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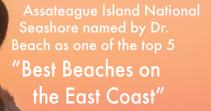
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The Worcester County Commissioners invite you to visit us here in Worcester County, Maryland's Only Seaside County. Worcester County is blessed with a rich heritage and natural beauty that we look forward to sharing with our neighbors from the state of Maryland, the east coast and throughout the United States, as well as visitors from abroad.

Worcester County offers a unique blend of big city excitement in and around the resort community of Ocean City and country ambience in the central and southern areas of our county. We have become well known for our championship golf courses, deep sea fishing, historic towns and villages, scenic byways, and of course our clean, sandy beaches of Ocean City and Assateague Island National Seashore.

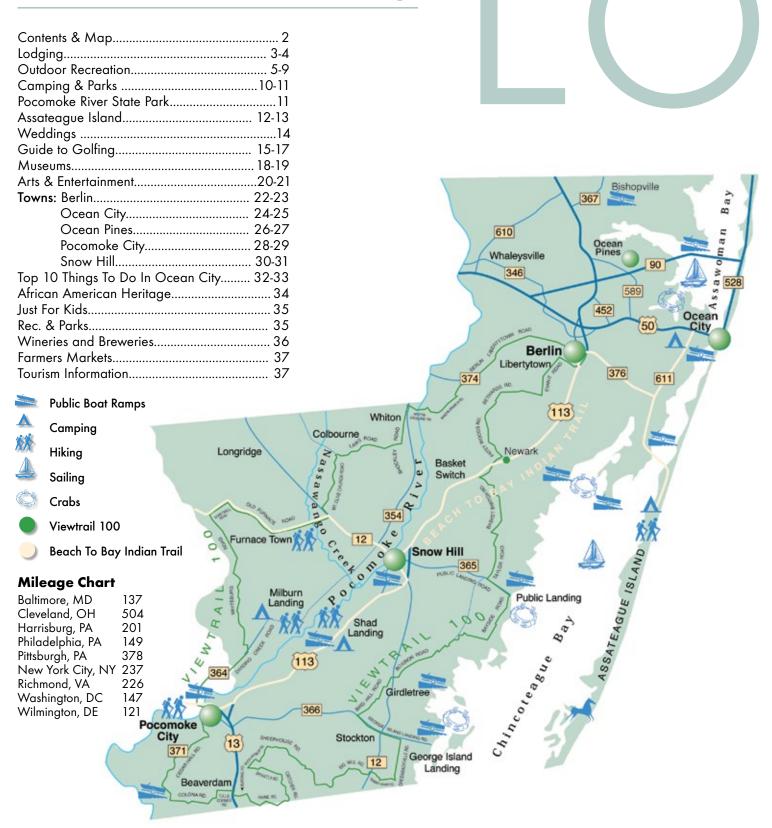
Visitors to Worcester County are treated to world-class hotels, charming bed and breakfasts and fabulous restaurants. All yours to enjoy while you explore our serene coastal bays and rivers for kayaking, our flat, scenic roads for cycling and our spectacular pristine natural environment which has been called a birdwatcher's paradise.

This guide is your invitation to our beautiful county: a book full of images and ideas that we've chosen to represent the fun and excitement awaiting you here in Worcester County, Maryland. Whatever you decide to do in Worcester County, we extend to you our best wishes for a vacation full of adventure and discovery.

Best Wishes,

Worcester County Commissioners Anthony "Chip" W. Bertino, Jr. Madison J. Bunting, Jr. James C. "Bud" Church Theodore "Ted" J. Elder Merrill W. Lockfaw, Jr. Joseph M. Mitrecic Diana Purnell

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Maryland's Beach & Beyond has loads of accommodation options from charming bed and breakfasts to resort hotels. Listed here are the county's inns and bed and breakfasts as well as dog-friendly properties. If you are looking for hotel options in Ocean City, visit their websites below.

Berlin

Holland House B&B

5 Bay Street 410-641-1956 hollandhousebandb.com

The Atlantic Hotel

2 North Main Street 410-641-3589 atlantichotel.com

Waystead Inn B&

15 Harrison Avenue 302-745-7441 waysteadinn.com

Ocean City

An Inn on the Ocean

410-289-8894 innonocean.com

Atlantic House 501 North Baltimore Avenue 410-289-2333 atlantichouse.com

Lighthouse Club Hotel

An Inn at Fager's Island 201 56th Street 410-524-5400 fagers.com

Pocomoke City

The River Gem BnB

407 Second Street 443-437-7557 therivergembnb.com

Snow Hill

The Cedars B&B

107 West Federal Street 410-632-2165 cedarsnowbnb.com

Chanceford Hall

209 West Federal Street 410-632-2900 chancefordhallbandb.com

Mansion House B&I

4436 Bayside Road 410-632-3189 mansionhousebnb.com (Cottage open year round B & B open April-November)

River House Inn

201 East Market Street 410-632-2722 riverhouseinn.com



Lodging







Ocean City

Ocean City offers a wide variety of accommodations and vacation rentals both on and off the island. Visit our partners:

Ocean City Tourism - ococean.com OC Hotel-Motel-

Restaurant Association - ocvisitor.com

Ocean City Chamber of Commerce - oceancity.org

Order your Ocean City Vacation Guide here: oceancity.org

Pet-friendly Accommodations in Ocean City

Barefoot Mailman 16 35th Street 800-395-3668 barefootmailman.com

Beach Getaways LLC 405 Philadelphia Avenue 410-289-8531 http://ocbeachgetaways.com

Bedtime Inn 12534 Ocean Gateway Ocean City, MD, 21842 bedtimeinn.com

Clarion Fontainebleau 10100 Coastal Hwy 800-638-2100 clarionoc.com

Coastal Palms Inn & Suites 12004 Coastal Highway 800-641-0011 coastalpalmshotel.com **Comfort Suites** Ocean City Ocean Gateway 800-424-6423 comfortsuitesoceancity.com

Fenwick Inn 13801 Coastal Highway 800-492-1873 fenwickinn.com

LaQuinta Inn & Suites 106 32nd Street 410-289-5762 laquintaoceancity.com

Paradise Plaza Inn

3 9th Street 888-678-4111 paradiseplazainn.com

Residence Inn OC

300 Seabay Lane 410-723-2222 residenceinnoc.com

Safari Motel

#1 - 13th Street 800-787-2183 safarimotel.net

Sea Breeze 201 North Baltimore Avenue 800-889-4052 seabreezeoc.com

Sea Cove Motel

2701 Baltimore Avenue 888-625-6344 www.oclodging.com

Windjammer Condos

4503 Atlantic Avenue 410-289-9409 ocwindjammer.com **Hike and Paddle our Nature Trails**

Greenways serve as natural corridors that connect parks, forest and other natural areas for the benefit of people and nature. They provide habitat and passageways for wildlife, buffers for fragile waterways and outdoor recreation areas for people. Worcester County nature trails are part of a regional green way system. These trails are easily accessible, not generally difficult nor exceptionally long.

- Wear appropriate shoes.
- Carry insect repellent.
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• Bring back all litter for disposal. Some trails have a brochure available for you to use. Ask at trail headquarters.

Herring Creek Nature Trail

Keyser Point Road, West Ocean City 410-632-2144. This 1-mile trail, loops around a pond and forested wetlands. A boardwalk trail also extends over the marsh to the pine island where a picnic site and wildlife observation blinds are located. The trail also continues from the island to Herring Creek where a small pier allows fishing and crabbing.

Sinepuxent Bay Water Trails

Little Egging Island Route, Assateague Island National Seashore 410-632-3110 or 410-641-1441. A 2-mile water trail in protected waters along irregular coastline and marsh grasses at Assateague Island. A great place to observe the richness of life in the salt marsh. Options to explore up the "guts" or coves to dead ends will add to this length. Brochure available.

Life of the Dunes Trail

Assateague Island National Seashore 410-641-1441. This 1/2 mile trail through soft sand allows visitors to explore a harsh, desert-like environment. Animal tracks and a wide variety of plants characterize the interesting dune land habitat. Trail side exhibits show how salt-laden winds off the ocean naturally prune several plants into unusual shapes.

