The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary promotes the Estuary as a regional resource through public education and outreach. Our goal, with this brochure, is to promote ecotourism based upon the Estuary's watershed boundaries rather than politically designated county or township lines. It is also designed to educate you about the natural resources of this watershed while being sensitive to its preservation.

For more information, call 1-800-445-4935 or visit our web site at www.DelawareEstuary.org.

“Let noisy waters tumult as they will But deepest are the waters that are still.”

Julia Dorns Holland
**Welcome!**

The spindly branches and forks of the St. Jones Watershed originate deep within Amish farmland before reaching the main stem of the St. Jones River. The river then meanders through Dover, the legislative center, protected marshlands, and finally, the Delaware Bay. The St. Jones Watershed includes all of the land that drains into this watershed.

In the 1880s, the St. Jones was famous for its lotus lilies. This species of lotus lily was found only in the Niles River and one other location in the world. Unfortunately, the lilies died after WWII when the river was straightened to improve navigation, which resulted in increased salinity levels in the water. So how did the lilies appear in the river in the early 1800s? The Egyptians were once a drudging crew in 1887, maybe indicating the presence of Egyptians in the St. Jones. Like this legend, the St. Jones Watershed has many other stories to tell. The swamp is home to a diverse population, fascinating wildlife, and plenty of opportunities for learning and fun, as such, merits an overnight stay.

The St. Jones River is one of many tributaries of the Delaware Estuary. The Delaware Estuary Region extends from the falls at Trenton, New Jersey to the mouth of the Delaware Bay. It is the tidal portion of the Delaware River—where salt waters of the Atlantic Ocean and fresh waters of the Delaware River mix. The Delaware Estuary provides critical habitat for many species of plants, animals, birds, and fish.

Identified in this brochure are listings of natural areas, recreational resources, and locally owned and operated accommodations and eateries. We have made an effort to include businesses that provide visitors with a unique insight into the culture of the St. Jones Watershed. Many of the proprietors listed have a profound interest in our environment. Your support for these businesses will in turn help to support the local economy and in doing so, may help to protect the natural resources of this wonderful area.

We hope you find this guide helpful and that you enjoy your visit to the St. Jones Watershed.

**In Town...**

Dover, Delaware’s capital, is the center of activity in the St. Jones Watershed. From the ballet, to Legislative Hall, to NASCAR, you will find it all here. Get your bearings by beginning with a stop at the Delaware State Visitor Center at 406 Federal Street, (302) 739-4266, for maps and other local information. Located in the same building is the Sewell C. Biggs Museum of American Art, (302) 739-6211, which features a collection of paintings andnquities from Delaware Valley artisans. Walking tours of historic Dover begin at 214 S. State Street. For more information, call (302) 736-1419.

Loockerman Street is Dover’s primary commercial strip. The surrounding blocks are graced with beautiful homes and political activity. For a city of Dover’s size, there are a large number of museums and cultural attractions. One of the many unusual is the Sewell C. Biggs Museum of American Art, located at 313 S. Governors Avenue in an 1880s’ Schoolhouse building. (302) 739-4266. Pack a picnic lunch and head for the Silver Leaf, (302) 736-7050, which is within walking distance of the downtown area.

The Delaware Made General Store, 214 S. State Street, (302) 736-1419, sells everything Delaware: books, magnets, postcards, t-shirts, crafts, honey, and more.

Located at the corner of Loockerman and State Streets is the Dover Millenium Fountain. Sit and enjoy the mist that sprays from the wonderfully sculpted heron. The surrounding garden also offers a shady area for quiet reflection at the end of a busy day.

**North Bowers Beach...**

In between the mouth of the St. Jones River and the mouth of the Murderkill River is the sandy bayside north of Bowers Beach. This friendly fishing village is one of the few towns along the bay affording the public access to the beach. For your bait and tackle needs, visit Bayard Bair’s Tackle, 193 Diamond Street, (302) 335-5529. Fishing boat charters are available at the 10 Mile Sea Fishing Fleet on Wyant Street, (302) 422-3474. The Bowers Beach Mart, located at Main and Williams Streets has on display a variety of maritime artifacts. The museum is open on weekends from June through August. There is no phone number available for the museum.

**On the Road...**

As in most rural areas, there are few designated cycling trails, and the roads in the St. Jones Watershed are becoming more and more congested every year. There is, however, local interest in promoting bicycle touring of the area, and recently a very detailed mapping map was printed. One local “loop” you might consider will take you through Amish Country. In fact, the “Amish Country Tour” is an annual cycling event held in the month of September to benefit the YMCA of Dover. Organizers have identified a route that runs through the水way that the City of Dover. For information about this event and other cycling opportunities, call the Kent County Tourism Office at 1-800-233-5368.

Enjoying nature...

