DISCOVER
STORIES OF INTRIGUE

Some people and places are just the stuff of legends. Historic, captivating, powerful, mysterious, romantic, inspiring, courageous and, most definitely larger than life. Charles County is such a place. Here legendary figures and treasure play hide and seek and you can feel free to discover them at your own pace.

ExploreCharlesCounty.com
Take a break from home and come explore the hidden treasures and mysterious tales of intrigue along our by-ways and waterways, villages, and countryside. There is something special waiting for everyone. Each area of our larger-than-life county is dotted with unique places to see, activities to participate in, and amenities to enjoy!

New in this issue of our Visitor’s Guide, we’ve rounded up some of our best known country stores where visitors can find Southern Maryland style delicacies. Don’t pass by the church or firehouse dinners...spring, summer, or fall these stops will feature the seasonal specialties of seafood, stuffed ham, and almost always the best fried chicken and sides unique to Southern Maryland. Local Bar-B-Q and fine dining establishments are in abundance throughout the entire region. Our bakeries in Indian Head, Waldorf, and La Plata are exquisite and worthy of your inspection and taste testing!

Whether you love malls or specialty shops, art, history or biking, hiking and kayaking, you will find Charles County has plenty of places to explore and adventures to experience. Check the schedules for exciting Southern Maryland Blue Crabs baseball games, a luxury seat at the AMC Loews St. Charles Town Center 9 Theater®, ice skating or rock climbing at Capital Clubhouse, or a round of mini golf at Scary Strokes. Be sure to secure the most up-to-date information about community events and other activities at www.ExploreCharlesCounty.com.

Use this guide to plan your route to adventure. The guide is tied to our website which provides links to all of our partners, large and small. The online calendar of events and almost daily Facebook posts will help you plan your adventure! Charles County has professional, friendly travel counselors ready to answer questions, help with reservations and provide the most up-to-date information. Just call, email, or stop by the Crain Memorial Welcome Center on Northbound Route 301 in Newburg, MD, 1-800-766-3386 or WelcomeCenter@CharlesCountyMD.gov.

Create Your Adventure...
I am Legendary!
Connect with us online for a flavor of what Charles County is offering!

For the most up to date information, visit ExploreCharlesCounty.com, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/ExploreCharlesCounty, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/ExploreCharlesC.

To receive all our exciting updates in your inbox, visit bit.ly/CharlesCountyEnews and sign up for the "Tourism in Charles County" enewsletter.

This map is provided as a visual aid and is not intended for directional purposes.
Our Towns

Benedict

Once a bustling Patuxent River port on Charles County’s eastern border, Benedict was one of the first designated colonial ports in Maryland established by the 1683 Act for Advancement Trade. Storehouses flourished near the wharves, and ship building began in earnest during the late 1600’s. Today, this sleepy waterfront community offers visitors a fine variety of fresh seafood at its riverside restaurants, dock your boat along the pier or travel by auto along the scenic rural landscape peppered with tobacco barns and farms, antique stores, and fresh produce stands.

Bryantown Historic District

Located along the Zekiah Swamp, Bryantown was bustling with federal troops searching for John Wilkes Booth after he assassinated President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. Sites to visit include the Old Bryantown Tavern and St. Mary’s Catholic Church and Cemetery, where the grave of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd can be viewed.

Waldorf

In 1872, the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad established a station in the fledgling farming community of Waldorf. The community grew considerably after completion of the Potomac River bridge. Slot machine establishments lined Routes 301 and 5, attracting travelers to the restaurants and motels in Waldorf. Nightly entertainment resembling Las Vegas was prominent. Today, Waldorf is the retail-dining-lodging and attractions hub of Charles County.
Antique Shops

Hughesville Bargain Barn
Sat: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sun: Noon–5 p.m.
8275 Old Leonardtown Rd, Hughesville
240-349-2474 or 301-274-3101
www.bargainbarnofhughesville.com

Remembrances Antiques and Collectibles
Mon-Fri: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.,
Sat: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sun: 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
8394 Old Leonardtown Rd, Hughesville
301-274-5787, www.remembrancesmd.com

Attractions

Visit www.CharlesCountyParks.com for more information on our public recreation facilities!

