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We invite you to come and share in our storied past and boundless future. From history to technology and everything in between, there is something for everyone in St. Mary's County—Maryland's birthplace.

Learn who we are by traveling back centuries in time to when the Piscataway Indian Nation settled the land and took to our many waterways and over 500 miles of coastline. See where the first English settlers arrived in 1634 to start a new life and pave the way for some of our country's most cherished rights and freedoms. Explore the technological marvels and unique exhibits at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, celebrating over 70 years of naval air research and American military history.

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Find inspiration, adventure, and excitement where the Potomac and the Chesapeake meet. Whether you've come to explore the past, savor the beauty of the moment, or imagine the possibilities of the future, you'll find that you are always welcome in St. Mary's County.

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# All About the County



## ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Amazing outdoor experiences, storied museums, fun nightlife and restaurants, and unique events-with something for everyone, come discover why St. Mary's County is the best-kept travel secret. Enjoy the local opportunities that the county provides from shops, food, wineries, and distilleries that provide an enjoyable experience for everyone. Make St. Mary's County your next destination, and make it an unforgettable experience.

## LEONARDTOWN

Leonardtown-small town charm with modern flare, bustling with local and unique shops, restaurants, wineries, waterfront, and more. Enjoy a sunny day exploring the waterfront access with Leonardtown's Wharf. Take a walk through history as you tour Tudor Hall and the Old Jail Museum. Come experience the nightlife with local pubs and bars or exciting events that are held in Leonardtown, such as First Fridays.

## SEVENTH DISTRICT

Seventh District is home to several historic sites such as St. Clements Island, Blackistone Lighthouse, and Chaptico's Christ Church. Don't forget to stop in at the local country stores in the area and to enjoy some delicious food from the Chaptico Market.



**PATUXENT – CHESAPEAKE  
CORRIDOR**

The Patuxent-Chesapeake Corridor is home to many national brand hotels and restaurants, along with unique places. Enjoy history as you explore the Historic Sotterley Plantation, Grand Dame of Maryland, and the Patuxent Naval Air Museum. Enjoy beautiful scenery as you hike through Greenwell State Park. Don't forget to purchase tickets to watch performances put on by the Three Notch Community Theater.

**LOWER POTOMAC AREA**

Enjoy a weekend away in a boutique resort hotel or one of the campgrounds that are home to the Lower Potomac Area. Enjoy paddling, fishing, and/or canoeing from St. George Island in the St. Mary's River. Drayden African-American Schoolhouse is also located in this area for all the history lovers.



**SOUTH COUNTY**

South County is home to Historic St. Mary's City, the starting place for St. Mary's. Enjoy the scenery as you walk through Historic St. Mary's outdoor living museum and St. Mary's College of Maryland. The area is also home to Swanendele Inn (recently named one of the Top 13 Great Luxury Hotels in the Northeast for 2020), the new Pier450 (motel, restaurant, pier and beachfront), and amazing farm venues such as Woodlawn Farm and Mary's Hope. Enjoy delicious seafood, marinas, charter fishing, and bed and breakfasts. Don't forget to check out Point Lookout State Park for your camping and fishing opportunities.

**NORTH COUNTY**

North County is a beautiful and historic place. It is home to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, once one of the oldest military academies in Maryland. Enjoy Ye Coole Springs, Three Notch Trail, the Amish market, and the Wicomico Golf Club. For something more speedy, head over to Maryland International Raceway for major motor sport events.



# Getting CRAFTY

*in St. Mary's*

*By Linda L. Esterson*







**THE FIRST STOP** on America's bourbon trail is right here in St. Mary's County. Long before Maryland distillers migrated to what is present day Kentucky in 1786, the Haydens, Wathens and Willets were making whiskey in St. Mary's. Today, St. Mary's is leading a renaissance of the craft beverage industry. The county's up-and-coming breweries, distilleries and wineries provide plenty of options to please every palette and preference, all with a local flair.

St. Mary's County's flourishing agriculture industry helps fuel the area's beverage masters, who utilize home-grown ingredients in their creations, keeping local establishments and restaurants stocked with the best the region has to offer.

"With our expansive terrain and unique soils, our area provides the perfect conditions for growing high quality produce—including premium grapes—with lots of



potential to harvest plentiful grains for our other craft beverage producers,” says Lauren Zimmerman, winemaker for the Port of Leonardtown Winery, a winery cooperative creating a broad portfolio using products from 11 different farms. “The culinary scene in St. Mary’s is exploding, with many phenomenal, locally-focused restaurants, many of which are excited to support the local producers and provide quality beverages for their customers. Next time you dine out, ask for Maryland wine, beer or spirits!”

The first legal distillery in St. Mary’s County is Tobacco Barn Distillery. They are one of the few in America that grows the grain that they distill, says partner Scott Sanders. The distilling process dates back to Maryland’s colonial period, when early settlers grew and traded for crops and began distilling, Sanders explains. Today, he and partners Sean Coogan and Dan Dawson run Tobacco Barn Distillery, producing bourbon and whiskey from ingredients grown and sourced from the local farming community.

“This is where colonial bourbon started,” says Sanders. “The taste comes from the local terroir. Local grains, water, soil, and weather conditions all impact the flavor and taste of our bourbon. People like drinking what’s local.”

In celebration of all of the area’s craft businesses, St. Mary’s plans to launch the St. Mary’s Taste Trail, featuring leading wineries, distilleries and breweries in the area. Many will provide taste samples, live music, events, and snacks on premises.

## THE ST. MARY’S Taste Trail

### The Port of Leonardtown Winery

23190 Newtowne Neck Road;  
Leonardtown  
Winner of the prestigious Governor’s  
Cup in 2018 for its Barbera Reserve.  
Tasting Room open 7 days a week

### Generations Vineyards

22715 Wheatleys Content Farm  
Lane; Leonardtown  
Tasting Room open Friday and  
Saturday, by appointment in winter

### Xella Winery

26781 Laurel Grove Road;  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

### Southern Trail Distillery

27227 Morganza Turner Road;  
Mechanicsville  
Tasting Room open Friday–Sunday

### Tobacco Barn Distillery

24460 Hollywood Road; Hollywood  
Tasting Room open Saturday and Sunday,  
Thursday and Friday by appointment

### Free State Ciders \*

21078 Three Notch Road;  
Lexington Park  
Plans to have a Tasting Room in the  
future. Available at the Home Grown  
Farms Market

### Breton Bay Brewing \*

22725 Duke Street; Leonardtown  
Plans to have a Tasting Room  
in the future. Available at  
Shepherd’s Old Field Market

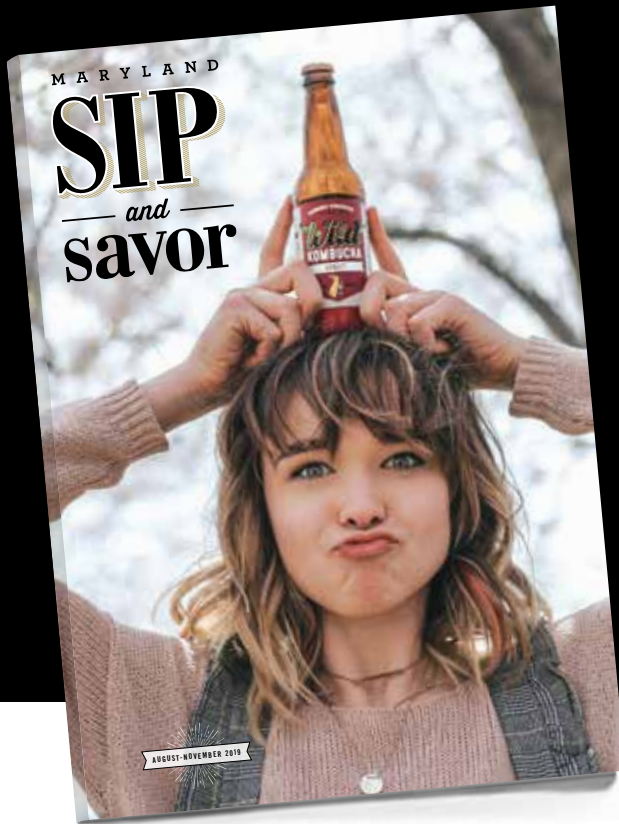
\* Addresses listed are tasting locations



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## **SHOPPING IN ST. MARY'S**

# Quaint Stores Offer Unique Treasures

*By Linda L. Esterson*

**YOU NEVER KNOW** what treasures you'll find at the local shops in St. Mary's County.

"There's always a great deal around the corner," says Randy Ferguson, executive director of The Center for Life Enrichment (TCLE), which operates two Vintage Values thrift stores in the county. "And each person's treasure is a little bit different."

That's the beauty of the small shops in St. Mary's, whether TCLE's locations in Lexington Park and Leonardtown, or places like the Craft Guild Shop artist co-op in Leonardtown, The Grapevine Antiques & Collectibles in Lexington Park and Keepin' It Local in Morganza.

Vintage Values, the first stop for many visitors, offers a rotating stock of household goods and furniture, men's, women's and children's



clothing, jackets and shoes, some with original tags. Inventory is based on donations, all of which support the organization's mission to increase the vocational and personal potential of individuals with disabilities.

The Vintage Values stores serve as a base for vocational training, including such basic work skills as reporting on time, punching a time clock, running a cash register and stocking shelves. Work at the stores prepares individuals for employment in the community, and TCLE helps participants secure jobs. Some remain employed at Vintage Values, helping to run special sales and aid customers looking for unique items.

"Someone looking for an unusual article of clothing or household item might find it at our locations," Ferguson says. "Treasure means something different to everyone."

Fenwick Street Used Books and Music is another St. Mary's Treasure. Located just off the town square in Leonardtown on Fenwick Street, the store provides a stock of about 25,000 books and vintage vinyl records, as well as CDs, DVDs, comic books and tarot cards. About 95 percent of the stock is gently used, says Jody Brouwer, who purchased the store with daughter Kelly Brouwer from Joe Orlando, who retired last August after serving the county since 2003.

Tourists love to stop in and experience the historical value – the store operates in one of the county's oldest buildings, the former Duke's Bar. The mirror and serving bar, dating back to the 1800s, provide an antique charm to an already enchanting spot.



"It's the adventure of the hunt for a book, to find a treasure, and have the experience," Jody Brouwer says.

Fenwick's also offers a few new selections from local authors or about local history. A small reading area provides the perfect place to relax and peruse in a comfortable, intimate setting focused on personalized customer service, provided directly from the owner.

The small-town shopping experience is also part of the charm at the Apple Basket in Mechanicsville. Proceeding through the store's entrance provides a glimpse of the building's original tenant, Latham's General Store, which operated in the 1800s. Original counters and shelves and old ledgers, tins and shoes give visitors the feel of shopping in the 19th century general store.

"We're keeping the memory alive," says owner Charlene Tsirigotis. "It's one of a kind. People come from Virginia and further just to shop here. We're not an ordinary store. There's a lot of history here."



The 35-year-old operation offers "something for everyone" in its 13 rooms, many uniquely themed for wares like nautical; dogs, cats and horses; and Maryland. New inventory arrives daily, some from local artists including Tsirigotis' sparkled vintage hand mirrors, transformed chalk-painted furniture and custom wreaths and arrangements, as well as fine jewelry, clothing, antiques, vintage items like Pyrex and other kitchen ware, and much more.



# WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

*By Linda L. Esterson*

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY** is a peninsula, touched by the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Thus, its historically strong commerce and pleasurable recreational opportunities are buoyed by these natural resources and their tributaries.

