SPIRITS

WICOMICO COUNTY THROUGH A PHOTOGRAPHER'S

No matter how many times you've seen a place, it can be a different experience to view it through a photographer's lens.

Maryland's Wicomico County hosts photographers in different locations for photo walks.

Photographer Victoria Volkis is a regular photo walk attendee. Above are her photos from some of Wicomico County's most photogenic locations.

Learn what she loves about shooting here on the next page.



ER'S LENS

VICKI'S FAVORITE WICOMICO
PHOTO SPOTS:

Nanticoke Harbor Marina

Quantico

Whitehaven

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Sunsets

FAVORITE SEASON TO TAKE

PHOTOS: Fall

STAY TUNED FOR WICOMICO'S NEXT PHOTO WALK

Photo walks are normally held in the spring and fall.

Learn more at wicomicotourism.org.

Find past photo walk photos using the
#WicomicoPhotoWalk hashtag, and share your photos
taken here with #FunWicomico.



The Wicomico Civic Center hosts a variety of shows throughout the year, including concerts, family shows, rodeo, monster trucks and dinner shows.



ARTS + CULTURE

From visual arts to performing arts, there is plenty of creativity on display in Wicomico County.

SALISBURY ART SPACE

This Downtown Salisbury art gallery displays artwork and offers a unique gift shop. Check the website for information on classes.

The Gallery Building
212 W. Main St., Suite 101
Salisbury, MD 21801
410-546-4748 | salisburyartspace.org

SALISBURY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This orchestra, based at Salisbury University, brings together students, locals and professional musicians to put on musical performances for the community.

Salisbury University
1101 Camden Ave.
Salisbury, MD 21801
410-543-8366 | salisbury.edu

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY ART GALLERIES

With three locations, SUAG features local and regional artists, as well as accomplished artists from around the world.

Addresses Vary
410-548-2547 | suartgalleries.org

WARD MUSEUM OF WILDFOWL ART

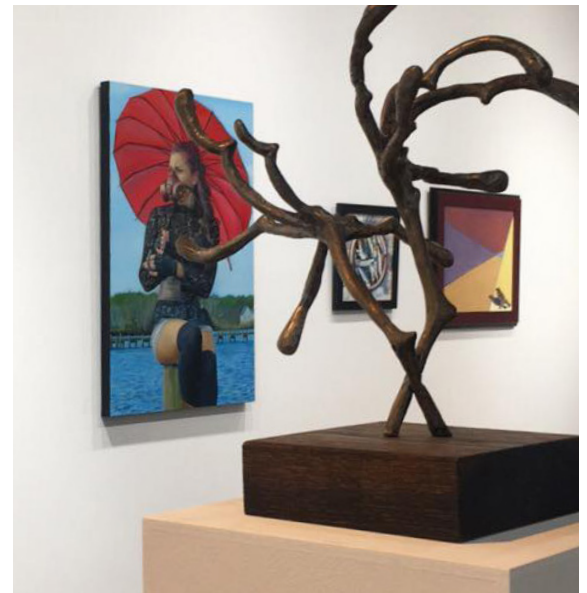
Explore a collection of wildfowl art, from antique working decoys to contemporary carving, sculpture and painting. The Ward Museum boasts the world's largest public decoy collection as well as changing exhibit spaces.

909 S. Schumaker Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-742-4988 | wardmuseum.org

WICOMICO CIVIC CENTER

Take in the latest national entertainment from concerts to family shows.

500 Glen Ave.
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-548-4911 | wicomicociviccenter.org



VISIT THE CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY ALL-AMERICAN ROAD

The Chesapeake Country All-American Road doesn't just include destinations along the way – it is a destination.

That's what Mark Falzone, president of Scenic America, said as he discussed the All-American Road designation for a 419-mile stretch from Chesapeake City to Crisfield in 2021 at a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

The Chesapeake Country All-American Road goes through all nine Eastern Shore counties, including Wicomico County. Routes in Wicomico County that are included as part of this byway are Route 50, Route 54, Route 349 (Nanticoke Road), Route 352 (Whitehaven and Capitola Roads) and Route 13.

Falzone spoke about how All-American Roads are the "best of the best" and must fit at least two of the following criteria and be of national significance: cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, natural or scenic.

The Chesapeake Country All-American Road fits for both cultural and recreational, he said.