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Center 9
11115 Mall Circle, Waldorf
301-870-6058, www.amctheatres.com

Capital Clubhouse Recreation Center
3033 Waldorf Market Pl, Waldorf
301-932-4348, www.capitalclubhouse.com

Scary Strokes
2960 Technology Pl. Suite #106, Waldorf
301-705-7000, www.scarystrokes.com

Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball — The Blue Crabs host opponents at 72 home games at Regency Furniture Stadium, including a spectacular 4th of July game supporting an outdoor festival including live music, food, rides, and a great view of the fireworks display.

Sky Zone Trampoline Park
4390 Crain Hwy, White Plains
301-861-2600, www.skyzone.com/waldorf

Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball and Regency Furniture Stadium
11765 St. Linus Dr, Waldorf
301-638-9788, www.somdbluecrabs.com

Cultural Arts

Charles County Arts Alliance
Exhibits throughout the county
10250 La Plata Rd, United Way Building, La Plata
301-392-5900, www.charlescountyarts.org

Community Bank of the Chesapeake
3035 Leonardtown Rd, Waldorf

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Escape to just outside of the nation's capital! Local farmers gear up every spring to offer fresh flowers, produce and meats at farms, roadside stands and farmers markets in La Plata and Waldorf.

Waldorf West Library
10405 O’Donnell Place, Waldorf
301-645-1395, www.ccplonline.org

Southern Maryland Carousel Group
Exhibits throughout the county
313 E. Charles St, La Plata
301-934-1366, www.somdcarousel.com

O’Donnell Lake Sunset Concert Series
10400 O’Donnell Place, Waldorf
301-645-8600 X 5211, www.bandsintown.com

History and Heritage
Our Historic Driving, Biking and Water Trails
Many of our historic sites sit along national and state scenic by-ways and heritage trails such as the Captain John Smith Water Trail; Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway; Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail; John Wilkes Booth: Escape of an Assassin, Civil War Trail.

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Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House and Museum
Featured on “John Wilkes Booth: Escape of an Assassin Civil War Trail”
3725 Doctor Samuel Mudd Rd, Waldorf
301-274-9358, http://drmudd.org

Maxwell Hall Historic Home
Open for special events
6680 Maxwell Hall Dr, Hughesville
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Serenity Farm-African American Cemetery
Cemetery accessible by appointment and for special events
Sat: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. during spring, summer, and fall
6932 Serenity Farm Rd, Benedict
301-399-1634, www.serenityfarminc.com

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Parks, Forests, and Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Visit www.CharlesCountyParks.com for more information on our parks and outdoor recreation offerings, as well as a listing of dog parks, equestrian trails, public pools, and seasonal guided paddling opportunities! Visit www.dnr.maryland.gov for information about our state parks, hunting and fishing facilities, seasons and laws.

Southern Maryland Audubon Society
Year Round — Walks, talks, and programs throughout Southern Maryland
www.somdaudubon.org

Bensville Park
Sports and recreation facilities
6980 Bensville Rd, White Plains
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Cedarville State Forest
Camping, trails, fishing, equestrian trails
10201 Bee Oak Rd, Brandywine
301-888-1410, www.dnr.maryland.gov

Gilbert Run Park
Boat rentals, fishing, nature trails, recreation facilities
13140 Charles St, Charlotte Hall
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Maxwell Hall Park
Equestrian trail, hiking, historic site
6680 Maxwell Hall Dr, Hughesville
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Oak Ridge Park
Equestrian trail and show ring
13675 Oaks Rd, Hughesville
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Ruth B. Swann Memorial Park
Hiking, fishing, park amenities
3100 Ruth B Swann Drive, Bryans Road
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

White Plains Regional Park
Dog park, golf course, skatepark, and tennis court
1015 St. Charles Pkwy, White Plains
301-645-1300, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Equestrian trails are available at Oak Ridge and Maxwell Hall Parks, where you may choose to experience a trail leading parallel to the Patuxent River. Bring your own horse and enjoy the beauty of Charles County.