The area is known for its plentiful supply of seafood, which has provided a livelihood for commercial watermen for generations. Crabs, oysters, and varieties of fish including bluefish, rockfish, spot, croaker, flounder and mackerel are among the

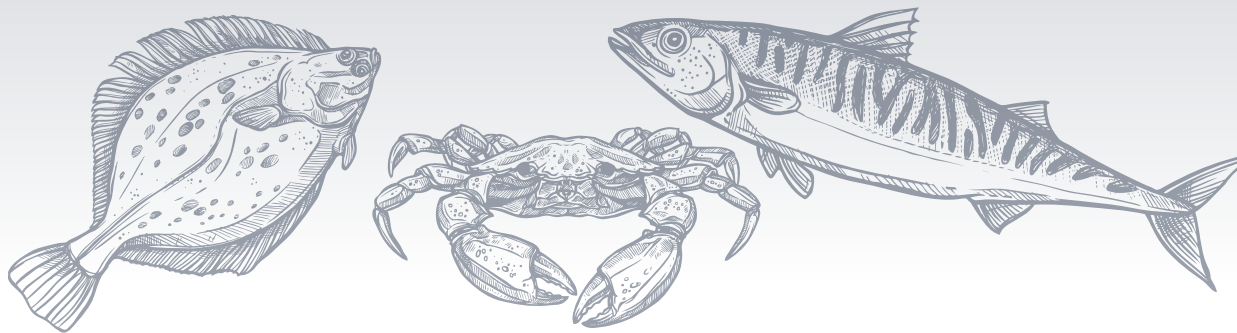
species that fuel the St. Mary's seafood industry.

"St. Mary's County has some of the freshest seafood because of its availability," says Willy Dean, president of the St. Mary's County Watermen's Association and a commercial waterman for 40 years. "We're one of the top producers of seafood in the state. We're right on the bay and the river, and the higher salinity of our waters gives our seafood the tastiest flavors."

St. Mary's watermen provide meaty, tasty seafood to area crab houses,







oyster shuck houses, local restaurants and the general public, and also supply to county seafood dealers who distribute product into Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The crab season runs from April 1 to the end of November, while oysters are the most plentiful from October 1 through May. Some fish, like perch and rockfish, are available from the local waters all year round.

Visitors and locals enjoy fishing charters, providing a glimpse into the life of a commercial waterman. On the fishing charter offered by Fish the Bay Charters, up to 30 travelers spend a half or full day aboard a Coast Guard certified vessel and with rods, bait, tackle and temporary license, experience life as a fisherman. Shore-side grilling enables the fishermen to cook their own catch or take the cleaned fish to cook later. The organization's Watermen's Heritage Tours gives participants a hands-on opportunity to tong oysters, pull crab pots and cull crabs.

"Everyone is not a fisherman," says Phil Langley, owner of Fish the Bay Charters, one of two dozen that provide charters and tours on the water in St. Mary's. "A lot of people have an interest in the ecosystem and our resources. The Waterman Heritage Tours

take people out and give them first-hand experience on what it's like to pull crab pots, bait them and harvest crabs. They learn the traditional way of oystering and tonguing oysters. The watermen explain the life cycle of crabs and oysters, how fast they grow, and how they reproduce. On the water, they learn the importance of these species to our ecosystem."

Langley also offers a Sunset Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. The two-hour cruise heads a few miles offshore to Point No Point, with a relaxing view of the lighthouse and a breathtaking sunset.

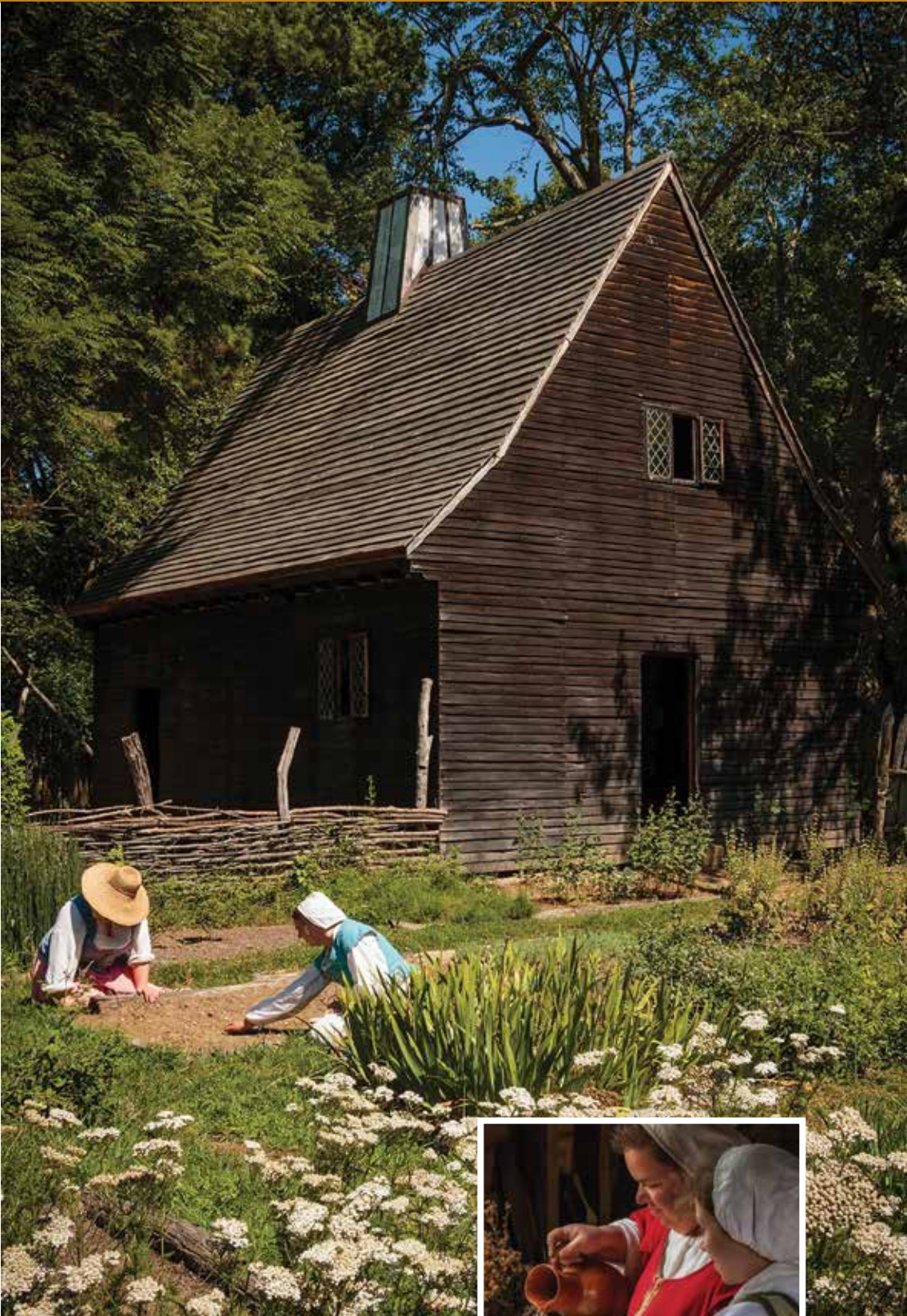
The tours educate participants on the importance of the water industry, and the supply of crabs, oysters and fish locally and to other states.

"The water is one of the best kept secrets down here," says Langley. "It's a beautiful area surrounded on three sides by water, and as far as tourism goes, it's a sample platter of the best in tourist locations.

"You have the farming community, the water community, a ton of history and state parks. St. Mary's has all of the tourist attractions encompassed in one county."











## ST. MARY'S CITY: Rich in History

*By Linda L. Esterson*

**HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY** proudly boasts so many firsts for Colonial America and for Maryland. It was the state's first official city and for 61 years, the country's colonial capital. St. Mary's was where the first Catholic Chapel in English America was built and where the First Freedom of Conscience policy in America was established, the first effort to free religion from government in America. There's a long list of firsts and likewise a long list of sites to visit and experiences to be had.

Two indoor museums and four main outdoor attractions provide a glimpse of life in Historic St. Mary's City. Set foot on the spot where the foundation of America was created. The actual layout of the 17th century City Center has been reconstructed with a baroque street plan and several structures faithfully recreated on their original locations. According to Dr. Regina Faden, executive director of Historic St. Mary's City, the actual layout today mirrors what existed in the 17th century city, and with some cultural materials still underground, it is considered one of the premiere 17th century archaeological sites.

**St. John's Site Museum**, a former home, provides a full view of an open excavation pit, where visitors see the building's foundations and a brick-lined cellar, fireplaces, an Indian hearth and a dairy cellar. Part of the building is reconstructed and interpreted with text panels and artifacts like German pottery, English stoneware, and Venetian glass, to help visitors imagine the past.

2020 is The Year of the Woman, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the amendment giving women the right to vote. In St. John's Site Museum, there is a

### EVENTS

#### 2020 ST. MARY'S CITY

##### **Maryland Day** (observed)

March 21

10AM-4PM

Free day celebration of Maryland's founding

##### **May Day**

May 16

10AM-4PM

Spring Festival

##### **BeerFest**

July 20

12PM-6PM

##### **Tidewater Archaeology Weekend**

July 18-19

10AM-4PM

Behind the scenes tours

##### **Shakespeare in the City: Hamlet**

August 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15

7:30 PM

Live outdoor production with  
Newtowne Players

##### **Indigenous Heritage Day**

September 12

10AM-4PM

Celebrating indigenous culture

##### **Militia Muster**

September 26

10AM-4PM

St. Mary's Militia demonstrations

##### **Lost City**

October 24

5-8 PM

Trick-or-treating after hours

##### **Hearth and Home**

November 27 & 28

10AM-4PM

Hearth cooking demonstrations

##### **Madrigal Dinners**

December 4, 5, 11 & 12

A fine meal and entertainment

marking of the spot where Margaret Brent became the first woman to ask the Maryland Assembly for the right to vote, as a landowner and representative of Lord Baltimore.

The first official state-purchased **State House** was considered the colonial Town Center. Today, Town Center provides visitors with a feel for the locale where laws concerning slavery, religious persecution, and separating church and state were passed. The reconstructed State House is the city's most formal building.

Town Center comprises several notable buildings. Visit the storehouse, called **Cordea's Hope**, and see the types of things people purchased centuries ago, like axe heads and fine drinking glasses, by appointment with credit. Visit a recreated inn, **Smith's Ordinary**, to learn about who stayed there and the stories of race and equality that occurred at the inn.



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There's also a reconstructed 17th century brick **Jesuit Chapel** on the original foundation of the first English Catholic Church in America. There's a glass floor, and underneath is a vault that was created to store the lead coffins of Lord Baltimore, his wife and baby girl, determined to be six months old at the time of her death. The destination is a popular stop for schools and visitors of all ages.

**Maryland Dove** is a representation of a 1680s sailing ship that colonists used to trade on the eastern seaboard. On the ship, docked in the St. Mary's River, costumed interpreters discuss transportation, immigration and life onboard during that time period. Operate a bilge pump, learn to use block and tackle, or walk along the five miles of paths and trails with signs explaining the historic landscape.

The **Woodland Indian Hamlet** includes three witchotts, or long houses, that were an Indian village. The houses represent the different occupants in history, whether the original Indians with their pottery or the English after the Indians departed. Try different daily activities like scraping out a canoe or making cordage.

The **Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation** is a modest house with costumed interpreters that help to recreate life on the 17th century plantation. Enjoy the period garden, visit the heritage breed chickens, cows and pigs and imagine a time when tobacco production was the priority of the day.

Before departing, be sure to experience **Chancellor's Point**, named for the last chancellor of Maryland who owned the property. The 66-acre site was developed into a recreational area located on the museum's beautiful trails with a boardwalk with access to St. Mary's River, picnic areas, and 10 campsites for rent.

"A lot of people come to St. Mary's because of their genealogy with families ties to the area or they want custom tours," says Faden. "You can do just about anything here."





# Outdoor Activities



## STATE PARKS

Each of our five state parks has its own defining character, but all have one thing in common—water! Three of our state parks have roots in history. St. Clement’s Island is the first colonial landing site and birthplace of Maryland. Newtowne Neck is site of the second oldest Jesuit Mission in Maryland. Point Lookout was a resort, then a military hospital, then a Civil War prison camp. Maryland State Parks are open sunrise to sunset.



