



Lower Eastern Shore Nature and Heritage Sites

County: Wicomico  
Site Name: San Domingo Community & Cultural Center  
Contact: Newell E. Quinton – John Quinton Foundation, Inc. (JQF)  
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Mardela Springs, MD 21837  
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Mardela Springs, MD 21837  
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Description:  
Visitors learn the history of San Domingo’s Rosenwald School, and the status of its current restoration. Hours: varied.

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County: Wicomico  
Site Name: Barren Creek Heritage Center & Museum  
Contact: Sylvia Bradley  
Telephone: 302-875-7601  
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Mardela Springs, MD 21837  
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Mardela Springs, MD 21837  
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Description:  
Visit the following: historic Barren Creek Springs Presbyterian Church, built in 1842; Mason Dixon Marker; historic Barren Creek Spring House, center of 19<sup>th</sup>-century mineral spring spa; and Heritage Museum with exhibits telling 300 years of history along Barren Creek and the Nanticoke River. Hours: varied.

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County: Wicomico  
Site Name: Sharptown Historic Commission Museum  
Contact: Don Darby  
Telephone: 410-883-3734  
Physical Address: 408 Main Street  
Sharptown, MD 21861  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 426  
Sharptown, MD 21861  
E-mail Address: none

Description:

Members of the Sharptown Historic Commission Museum will talk about Sharptown's history and interpret museum artifacts. Hours: varied.

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County: Wicomico  
Site Name: Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art  
Contact: Lora Bottinelli  
Telephone: 410-742-4988 ext. 111  
Physical Address: 909 South Schumaker Drive  
Salisbury, MD 21804  
Mailing Address: same  
E-mail Address: [lbottinelli@salisbury.edu](mailto:lbottinelli@salisbury.edu)

Description:

The most comprehensive collection of wildfowl carving in the world invites you to explore this unique, indigenous North American art form from antique working decoys to internationally acclaimed contemporary sculpture and painting. Named for brothers Lem and Steve Ward of Crisfield, MD, whose skill and vision elevated decoy carving to fine art, the museum works to promote, preserve and perpetuate wildfowl art. Hours: daily.

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County: Wicomico  
Site Name: Pemberton Hall  
Contact: William Wilson  
Telephone: 410-742-4182  
Physical Address: Pemberton Drive  
Salisbury  
Mailing Address: 5711 North Nithsdale Drive  
Salisbury, MD 21801  
E-mail Address: [wmnwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:wmnwilson@hotmail.com)

Description:

Tour 1741 plantation house and learn about 18<sup>th</sup> century life on the Lower Eastern Shore, including the oldest documented wharf in the United States. Enjoy 5 miles of nature trails during your visit. Learn about the restoration of the 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion and shop for 18<sup>th</sup> century reproductions. Hours: varied.



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County: Wicomico  
Site Name: Adkins Historical and Museum Complex, Inc.  
Contact: Lynette Kenney  
Telephone: 410-546-4672  
Physical Address: Bratten Street & Railroad Avenue  
Mardela Springs, MD 21837  
Mailing Address: same  
E-mail Address: [lynettekenney33@msn.com](mailto:lynettekenney33@msn.com)

Description:  
Take a walk down memory lane in our 8 restored buildings, including a One Room Schoolhouse, old General Store, 1700's Farmhouse, Livery Stable, Memorial Building (honoring locals who have served in the armed forces), and Dr. Bratten's Office. Hours: varied.

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County: Wicomico  
Site name: Pemberton Historical Park  
Contact: Chad Ford, Education Director  
Telephone: 410-860-2447  
Address: 5511 Plantation Lane Salisbury Md. 21801  
E-mail: [cford@wicomicocounty.org](mailto:cford@wicomicocounty.org)