Shopping Mall
St. Charles Towne Center (Shopping Mall)
11110 Mall Cir, Waldorf
301-870-6997
www.simon.com/mall/st-charles-towne-center

Unique Dining
Big Mama's Soul Food
3645 Leonardtown Rd, Waldorf
301-632-6262

Bobby Rucci's Italian Deli & Doughboys
10579 Theodore Green Blvd, White Plains
301-932-3838, www.ruccisdeli.com

Bryantown Store
Deli and general store
6435 Leonardtown Rd, Bryantown
240-254-2499

Chicken Rico
3310 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-645-1011, www.chicken-rico.com

Dat Jerk Caribbean Chargrill
2716 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
240-210-8113, datjerk.com

Great American Grill at Hilton Garden Inn
10385 O'Donnell Pl, Waldorf
240-222-0000, www.waldorf.hgt.com

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Grille No. 13
3016 Waldorf Marketplace, Waldorf

Kobe Bar & Grill Restaurant
171 Smallwood Village Center, Waldorf
301-932-3888, www.kobewaldorf.com

Kodori Japanese Restaurant
2792 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-374-9955, www.kodorirestaurant.com

La Tolteca
2708 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-705-5353

Lefty’s BBQ
2064 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-638-3813, www.leftysbarbecue.com

Martini’s Restaurant & Lounge
10553 Theodore Green Blvd, White Plains
301-343-2058, www.martinislounge.net

Mexico Restaurant
10598 Middleport Ln, White Plains
301-374-2567, www.mexicorestaurant.net

Napoli Pizzeria
2728 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-645-8010

OBO Pizza
162 Smallwood Village Center, Waldorf
301-710-5444, www.obopizza.com

Prime Street Grille
4680 Crain Hwy, White Plains
301-392-0510, www.theprimestreetgrille.com

Randy’s Ribs & BBQ
7744 Leonardtown Rd, Hughesville
301-274-3525, www.randysribs.com

Create your own memorable dining experience at several land and waterfront crab houses. Savor the flavor of Maryland crabs, fresh fish, oysters, and seasonal vegetables.

Ray’s Pier Restaurant
18170 Desoto Pl, Benedict
301-274-3733

River’s Edge Restaurant
7320 Benedict Ave, Benedict
301-274-2828, www.riversedgebenedict.com

Silver Skewers
2788 Old Washington Rd, Waldorf
301-396-5758

Simply Cakelicious
3981 St. Charles Pkwy, Waldorf
301-638-1496, www.simplycakelicious.com

Spoons Korean and American BBQ
11481 Berry Rd, Waldorf
240-419-2799, www.spoonstasticbbq.com

Texas Ribs & BBQ
108 Smallwood Village Center, Waldorf
301-843-8400

Tony’s Pizza and Chicken
34 High St, Waldorf
240-222-3328

Thai Palace
2732 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-932-4388

Walls Bakery
2260 Old Washington Rd, Waldorf
301-645-8505, www.wigwamwallsbakery.com

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Lodging and Accommodations

Bed and Breakfasts

Brichtoria Cottage – Bed and Breakfast
7535 Poplar St, Charlotte Hall
301-884-8699, www.brichtoriacottage.com

Campgrounds

Cedarville State Forest
10201 Bee Oak Rd, Brandywine
301-888-1410, www.dnr.maryland.gov

Hotels and Motels

Comfort Suites
11765 Business Park Dr, Waldorf
301-932-4400, www.comfortsuites.com

Country Inn & Suites
2555 Business Park Dr, Waldorf
301-645-6595, www.countryinns.com/waldorfmd

Courtyard by Marriott
3145 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-885-3333, www.waldorfmarylandhotel.com

Hampton Inn
3750 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-632-9600, www.waldorf.hamptoninn.com

Hilton Garden Inn
10385 O’Donnell Pl, Waldorf
240-222-0000, www.waldorf.hgi.com

Holiday Inn Express – Waldorf
11370 Days Ct, Waldorf
301-932-9200, www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress

La Quinta Inn & Suites
11770 Business Park Dr, Waldorf
301-645-0022, www.lq.com

Master Suites Hotel
2228 Old Washington Rd, Waldorf
301-870-5500, www.mastersuiteshotel.com

Residence Inn by Marriott
3020 Technology Pl, Waldorf
301-632-2111, www.marriott.com

Super 8 – Waldorf
3550 Crain Hwy, Waldorf
301-710-5580, www.super8.com

A traditional camping trip could be your next adventure! Select from water view or wooded facilities and enjoy a varied list of outdoor activities from fishing off a pier or shoreline, to hiking or water trails, and kayak or paddle boat rentals.