### St. Mary’s River State Park

21250 Camp Cosoma Road  
Callaway, MD 20620  
301-872-5688  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/stmarysriver.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/stmarysriver.aspx)  
Situated at the north end of the St. Mary’s River watershed in the center of the county, the park consists of approximately 2,000 acres of land with a 250-acre fishing lake. The relatively flat landscape of St. Mary’s County is not usually thought of as mountain biking terrain; however, the 7.5-mile course encircling the lake at St. Mary’s River State Park is a little-known treasure. This course is also available for hiking.

### Greenwell State Park

25420 Rosedale Manor Lane  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-373-9775  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/greenwell.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/greenwell.aspx)  
Nearly 600 acres of parkland, 10 miles of trails, and two miles of waterfront along the Patuxent River with an accessible 50 ft. pier. Kayak/canoe launch sites, beach and picnic areas.

### St. Clement’s Island State Park

38370 Point Breeze Road  
Coltons Point, MD 20626  
301-872-5688  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/stclements.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/stclements.aspx)  
One half mile offshore in the Potomac River lies a piece of land considered to be the most historic in Maryland. This island marks the site where Governor Leonard Calvert formally took possession of the land that was to become Maryland.

### Point Lookout State Park

11175 Point Lookout Road  
Scotland, MD 20687  
301-872-5688  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx)  
Located at the tip of St. Mary’s County, Point Lookout combines a rich history with recreation options. This is one of the state’s most popular parks. Campsites & cabins. 710 ft. fishing pier and surf fishing areas. Swimming beach open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Beach area has grills, picnic tables, playground, showers, and restrooms. Boat launch facility, fish cleaning station, boat rentals, camp store.

### Newtowne Neck State Park

MD 243, Compton, MD 20627  
301-872-5688  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/newtowne.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/newtowne.aspx)  
Cradled by Breton Bay, the Potomac River and St. Clements Bay, this 776-acre property of woodlands, wetlands, and agricultural fields offers low-impact recreational opportunities such as biking, walking, hunting, birding and fishing. Capt. John Smith explored the waters surrounding the property in 1608. Newtowne was the first settlement in the Maryland province after St. Mary’s City.





## PUBLIC LANDINGS

With over 500 miles of shoreline, there is much to explore. Grab your boat, canoe, kayak, or other vessel and travel around the County. For more information on public landings managed by St. Mary's County, visit [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/facilities](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/facilities) or call 301-863-8400 ext. 3570.

### Abell's Wharf

21620 Abell's Wharf Road, Leonardtown, MD  
Landing with boat ramp.

### Bushwood Wharf

36803 Bushwood Wharf Road, Bushwood, MD  
Landing with boat ramp and pier.

### Camp Calvert Landing

22530 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown, MD  
Canoe/kayak launching only; minimal parking.

### Cape St. Mary's Landing

27290 Holly Lane, Mechanicsville, MD  
Landing with boat ramp for motorized boats and parking.

### Chaptico Wharf

23975 Old Chaptico Wharf Road, Maddox, MD  
Landing with boat ramp and pier.

### Clarke's Landing

Clarke's Landing Road, Hollywood, MD  
Landing with boat ramp, minimal parking.

### Forrest Landing

44600 Forrest Landing Road, Hollywood, MD  
Landing with boat ramp.

### Fox Harbor Landing

16490 Dunbar Lane, Ridge, MD  
Landing with pier, minimal parking. No fishing or crabbing.

### Great Mills Canoe/Kayak Launch

20228 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD  
Canoe/kayak launching only.

### Greenwell State Park

25420 Rosedale Manor Lane, Hollywood, MD  
Accessible canoe/kayak launch.

### Leonardtown Wharf

22500 Washington Street, Leonardtown MD  
Boat tie-ups, canoe/kayak launch and rentals. No overnight boat facilities.

### Paul Ellis Landing

37385 Paul Ellis Road, Avenue, MD  
Landing with pier, minimal parking.

### Piney Point Landing

17139 Piney Point Road, Piney Point, MD  
Landing with boat ramp and pier.

### Piney Point Lighthouse Canoe/Kayak Launch

44701 Lighthouse Road, Piney Point, MD  
Museum grounds. Canoe/kayak launching only.

### Port of Leonardtown Park / McIntosh Run

23190 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD  
Park, pavilion, walking paths, and canoe/kayak launch.

### River Springs Landing

37250 River Springs Road, Avenue, MD  
Landing with pier, minimal parking.

### St. George Island Landing

16036 Thomas Road, St. George Island, MD  
Landing with boat ramp.

### St. Inigoes Landing

46621 Beachville Road, St. Inigoes, MD  
Landing with boat ramp.

### Tall Timbers Landing

18521 Herring Creek Road, Tall Timbers, MD  
Landing with pier, minimal parking.

### Wicomico Shores Landing

35222 Army-Navy Drive, Chaptico, MD  
Landing with boat ramp and pier; picnic area and playground.

## BEACHES

### Elms Beach Park

19350 Back Door Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-475-4200 ext. 71800  
[www.stmarysmd.com/recreate](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate)  
500 feet of shoreline with unsupervised swimming, picnicking and fishing, plus picnic pavilion, playground, portable restrooms, changing areas, and parking.

### Myrtle Point Park

24032 N. Patuxent Boulevard  
California, MD 20619  
301-475-4200 ext. 71800  
[www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/facilities](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/facilities)  
Nearly two miles of shore, including unsupervised beach, picnic tables, informal canoe/kayak launching, three miles of hiking trails, parking, and portable restroom facilities.

### Point Lookout State Park

11175 Point Lookout Road  
Scotland, MD 20687  
301-872-5688  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx)  
Extensive beach with posted lifeguards, restrooms, bath house, first aid station, picnic facilities, and playground.

### Snow Hill Park & Beach

26590 South Sandgates Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-475-4200 ext. 71800  
[www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/facilities](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/facilities)  
6-acre park that includes 1500 feet of unsupervised beach, pavilion, picnic tables, portable restrooms, and informal kayak and canoe launch.





# Getting Here

St. Mary's County is conveniently located on a peninsula with over 500 miles of shoreline bounded by the Patuxent River, Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay. Only an hour from DC and less than two hours from both Baltimore and Richmond, St. Mary's County is an ideal getaway in the mid-Atlantic.

## INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL AIRPORTS

### Reagan National Airport (DCA)

[www.flyreagan.com](http://www.flyreagan.com)  
Travel Time: One hour

### Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)

[www.bwiairport.com](http://www.bwiairport.com)  
Located just outside of Baltimore, MD  
Travel Time: One hour and 20 minutes

### Dulles International Airport (IAD)

[www.flydulles.com](http://www.flydulles.com)  
Located in Northern Virginia, right in DC's backyard  
Travel Time: One hour and 35 minutes

### Richmond International Airport (RIC)

[www.flyrichmond.com](http://www.flyrichmond.com)  
Located just outside of Richmond, VA  
Travel Time: Two Hours

## LOCAL / REGIONAL AIRPORT

### St. Mary's County Regional Airport

301-373-2101  
[www.co.saint-marys.md.us/dpw/Airportinfo.asp](http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/dpw/Airportinfo.asp)  
Services include aircraft hangar leasing, grass and paved tie-downs, charter service, low lead and Jet A fueling, and maintenance/repair services.

## TRAINS

### Amtrak

[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)  
Stations in Washington DC, Baltimore, New Carrollton, Richmond, and more.

## LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### St. Mary's Transit Buses (STS)

301-863-8400 ext. 1120

### Private Shuttle Services

Southern Maryland Express  
888-313-9773  
[www.somdexpress.com](http://www.somdexpress.com)

### Dyson Mini Coach

240-431-1722

### Compass Limousine

301-904-5252

### Gold Star Limousine Service

301-373-4444

## Mileage

Washington, DC - 55 miles  
Annapolis, MD - 65 miles  
Baltimore, MD - 88 miles  
Richmond, VA - 101 miles  
Williamsburg, VA - 140 miles  
Harrisburg, PA - 150 miles  
Philadelphia, PA - 180 miles  
Norfolk, VA - 180 miles  
Pittsburgh, PA - 275 miles  
New York, NY - 280 miles

## Important Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911  
Directory Assistance: 411  
MedStar St. Mary's Hospital:  
301-475-8981  
St. Mary's County Government  
(All Departments  
Directory): 301-475-4200  
St. Mary's County Library:  
301-475-2846







# Museums & Attractions

## MUSEUMS

### Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and St. Mary's County Visitor's Center

22156 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-863-1900  
[www.paxmuseum.org](http://www.paxmuseum.org)

The nation's only museum dedicated to naval aviation research, development, testing, and evaluation. Featuring nearly 30 one-of-a-kind aircraft that you can walk right up to, the museum highlights the story of how the Navy established their flight test center prior to WWII, where major advances in aircraft such as the Harrier, Tomcat, and Osprey were developed. Open Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00AM to 5:00PM



### St. Clement's Island Museum

38370 Point Breeze Road  
Colton's Point, MD 20626  
301-769-2222  
[www.museums.stmarysmd.com](http://www.museums.stmarysmd.com)

This nationally-accredited museum traces the history of the English colonization of Maryland and the landing on nearby St. Clement's Island on March 25, 1634. Enjoy the museum's colorful exhibits, then take the water taxi to nearby St. Clement's Island State Park where the first Colonists landed. The museum grounds are also home to a 19th-century, one-room schoolhouse, picnic area, pier, and docking facility. Spring/Summer Hours, Open Daily from 10:00AM to 5:00PM. Fall/Winter Hours, Open Thursday–Monday from 12:00PM to 4:00PM.



### Historic St. Mary's City

18751 Hogaboom Lane  
St. Mary's City, MD 20686  
240-895-4990  
[www.HSMCDigsHistory.org](http://www.HSMCDigsHistory.org)

Explore life in 17th-century Maryland. Colorful living history, scenic hiking trails, and fascinating archaeology are yours to explore at Maryland's colonial capital. Visit a re-created 17th Century Plantation, Chancellor's Point, the 1676 State House, and much more. Go aboard the Maryland Dove, a rebuilt coastal trading vessel that made the voyage to Maryland in 1634. Hours vary by season, please check website.



### Sotterley Plantation

44300 Sotterley Lane  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-373-2280  
[www.sotterley.org](http://www.sotterley.org)

A National Historic Landmark, Sotterley Plantation has a history dating back to the turn of the 18th century and is one of the oldest museums of its kind in the United States. Many have called Sotterley home over its 300-year history. Some came to prosper; others worked the land, either for wages or under bondage. Sotterley today consists of almost 100 acres of breathtaking beauty on the Patuxent River that includes over six miles of nature trails, Colonial Revival Gardens, and over 20 historic buildings. Open Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00AM–4:00PM, Sunday, 11:45AM–4:00PM, Closed Monday.



### Drayden African American Schoolhouse

18287 Cherryfield Road  
Drayden, MD 20630  
301-994-1471  
[www.museums.stmarysmd.com](http://www.museums.stmarysmd.com)

One of the best preserved African-American schoolhouses in the country, the one-room schoolhouse still occupies its original site and has not been significantly altered. Built circa 1890, it was in use until 1944. The structure marks the era of segregated schools in St. Mary's County. Interpretive panels offer self-guided tours. Group tours are available by advance arrangement.



### Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park

44720 Lighthouse Road  
Piney Point, MD 20674  
301-994-1471  
[www.museums.stmarysmd.com](http://www.museums.stmarysmd.com)

Climb the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac (constructed in 1836), see historic boats and maritime history in the museum, learn about the U1105 Historic Shipwreck Dive Preserve, stroll the beach, paddle about in your kayak & enjoy 6 acres of park, pier & more. The Potomac River Maritime Exhibit includes a collection of historic wooden boats that once plied the waters of the Chesapeake Bay as well as the watermen's story. Spring/Summer Hours, Open Daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00PM. Fall/Winter Hours, Open Thursday–Monday from 12:00PM to 4:00PM.