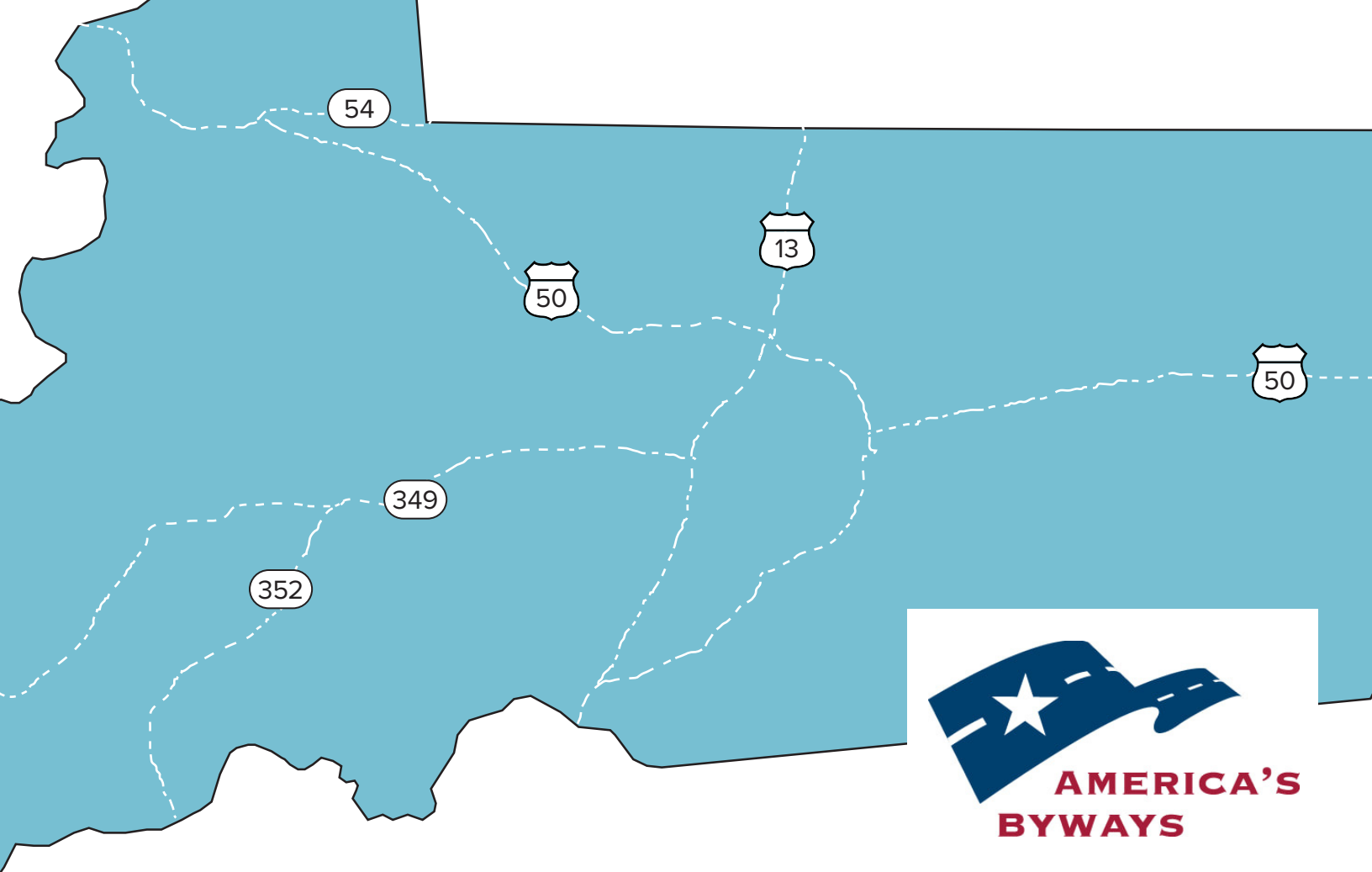
If taking Route 50 into Wicomico County from the west, you'll cross into the County along the All-American Road over the Nanticoke River. You'll also see farmland and then come into the city of Salisbury. If you take Nanticoke Road to the end, you'll experience the west side of the county and the road will end in the village of Waterview. At the end of Whitehaven Road is the historic Whitehaven Ferry, which is free to ride across the Wicomico River into rural Somerset County (call ahead to confirm hours).



CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY ALL-AMERICAN ROAD: BY THE NUMBERS

419	NUMBER OF MILES
9	NUMBER OF MARYLAND COUNTIES
5	NUMBER OF ROUTES IN WICOMICO COUNTY THAT ARE PART OF THE ALL-AMERICAN ROAD
59	NUMBER OF ALL-AMERICAN ROADS IN THE UNITED STATES AS OF 2022
3	NUMBER OF ALL-AMERICAN ROADS IN MARYLAND AS OF 2022
2021	YEAR CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY SCENIC BYWAY WAS ELEVATED TO AN ALL-AMERICAN ROAD

Learn more about scenic byways at [scenic.org](https://www.scenic.org)



Check out these attractions as you cruise through Wicomico County on the Chesapeake Country All-American Road.

PEMBERTON HISTORICAL PARK + HALL

Built along the Wicomico River in the 18th century by one of the City of Salisbury's founders, Pemberton Hall has been fully restored and furnished to reflect pre-Revolutionary times. The home is centered among 200-plus acres of parkland, offering trails and water access. 5561 Plantation Lane, Salisbury, MD 21801
pembertonpark.org | pembertonhallfoundation.com

WARD MUSEUM OF WILDFOWL ART

Explore a collection of wildfowl art, from antique working decoys to contemporary carving, sculpture and painting. The Ward Museum boasts the world's largest public decoy collection as well as changing exhibit spaces. 909 S. Schumaker Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804
 410-742-4988 | wardmuseum.org

ADKINS HISTORICAL + MUSEUM COMPLEX

Explore what life was like in the village of Barren Creek Springs over a century ago by visiting the property's 10 historic buildings. Tours are by appointment only. 106 Bratten St., Mardela Springs, MD 21837
 410-726-8113 | adkinshistorical.com

CHARLES H. CHIPMAN CULTURAL CENTER

This former Black church dates back to 1837, when five local freedmen purchased property and built a structure for use as a church, school and meeting place. If interested in visiting, call ahead. 325 Broad St., Salisbury, MD 21801
 410-860-9290 | chipmancenter.org

EDWARD H. NABB RESEARCH CENTER FOR DELMARVA HISTORY AND CULTURE

Learn about local history at this research center, which is located in the Guerrieri Academic Commons on the Salisbury University campus. There are changing exhibits on display, as well as collections to look through. Salisbury University campus, off U.S. Route 13 Business South
 410-543-6312 | salisbury.edu/libraries/nabb/

FRANKLIN P. PERDUE MUSEUM OF BUSINESS + ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Learn about the history of Perdue Farms, headquartered in Salisbury, at this museum on Salisbury University's campus. Salisbury University; Perdue Hall Room 116 Salisbury, MD 21801
 10-548-5391 | salisbury.edu

MORE CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY ALL-AMERICAN ROAD ATTRACTIONS

HARRIET TUBMAN STATUE + HISTORIC MARKER

With the support of the Salisbury University community, sculptor James Hill and his students created this statue in hopes that Tubman's story will continue to inspire courage and action in the pursuit of human rights. U.S. Route 13 Business South, just south of West College Avenue (on Salisbury University's campus) Salisbury, MD 21801

LYNCHING IN WICOMICO COUNTY HISTORIC MARKER

A historic marker honoring the lives of three Black men who were lynched in Wicomico County was installed in Downtown Salisbury in 2021. The marker is at the site of the lynching of Matthew Williams. It is a project of the Salisbury Lynching Memorial Task Force and the Equal Justice Initiative.

Intersection of Main and Division Streets
Salisbury, MD 21801

mdlynchingmemorial.wixsite.com/wicomico

PARSONS CEMETERY

Parsons began as a family cemetery in the mid-19th century and has grown to encompass 18 acres. Fans of Tiffany & Co. will want to see the plot of Maryland's 41st governor, E.E. Jackson, as his gravestone was designed by the luxury jewelry line. The cemetery is open daily with self-guided walking tours.

912 N. Division St., Salisbury, MD 21801

parsonscemetery.com

POPLAR HILL MANSION + NEWTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Poplar Hill Mansion, circa 1805, is the oldest surviving building in the City of Salisbury. It resides within the Newtown Historic District, which contains examples of fine Victorian architecture. The mansion has been accurately restored, including the color scheme.