Life of the Forest Trail

Assateague Island National Seashore 410-641-1441. A hard path surface, which makes this trail fully handicap-accessible, winds its way past woodland ponds and through a 1/4 mile of diverse shrubs and mature loblolly pines. Exhibits introduce visitors to many forest inhabitants. An observation deck at the edge of the woods offers a breathtaking view of several miles of forest which overlook the Chincoteague Bay.













Bog Iron Water Trail

Red House Road 410-632-3971 or 410-632-3110 This easy-to-moderate paddle can take 2-4 hours to complete. From Red House Road at Nassawango Creek it is approximately 4-1/4 miles to Snow Hill and the same distance downstream to Shad Landing at the Pocomoke River State Park. The creek and river are relatively undeveloped and flow through a bald cypress swamp. Brochure available

Life of the Marsh Trail

Assateague Island National Seashore 410-641-1441. An elevated boardwalk, which makes this trail fully handicapaccessible, courses its way through 1/2 mile of Assateague salt marshes. Exhibits interpret the importance of this habitat to Barrier Island ecology. Many wetland bird species are usually seen from this trail and an observation deck offers a panoramic view of Chincoteague Bay on Assateague's backside.

Viewtrail 100

Bicyclists who have dreamed of riding in the Tour de France, but could never afford the airfare or exhaustion can satisfy the fantasy here in Worcester County on the Viewtrail 100. A 100-mile scenic bike ride, the Viewtrail can vicariously fulfill those Tour de France fantasies a la Worcester County. From historic Berlin, around the rural farmlands of Snow Hill, through the Pocomoke River State Forest and back to Berlin, the bicycle route provides a complete overview of the county. The trail runs along back roads that are flat and light on motor vehicle traffic. Viewtrail signs mark the route, a brochure and website with GPS coordinates is also available with several shorter loop rides. To obtain the brochure or learn more, contact the tourism office.

Assateague Water Trails

A new public water access site on Avers Creek will provide paddlers access to the Assateague Water Trail network which connects rural and picturesque Ayres Creek to Newport, Chincoteague and Sinepuxent Bays and provides options to access the Ocean City inlet and the Atlantic Ocean. Paddlers starting at Ayers Creek landing can head southward to the Worcester County public boat ramp at South Point on Chincoteague Bay then connect to routes accessing points at Ferry Landing Road and Bayside Drive on Assateague Island National Seashore. The water trails continue northward along Sinepuxent Bay to the Assateague State Park boat ramp at the Verrazano Bridge, and to the West Ocean City boat ramp. In addition, connections to the trail can be made by existing bike/hike trails at Assateague State and National Parks and along the View Trail 100 cycling route.

EA Vaughn Kayak & Canoe Trail

EA Vaughn Wildlife Management Area, Girdletree and Stockton. 410-632-3110 This trail meanders through tidal creeks surrounded by low marsh and forest. For open water enthusiasts, it offers a 6-mile leg around Mills Island in the Chincoteague Bay. The trail is suitable for both experienced and inexperienced canoers and kayakers. Brochure and map available.

Goat Island Nature Trail

Snow Hill 410-632-2080. View Byrd Park and Snow Hill from one side of this uninhabited island and a typical cypress swamp on the other. This trail is accessible by boat or cance. On the northeast end, you can hike this 1/4 mile trail, glimpse a variety of birds and plant life which change seasonally.

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Beach to Bay American Indian Trail

If you plan to drive off the beaten path next time you're in the area, there's a helpful guide you may want to take along. The free guide for the Beach to Bay American Indian Trail- Maryland's only National Recreation Trail- includes a map and information on attractions. Some of the natural areas along the 100-mile plus route still seem almost as pristine as they must have looked to the Indians of the Algonquian tribes who first traveled the trail centuries ago. The guide includes information on hiking trails and parks such as Assateague Island National Seashore and the Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Cypress Swamp at Furnace Town. It also lists historical sites such as the Calvin B. Taylor House in Berlin where exhibits depict life from the early 1800s to the present. For a copy of the guide, contact the tourism office.

Birding

For those interested in viewing birds, there are no off-seasons on the coast. In the earliest months of the year you can see ducks and geese. Great flocks of gulls will congregate, and uncommon species may be seen. In the spring the songbird and shorebird migration is at its peak. Barrier island beaches will get their annual visits from terns, skimmers, brown pelicans and piping plovers. In the fall, the peak movement of neotropical songbirds begins as they leave their nesting areas to head south. Common sightings include vireos, yellow-rumped warblers and common yellowthroats.

Birding in Worcester County also is a chance to experience the unspoiled wilderness which attracts, sustains and protects so much natural life. Within a radius of just a few miles exist the uniqueyet accessible- worlds of a barrier island, a cypress swamp, forests, tidal wetlands and secluded fields. Stop anywhere along the road and you'll be able to observe an abundance of birds which inhabit the immediate vicinity. State and national parks in the county offer camping, nature trails and guided tours, inviting you to share the beauty of our native landscape. For a free guide and checklist to birding in Worcester County, contact the tourism office.

Pocomoke River

Rising quietly from the Great Cypress Swamp in Delaware, the Pocomoke River winds southward 55 miles through Maryland before emptying into the Chesapeake Bay. The river's slow, meandering course through Delmarva reveals distinctive landscapes: undisturbed swamp forests give way to scattered residential areas; the river then flows into a 1432acre state wildland known as Cypress Swamp before reaching the salt marshes along the Pocomoke Sound. A major tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, the Pocomoke has been designated a State Scenic River. Local tradition says that the word "Pocomoke" is an Indian word that means 'black water'. Modern scholars attribute the word to Algonquian-speaking tribes whose name for the river meant 'pierced or broken ground'.

National Historic Sites and Museums testify to the watershed's significance as a busy shipbuilding, manufacturing and religious center during the 18th and 19th centuries.

A full color brochure highlights these historic sites as well as canoeing and boating information and fishing and licensing requirements. For a free copy, contact the tourism office.







Outdor

The Stephen Decatur Memorial Park

Wildfowl Pond and Natural Trail, Berlin 410-641-2270. A 1/4 mile of nesting waterfowl habitat with two bird boxes. This self-guided trail meanders through a man-made pond over boardwalk bridges. The park is an excellent picnic stop.

Porters Crossing to Snow Hill Canoe Trail

Porters Crossing Road 410 632-3971. This 5-1/2 mile canoe trail on the Pocomoke River is relatively narrow and easy to paddle. Cypress trees, reeds and other still water plants line the dark waters and decorate the scenery. Heron, egrets and turtles are often seen wading in the River's swampy reaches. The densely wooded banks provide a cool shade canopy overhead.

Milburn Landing Hiking Trail

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park Milburn Landing 410-632-2566. This is a 4-mile trail that winds along narrow fire trails and wooded roads through the Pocomoke State Forest. Observe managed woodlands and a wide variety of plant and animal life.

Ocean Pines Natural Trails

410-641-5306. Ocean Pines has a number of hiking trails leading through the Pines which are accessible from their public parks.

The Nature Conservancy's Paul Leifer Trail

Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum 410-632-2032. This 1-mile trail, accessible through Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum, winds along Nassawango Creek on boardwalks, through the Nassawango Cypress Swamp and on the tow path of the Iron Furnace Canal. Site admission to Furnace Town from April through October.

Bird Hill Road Wildlife Restoration Site

Worcester County's 23-acre wildlife restoration site is located north of the village of Stockton on Bird Hill Road. The site may be accessed by car or bicycle on the 100-mile View Trail. Four acres of wetlands were restored and nearly twenty acres of native trees were planted on the site. The site includes a small parking area and a 1/4-mile walking/biking trail to a viewing platform with an interpretive sign. Depending on the time of year, wild turkey, neotropical migrant songbirds and waterfowl are commonly seen here. Public access for wildlife viewing purposes is permitted daily, dawn to dusk.

Pusey Branch Nature Trail

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park, Nazareth Church Tract - Old Furnace Road 410-632-2566. This self-guided nature trail is 1/2 mile long and is complimented by informational signs and exhibits. The trail leads you through pine plantations, mixed pine/hardwood stands and along bottom land hardwoods.

Trail of Change

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park Shad Landing 410-632-2566. A self-guided trail approximately 1-mile long leads you through old growth forest which was once farmland to the cool temperatures of the Cypress Swamp. Learn how this forest through time and man's activities has adapted and changed.

