



Lower Eastern Shore Nature and Heritage Sites

County: Wicomico
Site Name: San Domingo Community & Cultural Center
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Description:
Visitors learn the history of San Domingo’s Rosenwald School, and the status of its current restoration. Hours: varied.

County: Wicomico
Site Name: Barren Creek Heritage Center & Museum
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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 19th-century mineral spring spa; and Heritage Museum with exhibits telling 300 years of history along Barren Creek and the Nanticoke River. Hours: varied.



County: Wicomico
Site Name: Sharptown Historic Commission Museum
Contact: Don Darby
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Sharptown, MD 21861
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Sharptown, MD 21861
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Description:

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

County: Wicomico
Site Name: Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art
Contact: Lora Bottinelli
Telephone: 410-742-4988 ext. 111
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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.

County: Wicomico
Site Name: Pemberton Hall
Contact: William Wilson
Telephone: 410-742-4182
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Salisbury
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Salisbury, MD 21801
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Description:

Tour 1741 plantation house and learn about 18th 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 18th century mansion and shop for 18th century reproductions. Hours: varied.



County: Wicomico
Site Name: Adkins Historical and Museum Complex, Inc.
Contact: Lynette Kenney
Telephone: 410-546-4672
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Mardela Springs, MD 21837
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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.

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

Description:
Pemberton Historical Park is made up of 260 acres of the original core of the 18th 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 18th 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

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 19th century. It is governed by an appointed board of directors. There is a curator in residence.

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

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



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

County: Wicomico
Site name: Whiteheaven 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

County: Wicomico
Site name: Salisbury Zoological Park
Contact: Leonora Dillon
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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
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Crisfield, MD 21817
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Crisfield, MD 21817
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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.

County: Somerset
Site Name: Teackle Mansion
Contact: Barbara Bloodsworth
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Physical Address: 11736 Mansion Street
Princess Anne, MD 21853
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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 19th-century architecture. Hours: varied.

County: Somerset
Site Name: "The Grey Eagle" - Princess Anne Police Station
Contact: Candice Smith
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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.



County: Worcester
Site Name: Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum
Contact: Sandy Hurley
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Ocean City, MD 21842
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 603
Ocean City, MD 21842
E-mail Address: 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.

County: Worcester
Site Name: Germantown School Community Heritage Center
Contact: Barbara Purnell
Telephone: 410-641-0638
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Berlin, MD 21811
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Berlin, MD 21811
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Description:
Share restoration plans for the building and reasons to preserve this Rosenwald school. Hours: varied.

County: Worcester
Site Name: Calvin B. Taylor House Museum
Contact: Susan Taylor
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Berlin, MD 21811
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Berlin, MD 21811
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Description:
Located in Berlin's National Register Historic District, the museum is a carefully restored early-19th 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.



County: Worcester
Site Name: Assateague Island National Seashore
Contact: Rachelle Daigneault, Chief of Interpretation
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Berlin, MD 21811
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Description:

County: Worcester
Site Name: Assateague State Park
Contact: Angela Baldwin
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Berlin, MD 21811
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Description:

County: Worcester
Site Name: Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum
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Snow Hill, MD 21863
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Description:
Explore the grounds of the 19th-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.



County: Worcester
Site Name: Julia A. Purnell Museum
Contact: Mary St. Hippolyte
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Snow Hill, MD 21863
Mailing Address: 208 West Market Street
Snow Hill, MD 21863
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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.

County: Worcester
Site Name: Girdletree Barnes Bank Museum
Contact: Sandra Hudson
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Girdletree, MD 21829
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Girdletree, MD 21829
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County: Worcester
Site Name: Costen House/Hall Walton Garden
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410-957-3110 (Costen House)
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Pocomoke, MD 21851
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Pocomoke, MD 21851
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Description:

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

County: Worcester
Site Name: Sturgis One Room School Museum, c. 1900
Heritage House, 1850
Contact: Sudie Gatling
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Pocomoke City, MD 21851
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Pocomoke City, MD 21851
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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.

County: Worcester
Site Name: Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center
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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.

County: Worcester
Site Name: Delmarva Discovery Center
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Pocomoke City, MD 21851



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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.

County: Worcester
Site Name: Maryland Costal Bays Program
Contact: Carrie Samis, Education Coordinator
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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

County: all Delmarva counties
Site Name: Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE)
Contact: Jim Rapp
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Salisbury, MD 21801
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Description:
DLITE's mission is to strengthen and promote low-impact tourism on Delmarva.

County: Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester
Site Name: Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council (LESHC)
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Description:
LESHC's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the cultural, natural and historical heritage of the tri-county region.