

## Canoe & Kayak Trips

All paddling done by participants; some experience required.

### 1. Trails to Rails

Paddle the winding salt marsh trails of Little Assawoman Bay searching for elusive rails, and witness an abundance of shorebirds, wading birds, and osprey. Must be 13 years old to participate. Friday 8-11:30 a.m. \$20 per single kayak; \$35 per tandem

### 2. Paddling Prime Hook

Join Return to Nature outfitters to paddle the Delaware Bay shoreline between salt marsh and bay beach looking for wading birds, shorebirds, rails, and colorful songbirds. Sunday 1:30-4 p.m.; \$20 per single kayak, \$35 per tandem.

### 3. Marsh Birds of Marshy Creek

Paddle the winding marsh trails of the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center searching for wading birds, waterfowl, and osprey. Friday 1:30-4:00 p.m.; \$20 per single kayak, \$35 per tandem. Don't forget to attend the 5 p.m. tally rally at Fisherman's Crab Deck at nearby Kent Narrows!

### 4. Neotropicals Along the Tuckahoe

Explore the winding waters of Tuckahoe State Park. Search for neotropical migrants, wading birds, and wood ducks. Friday 1:30-4 p.m.; \$35 per canoe. Don't forget to attend the tally rally at Fisherman's Crab Deck at nearby Kent Narrows!

### 5. Prothonotary Paddle

Guided canoe trips will be offered on the Pocomoke River from Porters Crossing to Snow Hill, approximately a 4-hour trip, on Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m. The Pocomoke River meanders through pristine woodlands, home to migratory warblers and woodpeckers, and offers a good chance to see a barred owl. \$35 per canoe

### 6. Warblers on Water

Guided canoe trips will be offered on the Nassawango Creek, a tributary to the Pocomoke River thick with warblers, on Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m. Over 9,200 acres along Nassawango Creek have been preserved by The Nature Conservancy, which makes this 3-hour trip bordered by bald cypress a beautiful one. \$35 per canoe

### 7. Kingfishers on King's Creek

Search for belted kingfishers and Eastern kingbirds along King's Creek. This guided kayak trip takes place near historic Princess Anne, and winds through marshes, forests, and fields. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m.-noon; \$35 per tandem kayak

### 8. Cypress & Songbirds

Pocomoke River State Park will serve as the site for a 2-hour paddling adventure on Corker's Creek. Your guide will help you search for great crested flycatchers, green herons and red-shouldered hawks. Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m.; \$35 per canoe

### 9. Thompson Island Paddle

Enjoy a unique trip to a very special place showcasing Delaware's natural and cultural history. Join Delaware Seashore State Park staff for a limited access kayak trip to bird Thompson's Island Nature Preserve located just south of Rehoboth Beach, DE. We'll land on a bayside beach at the preserve and hike in search of spring migrants visiting the forest, beach, and marsh habitats. In the event of rain, participants will travel to the preserve via van. Must be 14 years old to participate. Sunday 1-4 p.m.; \$20 per person

### 10. Moonlight Marsh Paddle

Paddle down the remote stretches of Scarboro Creek embedded in the 10,000 protected acres that surround the EA Vaughn Wildlife Management Area along Chincoteague Bay. The expansive marsh and scattered pines make for easy viewing of eagles, herons, and egrets along with Maryland terrapins and other aquatic species of the shallow, clear waters. Saturday 6-9 p.m.; \$35 per canoe

## Boat Excursions

### 11. Poor Man's Pelagic on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

Join fellow birders for a special "poor man's pelagic" on board the Cape May-Lewes Ferry and birding at the world-famous Cape May Light House and Higbee Beach! Enjoy the natural sights and sounds of the Delaware Bay, including opportunities to see great cormorant, gannet, and scoters. A van will deliver you to the New Jersey sites, and back to the ferry for a 2:30 p.m. departure. Join us as a foot passenger on the 9:15 a.m. departure from Lewes; and return to Lewes at 4:00 p.m. Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$50 per person, includes box lunch

### 12. Birding on the Broadkill

Depart from Lewes on board the *Lil' Angler II* as you bird by boat along the Broadkill River. Search for herons, egrets, and shorebirds along Beach Plum Island Nature Preserve and the banks of the Broadkill until you reach historic Milton in time for the "Beer, Birds & Bocce" event at Dogfish Head Craft Brewery. The Cape May-Lewes Ferry will provide shuttle transportation to Dogfish Head, and back to Lewes. Thursday 2:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (boat ride about two hours); \$35 per person