### Point Lookout State Park & Civil War Museum

11175 Point Lookout Road  
Scotland, MD 20687  
301-872-5688  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx)

Located at the tip of St. Mary's County, Point Lookout combines a rich history with recreation options. This is one of the state's most popular parks. Campsites & cabins. 710-ft. fishing pier and surf fishing areas. A valid fishing license and appropriate stamps required. Swimming beach open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Beach area has grills, picnic tables, playground, showers, and restrooms. Boat launch facility, fish cleaning station, boat rentals, camp store. Open from sunrise to sunset year round. Open for active night fishing after sunset.



### Old Jail Museum

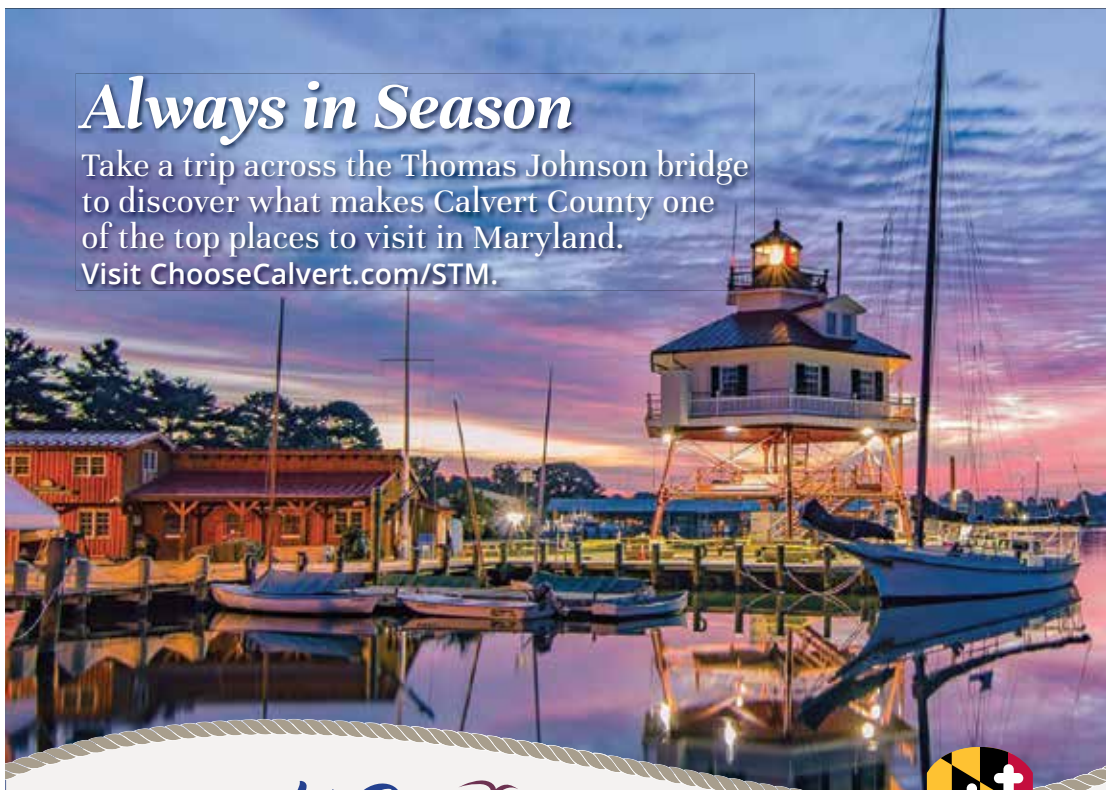
11 Courthouse Drive  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-2467  
[www.stmaryshistory.org](http://www.stmaryshistory.org)

Built in 1876 and in use until 1945, the granite block and brick structure retains its original upstairs cells where prisoners were once segregated by gender and race. The jail keeper's quarters downstairs house artifacts that relate county history. A cannon from The Ark, one of two ships that first brought colonists to Maryland, and later used to defend St. Mary's City, is displayed on the grounds. Special tours and hours are available by advanced arrangement.



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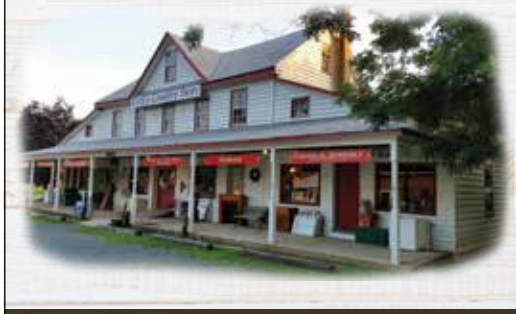
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**DIRECTIONS:** From St. Andrews Church Rd (Rt 4), take Indian Bridge Road South for 4 1/4 miles to Cecil's Historic District.



**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE SITES**

African-American history in Maryland begins in 1634 with the arrival of indentured servant Mathias de Sousa, one of the 140 settlers who first traveled here and established Maryland. Monuments, historic sites and museums illuminate our rich African-American history.

**Cardinal Gibbons Institute Memorial Park and Monument**

48913 Seaside View Road  
Ridge, MD 20680  
301-475-4200 ext. 1800  
[www.ucaconline.org/historic-sites.html](http://www.ucaconline.org/historic-sites.html)  
A monument marks the site of this vocational institute established in 1924 and operated by educators from the Tuskegee Institute. Hours: dawn to dusk

**Drayden African-American Schoolhouse**

18287 Cherryfield Road  
Drayden, MD 20630  
301-994-1471  
[www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/Draydenschool](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/Draydenschool)  
One of the best preserved African-American schoolhouses in the country, built in the late 1800s. Interpretive markers on the grounds. Tours by advance arrangement.

**Elmer Brown African-American Monument**

21744 South Coral Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
[www.ucaconline.org](http://www.ucaconline.org)  
Located at Freedom Park (corner of Route 235 and Tulagi Place), the monument recognizes African Americans who have made significant contributions to the county.

**Pathway Through History Markers**

John G. Lancaster Park, 21550 Willows Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
[www.ucaconline.org](http://www.ucaconline.org)  
Wayside interpretive signs mark milestones and challenges experienced by the African-American community from the end of the Civil War until World War II.

**Underground Railroad Sites**

Underground Railroad-Network to Freedom sites include Sotterley Plantation, the Old Jail Museum, and Point Lookout State Park.



**RELIGIOUS HERITAGE SITES**

Maryland's first colony is where the concepts of religious toleration and separation of Church and State were introduced to the New World. Follow the Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway through St. Mary's and Charles counties. The byway brings together natural beauty, recreation, inspirational stories and amazing places.

**The Brick Chapel of 1667**

Historic St. Mary's  
[www.hsmcdigshistory.org/research/archaeology/chapel](http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org/research/archaeology/chapel)  
The Roman Catholic Chapel, built by the Jesuits in 1667 at St. Mary's City, served as the focal point of the Catholic Faith in Maryland. Visit the amazing re-creation.

**St. Clement's Island**

[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/stclements.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/stclements.aspx)  
In March of 1634, Father Andrew White stepped ashore in St. Clement's Island with the first Maryland colonists and celebrated the first Catholic mass in the English-speaking colonies.

**St. Francis Xavier Church**

21110 Newtowne Neck Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
[www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org](http://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org)  
Built in 1731, St. Francis Xavier Church replaced the original Newtown Chapel of 1662. Site of an early Jesuit mission in Maryland.

**St. Ignatius Church**

8855 Chapel Point Road  
Point Tobacco, MD 20677  
[www.facebook.com/St.IgnatiusChurch](http://www.facebook.com/St.IgnatiusChurch)  
The first chapel of St. Ignatius was built in 1641. In 1704, the colony's early policies of religious toleration were abolished, and the chapel was closed and the church was dismantled. In 1785, the present day St. Ignatius Church was built.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

16855 Point Lookout Road  
St. Mary's City, MD 20686  
[www.trinitysmcmd.com](http://www.trinitysmcmd.com)  
Originally established in 1638, this present-day church adjacent to Historic St. Mary's City was built in 1829 using brick salvaged from the colony's State House.





## LANDMARKS

Living history abounds throughout St. Mary's County. Explore the many historical and heritage sites that tell the story of Maryland's humble beginnings.

### Tudor Hall

41680 Tudor Place  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-2467  
[www.stmaryshistory.org](http://www.stmaryshistory.org)

Originally built in 1744 and enlarged in the 1760s, this Georgian-style house was the home of Phillip Key, uncle of Francis Scott Key, author of the Star Spangled Banner. Unusual features of the house are the inset portico, the main hall's hanging staircase, and a "triple fireplace" in the kitchen. Maryland War of 1812 site. Tudor Hall serves as the research library for the St. Mary's County Historical Society. Bookstore. The Research Center is open Thursday and Friday, 11:00AM–4:00PM and on 2nd and 4th Saturdays, by appointment only. Call ahead for hours.



### Cecil's Old Mill

20853 Indian Bridge Road  
Great Mills, MD 20653  
301-994-1510  
[www.facebook.com/cecilmill](http://www.facebook.com/cecilmill)

Cecil's Mill was originally built as a cotton/textile factory in the 1800's. Later, it was transformed into a grist mill and saw mill. After restoration, Cecil's Old Mill has become a National Landmark in Historic St. Mary's County and is home to some of the finest local arts and crafts around.



### Point Lookout Lighthouse

11175 Point Lookout Road  
Scotland, MD 20687  
301-872-5688  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx)

Point Lookout Lighthouse is located at the southern tip of the park. The point's rich Civil War history is found at Fort Lincoln and at the Point Lookout Civil War Museum. The museum is open May through October, on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00AM–5:00PM.



### Charlotte Hall Schoolhouse

[museums.stmarysmd.com](http://museums.stmarysmd.com)

Located on the grounds of the St. Clement's Island Museum, this early 19th Century one-room building was used until the 1960s. It offers exhibits of period desks, blackboards, and a wood stove. The schoolhouse is open during the museum's regular summer hours.



### Charlotte Hall Military Academy

Charlotte Hall, MD  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Charlotte-Hall-Military-Academy](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Charlotte-Hall-Military-Academy)

Charlotte Hall Military Academy, located at Charlotte Hall, Maryland, was established as Charlotte Hall School in 1774 by Queen Charlotte to provide for the liberal and pious education of youth to better fit them for the discharge of their duties for the British Empire. It was fully accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education.

### Rosedale Manor House

25420 Rosedale Manor Lane  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-373-9775  
[www.greenwellfoundation.org](http://www.greenwellfoundation.org)

Located within the Greenwell State Park, this beautiful building is a blending of history from the 1700s to the 1950s. Restored and preserved, the home sits on nine acres of landscaped lawns adorned with native flowers, trees, and shrubs.



### USS Tulip Monument

Cross Manor Road  
St. Inigoes, MD 20684

This monument marks the smallest federal cemetery in the nation. The Tulip was purchased by the Navy for use in the Potomac Flotilla during the Civil War. Sinking shortly after her launch, the Tulip and her crew are memorialized at this historic site.







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# Arts and Culture



Arts and culture experiences come in all forms in St. Mary's County! Center your artistic journey in Leonardtown, Southern Maryland's only Arts & Entertainment District, where you can explore galleries, rent art space, discover your next inspiration, or thrive in the many street festivals. Journey to South County and enjoy the remarkable River Concert Series. Kick back and enjoy live performances in Lexington Park at the Newtowne Players performing arts theater. Live music events throughout the county range from classical to jazz, rock, bluegrass and everything in between, including several outdoor concert series during the summer months.



## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



### Leonardtown First Fridays

On the first Friday of every month, historic Leonardtown's art galleries, restaurants, cafes, gift shops, antique shops, bookstores, etc. open their doors to showcase local artists and/or serve specials at their establishments. You are invited to a fun evening of live entertainment, demos, receptions, hands-on activities, and seasonal promotions.

### Craft Guild Shop

The Craft Guild of St. Mary's County was established in 1976 by a group of talented artists with the goal of organizing and operating a retail store right in the heart of Southern Maryland. The Guild houses skilled crafters who engage in fabric arts, jewelry making, woodworking, floral artistry, photography, glass work, tobacco stick art, baking/ culinary specialties, and much more.

### Southern Maryland Film Festival

Held annually during the summer, this event showcases local filmmakers from Southern Maryland of all ages. Visitors can take part in a full day of screenings at various local businesses. The fun continues during the festival with panel discussions, receptions, award ceremonies and meet-and-greets.