117 Elizabeth St., Salisbury, MD 21801

410-749-1776

poplarhillmansion.org | newtownhistoricdistrict.org

ROCKAWALKIN SCHOOL

This one-room schoolhouse held grades one through seven until it was abandoned in 1939. It was moved to its current location in 1973. Currently, the building can only be viewed from the outside. Pemberton Drive & Ellegood Street Salisbury, MD 21801

SAN DOMINGO SCHOOL

This school was built in 1919 under the Rosenwald School building program, a major effort to improve public education for Black students in the early-20th-century South. Currently, the school can only be viewed from the outside, unless it is open for a public event.

11526 Old School Road, Mardela Springs, MD 21837

VILLAGE OF WHITEHAVEN

Take a walking tour of this quaint, waterfront village, which dates back to 1685. Visit the museum, housed in an 1886 two-room schoolhouse. Steps away is the Whitehaven United Methodist Church, built in 1892. The historical society periodically hosts open houses of the museum and church, or you can visit by appointment.

Whitehaven Heritage Association

2740 Church St., Whitehaven (Quantico), MD 21856

443-366-3673 | whitehavenheritage.com

WHITEHAVEN FERRY

In operation since the late 17th century, the Whitehaven Ferry is the oldest continuously operating ferry in the U.S. It travels across the Wicomico River from Whitehaven. The ferry is free to riders and can accommodate three vehicles.

23865 River St., Whitehaven (Quantico), MD 21856

410-543-2765 | wicomocounty.org

BEACH TO BAY HERITAGE AREA

Learn the collective stories of the Lower Eastern Shore's heritage, cultural traditions and natural resources.

beachesbayswaterways.org





OTHER HISTORICAL SITES

History buffs – Make a note to visit these sites in addition to the ones you'll find on the Chesapeake Country All-American Road.

BARREN CREEK HERITAGE MUSEUM AND HISTORIC SITES

Take a tour through history in the former Barren Creek Springs with a visit to the restored church and springhouse, both built in the mid-19th century. After exploring the heritage museum, visit an on-site Mason-Dixon stone and locate a small marker that honors the memory of Native Americans allegedly buried on the sacred ground. Hours vary, so call ahead.
413 Main St., Mardela Springs, MD 21837
410-726-8047 | westsidehistorical.com

GENERAL HUMPHREYS CANNON

Commemorating the War of 1812, this small red cannon sits outside the Wicomico County Courthouse.
101 N. Division St., Salisbury, MD 21801

HOUSTON CEMETERY

Visit this cemetery to see the burial place for many from Salisbury's Black community. The cemetery is a stop on the Salisbury's Black History: Georgetown and Beyond self-guided walking tour.
598 Commerce St., Salisbury, MD 21804

OLD GREEN HILL CHURCH

Visit this historic church, which dates back to 1733. The church is currently open annually for Green Hill Church Sunday; otherwise, it can be viewed from the outside.
4035 Green Hill Church Road
Quantico, MD 21856

"OLD SPRING HILL" ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

In 1773, a church was built as a replacement for the original, which was erected between 1711-1725. Although the building was destroyed by fire in 2014, visitors can still come to see The Four Immortal Chaplains marker and read their World War II story.
U.S. Route 50 & Memory Gardens Lane
Hebron, MD 21830

TRANSPENINSULAR LINE MIDPOINT MARKER

A Mason-Dixon marker and three other stones can be found where Wicomico County meets the southwest corner of Delaware.
Delmar Road, east of the intersection with Old Railroad Road
Delmar, MD 21875

TAKE A TOUR OF BLACK HISTORY ON THE SHORE

The Eastern Shore is a “treasure trove” of information for Black history, but many don’t know about it, says Dr. Clara Small, a professor emeritus of history from Salisbury University.

The story of Professor Charles H. Chipman, namesake of the [Charles H. Chipman Cultural Center](#), is important to know, says Small, who has written books on the area’s Black history and also completed some research for the Beach to Bay Heritage Area.

Chipman was born in 1881 and came to Salisbury in 1915 to work as supervising principal of the Industrial High School, later the Salisbury Colored High School, according to Small’s research.

“He understood that African American schools and churches were the heart of the community because those were the only places to hold social events and to prepare minority youth to meet the challenges of the world,” Small wrote. “Education was the means to meet those challenges, so he asked for funds for a new school.”

He funded the new school by getting half from the Wicomico County Board of Education and half from the Black community.