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Our Towns

Indian Head
Town of Indian Head
4195 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head
301-743-5511, www.townofindianhead.org

Incorporated in 1920, the town of Indian Head is home to the U.S. Naval Support Facility Indian Head. Visit the town to learn more about the legend of its name. Today, Indian Head hosts an array of special events on the village green and serves as the western trailhead for the 13.1-mile Indian Head Rail Trail and offers boating and paddling.

Attractions
Visit www.CharlesCountyParks.com for more information on our public recreation facilities!

Cultural Arts

Charles County Arts Alliance
Exhibits throughout the county
10250 La Plata Rd, United Way Building, La Plata
301-392-5900, www.charlescountyarts.org

Southern Maryland Carousel Group
Exhibits throughout the county
313 E. Charles St, La Plata
301-934-1366, www.somdcarousel.com

Black Box Theatre – Indian Head Center for the Arts
4185 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head
301-743-3040, www.indianheadblackbox.org

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
5565 Upham Pl, Smallwood State Park, Marbury
301-743-5159, www.mattawomanart.org
Historic attractions such as General Smallwood Retreat House (pictured above), Mount Aventine, Port Tobacco Historic Village, Port Tobacco One Room School and Thomas Stone National Historic Site are just a few of the locations opened to the public and offering guided tours or special events.

Winery
Purple Magnolia Vineyard and Winery
Opening in 2018 with special events

History and Heritage
Our Historic Driving, Biking and Water Trails
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Chapman State Park – Mount Aventine Historic Home
Hosting Piscataway-Conoy Exhibits
3452 Ferry Pl, Indian Head

Smallwood Retreat House
Featured on: Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway
2750 Sweden Point Rd, Smallwood State Park, Marbury
301-743-7613, www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/smallwood.aspx

Parks, Forests, and Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Atlantic Kayak
Kayak tours by reservation
108-A Mattingly Ave, Indian Head
301-292-6455, www.atlantickayak.com

Chapman State Park
Nature trails, historic home tour, exhibits
3452 Ferry Pl, Indian Head
301-743-7613, dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/chapman.aspx

Charlie Wright Park
Sports
101 Dr. Mitchell Ln, Indian Head
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Friendship Farm Park
Equestrian trail, recreation, boat launch
4705 Friendship Landing Rd, Nanjemoy
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Goosebay Marina and Campground
9365 Goosebay Ln, Welcome
301-934-3812, www.goosebaymarina.com

Hatten Creek Boat Ramp
Small facility, shallow water launch
13135 Hatton Creek Rd, Newburg
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Indian Head Rail Trail
13.1 miles, scenic, paved walking and biking trail
Theodore Green Blvd, White Plains, and Village Green Town Park, Indian Head
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Mallows Bay Park
Boat and kayak launch, nature trails, picnic area
1440 Wilson Landing Rd, Nanjemoy
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Marshall Hall Boat Ramp
1005 Marshall Hall Rd, Bryans Road
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Charles County is home to the unique story of the Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay. Enjoy all Mallows Bay Park has to offer — hiking trails, bird watching, or fishing from the shoreline. During the water sports season guided kayak tours are available or bring your own kayak and launch onto the water to view the mighty ships in the graveyard in the Potomac River.