Description:  
Pemberton Historical Park is made up of 260 acres of the original core of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Pemberton Plantation tract on the Wicomico River. It was created to preserve and restore the original colonial setting. The park contains 5 miles of nature trails through every habitat present on the Lower Eastern Shore except a salt marsh. There is a naturalist / educator on site. Public educational programs related to the environment and to history are carried on in partnership with the Pemberton Hall Foundation. The park is a Wicomico County Recreation Parks and Tourism owned facility. There is a reception center, open spaces, a pond picnic area heritage center, outdoor classrooms, interpretative panels and river overlooks. The buildings are replicas (exterior) of 18<sup>th</sup> century barns and other original plantation features. Programs include birding, guided walks, plant and animal experiences and ecology of the Chesapeake. It is a National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways Site. Hours: sun up to sun down 7 days a week. Admission: free to the public



County: Wicomico  
Site name: Poplar Hill Mansion  
Contact: Curator in residence  
Telephone: 410-749:1776  
Address: 117 Elizabeth St., Salisbury Md. 21801  
E-mail: [www.poplarhillmansion.org](http://www.poplarhillmansion.org)

Description:

Poplar Hill is owned by the City Of Salisbury. It is a Federal Period plantation house built circa 1795 – 1805 by Levin Handy and finished by Dr. John Huston. It is restored to the period. Recent scholarship on the interior is being undertaken to refine the appearance and furnishings to the original. It is utilized as a reception center and as a museum by the City of Salisbury and is open to the public. The structure was once the seat of a large plantation outside of the city of Salisbury. It is the oldest structure now standing in the city limits due to the two city fires in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is governed by an appointed board of directors. There is a curator in residence.

Hours: Open to the public the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 1 – 4 pm. and other times by appointment. Admission: Free admission on Sundays.

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County: Wicomico  
Site name: Chipman Cultural Center  
Contact:  
Telephone: 410-896:9290  
Address: 323 Broad St. Salisbury, Md. 21801  
E-mail:

Description:

The Chipman Cultural Center is located what was once Delmarva's oldest African American school / church built in 1838. Programs of cultural, artistic and African American achievement and performing arts events are held in its auditorium and gallery. Hours: varied. Admission: daily free, performances require fee

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County: Wicomico  
Site name: The Edward H. Nabb Research Center for The History and Culture of the Eastern Shore at Salisbury University  
Contact: staff  
Telephone: 410-543-6312  
Address: Salisbury University, East campus complex 190  
E-mail: nabbhistory.salisbury.edu

Description:

The Nabb Center is a research laboratory and library with a repository of documents and records, photographs genealogical materials and artifacts related to the history and culture of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is utilized by researchers from all over the world to do genealogical work and historical research as well as by the students of Salisbury University. It hosts occasional lectures, presentations and guest speakers. It is growing tremendously in volume. The Nabb has a full time staff and Director and numerous volunteers. Hours: open Mon. - Fri. 10am to 4pm, Mondays until 9pm  
Admission: fee for use

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County: Wicomico  
Site name: Whitehaven Preservation  
Contact: Jefferson Boyer, chairman  
Telephone: 410-548:9575  
E-mail:

Description:

The community of Whitehaven was established in 1708 and located on the lower Wicomico River the entire present town is a registered Historic District. It is the site of the oldest continuously operated ferry (across the Wicomico River) in the U. S. This organization sponsors several activities and works to preserve the quiet community of Whitehaven including several restoration projects.  
Hours: ongoing and varied depending on the event Admission: none

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County: Wicomico  
Site name: Salisbury Zoological Park  
Contact: Leonora Dillon  
Telephone: 410-546-3440 ext. 5  
Address: PO Box 2979  
Salisbury, Md. 21802  
E-mail: ldillon@ci.salisbury.md.us

Description:

Founded in 1954, the Salisbury Zoo is one of the top tourism attractions in the lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area. It boasts a collection of animals related to the North American and South American eco-systems. One of the top small zoos in the US. Numerous programs and opportunities for volunteers. Hours: Daily 8am to 5 pm  
Admission: free, but donations are encouraged



County: Somerset  
Site Name: J. Millard Tawes Historical Museum  
Contact: Chris Tyler  
Telephone: 410-968-2501  
Physical Address: Crisfield Heritage Foundation  
P.O. Box 253  
Crisfield, MD 21817  
Mailing Address: Crisfield Heritage Foundation  
P.O. Box 253  
Crisfield, MD 21817  
E-mail Address: [ctyler@crisfieldheritagefoundation.org](mailto:ctyler@crisfieldheritagefoundation.org)

Description:  
Visitors will be introduced to the cultural and occupational history of Crisfield that established its reputation as the “Cradle of the Seafood Industry”. Hours: varied.