### 13. Shore Bird Explorer

Tour by boat around Skimmer Island and the north shore of Assateague Island. Glimpse wild ponies, oystercatchers, cormorants, loons, and royal terns. Don't forget to attend the free Birder's Social immediately following this trip. Saturday 2-4 p.m.; \$15 per person

### 14. The Nature of Smith Island

Depart Crisfield, MD for a day-long birding cruise to historic Smith Island in the heart of the Chesapeake Bay. View many species of gulls, terns, shorebirds, herons, and brown pelicans. At midday, enjoy a walking tour and a hearty lunch of local island fare. Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$70 per person, includes lunch

### 15. Tern to Tangier

Take your "tern" traveling across Tangier Sound in search of the beautiful birds of the Bay. Enjoy a family-style lunch at the famous Chesapeake House, and take a tour of historic Tangier Island by foot or by golf cart (carts cost \$4). Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$70 per person, includes lunch

### 16. Pocomoke River Boat Trip

Tour the Pocomoke River aboard the *Bay Queen*, and see warblers, herons and bald eagles. Don't forget to attend the Tally Rally at the Delmarva Discovery Center immediately following this trip. Saturday 2-4 p.m.; \$20 per person

## Night Life

### 17. Owl Prowl at Bombay Hook

Start your birding adventure Wednesday night on the trails of Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in search of resident owls (possibilities include Eastern screech, barn, barred and Great horned) and other nocturnal creatures. This trip will feature visits to fields, forests and wetlands - very little walking. Wednesday 8-10 p.m. \$15 per person

### 18. Chesapeake Hoots

Explore the forests and marshes of the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in search of resident owls, rails and other denizens of the dark. This trip offers a guided hike through fields, forests, and wetlands. Thursday 7-9 p.m.; \$15 per person

### 19. Night Birds of the Marsh

The Ward Museum will host Night Birds of the Marsh on Saturday from 6:30-9 p.m. at the E.A. Vaughn Wildlife Management Area. Seek out least bitterns, rails, marsh wrens, and maybe even some owls. Bring a flashlight and boots or shoes you won't mind getting wet. Meet behind the Snow Hill Library; \$15 per person

### 20. Assateague at Dusk

Assateague Island National Seashore will serve as host on Saturday night from 6-8 p.m. for a trip along the "Life of the Dunes Trail." Listen for rails, chuck-will's-widows, and an owl or two. Wild sounds of ocean surf, pine trees, and the stars above serve as a backdrop. Bring a flashlight. \$15 per person; the park entry fee is waived for this trip

### 21. Owl Prowl at Pemberton

Explore the trails of Pemberton Historical Park in search of resident owls and other nocturnal creatures. This trip offers a guided hike through pine and hardwood forests and wetlands. Saturday 8-10 p.m.; \$15 per person

## Day Treks

### 22. Birds of the Bombay Hook

Delaware's most famous birding hot spot, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge offers a cornucopia of birding opportunities - from salt marsh and bay beach to freshwater ponds and rich, deciduous woodlands. We'll sample each of the main habitat types looking for migrants and local breeders, including wading birds, shorebirds, rails, and colorful songbirds. The trip will involve some easy walking, and car caravans between major stops. (After the trip, meet at Sambo's dockside seafood restaurant in nearby Leipsic for a great lunch with your fellow birders!) Thursday 8-11 a.m.; \$20 per person (lunch not included)

### 23. DuPont Nature Center at Mispillion Harbor Reserve

Search for migratory shorebirds, wading birds and waterfowl along Slaughter Beach, and learn about the connection between horseshoe crabs and shorebirds at the new DuPont Nature Center. Thursday 1:30-3:30 p.m.; \$15 per person

# PROGRAMS & TRIPS

### 24. Chesapeake Beach Birding

Bird within view of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge at Queen Anne County's Terrapin Beach Nature Park. Beaches, ponds, fields and forests are home to migratory shorebirds, wading birds and colorful songbirds. Friday 8-11:30 a.m.; \$15 per person

### 25. Birds and BayScapes

Explore the native plant gardens, forested streams and meadows of Adkins Arboretum, and learn about the importance of "bayscaping" for the birds. Friday 8-11:30 a.m.; \$15 per person

### 26. Dark Forests of Newport

Saunter through old pines and oaks for some of the best forest species habitat on Delmarva. The 2,000-acre Newport Farms will reveal her secrets during this three-hour walk through private land protected with a conservation easement in 2002. A 50-acre shallow pond on the farm harbors nesting bald eagles, wood ducks, and wading birds. Sunday 8-11 a.m.; \$25 per person