Mattingly Park Ramp
105 Mattingly Ave, Indian Head
301-743-5511, www.townofindianhead.org

Ruth B. Swann Memorial Park
Sports complex and recreational facilities
3100 Ruth B. Swann Dr, Bryans Road
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Smallwood State Park
Public boat launch, walking trails, camping, historic site
2750 Sweden Point Rd, Marbury
301-743-7613, www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/smallwood.aspx

Unique Dining

Blue Dog Saloon and Restaurant
7940 Port Tobacco Rd, Port Tobacco
301-392-1740, www.thebluedogsaloon.com

Dale’s Smokehouse
4645 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head
301-743-6777

Doc’s Crabs & Seafood
7105 Indian Head Hwy, Bryans Road
301-283-6733

George’s BBQ
4840 Strauss Ave, Indian Head
301-743-3500, www.georgesribs.com

Gray Brother’s Market
Deli and general store
4000 Chicamuxen Rd, Marbury
301-743-7400 or 301-743-7343

Grinders Store
Deli and gas
4450 Chicamuxen Rd, Marbury
301-743-9070

Michelle’s Cakes
4336 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head
301-246-9007, www.michellescakes.net

OBO Pizza
4215 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head
301-710-5446, www.obopizza.com

Spoons Korean and American BBQ
4840 Strauss Ave, Indian Head
301-743-3500, www.spontasticbbq.com

Lodging and Accommodations

Campgrounds

Goosebay Marina and Campground
9365 Goosebay Ln, Welcome
301-934-3812, www.goosebaymarina.com

Smallwood State Park Campground
2750 Sweden Point Rd, Marbury
301-743-7613, www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/smallwood.aspx

Hotels and Motels

Indian Head Inn
4640 Strauss Ave, Indian Head
301-743-5405

Super 8 Indian Head
4694 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head
301-753-8100, www.super8.com

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Southern Charles County
La Plata, Port Tobacco, Bel Alton, Newburg, and Cobb Island

Our Towns

Cobb Island
At the junction of the Potomac and Wicomico Rivers on the southern tip of Charles County, Cobb Island offers visitors who come by land or water, friendly marinas and great meals at local crab houses and family restaurants. A relaxing atmosphere beckons visitors to enjoy its scenic views, park, historic sites, a unique coffee and wine house and nearby Swan Point Golf Course.

La Plata
Town of La Plata
Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne St, La Plata
301-934-8421, www.townoflaplata.org
The town of La Plata is the county seat and was originally founded in the 1870’s when the Pennsylvania Railroad was granted a right of way to build its tracks and station. Today, La Plata is home to more than 9,000 people, as well as art galleries, live theater, shopping, restaurants and rich Maryland culture.

Port Tobacco Historic Village
Port Tobacco is one of the oldest communities on the East Coast and the smallest incorporated town in Maryland. The historic village is rich in history waiting to be discovered and explored. Seasonal archeology, guided tours and programs reveal much of Charles County’s colorful past.

Pope’s Creek
Pope’s Creek, named for tobacco plantation owner Francis Pope, was once home to a large Native American population. During the Civil War, Pope’s Creek was a favorite spot for crossing the Potomac River into Virginia. Pope’s Creek hosts waterfront crab houses for your summer dining delight, offering mouthwatering seafood.

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Antique Shops

Glory Days Antiques
12005 Crain Hwy, Newburg
301-259-4500

Attractions
Visit www.CharlesCountyParks.com for more information on our public recreation facilities!

Charles County Fairgrounds
8440 Fairgrounds Rd, La Plata
301-932-1234, www.charlescountyfair.com

Fun Haven Golf
5075 Crain Highway, La Plata
301-609-7858, www.funhavengolf.com

Maryland International Raceway
27861 Budds Creek Rd, Mechanicsville
301-884-RACE, www.mirdrag.com

Southern Maryland Paintball
11272 Edge Hill Rd, Newburg
301-934-9207, www.southernmdpaintball.com

Interested in live music? Several unique dining locations feature live music as well as the La Plata Summer Concert Series, Bluegrass Concerts at American Legion and A Fun Filled 4th at Regency Furniture Stadium.