## CONCERTS

### COSMIC Symphony Concert Series

[www.cosmicsymphony.org](http://www.cosmicsymphony.org)

Local talent with universal appeal come together for a series of concerts beginning in the Fall and ending in the Spring.

### Chesapeake Orchestra River Concert Series

[www.smc.edu/events/riverconcert](http://www.smc.edu/events/riverconcert)

St. Mary's College of Maryland's River Concert Series provides a unique outdoor experience of high-quality professional performances throughout the summer, enriching the cultural offerings of our region. The repertoire of the Series ranges from serious classical composition, to light classics, to jazz.

### Leonardtown Summer Music Festival

[www.leonardtownmusicfest.com](http://www.leonardtownmusicfest.com)

Located in the heart of Leonardtown, Leonardtown Summer Music Festival is a free concert series that features a variety of music genres including jazz, country, bluegrass, acoustic, and rock-n-roll performed by local artists. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music on the square in Leonardtown.

### Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival

[www.potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com](http://www.potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com)

This 3-day event is held in July at the St. Clement's Island Museum. Enjoy jazz, seafood, and stunning waterside views with a variety of activities for jazz enthusiasts. Travel around the County to enjoy jazz brunches and activities.

# Dining

## *Eat Like a Local*



### AROUND THE COUNTY

#### **Abell's Restaurant**

23945 Colton's Point Road  
Clements, MD 20624  
301-769-4010

#### **Bert's Restaurant and 50's Drive In**

28760 Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-3837  
[www.berts50sdiner.com](http://www.berts50sdiner.com)

#### **Captain Leonard's Seafood**

27240 Morganza Turner Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-3701

#### **Chaptico Market Deli**

25466 Maddox Road  
Chaptico, MD 20621  
301-884-3308  
[www.chaptico-market.com](http://www.chaptico-market.com)

#### **Chief's — Your Neighborhood Bar**

44584 Tall Timbers Road  
Tall Timbers, MD 20690  
301-994-0772  
[www.vjdent.com](http://www.vjdent.com)

#### **Courtney's Restaurant**

48290 Wynne Road  
Ridge, MD 20680  
301-872-4403 (on the water)  
[www.courtneysseafoodrestaurant.com](http://www.courtneysseafoodrestaurant.com)

#### **Drift Inn**

41310 River View Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-3470 (on the water)

#### **Fiesta Café Mexican Restaurant**

28255 Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-9730  
[www.fiestacafemd.com](http://www.fiestacafemd.com)

#### **The Foxy Fish**

28976 Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-4235  
[www.thefoxyfish.com](http://www.thefoxyfish.com)

#### **Gridiron Grill**

20865 Callaway Village Way  
Callaway, MD 20620  
301-994-1020

#### **Hot Pot Chinese Restaurant**

29255 Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-8188



**Morris Point Restaurant**

38869 Morris Point Road  
Abell, MD 20606  
301-769-2500 (on the water)  
[www.morris-point.com](http://www.morris-point.com)

**Old Line Pub**

30080 Three Notch Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
240-249-3390  
[www.oldlinepubmd.com](http://www.oldlinepubmd.com)

**Pizza Hotline**

29948 Three Notch Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
301-884-2117  
[www.pizzahotlineonline.com](http://www.pizzahotlineonline.com)

**Reluctant Navigator**

(At Tall Timbers Marina)  
18521 Herring Creek Road  
Tall Timbers, MD 20690  
301-994-1508 (on the water)  
[www.talltimbersmarinasomd.com](http://www.talltimbersmarinasomd.com)

**Riverside Bistro**

46555 Dennis Point Way  
Drayden, MD 20630  
301-994-2233 (on the water)  
<http://dennispointcampground.com>

**Riverview at Wicomico  
Shores Golf Course**

35794 Aviation Yacht Club Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-0399  
[www.stmarysmd.com/recreate](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate)

**Ruddy Duck Seafood  
& Alehouse**

16810 Piney Point Road  
Piney Point, MD 20674  
301-994-9944 (on the water)  
[www.ruddyduckbrewery.com](http://www.ruddyduckbrewery.com)

**Sandgates Inn**

27525 North Sandgates Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-373-5100 (on the water)

**Seabreeze Restaurant**

27130 South Sandgates Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-373-5217 (on the water)

**St. Mary's Landing**

29935 Three Notch Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
301-884-6124

**Sonny's BBQ Pit**

29144 Thompson Corner Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-290-0035



**Sunset Cove &  
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Lookout Marina**

16244 Miller's Wharf Road  
Ridge, MD 20680  
301-872-5020 (on the water)  
[www.pointlookoutmarina.com](http://www.pointlookoutmarina.com)

**Tequila Grill & Cantina  
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Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
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[www.tequilagrillmd.com](http://www.tequilagrillmd.com)

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Leonardtown, MD 20650  
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21935 Society Hill Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-7228  
[www.bretonbaygolf.com](http://www.bretonbaygolf.com)

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22725 Duke Street  
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[www.brudergarten.com](http://www.brudergarten.com)

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40955 Merchants Lane  
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301-475-2722  
[www.crabknockers.com](http://www.crabknockers.com)

**Do Dah Deli**

22845 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
[www.dodahdeli.com](http://www.dodahdeli.com)

**Dos Amigos**

41655 Fenwick Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
240-309-4111

**Fitzie's Restaurant  
& Pub**

21540 Joe Hazel Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-1913 (on the water)  
[www.fitzies.homestead.com](http://www.fitzies.homestead.com)

**The Front Porch**

22770 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-997-1009  
[www.thefrontporchmd.com](http://www.thefrontporchmd.com)

**Happy Dragon  
Chinese Restaurant**

40955 Merchants Lane  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-9695

**Hong Kong Buffet**

40865 Merchants Lane  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-8608

**Jessie's Kitchen**

22845 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-997-0888  
[www.facebook.com/Jessieskitchen](http://www.facebook.com/Jessieskitchen)

**Kevin's Corner Kafe  
Seafood House**

24509 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-997-1260  
[www.eatatkevins.com](http://www.eatatkevins.com)

**Leonardtown Grille**

25470 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-690-2113  
[www.leonardtowngrille.net](http://www.leonardtowngrille.net)





#### **McKay's Market & Café**

23860 Hollywood Road  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-475-2531  
[www.mckayssupermarkets.com](http://www.mckayssupermarkets.com)

#### **Oga's Asian Cuisine**

22745 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-0188  
[www.ogasasiancuisinemd.com](http://www.ogasasiancuisinemd.com)

#### **Olde Town Pub**

22785 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-8184  
[www.olde-townpub.com](http://www.olde-townpub.com)

#### **The Rex**

22695 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-1512  
[www.therexmd.net](http://www.therexmd.net)

#### **The Slice House**

41565 Park Avenue  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-997-6577  
[www.theslicehouse.com](http://www.theslicehouse.com)

#### **Social Coffeehouse & Cocktail Bar**

41658 Fenwick Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-2400  
[www.socialcoffeehouse.company](http://www.socialcoffeehouse.company)

#### **Salsa's Mexican Café**

25470 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-997-0442  
[www.salsasmexicancafe.md](http://www.salsasmexicancafe.md)

#### **Smokey Joe's On The Town**

22845A Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
240-309-4185

#### **Sweetbay Restaurant & Bar**

22680 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
240-309-4148  
[www.sweetbayrestaurant.com](http://www.sweetbayrestaurant.com)

#### **Ye Olde Towne Café**

22685 Washington Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-5151  
[www.facebook.com/YeOldeTowneCafe](http://www.facebook.com/YeOldeTowneCafe)

### **HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, LEXINGTON PARK**

#### **Asahi Japanese Steak & Seafood House**

22576 MacArthur Boulevard, #302  
California, MD 20619  
301-866-9070  
[www.asahisomd.com](http://www.asahisomd.com)

#### **The Beanery Café & Bakery**

22741 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-737-0777  
[www.thebeaneryandcafe.com](http://www.thebeaneryandcafe.com)

#### **Blue Wind Gourmet**

22803 Gunston Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-737-2714  
[www.BlueWindGourmet.com](http://www.BlueWindGourmet.com)

#### **Bollywood Masala**

23418 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-862-7735  
[www.BollywoodMasalaCalifornia.com](http://www.BollywoodMasalaCalifornia.com)

#### **Captain Pat's Seafood**

21901 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-866-0000  
[www.CaptainPats.com](http://www.CaptainPats.com)

#### **The Cow and the Fish Steak and Seafood Restaurant**

25188 Three Notch Road  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-373-3020

#### **Days Off Deli & Grill**

22608 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
240-237-8310  
[www.DaysOffDeli.com](http://www.DaysOffDeli.com)

#### **El Rinconcito Mexican Restaurant**

21703 Great Mills Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-862-7600

#### **Elements - Eatery & Mixology**

46580 Expedition Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-862-5303  
[www.Elements-Food.com](http://www.Elements-Food.com)

#### **Hacienda Los Guayabos Mexican Grill**

19661 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
240-237-8345

#### **Hibachi Grill and Buffet**

21800 North Shangri La Drive, Unit 2  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-862-3309

#### **Hong Kong Lexington Park**

21800 North Shangri La Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-862-4776  
[www.hongkonglexingtonpark.com](http://www.hongkonglexingtonpark.com)

#### **Linda's Café**

21779 Tulagi Place  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-862-3544  
[www.facebook.com/lindascafe/city](http://www.facebook.com/lindascafe/city)

#### **Mom & Pop's Pizza**

22775 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-863-2500  
[www.momandpoppizza.com](http://www.momandpoppizza.com)

#### **Nicolletti's Pizza**

22741 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-863-2233  
[www.nicollettis.com](http://www.nicollettis.com)

#### **Niko's Pizza**

21600 St. Mary's Square  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-862-2800  
[www.nikospizza.net](http://www.nikospizza.net)



**Okada Japanese Seafood & Steak House**

23415 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-866-9595  
www.okadasteakhouse.com

**Pax River Ale House**

46590 Corporate Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
240-237-8335  
www.paxriveralehouse.com

**Plaza Azteca**

22201 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
www.plazaazteca.com

**Plaza Tolteca**

22769 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-737-2659  
www.mexicanrestaurantcalifornia.com

**Sake**

21719-1 Great Mills Road  
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301-863-7222  
www.sake2go.com

**Sawatdee Thai Seafood**

21525 Great Mills Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653

**Showtime Deli**

21719 B Great Mills Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-862-3354  
www.showtimedeli.com

**Stoney's Seafood at Clarke's Landing**

24580 Clarke's Landing Road  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-373-3986  
www.stoneysseafoodhouse.com

**Taphouse 1637**

23418 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-862-3166  
www.BollywoodMasalaCalifornia.com

**Teariffic Café**

22576 MacArthur Boulevard  
California, MD 20619  
301-866-9688  
www.tearifficsomd.com

**Thai Inter**

22622 MacArthur Boulevard  
California, MD 20619  
301-866-1880  
www.thaiinterrestaurant.com

**That Pizza Joint**

21030 Point Lookout Road  
Callaway, MD 20620  
240-237-8456  
www.thatpizzajoint.com

# ONE DAY TO EAT IT ALL

Wake up with fresh-roasted coffee and pastries, stock up on locally grown goods, and stop for a bite and drinks—all St. Mary's style.

Today's the day. You've set aside your Saturday to taste everything St. Mary's has to

offer—but where should you start? From quick bites to lavish affairs, there are many opportunities to explore St. Mary's culinary offerings. Let us guide you through our top picks and hot spots around St. Mary's County.



**St. Inie's Coffee**

www.stiniescoffee.com

Enjoy a morning cup of locally fresh-roasted, delicious, and responsibly-sourced coffee! Pair it with your favorite pastry and join the St. Inie's family in their living room for reading and relaxation in the ever-expanding library of used books for sale. An adjoining family room provides games and activities for kids of all ages.