### 27. Warblermania!

Warblermania! will take place Saturday and Sunday from 6-11 a.m. Meet your guide at the Ward Museum and take a shuttle bus to Nassawango Creek to search for prothonotary, worm-eating, and prairie warblers, and other birds of the cypress swamp. \$20 per person

### 28. Eagles and Others

On Saturday and Sunday from 7-9:30 a.m. explore the diverse habitats of Pemberton's trail system to view songbirds, wading birds, raptors, and the nesting area of breeding bald eagles; \$15 per person

### 29. Delaware's Coastal Birding Delights

Explore Assawoman Wildlife Area's coastal bays, ponds, and forests. Possibilities include brown-headed nuthatches, waterfowl, wading birds, and bald eagles. Coastal Delaware is a birder's paradise. Meet your guide at Quiet Resorts Visitor Center, Fenwick-Bethany Chamber of Commerce. Sunday 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; \$15 per person

### 30. Assateague Coast to Coast

Assateague Island National Seashore will serve as the site for a 3-hour guided hike in search of wings and withers. Discover egrets, willets, herons, towhees, warblers, vireos and wild horses on this beach-to-bay walk across one of the East Coast's most beautiful barrier islands. Saturday 8-11 a.m.; \$18 per person includes park entry fee

### 31. Meandering Meadows

Stroll along some 150 acres of meadows surrounded by forest on the privately-owned Golden Quarter Farm along Ayers Creek. Meadowlarks, quail, indigo buntings, and wood ducks abound on the former farmstead regenerating to forested wetlands. Sunday 8-11 a.m.; \$20 person

### 32. Cape Birding Escape

Cape Henlopen State Park provides opportunities to view migratory raptors and shorebirds including the endangered piping plover, as well as residents such as the brown-headed nuthatch. Come prepared to explore ocean dunes, tidal flats, maritime forest, and the park's World War II history. Friday 9-11 a.m. \$25 per person

### 33. Birds of the Delaware Bay Coast

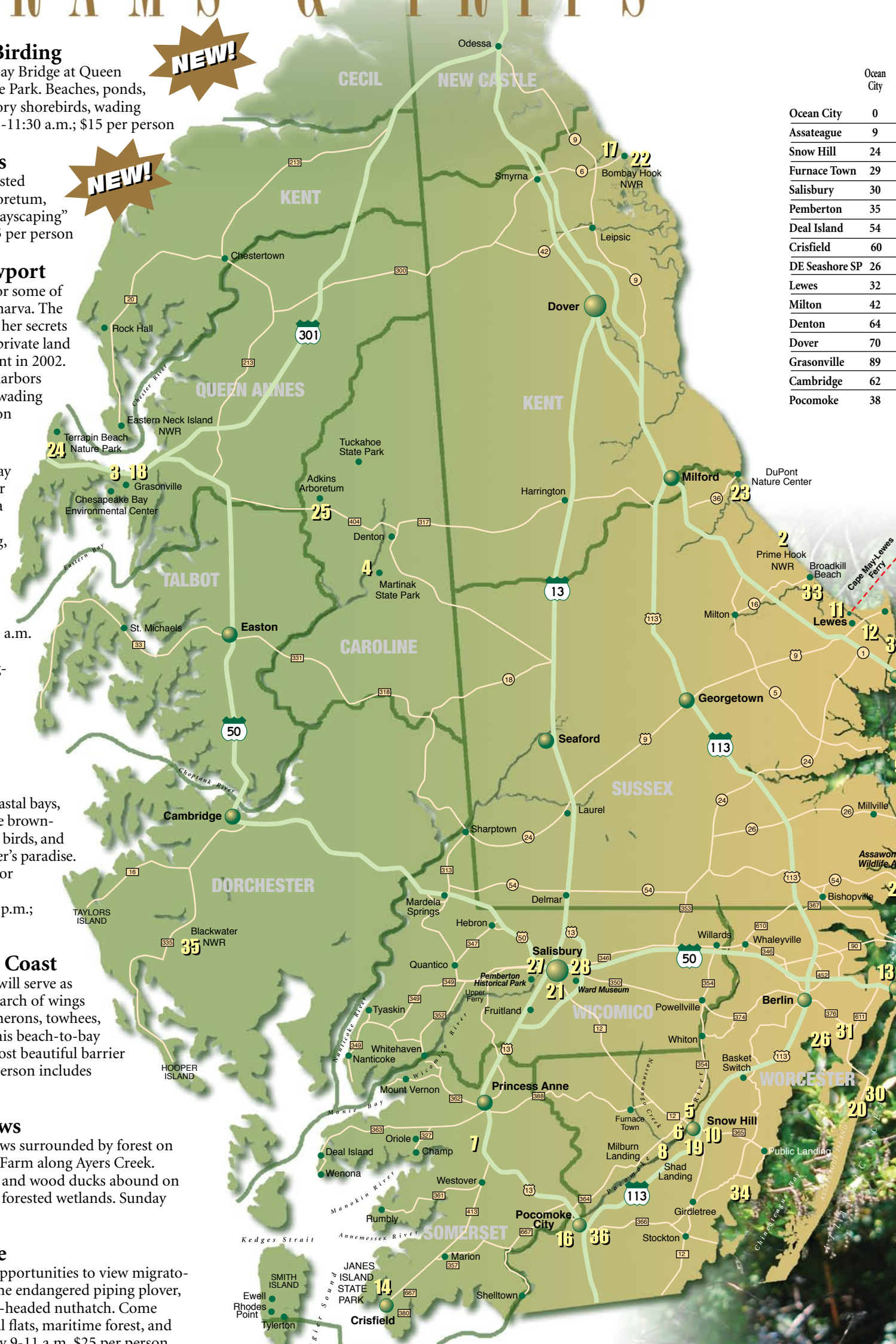
The Delaware Bay shoreline and its adjacent uplands offer the most diverse birding opportunities in southern Delaware - from salt marsh and bay beach to freshwater ponds and rich, deciduous woodlands. We'll sample each of the main habitat types looking for migrants and local breeders, including wading birds, shorebirds, rails, and colorful songbirds like prairie and prothonotary warblers, and scarlet tanagers. The trip will involve some easy walking, and car caravans between major stops. Meet at the entrance to the Rookery Golf Course. Friday 1-3:30 p.m.; \$20 per person. Don't miss the 5 p.m. tally rally at Dogfish Head Restaurant in nearby Rehoboth Beach!