Another school that was built with matching funds from the Black community is what is now known as the [San Domingo School](#), Small said.

According to her research, \$800 worth of labor came from the community; \$500 came from the Rosenwald School Program, an initiative of Booker T. Washington, principal of then-Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Instruction, and Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co.; and \$5,000 came from the government and school board.

“Both Washington and Rosenwald believed that personal sacrifices of hard-earned cash, materials, and labor would strengthen African American commitment to their communities,” she wrote.

The San Domingo School, formerly the Sharptown Colored Elementary School, was built in 1919 for the San Domingo community, located between Sharptown and Mardela Springs. In 2004, former student Newell Quinton worked with his family to raise funds for its restoration, according to Small’s research.

Small says the story of integration on the Shore is also an interesting one, as it was slow to come to this area. She has worked with the Beach to Bay Heritage Area on a new trail that will highlight Black history sites on the Lower Shore, and she said these sites are connected to each other – for example, through the people involved.



JUNETEENTH ON THE SHORE

Juneteenth, which is June 19, recognizes the occasion in which enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned they were free. Eastern Shore Juneteenth is held in Salisbury each June, and all are welcome to attend.

Learn a little bit about Juneteenth from Eastern Shore Juneteenth Secretary James Yamakawa.

WHY IS JUNETEENTH AN IMPORTANT HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE IN OUR AREA?

There is a rich Black history on the Eastern Shore that should be a focus of celebration. From nationally known figures like Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, to lesser known (but no less important) names like Gloria Richardson, Solomon Houston and William Butler. Landmarks such as the Chipman Cultural Center in Salisbury, historically Black universities like the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, even the small town of San Domingo founded by freedmen in the early 1800s. Black Americans make up a sizeable part of the population of the Eastern Shore and deserve to celebrate their history, their independence, their joy, and their hopes and dreams.

WHAT IS THE ATMOSPHERE LIKE AT EASTERN SHORE JUNETEENTH?

Since we first started holding this event in 2018, it has always had the feel of a party, a family cookout, and an educational event all rolled into one. Some folks come to learn. Some come to dance and sing. Some come there just to BE. Everyone leaves a little better for it, I think.





TAKE A TOUR

SALISBURY'S BLACK HISTORY: GEORGETOWN AND BEYOND

This self-guided tour includes the Georgetown Residential Area, John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, the Church Street Mural, Houston Cemetery, Downtown Salisbury, the Wicomico County Courthouse and the Entertainment District. Take the tour: theclio.com/tour/2090



FAITH AND FREEDOM TRAIL

Stay tuned to the Beach to Bay Heritage Area website, beachesbayswaterways.org, to learn more about the new Faith and Freedom Trail.

EVENTS

Fun and unique happenings are always on the calendar in Maryland's Wicomico County. These are some of our signature events.

ARTS + CULTURE



WICOMICO COUNTY FAIR

August

WinterPlace Park

The Wicomico County Fair traditionally features livestock exhibits, competitions, home arts, auctions, the five-foot fry pan, music, local vendors and more. Admission and parking are free.

wicomicofair.com



MARYLAND FOLK FESTIVAL

September

Downtown Salisbury

After several years of hosting the National Folk Festival, Downtown Salisbury will be home to the Maryland Folk Festival, which celebrates music, dance, art, cultures and traditions. It's free to attend.

mdfolkfest.com



GOOD BEER FESTIVAL

October

Pemberton Historical Park

The Good Beer Festival offers festivalgoers unlimited tastings of American craft brews. In addition to great beer, the festival features music, games, activities, vendors and Eastern Shore food.

goodbeerfestival.org

SPORTS



RUN SBY EVENTS

April

Downtown Salisbury

Run a marathon, half marathon or 5K during the annual RunSBY Events. The full and half marathons are run on a USATF-certified course.

runsby.com



SEA GULL CENTURY

October

Salisbury University

Sea Gull Century is a nationally acclaimed bicycling event. Participants choose from two routes: the Assateague Century (100 miles) and Princess Anne/Pocomoke Metric (63 miles).

seagullcentury.org



GOVERNORS CHALLENGE

December

Wicomico Civic Center

The Governors Challenge basketball tournament has grown to be the largest holiday high school basketball tournament in the country. Having recently celebrated its 40th year, the tournament brings over 100 teams to the area annually.

govchallenge.org

See what else is happening in Wicomico County on our event calendar at wicomicotourism.org.

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