**Home Grown Farm Market**

www.homegrownfarmmarket.webs.com

Stock up on baked goods, fresh produce, meats, and cheeses to bring home to your family and friends. This producer-only market, featuring sustainable agricultural products utilizing eco-friendly production techniques, forges a strong connection between the producers and consumers. The market carries a large selection of food, frozen meats, flowers, ice cream, and more from the Southern Maryland area.

**LUNCH @ Pax River Ale House**

www.paxriveralehouse.com

Indulge in this modern take on the classic neighborhood bar and grill. With a rotating selection of unique and complex beers from local and domestic brewers and impressive house specialty dishes, this centrally located spot is sure to fill you up with pure happiness.

**AFTERNOON DRINKS @ Port of Leonardtown Winery**

www.polwinery.com

The Port of Leonardtown Winery is home to one of the only cooperative wineries in the country—the Southern Maryland Winegrowers Cooperative. Established in 2010, the winery has produced many exceptional award-winning wines.

**DINNER @ Sweetbay Restaurant & Bar**

www.sweetbayrestaurant.com

Enjoy one of Leonardtown's newest restaurants! The restaurant takes its name "Sweetbay" from a clever connection between one of the restaurateur's DC restaurants (Magnolia Kitchen & Bar) and the county's local flora. "Sweetbay" is the species of Magnolia most often found in Southern Maryland. Featuring fresh local favorites and an impressive lineup of cocktails, it's a wonderful way to end a perfect culinary day.



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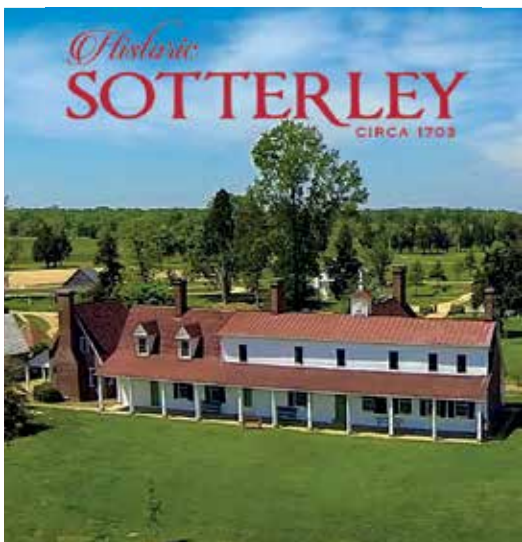
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 **Shepherd's Old Field Market**



# Have a PERFECT WEEKEND in St. Mary's County!

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY** is a destination brimming with history and culture, celebrated by its modernity as an emerging center for science, technology, and aviation. With so much happening throughout the year, St. Mary's is the ideal place to have a perfect weekend getaway.

Start your journey by checking into one of our well-appointed hotels and B&Bs. Whether it is the newly renovated Ascend Collection hotel in Leonardtown, the classic style of Swanendele Inn (recently named as one of the Top 13 Great Luxury Hotels in the Northeast for 2020), or the rustic waterside rooms at the new Pier450, there is a home-away-from-home for everybody.

Kick your first morning off with a caffeine boost from **St. Inie's Coffee**, a family-run roastery with an ever-changing seasonal

menu, or grab your coffee and a nibble at **Social**, a neighborhood coffeehouse and cocktail bar in the heart of Leonardtown. In the mood for something more filling? Take a seat at **Linda's Café**, the ultimate in delectable greasy-spoon diners.

With your newfound energy, the County is your oyster (literally and figuratively)! Take a tour of one of the oldest and continuously maintained plantations in the United States at **Historic Sotterley**. Learn about the complex history and legacy of slavery, walk the grounds and discover life as it was back in the 18th century. Nearby **Greenwell State Park** offers beautiful grounds to explore the nature, beach, and water in a truly picturesque setting – and a great place to launch a kayak or two. Still yearning to travel back in time? Walk in the footsteps of important historical figures, including Native Americans, missionaries, colonists, revolutionaries, merchants, farmers, and everyone in between at **Historic St. Mary's City**, Maryland's first capital. Journey to the first ever landing site in Maryland at **St. Clement's Island Museum** to see where it all began.





Having taken a step back in time, it's now time to take a step forward! Tour **PAX Naval Air Museum** to test out the only pilot training flight simulators in the region, and explore the history of aviation on the Chesapeake, from over a dozen full-size aircraft to prototype designs that were tested at the nearby PAX Naval Air Base.

Have a bit of the shopping bug? We have you covered! Shop at our many vintage shops, including **Vintage Values**, a shop from the Center for Life Enrichment, with its mission to provide employment that will increase the vocational and personal potential of individuals with disabilities. Looking for something new? Explore **Leonardtown** to check out its many different shops. From locally roasted coffee, art galleries, chocolatiers, to a unique small-business incubator and farmers market at **Shepherd's Old Field**, there really is something for everyone.

Now that you've worked up quite the appetite, it's time to enjoy some of our more

succulent offerings. Oysters—a staple of St. Mary's County—can be found at many of our restaurants (and don't forget to check out our annual **U.S. Oyster Festival** every October). Take a light bite at **The Slice House**, featuring some of the best pizza found south of New Jersey. Indulge in **The Front Porch** featuring southern coastal cuisine at its finest. Fancy yourself a beer at the **PAX River Ale House**, a modern take on the classic neighborhood bar and grill with an impressive rotating menu of unique and complex beers from across the region and the nation. Set sail at sunset on one of our many charter boats provided by our local watermen, and cheers the perfect weekend with a glass of your favorite wine from **Port of Leonardtown Winery**.

With so much to do and see, we invite you to extend your stay and explore the boundless adventure that awaits you. For more information, visit us at [www.VisitStMarysMD.com](http://www.VisitStMarysMD.com) or on Instagram @VisitStMarysMD.



# Amish and Mennonite

## FURNITURE

### Busy Corner Chair Shop

David Z. Stauffer  
25725 Loveville Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Tables and chairs, entertainment units, bookcases, kids' furniture.

### Custom Indoor Furniture

Dennis Horst  
41365 Friendship Court  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

### Farmstead Furniture

Harlen R. Martin  
26606 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20659  
Custom-made furniture and repairs. Chests made of cedar, oak, cherry and walnut.

### Loveville Gazebos

John Stauffer and Stuart Martin  
25150 Dove Point Lane  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Custom-built gazebos and wishing wells.

### Martin's Caning Service Martin's Mini Barns

Edward Lee Martin, Jr.  
25141 Buggy Trail Way  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Storage sheds and portable garages to fit your needs — all sizes and styles.

### Zimmerman's Lawn Furniture

25757 Friendship School Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Picnic tables, swing sets, chairs, benches and gliders.

## QUILTS & CRAFTS

### The Quilt Shop

Magdalena Stoltzfus  
28635 Thompson's Corner Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

### Zimmerman's Greenhouse

25028 Point Lookout Road  
Loveville, MD 20656  
Aprons, sunbonnets, towels, greenery for wreaths and centerpieces.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Esh's Buggy Shop

Simeon Esh  
27744 Thompson's Corner Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Handmade buggies and buggy repair.

### Loveville Hen Yard

Joseph Stauffer  
28150 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Feed and livestock supplies.



**DURING THE 1930S**, Amish and Mennonite families left Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and relocated to St. Mary's County. Travel scenic back roads around Loveville such as Parsons Mill Road, Friendship School Road and Busy Corner Road, explore farm markets and visit farm shops offering items such as leather goods, furniture, and quilts.

Most Amish and Mennonites are farmers or engage in work with their hands—and the crafts you can buy are some of the highest quality goods available. Meticulously crafted, you can find offerings such as leather harnesses, bedding plants and hand-carved furniture, posted at farm entrances of those who wish to conduct business.

Each year, you're in for quite the QUILT-essential opportunity. Experience the Amish Quilt Auction, held on a Saturday in November. The public is invited to an Amish Farm for this annual auction of quilts and other handicrafts

created by the women of the community. Proceeds help cover the community's health care costs. It's also a great place to pick up pies and baked goods. Homemade soup keeps folks warm until the bidding heats things up.

The Amish & Mennonites in St. Mary's County feature some of the finest handcrafted and hand-stitched items in the state. Please keep in mind that the Amish and Mennonites have no phones and all shops are closed on Sundays. Most are open the rest of the week. Occasionally, they are closed when you drop by.

# Locally Grown Flavors

Fresh and local. That's what St. Mary's County is all about! Whether you spend the morning wandering through a corn maze, or meander along gorgeous pathways through orchards, farms, and wineries, there is something for everyone. County farmers markets and on-farm stands offer the best local produce, meat, and seafood. Our farms are always serving up something fresh!

## FARMERS MARKETS AND ON-FARM SHOPS

Sample these local picks all year round!

### Home Grown Farm Market

21078 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
[www.HomeGrownFarmMarket.webs.com](http://www.HomeGrownFarmMarket.webs.com)  
Local fresh fruits, vegetables, produce, flowers, and more. See website for hours.

### Farmers Market & Auction

29890 Three Notch Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
301-884-3966  
Nine-acre flea market. Inside and outside shops. Variety of vendors, plus produce, Amish goods. Open every Wed. and Sat. year-round.

### California Farmers Market

22810 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
240-309-4021  
Grower/Producer only market featuring produce, flowers, baked and canned goods. Open Saturdays: May–October, 9AM–1PM.

### Clover Hill Dairy

27925 Woodburn Hill Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
(No phone)  
Amish-owned and -operated dairy. Cheeses made on premises, plus Amish canned and baked goods, and hand crafts. Open Mondays–Fridays, 9AM–5PM, Saturday 8AM–4PM

### Forrest Hall Farm and Orchards Farm Shop

39136 Avie Lane  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-3086  
[www.forresthallfarm.com](http://www.forresthallfarm.com)  
Flowers, fruits and vegetables; Maryland-produced McCutcheon's products. Fresh baked goods. July–December, 9AM–5PM.

### Kellam's Seafood

16616 Three Notch Road  
Ridge, MD 20680  
301-872-0100  
[www.KellamsSeafood.com](http://www.KellamsSeafood.com)  
Small market offering fresh local seafood including crabs, oysters, rockfish, or perch. Call for seasonal hours of operation.

### Loveville Leather

40625 Parsons Mill Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
(No phone)  
This Mennonite-owned tack shop offers horseback riding items and a variety of leather goods for man and beast. Custom-made items available.

### Loveville Produce Auction

40454 Bishop Road  
Loveville, MD 20656  
Amish-owned and -operated. Wholesale auctions. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in season. Occasional small lot auctions. Open to the public.

### North St. Mary's County Farmers Market

37600 New Market Turner Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
240-309-4021  
Open Mondays–Saturdays, seasonally. Primarily Amish. Produce, flowers, baked and canned goods. Adjacent to Charlotte Hall Library.

### Shepherd's Old Field Market

22725 Duke Street  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
[www.shepherdsoldfield.com](http://www.shepherdsoldfield.com)  
Saturday farmer's market featuring meats, baked goods, preserves, oysters, wine tastings, and more.

### Sotterley Farmers Market

44300 Sotterley Lane  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-373-2280  
[www.sotterley.org](http://www.sotterley.org)  
Producer-only farmers' market. Produce, meats, canned and baked goods. Saturdays, end of May to end of September.

### Zimmerman's Greenhouse and Produce

28025 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Locally-grown vegetables, bedding plants and flowers, and locally and Mennonite-crafted articles. Open year round.

## FARMS, MAZES, AND MORE

### A Maze N Place

22880 Budds Creek Road  
Clements, MD 20624  
301-475-2139  
[www.bowlesfarms.com](http://www.bowlesfarms.com)  
Fifteen-acre maze with three miles of twists and turns. Petting zoo, pumpkins, hayrides, children's play area, barrel rides. Home to So. Maryland's National Lawnmower Race. Open to the public October, Saturdays–Sundays, 10AM–6PM. Call ahead for exact dates and hours.

### Forrest Hall Farm Corn Maze

39136 Avie Lane  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-3086  
[www.forresthallfarm.com](http://www.forresthallfarm.com)  
Home of the Crazy Corn Maze. Three miles of trails, animals, children's activities. Farm Store open July–December, Corn Maze open September–October.