Nature walks, birding, fishing, and wildlife photography are some of the activities available for visitors to the 7,200-acre Tidel Harvey Conservation Area. (302) 739-5297. This site is managed primarily for hunting and as a refuge for migratory waterfowl. A handicapped accessible fishing dock and portable toilet facility are located approximately one mile into the refuge. From Route 1 South, make a left onto Kitts Hammock Road. Travel approximately two miles, and make a right into refuge. The entrance is marked with signage. An information board with a map is located shortly after entering the refuge.

The St. Jones Reserve, (302) 739-2436 is part of National Estuarine Research Reserve System. The reserve features a 1.4 mile boardwalk through salt-water marshes, several new interactive displays, and educational displays. Some important raptors including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, osprey, and Northern harrier have all been sighted in the reserve. With advanced notice, guided river trips on the St. Jones are available to the public. From Route 1 South, make a left onto Kitts Hammock Road. The reserve is the second right off of Kitts Hummock Road. The entrance is marked with signage. Follow the gravel road straight back to the visitor’s center.

There are a number of locations within the St. Jones Watershed that provide the public access to the water for fishing and boating. Scottton Landing, located off of Route 1, offers a modern boat ramp and fishing pier. From Dover, take Route 1 South to the exit for Magnolia. Make a right onto Trap Shooters Road and a left onto Bakers Landing Road. River access and parking is on the right.

Moores Lake is not only a good fishing-hole, but is an excellent location for learning about the mechanics of a fish ladder. This ladder built in partnership by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and PSEG provides river herring (alewife and blueback herring) with access to historic spawning areas and nursery habitat. A pedestrian overhang provides a bird’s-eye view of the Atlantic salmon, alewife, and blueback herring. Dover’s take station, located on State Street south, which becomes Alt. Route 113 (10A). Access to the lake and parking are available about one mile from Route 1 South, or two miles from the interaction with Route 13 (South Dupont Highway).

There are two other parks worth visiting in the Watershed. Brecknock Park, while mostly a recreational facility with athletic fields and picnic pavilions, does have a nature and hiking trail alongside Isaacson Branch, a tributary to the St. Jones. From downtown Dover, take State Street north and make a right onto Alt. Route 113 (10A). This street becomes Alt. Route 113 (10A). The park is located on the left, a short distance after the intersection with Lebanon Road.

**Other places of interest...**

Air Mobility Command Museum, 1301 Heritage Road, Dover, (302) 677-5938. Located in a WWII hanger on Dover Air Force Base, the museum offers visitors a close up look at some amazing aircraft and at Air Force history.

John Dickinson Plantation, 340 Kitts Hammock Road, Dover, (302) 335-3085. Step back in time to the boyhood days of John Dickinson, the “Patriot of the American Revolution.” Guides in period costumes recreate plantation life in the 1800s.

**DeltaValle AGicultural Museum and Village, 864 N. DuPont Hwy, Dover, (302) 734-1618. The recreated village of “Loockerman Landing” is a testament to southern Delaware’s commitment to historic preservation. Each building was donated to the museum and moved to its current location. Inside of each building is a detailed description of its previous life and that of its owners.**

**Seyrence’s Farmers Market & Bazaar, 550 S. New Street, Dover, (302) 734-3411. If the outdoor flea market isn’t enough to overload your senses, step inside the large red barn where the Amish vendors will gladly satisfy your palette with fresh produce, sandwiches, and sticky buns.**

**Where to lay your head...**

Little Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast, 2623 N Little Creek Road, Dover. Their critically acclaimed chef will serve you traditional foods of the Delaware Peninsula. (302) 335-1231

**The Rose Tower Bed & Breakfast, 228 East Camden-Wyoming Ave., Camden. This home, with a fascinating history, has been featured on the Home and Garden Network. (302) 698-7033.**

Loockerman Inn, 514 E. Loockerman St., Dover. Located only two blocks from historic downtown Dover. (302) 674-3300

Bowers Old Inn, 46 Hubbard Ave., N. Dover. Beach rooms with rustic, small-town charm. (302) 335-3085

Killens Pond State Park, 5025 Killens Pond Road, Felton. This park, with year-round modern family campates and cabins, is located just immediately outside the St. Jones Watershed. (302) 394-4526

Blue Coat Inn, 900 N. State St., Dover. A long-time Dover favorite for special occasions. (302) 674-1776

**Irish Mike’s Old Towne Pub, 107 W. Loockerman St., Dover. A fine place to grab a brew and shoot a game of pool. (302) 734-6578.**

**L.J.’s Wharf, (at the end of Hubbard St.), N. Dover. While their outdoor deck actually overlooks the Murderkill River, we couldn’t resist their seafood fresh from the Estuary. (302) 335-4033.**

**Magnolia Family Restaurant, Walnut & Main Sts., Magnolia.核准，使得您的業務順利進行。 (302) 335-1231.**

Steaming Bean, 25 W. Loockerman St., Dover. A popular hangout serving tasty homemade salads and sandwiches. (302) 734-3526.**