### 34. Natural Jewels of Johnson Bay

Lower Shore Land Trust joins the Delmarva Birding Weekend with a special invitation to visit this 336-acre private property along Johnson Bay. The owners have protected their farm under the Coastal Bays Rural Legacy Program, and have utilized various habitat enhancement programs to encourage a variety of birdlife, including quail, turkey, raptors, wading birds, and waterfowl. Salt marshes, freshwater ponds, fields, mixed forest, and buffers provide some ideal habitat along Worcester County's southern coastal area. Sunday 8-11 a.m.; \$20 per person

### 35. Blackwater's Bald Eagles

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is home to the greatest density of breeding bald eagles in the mid-Atlantic. Blackwater provides critical habitat for a variety of bird species, which can be viewed in the Chesapeake marshes, ponds, fields, and forests. Sunday 1-4 p.m.; \$20 per person



## Mileage Chart (approximate)

	Ocean City	Assateague	Snow Hill	Furnace Town	Salisbury	Pemberton	Deal Island	Crisfield	DE Seashore SP	Lewes	Milton	Denton	Dover	Grasonville	Cambridge	Pocomoke
Ocean City	0	9	24	29	30	35	54	60	26	32	42	64	70	89	62	38
Assateague	9	0	24	29	30	36	54	60	35	39	49	66	72	91	64	36
Snow Hill	24	24	0	5	18	23	25	34	50	53	55	63	76	89	54	14
Furnace Town	29	29	5	0	14	20	20	39	55	58	60	74	87	87	52	18
Salisbury	30	30	18	14	0	6	25	32	46	43	36	45	57	69	33	29
Pemberton	35	36	23	20	6	0	31	38	53	50	43	48	60	71	35	31
Deal Island	54	54	25	20	25	31	0	31	74	70	68	76	88	102	66	32
Crisfield	60	60	34	39	32	38	31	0	76	74	71	80	92	106	70	26
DE Seashore SP	26	35	50	55	46	53	74	76	0	7	16	57	52	82	76	56
Lewes	32	39	53	58	43	50	70	74	7	0	14	46	41	70	74	76
Milton	42	49	55	60	36	43	68	71	16	14	0	34	33	58	52	67
Denton	64	66	63	60	45	48	76	80	57	46	34	0	31	24	33	77
Dover	70	72	76	74	57	60	88	92	52	41	33	31	0	45	62	89
Grasonville	89	91	89	87	69	71	102	106	82	70	58	24	45	0	38	104
Cambridge	62	64	54	52	33	35	66	70	76	74	52	33	62	38	0	68
Pocomoke	38	36	14	18	29	31	32	26	56	76	67	77	89	104	68	0