### Goldpetal Farm

37260 Manor Road  
Chaptico, MD 20621  
240-925-4415  
[www.goldpetalfarms.com](http://www.goldpetalfarms.com)  
Stroll through this maze of over ten thousand sunflowers, buckwheat, mustard, and millet while experiencing butterflies, dragon flies, birds, ladybugs, and many more. Generally open June/July; call for hours and dates.

### Moore or Less Farm

22467 Colton Point Road  
Bushwood, MD 20618  
301-769-2210  
[www.mooreorlessfarm.com](http://www.mooreorlessfarm.com)  
Farm shop with produce, alpaca products and collectibles. Working farm with animals including an alpaca herd. Tours by appointment. Hours vary by season. Call for hours.

### Nobella Alpacas

40280 Wathen Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
240-925-6959  
Haucaya Alpaca farm specializing in quality bred alpacas with fine fiber and pleasing dispositions. Product sales year round. Tours by appointment.

### Southern Comfort Berry Farm

37450 Bushwood Wharf Road  
Bushwood, MD 20618  
301-769-3878  
[www.southerncomfortberryfarm.com](http://www.southerncomfortberryfarm.com)  
Pick your own strawberries in the spring, or raspberries and pumpkins in the fall. Hours vary by season. Check website for hours.

### Suttler Post Farm

38750 Chaptico Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-4831  
[www.suttlerpostfarm.com](http://www.suttlerpostfarm.com)  
Farm tours, Clydesdale horses, fresh cut flowers and hay. Carriage services. Tours by appointment.

### T&A Farm

18281 St. Jerome's Neck Road  
Dameron, MD 20628  
301-872-5003  
[www.tandafarm.webs.com](http://www.tandafarm.webs.com)  
Pumpkin farm with petting zoo and mini corn maze. Open October only. Call ahead for hours.





# Accommodations



## HOTELS

### America's Best Value Inn & Suites

21847 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
240-237-8201  
[www.redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn?idp=2188](http://www.redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn?idp=2188)  
Americas Best Value Inn and Suites Lexington Park offers the most value for your money when staying for business, pleasure, or just passing through.

### Ascend Hotel Collection

241655 Park Avenue  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-3000  
Located right in the heart of downtown Leonardtown, this newly renovated property offers a variety of accommodations that include king rooms, double rooms, queen double bed suites and Executive Suites.

### Charlotte Hall Motel

30030 Three Notch Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
301-884-3172  
[www.charlottehallmotel.com](http://www.charlottehallmotel.com)  
32 rooms. Outdoor swimming pool, cable TV/HBO, nearby attractions and restaurants. Handicap accessible.

### Comfort Inn & Suites - PAX River

21885 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-863-1051  
[www.choicehotels.com/maryland/lexington-park/comfort-inn-hotels/md232](http://www.choicehotels.com/maryland/lexington-park/comfort-inn-hotels/md232)  
Have a great stay at the award-winning Comfort Inn & Suites® hotel in Lexington Park near Naval Air Station Patuxent River.

### Country Inn & Suites

44941 Worth Lane  
California, MD 20619  
301-737-5227  
[www.countryinns.com/california-hotel-md-20619/mdlexing](http://www.countryinns.com/california-hotel-md-20619/mdlexing)  
Whether you're travelling for business or for leisure, the Country Inn & Suites By Carlson®, Lexington Park (Patuxent River Naval Air Station), MD provides high-quality amenities and accommodations near the area's top attractions.

### Extended Stay America

46565 Expedition Park Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
240-725-0100  
[www.extendedstayamerica.com/property/Extended-Stay-America-Lexington-Park-Pax-River-hotel.html](http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/property/Extended-Stay-America-Lexington-Park-Pax-River-hotel.html)  
98 rooms. Furnished efficiency studios with fully equipped kitchen including refrigerator, stovetop, microwave, coffee maker, recliner, cable TV, free local calls. Handicap accessible.

### Fairfield Inn by Marriott

22119 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-863-0203  
[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/waslp-fairfield-inn-lexington-park-patuxent-river-naval-air-station/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/waslp-fairfield-inn-lexington-park-patuxent-river-naval-air-station/)  
74 standard rooms, 4 Jacuzzi rooms and some handicap accessible rooms. Every room comes with a 32" LCD TV with HD, microwave and refrigerator, free high-speed internet and remote printing. Centrally located, near St. Mary's City, Patuxent River Naval Air Museum & Visitor Center, and directly across from Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

### Hampton Inn Lexington Park

22211 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-863-3200  
<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/maryland/hampton-inn-lexington-park-LPKMDHX/index.html>  
Your home-away-from-home while traveling to St. Mary's County. The perfect mix lobby is designed for a business meeting or catching with up with friends and family. The seasonal outdoor pool offers an inviting space to relax after a long day at work or after a sporting event.

### Holiday Inn Express

45260 Abell House Lane  
California, MD 20619  
301-880-3851  
[www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/california/bwica/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/california/bwica/hoteldetail)  
The Holiday Inn Express & Suites is the ideal destination, where you'll have all the space and tools you'll need for business (or fun!). Planning an event? The space accommodates up to 125 people comfortably. And, if you're here for pleasure, you're just minutes away from shopping, dining, entertainment, and all the adventures that St. Mary's County has in store.

### Home2Suites by Hilton

46058 Valley Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-866-1416  
<http://home2suites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/maryland/home2-suites-by-hilton-lexington-park-patuxent-river-nas-md-DCALPHT/index.html>  
Located in the heart of the Lexington Park technology corridor. ECO-Friendly Hilton hotel with 100 customizable Suites and Underground Parking Garage for weatherproof Bridal Party pick-up. Complimentary Guest Laundry and Continental Breakfast with hot and cold items offered daily. Stay fit in our state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor heated saline pool, and outdoor walking trail. Pet Friendly, 100% non-smoking, and Fully Handicapped Accessible.

### Island Inn & Suites

16810 Piney Point Road  
Piney Point, MD 20674  
301-994-1234  
[www.stgeorgeislandinnandsuites.com](http://www.stgeorgeislandinnandsuites.com)  
Let the pristine charm and natural beauty of St. George Island take you away from it all. This boutique hotel provides waterfront views from both sides of the building. Standard rooms, 1 bedroom suites, and two bedrooms suites are available. Recreational activities include kayaking, biking, hiking, and boating. There is even a fire pit on the shore to make some S'mores! Come by boat and enjoy complimentary boat slips for hotel guests and restaurant patrons.

### La Quinta Inn & Suites

22769 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-862-4100  
[www.lq.com/en/findandbook/hotel-details.6275.html](http://www.lq.com/en/findandbook/hotel-details.6275.html)  
112 rooms, including 16 suites and one meeting/banquet space. All rooms feature microwave, refrigerator, 32" Flat Screen TV, complimentary high-speed internet access and Wi-Fi. Complimentary Hot Full Breakfast is offered daily. Outdoor Pool, Tennis Courts, barbecue area with fire grill, business center, and on-premise Fitness Center. Free access to 24-hour local gym.

### Pier 450

48342 Wynne Road  
Ridge, MD 20680  
[info@pier450.com](mailto:info@pier450.com)  
[www.Pier450.com](http://www.Pier450.com)  
A collection of eight unique, fully furnished and well-appointed rooms nestled in the heart of St. Mary's South County. A premier hospitality and recreation destination that combines a motel, restaurant, pier, and beachfront. Offerings include rooms with two full beds, queen, and king bed options.

### TownPlace Suites by Marriott

22520 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-863-1111  
[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wastl-towneplace-suites-lexington-park-patuxent-river-naval-air-station](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wastl-towneplace-suites-lexington-park-patuxent-river-naval-air-station)  
87 all-suite rooms, full kitchens, separate living and sleeping areas, luxury bedding, pull-out sofas, well-lit area with desk, high-speed Internet, complimentary hot breakfast, business center, indoor pool, barbeque area with fire pit and grill, 24-hour exercise room and guest laundry, food and beverage market, pet friendly, restaurants, grocery, and retail stores located across from hotel.

### Red Roof Inn

23428 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-737-2444  
[www.redroof.com](http://www.redroof.com)  
80 rooms. Offering indoor pool, fitness center, high-speed Internet, microwave and refrigerator in every room. Handicap accessible. Convenient to food and shopping.

### Super 8

22801 Three Notch Road  
California, MD 20619  
301-862-9822  
[www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8](http://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8)  
62 rooms. Free local calls, cable TV, micro-fridge, recliners, fitness center and tennis courts. Handicap accessible.



## B&BS AND OTHER UNIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS

### Colton's Shipping Point

Farm Cottage  
39244 Burch Road  
Avenue, MD 20609  
301-807-0988  
<http://coltonshippingpointfarm.com>  
This 130-acre tree farm along the shore of St. Clements Bay has been family owned since 1888. This two bedroom cottage is perfect for a couple's retreat. Fully furnished, accented by family antiques, it features a kitchen and breathtaking water views. Open year round. No pets.

### The Inn at Brome-Howard

18281 Rosecroft Road  
St. Mary's City, MD 20686  
301-866-0656 or 240-434-3209  
[bromehoward@stmaryscity.org](mailto:bromehoward@stmaryscity.org)  
[www.bromehoward.com](http://www.bromehoward.com)  
Spend your nights relaxing in comfort at the charming, 1840s inn located on the grounds of Historic St. Mary's City. Choose from three private rooms and a double room suite, all beautifully decorated and luxuriously appointed.

### Nekadesh Farm Bed & Breakfast

20520 Wellington Court  
Colton's Point, MD 20626  
202-297-8132  
With a beautiful view overlooking the Potomac River, 2 private rooms, fishing, & other amenities, Nekadesh Farm Retreat Center serves as an ideal location for unique lodging with overnight stays for personalized and pre-scheduled Retreat Counseling.

### Scotland Yards Beach Rentals

15188 Lake Drive  
Scotland, MD 20687  
202-256-4893  
[www.scotlandyardsmd.com](http://www.scotlandyardsmd.com)  
A collection of twelve renovated beach houses in a picturesque beach community—far away from the hustle and bustle yet only 2 hours driving distance from DC. A variety of rentals provide your "Home-Away-from-Home"

### St. Michael's Manor Bed & Breakfast

50200 St. Michael's Manor Way  
Scotland, MD 20687  
240-298-3339  
[www.st-michaels-manor.com](http://www.st-michaels-manor.com)  
[stmichaelsman@hughes.net](mailto:stmichaelsman@hughes.net)  
A 17th-century manor house with a three-acre vineyard. Two queen rooms, one double room and one twin room with shared bath. Water view from each room. Complimentary gourmet breakfast. Close to St. Mary's City and Point Lookout State Park. Bikes, canoe, paddle boat and rowboat are available for guests. Open March 1–October 22. No pets.

### Swanendele Inn

49946 Airedele Road  
Ridge, MD 20680  
301-576-9910  
[www.swanendeleinn.com](http://www.swanendeleinn.com)  
An elegant, country inn on the shore of St. Jerome's Creek and the Chesapeake Bay. With 8+ suites and rooms, the Swanendele property sits on 2.7 acres and features 800 feet of wraparound waterfront. Landscaped to preserve the natural character of the land, this inn provides year-round beauty and elegance.

### Trent Hall Farm Bed & Breakfast

29350 Trent Hall Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
301-884-3700  
[www.sites.google.com/site/trenthallbb](http://www.sites.google.com/site/trenthallbb)  
An historic working farm encompassing 300 preserved acres on the scenic Patuxent River, Trent Hall offers two suites with private bathrooms. Panoramic views, seasonal heated pool, beach, abundant wildlife. Pier can accommodate water arrival. Bring canoes or kayaks to explore the river.

### The Victorian Candle

25065 Peregrine Way  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
301-373-8800  
[www.victorian-candle.com](http://www.victorian-candle.com)  
A Victorian-style house nestled on 12 acres. Seven queen rooms and one king room with private full baths, refrigerators, some with private entrances. High-speed Internet. Full and continental breakfast. Spa package available. Located close to Sotterley Plantation and Greenwell State Park. Per diem.

