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St. Mary's County MD

PROFILE FOR TRAVEL WRITERS

Maritime Heritage · Colonial History · Civil War · War of 1812 · African-American History · Local Food · Wineries · Amish Community · Historic Towns · National Scenic Byway · Outdoor Recreation · Water Sports · Fishing · Motorsports · Unique Lodging · Camping · Tidewater Landscapes · Signature Events

Sites and Attractions

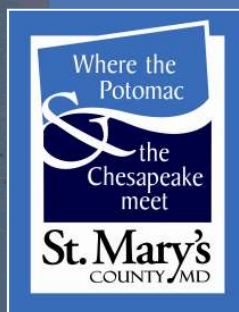
- Cecil's Old Mill Historic District
- Chesapeake Bay Field Lab
- Historic St. Mary's City
- Leonardtown
- Patuxent River Naval Air Museum
- Piney Point Lighthouse
- Point Lookout Civil War Museum
- Blackstone Lighthouse
- St. George Island

Signature Events

- River Concert Series (June-July)
- Potomac Jazz & Seafood Fest (July)
- National Lawnmower Races (Aug.)
- St. Mary's County Oyster Festival & National Shucking Contest (Oct.)
- Riverside Winefest (Oct.)
- Grave Matters (Oct.)
- Maryland Rockfish Festival (Oct.)
- Amish Quilt Auction (Nov.)
- Family Plantation Christmas (Dec.)

Savor St. Mary's!

- Wineries
 - Port of Leonardtown
 - Slack Winery
- Seafood and Local Faves
 - Courtney's
 - Kevin's Corner Café
 - Island Bar & Crab House
 - Clarke's Landing
- Top Flight
 - Café des Artistes
 - The Front Porch
 - The Tides



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Cool Communities

- Amish and Mennonite Communities
- Piney Point-St. George Island
- The Magnificent Seventh District
- Historic Leonardtown

War of 1812 and Civil War Sites

- War of 1812 Sites
 - Sotterley Plantation
 - Tudor Hall
- Civil War Sites
 - Point Lookout Civil War Museum
 - US Colored Troops Monument and Memorial Park (to open spring 2012)

Just 34 miles from the capital beltway to the county line, St. Mary's makes a great daytrip or weekend getaway destination from anywhere in the Mid-Atlantic. This is Maryland's birthplace so colonial sites abound and the Chesapeake Bay heritage is ever present. Seafood, scenic by-ways and folk festivals blend with a high quality of life. The area's population is the youngest in the state and among the most highly educated, so that means art and culture, inventive cuisine, and outdoor recreation are also high on the list of things to do!

We put writers at the places they need to see and in the hands of people they need to know. We can help with accommodations, dining spots, outfitters, site admissions, behind-the-scenes tours, interviews and images.

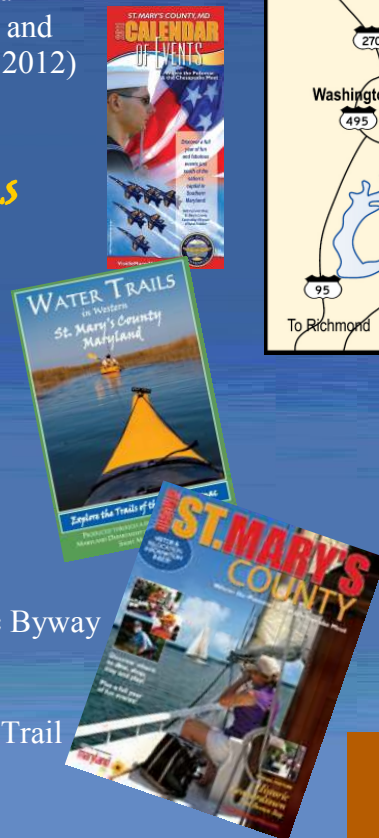
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Washington, D.C. 55 miles
 Annapolis 65 miles
 Baltimore 85 miles
 Richmond: 101 miles

Water-based State Parks

- Point Lookout State Park
- Newtowne Neck State Park
- St. Clement's Island State Park
- St. Mary's River State Park
- Greenwell State Park



Fast Facts

- Shoreline: 536 miles
- Land: 375 square miles
- Youngest population in the state (median age 35)
- Highest concentration of Veterans in the state
- Population: 129,100
- Largest Employer: NAS Patuxent River
- 4-year College: St. Mary's College of Maryland
- County Seat: Leonardtown
- Maryland's birthplace and founding colony
- Maryland's first capital (Historic St. Mary's City)

Terrific Trails

- Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway
- Potomac Heritage Trail
- Patuxent River Wine Trail
- Barnwood to Beach Glass Cultural Trail
- Numerous Water Trails

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