Bald Cypress Nature Trail

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park Milburn Landing 410-632-2566. This trail is a 1-mile long self-guided glimpse of 3 forest types on the edge of the Pocomoke River: a pine grove, mixed hardwoods and bald cypress swamp. Observe these distinct plant communities competing and changing under the influence of the natural environment.

Corker's Creek Black Water Canoe Trail

Pocomoke River State Forest & Park Shad Landing 410-632-2566. This 1-1/2 mile self-guided canoe trail along Corker's Creek takes approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours to complete. A brochure describing the natural environment along the water route is available making the adventure educational and informative for the novice or experienced canoeist.

Pocomoke City Nature & Exercise Trail

Cypress Park 410-957-1333. This trail, a total of 4 miles, begins at Cypress Park and winds around Stevenson's Pond to Winter Quarters Landing, a public boat ramp. The trail is enhanced by a floating boardwalk, 57' pedestrian bridge and a 260' fishing pier. A shorter 1-1/2 mile loop may also be hiked.

For canoe, kayak & Stand-up Paddle Board rentals and portage service call:

Ayers Creek Adventures

ayerscreekadventures.com 888-602-6288

Coastal Kayak

c-kayak.com 302-539-7999

Pocomoke River Canoe Company

pocomokerivercanoe.com 410-632-3971

SuperFun Eco Tours

superfunecotours.com 410-656-9453

Fishing

Pocomoke River

Amateur, novice and expert fishermen will find the tidal Pocomoke uniquely challenging. Yellow and white perch, eel, gar, sunfish, pickerel, catfish, crappie, bluegill herring, spot croakers, bluefish and largemouth bass will tease and taunt the best rod'n reelers. Certain areas of the river banks have

been designated as "Free Fishing Areas" where no Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License is required. For locations, check where fishing licenses are sold. Fishing from a craft requires a license. For all fishing, regulations and licensing information; dnr.state.md.us/fisheries

Fishing Equipment/License

Pocomoke River State Park Shad Landing Area, 3461 Worcester Hwy, Snow Hill, MD 21863 • 410-632-2566

Pocomoke River Canoe Company

312 North Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863 • 410-632-3971

Sea Hawk Sport Center 643 Ocean Highway, Pocomoke City,

MD 21851 • 410-957-0198

Guides

Capt. Bruce Wootten

captbrucewootten.com

Atlantic Ocean

Ocean City, the White Marlin Capital of the World, is famous for bottom fishing in the bays and deep sea fishing offshore. The Gulf Stream is a short distance offshore and easily reached by boat to fish waters teeming with bigeye and yellowfin tuna, mako and dolphin, plus trophy fish like white and blue marlin and an occasional sailfish.

Angler's Guide

Request our Angler's Guide for complete listings of charter boats, head boats, fishing guides, boat rentals, species, fishing hot spots and boat ramps. Saltwater fishing license is required. For more information on recreational fishing, licenses, fishing tackle and where to fish, visit one of our many tackle shops located throughout the county. Complete list of tackle shops is available at visitworcester.org

Marinas

Ake Marine

12930 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City 410-213-0421 • akemarine.com Bahia Marina

22nd Street and Bay, Ocean City 410-289-7438 • 888-575-3625 bahiamarina.com

Fisherman's Marina

12806 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City 410-213-2478 • ocfishermansmarina.com Harbor Marine

12731 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City 410-213-2296 • harbormarineoc.com

Harbour Island Marina

14 St & the Bay • 410-289-3511 Ocean Pines Yacht Club & Marina 1 Mumford Landing Rd., Ocean Pines 410-641-7447 • oceanpines.org

Sunset Marina

12911 Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City 410-213-9600 • 877-514-3474

www.ocsunsetmarina.com Talbot Street Pier

311 Talbot Street, Ocean City 410-289-9125 • talbotstreetpier.com

White Marlin Marina

205 Somerset Street, Ocean City 410-289-6470 • whitemarlinmarina.com

Public Boat Ramps Assateague State Park

Located at Route 611 and the Verrazano Bridge. Provides access to Sinepuxent Bay. Facilities include rest rooms and lighted paved parking. 410-641-2120

Byrd Park

Located on Market Street in Snow Hill. Provides access to the Pocomoke River. Facilities include picnic area, comfort stations and paved parking.

Cedar Hall Wharf

Located 6 miles from Route 13 off Route 371. Provides access to the Pocomoke River.

George Island Landing Located in the Stockton vicinity at the end of Route 366. Provides access to

Chincoteague Bay.

Gum Landing

Located on Gumpoint Road .6 miles off Route 589. Provides access to Isle of Wight Bay via Turville Creek.

Isle of Wight

Located at the intersection of Route 90 and Saint Martins Neck Road. Provides access to Assawoman Bay.

Mason Landing

Located in the Newark vicinity off Route 113 and Langmaid Road. Provides access to Massey Creek and Newport Bay.

Pocomoke City Landing

Located on Riverside Drive at the end of Laurel Street in Pocomoke City. Provides access to the Pocomoke River. Two 80 foot boating piers and paved parking.

Pocomoke River State Park

Shad Landing Area. Located off Route 113, 4 miles south of Snow Hill. Provides access to the Pocomoke River. Facilities include water and electrical hookup, 23 boat slips, pump-out station, several boating piers, cance rentals, comfort stations, telephones, camping, picnic areas and paved parking. 410-632-2566

Pocomoke River State Park

Milburn Landing Area. Located on Route 354 in the vicinity of Snow Hill. Provides access to the Pocomoke River. Facilities include picnic area, barbecue grills, comfort stations and paved parking. 410-632-2566

Public Landing

At the end of Route 365, off Route 113 in the Snow Hill vicinity. Provides access to Chincoteague Bay. Facilities include fishing pier, pavilion and paved parking.

Shell Mill

Located at the end of Shell Mill Road off Saint Martins Neck Road, Provides access to Assawoman Bay via St. Martins River. Facilities include boating pier and paved parking.

South Point

Located at the end of South Point Road off of Route 611. Provides access to Sinepuxent Bay. Facilities include telephone and paved parking.

Taylor Landing

Located 3 miles east of Girdletree off Route 12 and at the end of Taylors Landing Road. Provides access to Chincoteague Bay.

West Ocean City

Located off Golf Course Road in West Ocean City. Provides access to Sinepuxent Bay and Ocean City inlet. Facilities include lighted, paved parking.

Camping







Assateague Island National Seashore

7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-3030 Reservations 800-365-CAMP • nps.gov Open Year Round. Pets allowed on a leash, dump station/RVs.

Assateague State Park

7307 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-641-2918 • dnr.maryland.gov or reservations.dnr.state.md.us. Open the end of April -October. No pets, bathhouses, camp store, limited electric, dump station.

Bali-Hi RV Park

St. Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, MD 21813 410-352-5477 Open May 1 - November: RVs only, bathhouse, laundry, pets on leash, electric, water hookup, sewer hookup.

Castaways RV Resort and Campground

12550 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, MD 21811 410-213-0097 • castawaysrvoc.com Open April 1-November 1. Located on the shores of the beautiful Sinepuxent Bay overlooking Assateague Island. Bath houses, electric & water, pools, lodge with lounge, fitness room, arcade, boat ramp, fishing & crabbing piers

Fort Whaley Campground

1224 Dale Road, Whaleyville, MD 21872 410-641-9785 • fortwhaley.com Open mid-March to late November. Family campground located a stone's throw from Ocean City & Assateague Island National Seashore. Miniature golf, daily planned activities, pool, camp store, pavilion, clubhouse, with arcade, dog park, fishing lake, paddle boats, bath houses and more.

Frontier Town Campground

8428 Stephen Decatur Highway. 410-641-0880; 800-228-5590 • frontiertown.com Open early April until late November. Ocean City's premier camping resort situated along the Sinepuxent Bay featuring over 500 spacious campsites from primitive tenting up to luxury 45' motor homes, deluxe rental trailers and cabins. On-site water park, western theme park, miniature golf, swimming pool, playground, trails, dog park and camp store.

Island Resort Campground

9537 Cropper Island Road, Newark, MD 21841. 410-641-9838; 888-641-9838 • islandresort.org Open May-Nov; cabins and campsites; pets allowed in campsites only; stocked fish ponds, canoe & kayak rentals; electric, sewer & water hookups.