Cultural Arts

Charles County Arts Alliance
Exhibits throughout the county
10250 La Plata Rd, United Way Building, La Plata
301-392-5900, www.charlescountyarts.org

- Charles County Government Building
  200 Baltimore Street, La Plata
- University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Southern Maryland Carousel Group
Exhibits throughout the county
313 E. Charles St, La Plata
301-934-1366, www.somdcarousel.com

College of Southern Maryland – Fine Arts Center
8730 Mitchell Rd, La Plata
301-934-7828, www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Southern Charles County

La Plata Summer Concert Series
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata
301-934-8421 www.townoflaplata.org

Port Tobacco Players
508 Charles St, La Plata
301-932-6819, www.ptplayers.com

Shop 53 Custom Tattoo and Art Studio LLC.
6 St. Mary’s Ave, Suite 102, La Plata
240-349-2932, www.shop53tattoolstudio.com

Farms

Hancock Family Farm
Seasonal hours
10440 Hancock Farm Pl, La Plata
301-752-2353

La Plata Farmers Market & Craft Fair
Seasonal hours
Wednesdays 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
200 Charles St, La Plata
301-934-8421, www.townoflaplata.org

Golf Courses

Hawthorne Country Club
8760 Hawthorne Rd, La Plata
301-934-8422, www.thehawthornecountryclub.com

Swan Point Yacht and Country Club
11550 Swan Point Blvd, Issue
301-259-0047, www.swanpointgolf.com

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African American Heritage Society of Charles County
7485 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-843-2150

Local destination landmarks are featured throughout our towns, such as the La Plata Train Station (pictured above). Once you’ve traveled through the cozy towns and places visit the unique dining, local parks or stay at a local hotel to enjoy the area for more than a day.

Friendship House (1766)
8730 Mitchell Rd, La Plata
301-934-2564, www.charlescountyhistorical.org

La Plata Train Station
Walk or drive by
101 Kent Ave, La Plata
301-934-3704, www.townoflaplata.org

Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park
11000 Crain Hwy, Newburg
301-932-1900, www.mdvets.cc

Mount Carmel Monastery
Featured on: Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway
5678 Mt. Carmel Rd, La Plata
301-934-1654, www.carmelofporttobacco.com

Port Tobacco Historic Village
Walking tours featuring historic and replica structures 1608-1972
8450 Commerce St, Port Tobacco

Port Tobacco One Room School (1872)
Seasonal hours, tours by appointment
7215 Chapel Point Rd
301-934-9483

St. Ignatius Church and Thomas Manor House
Featured on: Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway
8855 Chapel Point Rd, Port Tobacco
301-934-8245, www.chapelpoint.org

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Here fishy fishy! Dangle your feet over the pier at Gilbert Run Park or Smallwood State Park. Offshore fishing holes are also dotted throughout the county.

**Parks, Forests, and Outdoor Recreation Facilities**

**Thomas Stone National Historic Site**
*Featured on: Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway*
6655 Rose Hill Rd, Port Tobacco
301-932-1776, www.nps.gov/thst

**Aqualand Marina and Campground**
See campgrounds, 301-259-2222
www.aqualandonthepotomac.com

**Captain John’s Crabhouse and Marina**
See unique dining, www.cjcrab.com

**Laurel Springs Regional Park**
Sports and recreation
5940 Radio Station Rd, La Plata
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

**Pisgah Park**
Ball sports, playgrounds, and track
6645 Mason Springs Rd, La Plata
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

**Port Tobacco Marina**
See unique dining, www.porttobaccorestaurant.com

**Port Tobacco River Park**
Walking trails and bird watching platforms
7685 Chapel Point Rd, Port Tobacco
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

**Reel Bass Adventures Guide Service**
La Plata, 301-932-1509
www.reelbassadventuresguideservice.com

**Scuttlebutt Restaurant and Marina**
See unique dining, 240-233-3113

**Shymansky’s Marina**
See unique dining, 301-259-0300

**Southern Grace Farm**
Equestrian trail rides by appointment
8950 Dr. Spencer Rd, Bel Alton
www.southerngracefarm.com

**Southern Park**
Recreation, picnic, playground, launch
15884 Wilson Rd, Newburg
301-932-3470, www.CharlesCountyParks.com

**Swan Point Yacht & Country Club**
Golf course, restaurant, recreation facilities
11550 Swan Point Blvd, Issue
301-259-0047, www.swanpointgolf.com

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Unique Dining

Bollywood Masala Indian Restaurant
120 Rosewick Rd, La Plata

Captain Billy’s Crab House
11495 Pope’s Creek Rd, Newburg
301-932-4323, www.captbillys.com

Captain John’s Crab House
16215 Cobb Island Rd, Cobb Island
301-259-2315, www.cjcrab.com