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County: Somerset  
Site Name: Teackle Mansion  
Contact: Barbara Bloodsworth  
Telephone: 410-651-2414  
Physical Address: 11736 Mansion Street  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
Mailing Address: 11736 Mansion Street  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
E-mail Address: none

Description:  
Teackle Mansion provides tours of the first floor of the mansion, describing the period furniture and the lifestyles of Elizabeth and Littleton Dennis Teackle, and pointing out the use of symmetry in this fine example of early 19<sup>th</sup>-century architecture. Hours: varied.

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County: Somerset  
Site Name: “The Grey Eagle” - Princess Anne Police Station  
Contact: Candice Smith  
Telephone: 410-651-5516  
Physical Address: 11870 Beckford Avenue  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
Mailing Address: 11870 Beckford Avenue  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
E-mail Address: [candicesmith@princessannepolice.com](mailto:candicesmith@princessannepolice.com)

Description:  
“The Grey Eagle” was built in 1857 and was operational until 1987. The police station features a small museum displaying old equipment and artifacts found during the reconstruction. Hours: varied.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum  
Contact: Sandy Hurley  
Telephone: 410-289-4991  
Physical Address: 813 South Boardwalk  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 603  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
E-mail Address: [Sandy@ocmuseum.org](mailto:Sandy@ocmuseum.org)

Description:  
The museum, housed in the original 1891 U.S. Life-Saving Station, is open for the public to visit and learn about the history of that service in Ocean City. Hours: varied.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Germantown School Community Heritage Center  
Contact: Barbara Purnell  
Telephone: 410-641-0638  
Physical Address: 10223 Trappe Road  
Berlin, MD 21811  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 24  
Berlin, MD 21811  
E-mail Address: none

Description:  
Share restoration plans for the building and reasons to preserve this Rosenwald school. Hours: varied.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Calvin B. Taylor House Museum  
Contact: Susan Taylor  
Telephone: 410-641-1019  
Physical Address: 208 North Main Street  
Berlin, MD 21811  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 351  
Berlin, MD 21811  
E-mail Address: [taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net](mailto:taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net)

Description:  
Located in Berlin's National Register Historic District, the museum is a carefully restored early-19<sup>th</sup> century home featuring period furnishings and local history exhibits. The main block of the house is furnished as a house museum, with the west wing serving as a gallery displaying local memorabilia in changing exhibits. Distinctive antiques and architectural features can be appreciated throughout the home. Hours: varied.



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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Assateague Island National Seashore  
Contact: Rachelle Daigneault, Chief of Interpretation  
Telephone: 410-641-1443  
Physical Address: 7206 National Seashore Lane  
Berlin, MD 21811  
Mailing Address: same  
E-mail Address: rachelle\_daigneault@nps.gov  
Description:

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Assateague State Park  
Contact: Angela Baldwin  
Telephone: 410-641-2120  
Physical Address: 7307 Stephen Decatur Highway  
Berlin, MD 21811  
Mailing Address: same  
E-mail Address: abaldwin@dnr.state.md.us  
Description:

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum  
Contact: Kathy Fisher  
Telephone: 410-632-2032  
Physical Address: 3816 Old Furnace Road  
Snow Hill, MD 21863  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 207  
Snow Hill, MD 21863  
E-mail Address: kfisher@intercom.net

Description:  
Explore the grounds of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century village of Nescongo – now called Furnace Town. Learn where, how and why iron was made at this location, and the importance of the railroad to this industrial operation. Discover the roles played by the drayman, the molder and the collier – and follow the fortune of Thomas Spence. Walk to the top of the original (1828) Nassawango Iron Furnace – and then view the interior from its base. After the furnace tour, visit exhibit buildings as you stroll the 12-acre tree-shaded grounds. Hours: varied.