Pocomoke River State Park

3461 Worcester Hwy., Snow Hill, MD 21863 410-632-2566 • dnr.state.md.us Open year round: dump station, bathhouse, cabins, laundry, camp store, pets on leash, swimming pool, canoe and rowboat rentals.

For Camper Rentals Call: Coastal Camper Rentals

6915 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin MD 21811 410-726-4015 • coastalcamper.com Dedicated to providing the highest quality camper rentals available. Pop-ups, hybrids and travel trailers available.

Just Tow and Go

11628 Church Street, Showell MD, 21862 443-235-7117 • justtowandgo.com Travel trailer rentals. We offer the largest campers at the most reasonable prices! All trailers and pop-ups are fully stocked at no extra cost!

& Parks

Pocomoke River State Park & Forest

Located along the banks of the wild and scenic Pocomoke River, this park provides an opportunity for visitors to experience the wonders of a cypress swamp and the tranquility of one of the state's premier tidal rivers. Pocomoke comes from the Native American word meaning "black water." The river originates in the Great Cypress Swamp in Delaware and flows southwesterly to the Chesapeake Bay.

The park's combination of swamp and upland offers a great variety of plant and animal life such as river otters, beaver and bald eagles, and over 50 species of fish.

Activities Popular activities in the park include biking trails, boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and hiking.

Camping Shad Landing has 191 campsites with washhouses that have hot water showers, flush toilets and a laundry tub. All types of camping units are welcome. Some campsites have electric hookups. A dumping station is available for sewage and potable water. Milburn Landing has 32 campsites, some with electric. Amenities are limited at Milburn Landing and pets are allowed in the campground. A dump station is available.

Snacks, souvenirs, camping equipment, groceries, canoe rentals, gas, firewood, boat slips with electric and water hookups and an in-ground swimming pool are available at Shad Landing.

Cabins There are 12 mini-cabins available, four at Milburn Landing and eight at Shad Landing. All cabins sleep up to four persons. **Boating** The Shad Landing Marina has 23 boat slips with water and electrical hookups, launching ramp, lighted dock area and a fuel and transient pier. Rowboats and canoes may be rented. Milburn Landing has a launching ramp.

Biking The Pocomoke River State Forest and Park Trail Guide is available for purchase at park headquarters and is a complete guide to multi-use trails within the park.

Fishing A Chesapeake Bay Sports Fishing License is required to fish the Pocomoke River and nearby creeks. A "Fish for Fun" pond is located across from the marina parking lot and requires a freshwater license.

Picnicking Milburn Landing and Shad Landing have picnic areas with tables, grills, playground equipment, pavilions and comfort stations.

Pets are permitted at Milburn Landing Area. Pets allowed in all day-use areas after Labor Day to Memorial Day weekend in Shad Landing. Pets are also allowed in the Acorn Trail camp loop.

Pocomoke River State Park dnr.maryland.gov Search key word "Pocomoke" State Park Information 410-632-2566 State Forest Information 410-632-3732 Camping 888-432-CAMP





The white sand beaches of this windswept barrier island are a major reason for visitors to flock to this beach. This 37-milelong paradise straddles the Maryland-Virginia border and derives its name from the Native American word that translates to" A Running Stream Between." The island is perhaps most famous for the wild horses that continue to roam the beaches since the late 17th century. The horses are descendants of domesticated horses brought to the island that reverted to a wild state. Park personnel warn visitors not to pet or feed the horses because they are wild and can bite and kick.

The island consists of 2 parks: Assateague Island National Seashore and Assateague State Park. Assateague State Park is Maryland's only ocean park and was selected by National Geographic Travel magazine in 1994 as one of the 10 best state parks in the United States. Assateague National Seashore was voted Top 10 National Seashores and Lakeshores by Coastal Living Magazine. Before exploring Assateague, please take time to get to know the island by visiting the Barrier Island Visitor Center just west of the Verrazano Bridge.

Activities

Camping The National Park offers 2 campgrounds, Oceanside and Bayside, with some sites available year round. Primitive outdoor facilities include chemical toilets, drinking water and cold water showers. Any size camping vehicle can be accommodated (dump station only, no hook-ups). There are also several backpack and canoe-access campsites. Parking and back country permits are required. The State Park offers camping with bathouses with hot showers and flush toilets. A small camp store and snack bar are open in summer. Any size camping vehicle can be accommodated (dump station and a few hook-ups are available).

Hiking Short, self-guided walks are available on the Life of the Marsh, Life of the Forest and Life of the Dunes nature trails. Each is about one-half mile and has parking facilities.

Biking Cyclists can use three miles of paved bike path along Bayberry Drive and Oceanside Campground. Summer bike rentals are available at the end of Bayside Drive.

Canoe Rentals Available at the end of Bayside Drive.

Birding Assateague's bird life is abundant. The trails through the marsh, forest and dunes offer easy access for viewing. The Park Service offers guided walks, talks, children's programs and seashore recreation demonstrations daily in summer. Guided walks include explorations of Assateague's birdlife, the beach, salt marshes, bay and dunes.

Surf fishing is available with no saltwater licenses required. Fishing is prohibited on life guarded beaches or in designated surfing zones.

Off-Road Vehicle use ORV zones are posted and maps are available at the Barrier Island Visitor Center. Permits are available at the Ranger Station. A fee is charged for all permits. ORVs must stay on marked oversand vehicle routes. **Picnicking** areas are available at the state park beach, the National Park North Ocean Beach and at the Bayside Recreation Area. Picnic tables and grills are available at these sites.

Kids Programs Assateague offers environmental education programs and day camps during the summer months such as bayside kayak tours, beach scavenger hunts, biological beach combs, salt marsh exploration and junior ranger programs. Check at the Barrier Island Visitor Center for program descriptions and schedules at the National Park or call 410-641-2120, ext. 20 at the State Park.

Pets Dogs are permitted on a leash in the National Park. Pets are allowed in marina area to board vessels, in some camp sites and adjoining beach areas. Pets are allowed in day use areas from Oct. 1- April 30 in the State Park.

Swimming Assateague Island National Park Service and Assateague State Park lifeguards supervise the beaches during the summer season.

Assateague Island National Seashore

nps.gov/asis Visitor Center 410-641-1441 Camping 410-641-3030

Assateague State Park

dnr.maryland.gov Visitor Information 410-641-2918 Camping 888-432-CAMP (Monday-Friday)

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special day a memory that will last a lifetime. From the preparations to the ceremony to the reception and accommodations, visit beachandbeyond.org for your one stop wedding planner.

A guide to Worcester County

Golfing is a year-round sport in Worcester County and continues to grow in numbers. With over a dozen courses, golfers have a wide variety to choose from. Our courses have the distinction of offering island greens, with designs by top names like Gary Player and Pete and P.B. Dye, and locations on the Sinepuxent Bay, Atlantic Ocean and on the St. Martin River.

The Delmarva Peninsula features over fifty courses from Wilmington, Delaware to Cape Charles, Virginia, making this region an ideal golfing destination.

A number of golf tournaments are held annually in the resort area, many to raise money for charitable causes. Check local golf clubs for upcoming events.

Golf Packagers

Several area golf packagers book hotel and tee time reservations, allowing you to make all of your arrangements with one phone call.

Hospitality Hotel Golf 410-524-3000

Ocean City Golf Getaway 1-800-4-OC-GOLF or 410-213-7050 oceancitygolf.com

Ocean City Golf Groups 1-888-GOLF-GRPS or 410-289-8042 ocgolfgroups.com

OCGolfing.com 866-OC-GOLFING - 866-624-6534 ocgolfing.com

Tee1OFF Golf Packages 800-833-1633 tee1off.com

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Assateague Greens Golf Center

Ocean City's complete family golf center offers: 9-hole, part 3 executive golf course, 30 station-lighted driving range plus grass area, 18-hole miniature golf, Fully-stocked pro shop, 12 covered stations, Rental clubs available, Lessons available by PGA professional Stuart W. Jarmon. 12217 Sinepuxent Road, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-213-7526

The Bay Club

Home of "Devil's Island" - the area's original island green. This public club offers 36-holes of championship golf, par 72, motorized golf carts, clubhouse with fully-stocked pro shop and restaurant, golf pro, tournament arrangements available, Open year round, lessons available, driving range and practice green, club rentals, tee times recommended, beverage cart. Golf packages available. 9122 Libertytown Road, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-641-4081 thebayclub.com

Eagle's Landing Golf Course

Eagle's Landing, one of the most scenic and challenging courses on the East Coast. Located just minutes from Ocean City, the course offers a spectacular view of the Sinepuxent Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Assateague Island National Seashore. 18-hole championship course with four sets of tees makes it playable for golfers of all skill levels. Abundantly stocked pro shop, snack bar, putting & chipping greens. Twilight rate available. 2 PGA professionals. Open year round. Tee times recommended. Tournaments and large groups welcome.