### Woodlawn

16040 Woodlawn Lane  
Ridge, MD 20680  
301-872-0555  
[www.woodlawn-farm.com](http://www.woodlawn-farm.com)  
This late 18th-century manor located on 180 acres offers spectacular views of the Potomac River. A variety of cottage suites include queen beds, private bath, Jacuzzis, and high-speed internet. Nearby attractions include Historic St. Mary's City.

## CAMPGROUNDS

### Camp Merryelände

15914 Camp Merryelände Road  
Piney Point, MD 20674  
301-994-1722 / 800-382-1073  
[www.campmd.com](http://www.campmd.com)  
Eleven rustic beach cottages overlooking the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Also campsites with fire rings and picnic tables. Crab off the pier, stroll along the beach or swim. Bike, fishing rod, tent and kayak rentals on site. Camp store. Pets must be pre-approved.

### Dennis Point Marina & Campground

46555 Dennis Point Way  
Drayden, MD 20630  
301-994-2288 or 301-994-2253  
[www.dennispointcampground.com](http://www.dennispointcampground.com)  
A fifty-acre marina and campground with 117 campsites along the Potomac and St. Mary's Rivers. Shady waterfront sites for RV and tent camping. Riverside Bistro, pool, camp store, laundromat, playgrounds, dog park and nature trail are available. Electric, water, sewage hook-ups and dump station. Marina with 80 slips. Service yard with lift. Daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal rental.

### La Grande RV and Camping Resort

23285 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-8550  
[www.lagranderesort.com](http://www.lagranderesort.com)  
A 33-acre wooded campground with 56 30-amp and 12 50-amp sites. Water, electric and sewer hook-ups. Dump station. Can accommodate up to 40' RVs. Laundry and playground available. Pets welcome. Daily, weekly and monthly site rentals.

### Point Lookout State Park

11175 Point Lookout Road  
Scotland, MD 20687  
1-888-432-2267  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx)  
A variety of campsites from primitive to hook-up. (See State Parks listing.)

### Seaside View Recreational Park

48593 Seaside View Road  
Ridge, MD 20680  
301-872-4141  
[www.seaside-view.com](http://www.seaside-view.com)  
Wooded and waterfront sites. RV spaces with water, electric & sewage. Campground has piers for boats (limited hook-ups). Picnic area with tables, playground, restrooms & showers. RV spaces rented by day, week, month or season. Tent sites rent daily. Wi-Fi available.

### Take It Easy Campground

45285 Take It Easy Ranch Road  
Callaway, MD 20620  
301-994-0494  
[www.takeiteasycampground.com](http://www.takeiteasycampground.com)  
Three hundred sites, many shaded. Full hookup or water/electric sites. 30- and 50-amp service. Amenities include propane, ice, firewood, laundromat, hot showers, playground, swimming pool, stocked fishing lake, meeting hall, Wi-Fi, and dumping stations. Big Rigs welcome. Pets permitted. Great for groups.

## VACATION RENTALS

St. Mary's has fabulous waterfront vacation rental properties. Find listings at [www.VisitStMarysMD.com](http://www.VisitStMarysMD.com)



# Events

Below is just a taste of the events happening throughout St. Mary's County. Check out St. Mary's entire line-up of 2020 and 2021 events and find info on historic sites and attractions, plus dining, shopping, lodging, and more at [www.VisitStMarysMD.com](http://www.VisitStMarysMD.com)

## 2020

### March 21

#### **Maryland Day at Historic St. Mary's City**

[www.hsmcdigshistory.org](http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org)  
Historic St. Mary's City celebrates Maryland's founding with ceremony, pageantry, speeches, and free admission to living history and museum exhibits. 10AM–4PM.

### March 25

#### **Maryland Day at St. Clement's Island**

[www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums.asp](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums.asp)  
Celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace at St. Clement's Island Museum with free admission, free water taxi rides, activities, ceremony featuring guest speakers, and more. 10AM–5PM.

### April 19

#### **Earth Day on the Square**

[www.Leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.Leonardtown.somd.com)  
Live animals, hands-on education, eco-friendly products and entertainment come together in the Leonardtown Square. Free. 12:30PM–4:30PM.

### April 24-26

#### **Xtreme Dragbike Association – Spring Nationals**

[www.RaceMDIR.com](http://www.RaceMDIR.com)  
The XDA kicks off the season at Maryland International Raceway located in Mechanicsville, Maryland with the 25th annual Spring Nationals and Awards Ceremony. Over 700 professional, sportsman, and grudge motorcycle drag racers in competition. Admission.

### May 16

#### **May Day**

[www.Hsmcdigshistory.org](http://www.Hsmcdigshistory.org)  
Celebrate the arrival of spring at Historic St. Mary's — colonial-style! Take part in a Maypole dance, play games, make a craft to take home. Admission. 10AM–4PM.

### June 6

#### **St. Clement's Island Heritage Day**

[www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums.asp](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums.asp)  
Discover St. Clement's Island State Park and its history as the site of Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634. This free event invites everyone to visit the St. Clement's Island Museum. 10AM–3PM.

### June 20

#### **Juneteenth Celebration**

[www.Ucaonline.org](http://www.Ucaonline.org)  
John G. Lancaster Park. Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. Music, family entertainment and activities. Free. 12PM–8PM.



### **Leonardtown First Fridays**

First Friday of every month, 5PM–8PM. Leonardtown Square and throughout the Town. Leonardtown retailers offer something unique including live music, poetry readings, book signings, cooking classes, wine tastings, and a host of dining and shopping specials. Browse art galleries and meet the artists. 301-475-9791. [www.FirstFridaysLeonardtown.com](http://www.FirstFridaysLeonardtown.com)

### June 20

#### **Beerfest**

[www.Stmaryscitybeerfest.org](http://www.Stmaryscitybeerfest.org)  
Historic St. Mary's City. Join the annual celebration of brews, food, and music! Sample select craft brews, local cuisine, artisans, demos, activities, and live music. Admission. 12PM–6PM.

### July 10-12

#### **21st Annual Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival**

[www.potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com](http://www.potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com)  
Enjoy jazz, seafood and stunning waterside views with a variety of activities for jazz enthusiasts! Three amazing days of jazz, with a free Friday concert celebration in Leonardtown and Sunday jazz brunches and activities. Saturday, 12PM–8PM. Friday and Sunday, various times.

### July 18 and July 19

#### **Tidewater Archaeology Days**

[www.hsmcdigshistory.org](http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org)  
Get down and dirty with the pros at one of the nation's best-preserved colonial archaeology sites at Historic St. Mary's City. Take guided tours of excavations, and don't miss a once-a-year opportunity to explore the archaeology laboratory. 10AM–4PM.

### August 1-2

#### **Southern Maryland Boat Club Summer Regatta**

[www.southernmarylandboatclub.com](http://www.southernmarylandboatclub.com)  
Vintage racing boats hearken back to a bygone era and put on quite a show as they compete in various heats on the waters of Breton Bay. Free. 9AM–3PM.

### August 1-2

#### **Governor's Cup Yacht Race**

[www.smcn.edu/events/govcup](http://www.smcn.edu/events/govcup)  
Hosted at St. Mary's College of Maryland, join the oldest and longest overnight race on the Chesapeake. The race starts in Annapolis and ends in St. Mary's City. Free.

### August 8

#### **Beach Party on the Square**

[www.Leonardtown.somd.com](http://www.Leonardtown.somd.com)  
Fun in the sun in downtown Leonardtown! Say goodbye to summer with sand volleyball, live bands, fire truck hose downs, strolling entertainers, and so much more. Free. 4PM–9PM.

### August 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

#### **Shakespeare in the City**

[www.Hsmcdigshistory.org](http://www.Hsmcdigshistory.org)  
Join us at Historic St. Mary's City with a picnic and lawn chair and spend an evening enjoying one of Shakespeare's beloved masterpieces. Admission. 7:30PM–10PM.

### September 12

#### **Indigenous Heritage Day**

[www.Hsmcdigshistory.org](http://www.Hsmcdigshistory.org)  
Explore the life, ways, and culture of Maryland's first people through hands-on activities at Historic St. Mary's. Admission. 10AM–4PM.



## September 24-27

### St. Mary's County Fair

[www.Smcfair.somd.com](http://www.Smcfair.somd.com)

Celebrate St. Mary's heritage at this traditional county fair, located at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Livestock, home arts, flowers, field crops, 4-H, carnival, exhibits, and so much more. Admission. Thursday 3PM-9PM. Friday & Saturday 9AM-9PM. Sunday 9AM-6PM.

## September 19

### Riverfest & Militia at Historic St. Mary's City

[www.SMRWA.org](http://www.SMRWA.org)

Learn ways to protect and enjoy our waterways. Live music, environmental and children's activities, kayaking, muster demos by the St. Mary's City Militia. 10AM-4PM

## October 3-4

### Riverside Winefest at Sotterley Plantation

[www.Sotterley.org](http://www.Sotterley.org)

Sotterley Plantation. Celebrate the best of Maryland wines with over 20 Maryland wineries, live music, local food, cooking demos, local beer tastings, and artisan marketplace. Admission. Saturday 12PM-6PM. Sunday 12PM-5PM

## October 3-4

### Blessing of the Fleet

[www.7thdistrictoptimist.org](http://www.7thdistrictoptimist.org)

St. Clement's Island Museum. This family-friendly festival features live music, family entertainment and activities, crafters, Southern Maryland food, free boat excursions, local wine tastings and tours of St. Clement's Island, Blackstone Lighthouse, and St. Clement's Island Museum. 11AM-10PM.

## October 26

### Lost City

[www.hsmcdigshistory.org](http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org)

Historic St. Mary's City. Come in costume and experience the Maryland Dove's not-so-scary Halloween make-over. Trick-or-Treating, face painting, games, and more. 4:30PM-8PM

## October 17-18

### 54th Annual U.S. Oyster Festival

[www.usoysterfest.com](http://www.usoysterfest.com)

Celebrate the opening of oyster season on the Chesapeake Bay and take part in one of the oldest and most popular oyster festivals in the United States, the annual U.S. Oyster Festival featuring the U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championships and National Oyster Cook-Off. Admission. Saturday 10AM-6PM. Sunday 11AM-6PM

## November 4-8

### World Cup Finals

[www.RaceMDIR.com](http://www.RaceMDIR.com)

Maryland International Raceway. The largest motorsports event in Maryland, featuring Import vs. Domestic drag racing, car show, over 400 cars from around the world, and more. Admission. 8AM-10PM

## JANUARY

### Fly-in Farmers Market

The ONLY place in the Country where you can join pilots as they fly in to enjoy the best of St. Mary's products and produce.

## FEBRUARY

### Spirits of Maryland and FeBREWary

Warm yourself up this winter with the Spirits of Maryland event, hosted at the PAX Naval Air Museum.

## MARCH

### Maryland Day

Come celebrate the heritage and history of Maryland at Historic St. Mary's City and St. Clement's Island Museum.

## APRIL

### Earth Day on the Square

Leonardtown, MD

### Maryland International Raceway

The season begins! Join and watch races throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall.

## MAY

### May Day

Historic St. Mary's City

### Hollywood Bluegrass Festival

Is Bluegrass music to your ears? Join this fun and festive outing!

## JUNE

### Juneteenth Celebration

Commemorate the abolition of slavery, and celebrate how Juneteenth celebrations have endured and evolved through the years.

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## November 27

### Christmas on the Square & Tree Lighting

Join the town of Leonardtown as we light up one of the largest Christmas trees in the area! Enjoy festive fun, local food, and entertainment. 4:30PM-8:30PM

## December 1-31

### Holiday Exhibit, Christmas Doll, and Train Exhibit

[www.co.saint-marys.md.us/recreate/museums](http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/recreate/museums)  
Located at both St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park. Enjoy family-friendly holiday exhibits, where visitors can view holiday stories, lighthouse library boxes exhibit, antique and collectible trains, toys, and dolls. Admission. 12PM-4PM.





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[VisitStMarysMD.com/leonardtwn](http://VisitStMarysMD.com/leonardtwn)



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