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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Julia A. Purnell Museum  
Contact: Mary St. Hippolyte  
Telephone: 410-632-0515  
Physical Address: 208 West Market Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863  
Mailing Address: 208 West Market Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863  
E-mail Address: mail@purnellmuseum.com

Description:  
The museum interprets a comprehensive history of Worcester County and the Lower Shore Region through interactive exhibits and educational programs. Exhibits include a Native American display, "Before Emancipation – Slave & Free", a recreated general store, a Victorian underwear and gown display, an old toy shoppe, and a display of Julia Purnell's needle art.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Girdletree Barnes Bank Museum  
Contact: Sandra Hudson  
Telephone: 410-632-1641  
Physical Address: Route 12  
Girdletree, MD 21829  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 185  
Girdletree, MD 21829  
E-mail Address: none

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Costen House/Hall Walton Garden  
Contact: Norma Miles  
Telephone: 410-957-1297 (Norma Miles)  
410-957-3110 (Costen House)  
Physical Address: 206 Market Street  
Pocomoke, MD 21851  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 430  
Pocomoke, MD 21851  
E-mail Address: normamiles@mail.acninc.net



Description:

Tours and stories: Indian Legends & Arrowheads, and tales of Dr. Costen's narrow escapes during the Civil War. Hours: varied.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Sturgis One Room School Museum, c. 1900  
Heritage House, 1850  
Contact: Sudie Gatling  
Telephone: 410-957-1913  
Physical Address: 209 Willow Street  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 697  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
E-mail Address: gatling144@cs.com

Description:

Tour of the museum includes the history of the only African-American one-room school in Worcester County that retains its original integrity, with tools and furniture of the period. The tour will speak to the life, culture and education in an African-American rural community circa 1900. The tour of the Heritage House will interpret exhibits that illustrate an early way of life in rural Worcester County. Hours: varied.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center  
Contact: Curt Lippoldt  
Telephone: 410-957-2752  
Physical Address: Market Street  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 537  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
E-mail Address: curtlippoldt@aol.com

Description:

Tour of the Mar-Va Theater will include a review of the theater history, plus the mission and progress of the restoration committee. Theater is scheduled to open in spring 2008.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Delmarva Discovery Center  
Contact: Brian Garrett  
Telephone: 410-957-9933  
Physical Address: 6 Market Street  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851



Mailing Address: P.O. Box 727  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
E-mail Address: bgarrett@delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

Description:  
The Delmarva Discovery Center will be an eco-heritage center on the banks of the Pocomoke River, filled with hands-on interpretive exhibits that will tell the story of life o the river. The Center is scheduled to open in 2008. Visitors will have an opportunity to view exhibit content through interpretive panels beginning with Native American exhibits and ending with industry along the Pocomoke.

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County: Worcester  
Site Name: Maryland Costal Bays Program  
Contact: Carrie Samis, Education Coordinator  
Telephone: 410-213-2297  
Address: Maryland Costal Bays Program  
9919 Stephen Decatur Highway  
Ocean City, Md. 21842  
E-mail: csamis@mdcoastalbays.org

Description:  
This organization is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and interpretation of the Coastal Bays and environment of the Atlantic Coast in Maryland. Numerous programs at several locations along the Worcester County coast with ongoing and varied opportunities for volunteers. Hours: ongoing and varied at several sites and programs  
Admission: n/a

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County: all Delmarva counties  
Site Name: Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE)  
Contact: Jim Rapp  
Telephone: 443-944-8097  
Mailing Address: DLITE  
P.O. Box 669  
Salisbury, MD 21801  
E-mail Address: dlitedirector@comcast.net

Description:  
DLITE's mission is to strengthen and promote low-impact tourism on Delmarva.

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County: Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester  
Site Name: Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council (LESHC)  
Contact: Sharon Scheurer  
Telephone: 410-677-4706  
Mailing Address: LESHC  
P.O. Box 4601



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lesch1@aol.com

Description:  
LESHC's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the cultural, natural and historical heritage of the tri-county region.