12367 Eagle's Nest Road, Berlin, MD 2181. 410-213-7277 • 800-283-3846 eagleslandinggolf.com

The Links at Lighthouse Sound,

a breathtaking public 18-hole championship golf course designed by Arthur Hills, overlooks Assawoman Bay and the Ocean City skyline. Lessons available through our golf professionals & the Lighthouse Sound Golf Academy. Pro Link GPS system, expansive driving range & practice facility. Tee times recommended. Full-service restaurant. Tournaments and large groups welcome. 12723 St. Martin's Neck Road Bishopville, MD 21813 410-352-5767 • 888-554-4557 lighthousesound.com

Man O'War at Glen Riddle Golf Club

Occupies the westerly portion of Glen Riddle. Features 7,035 yards and a par of 72. Pure, windswept links golf offers large greens, double fairways, pot bunkers, sand dunes and the ever-present eastern shore winds. The historic racetrack, used to train champion thoroughbreds, is utilized as a strategic cross hazard on 3 holes. 11501 Maid at Arms Way, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-213-2325 • 888-632-4747 glenriddlegolf.com

Ocean City Golf Club

Founded in 1959, the club offers 36 holes of championship golf Newport Bay Course par 72, Seaside Course par 73, golf carts equipped with Pro Link GPS system, Complete practice facilities, PGA professional staff and fully-stocked pro shop, Large clubhouse with full food & beverage service, Reduced rates after 2:00 p.m., Tournament and group arrangements available, Hospitality cars, tee times recommended and open year round. 11410 Country Club Drive, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-641-1779 oceancitygolfclub.com



Ocean Pines Golf Course

The Delmarva Peninsula's only Robert Trent Jones, Sr. design golf course. This 18-hole championship facility is located within the private community of Ocean Pines. Flexible membership packages, electric golf carts, pro shop, locker rooms, 19th hole snack bar. Open year round. Limited open play. Tee times recommended.

100 Clubhouse Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. 410-641-6057 OceanPines.org

Ocean Resorts Golf Club

18-hole, par 72 championship golf course. Clubhouse with fully stocked pro shop and snack bar. Open year round. Professional tournament management services available. Lessons available. Motorized golf carts, club rentals, beverage cart, patio area for outside dining. Driving range, putting and chipping greens. Tee times recommended. Twilight, group and junior rates. Locals card.

10655 Cathell Road - Berlin, Maryland 410-641-5643 oceanresortsgolfclub.com info@oceanresortsgolfclub.com

River Run Golf Club & Community

River Run, a Gary Player signature course, features bent grass from tee to green. This spectacular 18-hole championship golf course has matured into one of the most scenic courses in the area. The front 9 is reminiscent of Scottish-type courses & the backside offers an entirely new & challenging landscape of tree-lined fairways and natural marshes. Electric golf carts, PGA professional lessons, golf school, clubhouse, 9th hold grill, open year round. Reduced twilight rates, fully stocked pro shop. Golf club community with single family lots and duplexes for sale. 11605 Masters Lane, Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-7200 • 800-733-RRUN riverrungolf@dmv.com

Rum Pointe Seaside Golf Links

Rum Pointe is one of Ocean Citv's finest golf courses, designed by Pete and P.B. Dye. Located along the Sinepuxent Bay, overlooking Assateague Island, the 18-hole championship golf course features a fully-stocked pro shop, ProLink GPS system in each cart. Clubhouse with restaurant and bar. Driving range with practice facilities. Open year round. Tee times recommended.

7000 Rum Pointe Lane, Berlin, MD 21811 410-629-1414 • 888-809-4653 rumpointe.com

War Admiral at Glen Riddle Golf Club

Man O'War's sister course, War Admiral, is routed through mature forest and offers a completely different golf experience. The course is sheltered from the wind, but provides a demanding test from the tees. The site's beautiful tidal marsh comes into play on five dramatic holes offering amazing views. Rugged, breathtaking bunkers reminiscent of golf's great past is the signature of the War Admiral Course. From the rear tees the course plays to a par of 72 and a length of 6,889 yards. 11501 Maid at Arms Way, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-213-2325 • 888-632-4747 glenriddlegolf.com

For more information about accommodations, activities, attractions and additional golf courses in the region, contact:

WORCESTER COUNTY TOURISM 104 West Market Street. Snow Hill, MD 21863 visitworcester.org tourism@co.worcester.md.us









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Calvin B. Taylor House Museum

Visit this carefully restored 19th century home located in historic downtown Berlin. Furnished with local period pieces, this 1830s home functions as a town museum featuring displays of local history. Open Memorial Day weekend through October Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation. 208 N. Main Street, Berlin, 21811 410-641-1019, taylorhousemuseum.org

Costen House & Hall Walden Garden

Located in downtown Pocomoke City, a few short blocks from the scenic Pocomoke River, Costen House is a fine example of Victoria Italiente architecture. Home to Dr. Isaac Costen and his family for over 100 years. The museum exhibits furnishings from 1870-1970, including Dr. Costen's medical instruments. Open May-Oct. Wed. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Fee. 206 Market Street, Pocomoke, 21851. 410-957-3110

Delmarva Discovery Museum

On the Pocomoke River, the Discovery Center serves as a source of learning and discovery for all ages. Located in downtown Pocomoke City, the Discovery Center focuses on river ecology with a live otter exhibit, and the history of the Pocomoke River, including shipbuilding, trading, fishing, and local Native American culture. It offers a regular schedule of programs, tours, and presentations to families, school classes, groups, and other visitors. Open year round. 10am-4pm. 2 Market Street, Pocomoke, 21851. Fee. 410-957-9933, delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum

On twelve tree-shaded acres next to the Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Preserve, Furnace Town depicts life in the early 19th Century of this iron manufacturing village. Each day two or more artisans in period dress share skills in gardening, woodworking or broom making. Twelve historic structures which are exhibits, picnic areas and nature trails. Workshops, programs and special events. Open April-Oct. 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fee. 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 21863 410-632-2032 furnacetown.com

Girdletree Barnes Bank

Six miles south of Snow Hill stands the quiet town of Girdletree. In the past, Girdletree had been a thriving community and George Barnes, a prosperous merchant, saw the need for a town bank. It opened in 1902 operating under George L. Barnes & Co. It closed in the 1930s. Reopening in 1999 the restored building serves as a museum, exhibiting items and memorabilia from Girdletree's past. Open May 1st-Sept. 5th Wed. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation. 2802 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829 410-632-1641

USEUMS

Historic St. Martins Church

Erected for Worcester Parish between 1756 and 1763, this church was the second building to house the St. Martin's congregation at this site. Records indicate there was a chapel of ease for All Hallows Parish at this location as early as 1703. Attendance at St. Martins dwindled and weekly services were eventually replaced with yearly commemorative gatherings in the late nineteenth century. It was closed after a new church was erected in Berlin in 1824. Open Saturdays June-October, 10am-1pm. 11413 Worcester Highway Showell, 21862 info@historicstmartinschurch.org, 410-251-2849

Julia A. Purnell Museum

Housed in the first Catholic Church in Snow Hill, an 1892 cottage style Gothic, Purnell Museum was named for a local folk artist. Housing a large collection of her needle art, the museum has over 10,000 pieces that tell the Worcester County story. From the earliest known Indian Societies through the Colonial, Victorian and Industrial Ages and into the Modern Era, the artifacts, exhibits and programs of Purnell Museum illustrate the culture, people and heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Open April-Oct. Tues-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sun. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Fee. 208 West Market Street, Snow Hill, 21863. 410-632-0515 purnellmuseum.com

