The Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway follows the Potomac River from Point Lookout where the Potomac River meets the Chesapeake Bay to the town of Indian Head. Recreational and educational opportunities enable children and adults to learn about our nation’s beginnings, experience the outdoors and appreciate the region’s natural beauty. Come and explore a place as beautiful now as when the first colonists arrived in Maryland in 1634.

Christ Episcopal Church, Old Durham Parish
3840 College of Wooster Road, Prison Point, MD 20677
302-763-3099 • www.christchurchwoc.org
Christ Episcopal Church is the oldest, and largest of 30 Episcopal churches charted in Maryland by the Colonial Assembly in 1634. It is responsible for the establishment of the Episcopal Church as the official religion of the colony at the end of the 17th century. The church building dates to 1732.

St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Chapel Point
8655 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677
203-544-6245 • www.chapelpoint.org
St. Ignatius Church, one of the oldest continuously operate Catholic Parishes in America, has one of the most spectacular views of the Potomac River. It is estimated 52,264 Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. The church and surrounding graveyard is a national historic site.”

Thomas Stone National Historic Site
10406 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA 22079
1-800-662-7268 • www.nps.gov/tsto
The Thomas Stone National Historic Site is a 323-acre site that tells the story of the relationship of Thomas Stone and his family in the social, political, and economic development of the region from early settlement through the Revolution.

Chiles Homesite
10406 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA 22079
www.americanhistory.org/chiles
This site features the remains of the home of the Reverend William J. Chiles, a former pastor for Nanjemoy Baptist Church during the 1860’s. Chiles is noted for helping the Nanjemoy Creek Baptist Church, during the Civil War, provide food and clothing for the Union soldiers. The construction of a new home on the property began in 1863.

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Situated on Coltons Point across from St. Clement’s Island, the St. Clement’s Island Museum tells the story of the English colonists who reached the Potomac River in their two small ships, the Ark and the Dove. Exhibits document Maryland’s beginnings as a colony founded in the spirit of religioustoleration and trace the region’s rich river heritage, which included crabbing, fishing, trapping and farming.

Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Mary’s City
47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary’s City, MD 20686
301-862-4597 • www.olg.com/trinitysmcmd
Construction on the present Trinity Episcopal Church began in 1882. Trinity, a former sanctuary of the Friends Meeting Church during the 1860’s, is one of the most beautiful churches charted in Maryland by the Colonial Assembly in 1634. It is responsible for bringing the Carmelite Nuns to America in 1790.

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