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Perennials and Favorites



Southern Maryland Tobacco Barns, now silent monuments to a passing way of life. Named one of the 11 most endangered sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the barns dot the region's landscape. There are perhaps 7,000 in Southern Maryland and only a handful are now in use to dry tobacco. Explore these solitary beauties and hear the stories of those witnessing the end of a defining way of life.



Save a Day for Save the Bay. The Chesapeake Bay Field Lab and its flagship, an authentic skipjack, the Dee of St. Mary's, is dedicated to environmental programs with a side fixin' of after-hours fun. Join Captain Jack Russell as he takes urban kids from D.C. out on the Bay, or tag along for a crab feast cruise.



Mid-Century Modern and Military Muscle. The Patuxent Naval Air Station was part of the "can-do" WW II war effort. Outside the gate sprang a new town with housing designed by architect Louis Kahn. This housing area, which married standard military housing with a modernist aesthetic, became known as "the flat tops". Recently demolished but for one example to be preserved, uncover a quirky and poignant piece of Americana through the oral histories of those who lived there.



Stuffed Ham – St. Mary's own dish. Every old-timer in the county has the recipe. Trouble is, each one is different. North county folks like it with kale, and south countians go for the pepper. The dish is thought to have originated with early slave culture. Get the "real recipe" from the folks at the country stores, local lunch spots and church suppers, and sample for yourself.

THEMES

History

- Colonial Era
- Revolutionary War
- Slavery – African-American Heritage
- Civil War
- US Navy and Military Technology
- Maritime History and Lighthouses
- Religious Heritage

Leisure

- Unique Bed & Breakfasts
- Seafood Restaurants
- Shopping in Leonardtown
- Local Food Movement
- Art Trails
- Motor Sports
- Agri-tourism



Environment and Outdoors

- Lighthouse Cruise
- Paddling / Environmental
- Charter Fishing



EVENTS

St. Mary's College of Maryland River Concert Series: the "Wolftrap of Southern Maryland". Each year brings big artists and inventive concert themes from the mind of the maestro of Southern Maryland, Jeffrey Silberschal, director of the Chesapeake Orchestra.

St. Mary's County Corn Mazes – a profitable alternative to tobacco. Two local farmers are making the transition from tobacco to agri-tourism. Both have “amaizing” stories to tell.

Cool music, fresh seafood and a spectacular waterfront combine for the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival. A truly cool combo draws an urban crowd to this remote setting.

The Riverside WineFest at Sotterley Plantation. Uncork great Maryland wines in a breathtaking historic setting.

St. Mary's County Oyster Festival features two national competitions. Witness the National Oyster Cook-off and the National Oyster Shucking Championship. Talk with the shuckers and learn about the game. Sample the always inventive cook-off selections.

Is Point Lookout really haunted? Find out by participating in the Spirits of Point Lookout in October and tour the Point Lookout Lighthouse during their open houses.

St. Mary's Amish Quilt Auction. This event is held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year and features up to 100 quilts hand made by the women of the Amish community. You won't find yourself in “Amish World” but in the world of the Amish.

For detailed information see the St. Mary's County Destination Guide and Events Calendar or visit www.VisitStMarysMd.com. Guides are downloadable.

SITES AND ATTRACTIONS

St. Clement's Island Museum

Historic St. Mary's City

Sotterley Plantation

Tudor Hall

The Old Jail

Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum

Chesapeake Bay Field Lab / St. George Island

Charlotte Hall / Ye Coole Springs

Historic Churches / Religious Freedom By-way

Point Lookout State Park and Lighthouse

St. Clement's Island State Park and Blackstone Lighthouse

St. Mary's River State Park

Greenwell State Park

Forrest Hall Farm Corn Maze

Bowles Farm Corn Maze

Maryland International Raceway

Budds Creek Motocross

Leonardtwn on Breton Bay

Amish Community