Ocean City Lifesaving Station

Shipwrecks, lifesaving and rescues, Ocean City history, swim wear, sea life saltwater tanks, sand from all over the world, replicas from the early structures on the boardwalk and much more. Open June-Sept. 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; May&Oct. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. weekends. Fee. 813 S. Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, 21842 410-289-4991 ocmuseum.org

Queponco Railroad Station

In the village of Newark, Queponco Station stands today, a symbol of earlier times when the railroad was a vital part of life on the Eastern Shore. Erected in 1910, halfway between Berlin and Snow Hill, Queponco is part of the rail service in Worcester County from 1872 to the present. The building was sold in the 1960s and reopened as a museum in 1999. Open May-Oct. 1st and 3rd Sats. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donation. 8378 Patey Woods Road, Newark, 21841 410-641-0067

Rackliffe House

This historic merchant-planter's home overlooks Assateague Island and Sinepuxent Bay. Constructed in the 1740s by Captain Charles Rackliffe, the large brick Manor House now serves as a coastal museum that interprets 18th-century life along Maryland's seaside through an orientation film, historic time line and artifacts on display in the kitchen, spinning room, children's room, and original milk house. Open seasonally. Located off Route 611, just 1/2-mile from the Assateague Island Visitor Center at 11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin, 21811. RackliffeHouse.org.

Sturgis One Room School

Built 100 years ago on land purchased by William Sturgis in 1888. Operated as a school for 37 year with grades one through seven taught by one teacher. It closed in 1937 and was home to Mr. Sturgis, after which it fell into disrepair. Restoration began in 1996 and it was opened in 2000. The artifacts reflect the history of both the school and the African-American life in a rural area. Open May-Oct. Wed. and Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Fee. 209 Willow Street, Pocomoke, 21851 410-957-1913







Arts &



GALLERIES

Ocean City Center for the Arts

94th Street, Ocean City, MD 21842 410-524-9433 • artleagueofoceancity.org Ocean City Center for the Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enrichment of life through the arts. Activities are offered for every age and all skill levels from children's exhibits to professional workshops and shows to museum excursions and group outings. Monthly receptions offer an opportunity to socialize, enjoy and appreciate both artistic and culinary creations.

Baked Dessert Café & Gallery

4C Bay Street, Berlin , MD 21811 410-641-1800 • bakeddessertcafe.com Enjoy custom cakes, gourmet cupcakes, fresh pies, handcrafted desserts, artisan breads, cheese spreads and beverages including boutique wines and craft brews. Fine art gallery showcasing works by Patrick Henry in addition to other local talent.

The Balcony Gallery at The Globe

12 Broad Street, Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-0784 • globetheater.com The Globe offers an ever changing gallery/restaurant setting to view and enjoy hand-picked local artists. The restaurant is filled with each participating artist's work both throughout the dining rooms and upstairs in The Balcony Art Gallery.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine Gallery

202 W. Green Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863 410-632-3555 • bishopsstock.com Bishop's Stock showcases established and emerging artists of Delmarva. A broad spectrum of two-dimensional work is presented in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor and mixed media. Artists shown at Bishop's Stock include the area's finest contemporary impressionists, realists and abstract painters. Three-dimensional work includes metal sculpture, glass, ceramic stoneware, wood and wearable art- fiber and jewelry. Different artists are featured each month.

Firehouse Arts Center

208 Green Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863 410-632-3555.

Art classes exhibits and performances.

Jeffery Auxer Design

19 Jefferson Street, Berlin, MD 21811 443-513-4210 • jeffreyauxer.com Located behind the Atlantic Hotel is Jeffery Auxer Design Studio, an upscale blown glass and ceramics gallery and studio. Auxer is a glass and clay artist who studied fine arts at Salisbury University. He loves the challenge of glass blowing, creating graceful bowls and decorative vessels in single and multi colors. His work in ceramics





Entertainment

includes raku, salt, and cone ten firing. In an effort to give interested parties the chance to learn the methods of the craft of glassblowing, Auxer hosts classes in his workshop. And, for every-one who is wondering - yes, he gladly adds customized and commissioned pieces of all kinds to his repertoire.

Snap Dragon

West Ocean City, MD 21842 410-213-9885

Snapdragon is a gallery of art and unique gifts in West OC across from the Captain's Galley Restaurant and the West OC Harbor showcasing local artists. Works by owner Tracy Bell and many others can be found here.

Worcester County Arts Council Gallery 6 Jefferson Street, Berlin, MD 21811

410-641-0809

worcestercountyartscouncil.org Established in 1977, the Worcester County Arts Council is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting and encouraging visual, performing and cultural arts in Worcester County, Maryland. Monthly exhibits and classes are offered throughout the year.

THEATERS

Ocean City Performing Arts Center

Our Performing Arts Center will help your concerts, plays or performing arts shows come to life. With state-of-the-art equipment, your large musical or theatrical production will go off without a hitch. The new 16,000 sq. ft. auditorium will seat up to 1,200. It's the perfect space for general sessions, presentations and large seminars. Our theater-style, two tiers of fixed seating and 51 ft. high ceiling, will help you take the stage and hold a meeting your audience is sure to remember. For more information on booking a performance or show in the Performing Arts Center, please contact us at 1-800-OC-OCEAN.

The Mar-Va Theate

Market Street, Pocomoke City 410-957-4230 • mar-vatheater.org The Mar-Va Theater opened in 1927. Once used as a vaudeville theater complete with stage facilities, dressing rooms and orchestra pits, the Mar-Va was played by many famous performers, which included some old-time cowboys such as Tom Mix, Roy Rogers, Hop-a-Long Cassidy and Smiley Burnett. Most recently, Linda Lavin of the television show "Alice" visited. Today, after extensive renovations, the Mar-Va is host to musical productions, concerts, plays and films.

Classroom instruction for all skill levels and ages offered...

Ocean City Center for the Arts 502 94th Street, Ocean City 410-524-9433 • artleagueofoceancity.com Arts activities available for every age and all skill levels; offering a variety of classes in watercolor, oil, pastel and charcoal. The

Ocean City Center for the Arts also hosts

Worcester County Arts Council

monthly exhibits and receptions.

6 Jefferson Street, Berlin • 410-641-0809

worcestercountyartscouncil.org The Arts Council is dedicated to promoting and encouraging visual, performing and cultural arts. Workshops and classes are offered in the performing arts and visual arts and offers an annual summer arts camp. The Arts Council hosts monthly exhibits and receptions.

Arts & Times

The Arts & Times Community Calendar, highlights special events, exhibits, rural arts, performances, and classes on the lower eastern shore. Look for the print edition quarterly in the local galleries and cultural attractions of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties.







Coolest Small Town in America...









ROOTINAVES COOLESS MALL TOWN NAMERICA 2014 Winner Berlin, MD

IF YOU GO

Arts & Entertainment District includes art galleries art classes horse & carriage rides audio walking tours ghost tours Visit Burley Oak Brewery

Events include

Second Friday Art Strolls Jazz & Blues Bash 1st Saturday in May Berlin Fiddler's Convention-3rd weekend after Labor Day

> Official town dessert-Peach Dumpling

berlinmainstreet.com

Although Berlin was founded in the 1790s, it wasn't incorporated until 1868. The town became a popular spot for tourists who enjoyed

hunting and fishing on the lower shore or were on their way to Ocean City. Berlin boasts numerous structures on the National Register of Historic Places spanning two centuries of architecture. The town is the 1885 birthplace of the

Reverend Charles Albert Tindley who composed the now famous song "We Shall Overcome" among his many achievements. Berlin is also the birthplace of Stephen Decatur, the 19th century naval hero.



Today the downtown commercial district is a true success story. Named both a Maryland Main Street and an Arts and Entertain-

> ment District, tree-lined streets, art galleries, antique shops, carriage rides, great eateries with outdoor dining and a brewery attract both locals and visitors.

> But perhaps what makes Berlin such a standout are the variety and number of quirky

events they host including the annual Bathtub Races, Reggae Play Day, Shakespeare on Main Street, Paint Berlin Plein Air and New Year's Eve Ball Drop to name just a few.

Berlin was the filming location for Paramount Pictures Runaway Bride and Disney's Tuck Everlasting. In 2014, Berlin was named the Coolest Small Town in America by Budget Travel and has also made the 'A list' for Top 50 Most Beautiful Small Towns in America by publications like Country Living, Woman's Day, Good Housekeeping and Reader's Digest to name just a few.

Just a short drive from Ocean City and Assateague Island, it's easy to see why this town is worth exploring!



Ten miles of white sandy beaches...



Photo by Dusty Willison

Ocean City

IF YOU GO

Ocean City's boardwalknamed top 10 in the US by USA Today

Events include Home to the largest billfishtournament in the world-the White Marlin Open-held annually the beginning of August Weekly summer concert seriesin downtown's Sunset Park and on the beach Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum-Sands Around the World Exhibit Shore Craft Beer Festivallast Saturday in October First Friday'sat Ocean City Center for the Arts

> Only 15 minutes to-Assateague Island National Seashore and State Park

> > ococean.com

Ocean City has been a beach vacation destination since the 1800s and continues to provide vacationers with a slew of fun and

exciting things to do.

Ocean City is home to 10-miles of clean, free, beautiful beaches with lots of family-friendly free events like sundaes in the park, movies on the beach, family

beach games and fireworks and light shows.

There's no getting bored in this beach town with water sports like parasailing, surfing and jet-skiing or fishing; off-shore, bay or surf fishing are all options with plenty of charters, marinas and tackle shops to get you hooked. The state-of-the-art performing arts center hosts shows

> year round. Or take an art class at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

> If you want to delve into Ocean City's past, take a ghost tour of some of the more iconic spots in the downtown. Of course, a visit to Ocean City isn't

complete without a trip to its famous boardwalk- ranked top 10 in the country! Indulge in amusement rides, a huge Ferris wheel and a circa 1912 Herschell-Spillman carousel while you're there.



Top 100 safest cities...



Ocean Pines

IF YOU GO

• Named one of the best places to retire by Forbes magazine and one of the safest cities in America by SafeWise in 2017

- Largest Farmers & Artisans Market on the Shore, Saturdays 8am-1pm
- Bayfront and beachfront dining with awe-inspiring views and service
- Five public pools including one located on the beach in Ocean City and one heated indoor pool open year round
 - Home to Robert Trent Jones championship golf course
 - Large racquet complex with tennis, platform tennis and pickleball courts
- Ocean Pines Marina recognized as a Maryland Clean Marina

Ocean Pines is a resort community located just eight miles inland from Ocean City. Much of Ocean Pines borders the coastal bays with

beautiful vistas of the Ocean City skyline.

The Pines, as it is locally called, is the largest community in the county with recreational amenities and activities to satisfy

everyone. Ocean Pines offers an 18-hole championship golf course, racquet sports like tennis, platform tennis and pickle ball, swimming pools, both indoor and outside, a community center, marina and restaurants. Ocean Pines is also home to the largest farmers market on Delmarva, open year round in

Whitehorse Park.

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department offers lots of youth sports clinics and adult and family fitness programs.

Whether you live or vacation here, Ocean Pines

has everything you'll ever need.

- Named one of the top 100 safest cities in America
- Named Best Places to Retire by Forbes Magazine



Friendliest town on the shore...



Pocomoke

IF YOU GO

Home of the award-winning Delmarva Discovery Center

Restored art-deco movie theater providing live performances, concerts and films

> Spring Festival-April

Drums on the Pocomoke Pow Wow-May Riverfront dining downtownpocomoke.com A 'living museum', a refurbished theater, a charming downtown and riverfront dining make Pocomoke worth discovering!

Pocomoke City, settled on the banks of the Pocomoke River in the 1600s, was a thriving shipbuilding and commerce center. Today, the city supports several museums and historic attractions

and a riverfront park.

At the Delmarva Discovery Museum, you're far more than a spectator. Go ahead and touch, listen, experiment, and explore. It's a hands-on experience that offers a fun and fascinating look at

the Pocomoke River, its history, ecology and role in the lives of folks in this region for the past 300 years. Explore a Native American exhibit, a beaver dam big enough for the kids to climb into, climb aboard a re-creation of a steamboat and meet our North American river otters, Mac and Tuck. It's truly an adventure in learning.

A stone's throw from the bridge is Cypress Park with picnic tables, a playground and tennis courts. Stretch your legs on the four-mile nature trail that meanders through swamp and woods along the river's edge.

Pocomoke City has several homes on the National Register. Take a tour of



the stately Costen House and Rose Garden, home to the town's first mayor. A few blocks away, the Sturgis One Room School Museum offers a different perspective on history. Built more than a century ago, the school served African-

American students in grades one through seven until 1937.

One of the grand jewels of the downtown is the Mar-Va Theater, an Art Deco beauty from 1927 that has been faithfully restored. The Mar-Va now offers movies, theatrical productions, concerts and more.

Life on the River...



Snow Hill

IF YOU GO

Named an Arts & Entertainment District

Host to First Friday-Arts on the River

Blessing of the Combines held annually in early August

Named Next Best Paddling Town by Canoe and Kayak Magazine

Canoe, kayak and stand-up paddle board rentals

Self-guided walking tour of some of the county's oldest and finest homes

snowhillmd.com

Resting on the banks of the scenic Pocomoke River, Snow Hill is a mix of historic churches, Colonial, Federal and Victorian-style homes and riverfront parks. Downtown, historic homes line

narrow, tree-lined streets with brick sidewalks and several of the oldest homes in the county are located here, dating from the mid to late 1700s.

There are many options in exploring this charming riverfront town. A historic

walking tour brochure is available to guide you through homes predating 1900. The town boasts over 100 homes over 100 years old.

The Pocomoke River is an adventure

all on its own. Paddlers, birdwatchers and fishermen flock to this river for its scenic qualities and abundance of wildlife. Canoe, kayak, standup paddle boards and bikes are available for



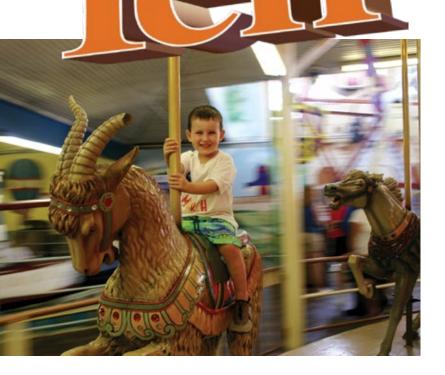
rent. You can also take a river cruise if paddling isn't your thing. There are lots of water and hiking trails along the Pocomoke River and nearby Pocomoke River State Park and Forest. Town parks also offer free public boat launches and

easy access to the river.

Several options are available for making this town an overnight getaway with small bed and breakfast inns, restaurants and shopping.



things you gotta





Ocean City Boardwalk & Lifesaving Station

Museum- Located at the inlet, this museum interprets the fascinating history of O.C. and its life saving service, along with kids programs including; knot tying, "All About Sharks" program and aquarium feeding. 410-289-4991.

2 Walking Tour of Historic Downtown

Ocean City - Discover its 1875 roots as a small fishing village and some of the architectural gems that still occupy the downtown today. 410-289-1413.

3 Sundaes in the Park, Free Beach Concerts &

Bonfire Hour- Enjoy all events free!! Sundaes in the Park- Bring the family and enjoy live musical entertainment. Create your own sundae. Sundays; July-August, 6pm-8pm. Northside Park. 410-250-0125. Concerts on the Beach-Live entertainment every Wednesday. Bring a blanket or chair. July-August, 8pm. North Division Street. 410-250-0125.

Bonfire Hour- sit beside the bonfire and learn interesting facts, history and fun things to do. Thursdays; July-August, 9pm. North Division Street. 800-OC-OCEAN.

4 Assateague Island National Seashore and

State Park - Stop at the Barrier Island Visitor Center, see wild horses, sika deer and a beach landscape unchanged over centuries. 410-641-1441. (15 min. from O.C.) **Hike and Bike at Assateague National Seashore** - Hike the three nature trails: Life of the "Dunes", "Marsh" and "Forest" Trails. You can also bike or canoe the designated trails. Rental information: 410-213-2297.

5 Berlin's Commercial Historic District- Visit a Victorian Village, the location of 2 major motion pictures, Runaway Bride and Tuck Everlasting. Don't miss the art galleries, antiques and boutiques.

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum- Memorial Day thru October- Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat, 1-4pm. 410-641-1019. Sit and have an old-fashioned milk shake at **Rayne's Reef.** (Berlin is 15 min. from O.C.)

do on vacation in Ocean City!

6 Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum-

Experience a 19th century industrial village, the site of Maryland's only bog ore furnace, including broom house, kitchen garden, print shop, weaving house, woodworkers shop and blacksmith. April through October, 10am-5pm daily. 410-632-2032. (35 min. from Ocean City.)

7 Canoe or Kayak- the scenic Pocomoke River, Nassawango Creek or the Coastal Bays. Outfitters: Pocomoke River Canoe Company 410-632-3971. Assateague National Seashore Rentals Maryland Coastal Bays Program 410-213-2297. (30 minutes from Ocean City.) Ayres Creek Adventures: 443-513-0889; 888-602-6288. SuperFun Ecotours: 888-41-KAYAK. Coastal Kayak: 877-445-2925

8 Pocomoke River State Park - Hike our trails, fish in the catch and release pond, look for bald eagles and rent a boat or canoe. 410-632-2566. (35 min. from Ocean City.)

9 Tour Art Galleries in Berlin, Snow Hill and Ocean City - Take an art lesson or just browse and shop for locally produced jewelry, pottery or canvas art. Berlin Galleries, (15 min. from Ocean City.) Jeffrey Auxer Designs 443-497-0812 The Globe, Fine Food, Arts & Spirits 410-641-0784 Worcester County Arts Council Gallery 410-641-0809 Snow Hill Galleries (30 minutes from Ocean City.) Bishop's Stock 410-632-3555

Ocean City Galleries Ocean City Center for the Arts410-524-9433

10 Explore the Delmarva Discovery Center

on the banks of the river in Pocomoke City. The shore's leading destination for hands-on discovery. 410-957-9933. www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

800-852-0335 or www.visitworcester.org





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African American Heritage

The history of the African-American experience in Worcester County consists of a fabric of written facts and oral traditions as well as people of local, state and national prominence. Worcester County has a strong history of resistance to slavery. Common to many places on the shore, there are numerous claims by homeowners as to their property being used as a stop along the "Underground Railroad". Worcester County's African-American community can point to a long and rich history of people, places and events that have helped shape the cultural traditions of the Delmarva peninsula. For a free color brochure that explores our history in more detail, please contact the tourism office at 800-852-0335 or visit our web site; visitworcester.org









Fun comes in all flavors and all seasons here in Worcester County. Kids can explore a genuine wilderness on Assateague Island or on the Pocomoke River. Rent a bike or canoe. Become a junior ranger. You can catch the latest wave, too! We've got a 3-mile oceanfront boardwalk with awesome eats, thrilling amusements

and tons of souvenirs. Or try the many miniature golf courses, both indoor and out. Don't miss Frontier Town's western theme park including a rodeo, Indian ceremonial dancing, can-can show, authentic western shops, steam train, stage coach and pony rides. Check out the only indoor ice skating rink on the peninsula at the Carousel Hotel. Our parks and recreation department has programs galore for kids. From the wild ponies at Assateague to the wild rides at Ocean City, we're kids' territory. For a free color brochure, contact the Worcester County Tourism Office. 800-852-0335, visitworcester.org

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks



From our programs to our parks, we offer a wide range of opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy. We provide a variety of special events, programs and fitness opportunities for youth and adults of all ages. Our 13 parks are open to explore and enjoy all year long and our Rec Center is a climate controlled 47,000 square-foot multi-purpose fitness arena. Check us out! • worcesterrecandparks.org



Breweries



Walk into any bar or bottle shop across America these days and the healthy selection of local craft beer is evidence that the artisanal food movement has reached the tap. Now, a new wave of sustainable microbreweries are showing that craft beer can be environmentally friendly as well. Some of those microbreweries are right here in Worcester. With fertile acreage for barley, oats and hops-plus a rich history of communitarian values-it's easy to see why.

Mid Atlantic residents know the Eastern Shore of Maryland well from summertime shore visits, but the burgeoning beer scene offers a reason to visit year round.



Less than 10 miles inland from the Ocean City boardwalk, the county is replete with farms and steeped in old-school agricultural traditions. This has made sustain ability an easy call for local brewers. The breweries utilize local ingredients because the products are just better, and it helps our neighbors.

Sharing in the success of the craft beer movement are favorite breweries including Fin City Brewing Company, Ocean City Brewing Company, Backshore Brewing Company and Burley Oak Brewing Company.

Restaurants and bars throughout the county now serve local craft brews on tap as well as beer pairings and tastings.

For all things beer visit ShoreCraftBeer.com Download the Shore Craft Beer App



& Wineries

Worcester also has a top notch winery with Costa Ventosa known as the fun-spirited winery. Varietals in the vineyard include Riesling, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chambourcin, Pinot Grigio and Cayuga. Opening in the near future is Windmill Creek Vineyard & Winery, transforming an 18th century farm into a 21st century tourism and community hub near Ocean Pines.

Costa Ventosa Winery & Vineyard

9031 Whaleyville Road, Whaleyville (410) 352-9867 • costaventosa.com

Maryland Wine Bar

Serving all Maryland wines (and a few others) 113 North Main Street, Berlin (410) 629-1022

Backshore Brewing Co.

913 Atlantic Avenue (10th St & the Boardwalk), Ocean City (410) 289-0008 • backshorebrew.com

Brews Up Beer & wine making supplies & brew shop 211 North Washington Street, Snow Hill (443) 513-4744 • brewsup.net

Burley Oak Brewing Co. 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin (443) 513-4647 • burleyoak.com

Fin City Brewing Co. 12913 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City (410) 213-1771 • fincitybrewing.com

Ocean City Brewing Co. 5509 Coastal Highway, Ocean City (443) 664-6682 • ocbrewingcompany.com

Farmers Markets

Berlin Farmer's Market

214 Harrison Ave, Berlin. Wed May 6-July 29th 3-6 pm; berlinchamber.org/event-farmers-market

Downtown Berlin Farmer's Market @ the Firehouse

Harrison Ave, Berlin. Wed 3 pm – 6pm June 3-Aug 15; Fri 10 am – 3 pm Apr 3 – Dec 18 sassafrasfarm@comcast.net

Ocean City Farmer's Market

Phillips Seafood extended parking lot 142nd St & Coastal Hwy, Ocean City. Sat 8 am - 1pm; May 23 to Oct 10; Sun 8 am-1 pm May 3 to Oct 11. sassafrasfarm@comcast.net

Ocean Pines Farmer's Market

White Horse Park 239 Ocean Pkwy, Ocean Pines. Sat. 8 am – 1 pm Jan 3-Dec 26 oceanpines.org/farmersmarket

Snow Hill Farmer's Market

210 W Green St, Snow Hill. Thurs noon-5 pm; May 7-Sept 24 • (410) 632-2080

West Ocean City Farmer's Market

8816 Stephen Dec Hwy, Berlin. Sat 9-noon Apr 4-Nov 7 (888) 232-5186

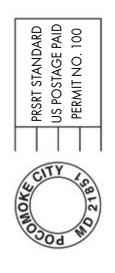
Information

Assateague Island National Seashore (410) 641-1441 nps.gov/asis Assateague Island State Park 410-641-2918 dnr.state.md.us **Berlin Chamber** (410) 641-4775 BerlinMdCC.org Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council (410) 677-4706 lowershoreheritage.org MD Coastal Bays (410) 213-2297 mdcoastalbays.org Ocean City Chamber (410) 213-0552 OceanCity.org Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau (410) 289-8181; (800) OC-OCEAN ococean.com Ocean City Development Corporation (410) 289-7739

Ocean City Downtown Association (410) 289-1413 downtownassociation.net Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Inc. (410) 289-6733 ocvisitor.com Ocean Pines Chamber (410) 641-5306 oceanpineschamber.org Pocomoke City Chamber (410) 957-1919 pocomoke.com Pocomoke River State Park (410) 632-2566 dnr state md us Snow Hill Chamber (410) 632-0809 snowhillmd.com Worcester County Recreation & Parks (410) 632-2144 worcesterrecandparks.org Worcester County Tourism (410) 632-3110; (800) 852-0335 beachandbeyond.org Worcester County Welcome Center (410) 957-2484



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