Casey Jones Restaurant
417 E Charles St, La Plata
301-392-5116, www.casey-jones.com

Charles Street Bakery
507 Charles St, La Plata
301-392-6344, www.charlesstreetbakery.com

Galazio Restaurant & Bar
6223 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-392-9500

Gilligan’s Pier Seafood & Steakhouse
11535 Pope’s Creek Rd, Newburg
301-259-4514, www.gilliganspier.com

Hunan Star & Sushi Bar
6277 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-932-2622, www.hunanstar3.com

Johnny Boy’s Ribs
7540 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-870-2526

Kaow Thai Restaurant
68 Drury Dr, La Plata
240-901-2910, www.kaowthalmd.com

La Tolteca
6625 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-934-2802

Marie’s Diner
6325 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-932-6884, www.maries-diner.com

Old McDonalds Country Store
154486 Rock Point Rd Rt.257, Newburg
301-259-0393

Pancakes Plus
6580 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-934-1740

Port Tobacco Restaurant
7536 Shirley Blvd, Port Tobacco
301-392-0007, www.porttobaccorestaurant.com

Celebrate a new tradition and our annual events, or simply stop by a diner or dive - we have all types of culinary delights throughout the county, such as Marie’s Diner (pictured below).
Return to Charles County several times a year to taste the new creations from chefs at Middleton Hall, Casey Jones Restaurant, and Galazio. You will never know what could come out of their kitchens next!

Scuttlebutt Restaurant and Marina
12320 Neale Sound Rd, Cobb Island
240-233-3113

Shymansky’s Marina and Seafood
16320 Cobb Island Rd, Cobb Island
301-259-0300

Spoons Korean and American BBQ
234 Rosewick Rd, La Plata
301-392-7363, www.spoontasticbbq.com

T&J 2nd Generation
7670 Hawthorne Rd, La Plata
301-392-9933, www.tandjbbq.com

Texas Ribs & BBQ and Twin Kiss Ice Cream
7415 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-934-3222

The Cove at Cobb Island
Maryland-sourced coffee and wine house
12133 Neale Sound Dr, Cobb Island

The Point Grill at Swan Point Clubhouse
11550 Swan Point Blvd, Issue
301-259-0047, www.swanpointgolf.com

Urban Bar-B-Que Company
13 Shining Willow Way, La Plata
301-934-1000, www.iloveubq.com

Blue Dog Saloon and Restaurant
7940 Port Tobacco Rd, Port Tobacco
301-392-1740, www.thebluedogsaloon.com

Lodging and Accommodations

Bed and Breakfasts

Part of Plenty – Bed and Breakfast
8664 Port Tobacco Rd, La Plata
301-934-0707, www.partofplentybedandbreakfast.com

Rosewood Manor – Bed and Breakfast
7825 Locust Pl, Port Tobacco
240-640-3556, www.rosewoodmanorweddings.com

Campgrounds

Aqualand Marina and Campground
9700 Orland Park Rd, Newburg
301-259-2575

Hotels and Motels

Bel Alton Motel
9295 Crain Hwy, Bel Alton
301-934-9505, www.belaltonmotel.com

Best Western Plus – La Plata Inn
6900 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-934-4900, www.bestwestern.com/La Plata

Deluxe Inn
6705 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-934-1400

Holiday Inn Express – La Plata
6860 Crain Hwy, La Plata
301-392-0065, www.hlg.com/holidayinnexpress

Patuxent Inn
9400 Chesapeake St, La Plata
301-934-3465, www.patuxentin.com

Please call ahead to confirm information.
Check our e-calendar daily for events and festivals, visit www.ExploreCharlesCounty.com

**Year Round**
- Charles County Arts Alliance Art Exhibits
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center Exhibits
- Bluegrass Concerts
- College of Southern Maryland Fine Arts Gallery
- Children’s Theater and Cause Theater
- Port Tobacco Players Live Theater
- Indian Head Center for the Arts | Black Box Theater
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center | Open Studio
- Bass Fishing Tournaments
- James E. Richmond Science Center
- Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball
- La Plata Summer Concert Series
- Mount Aventine Open House Sundays, Chapman State Park
- Port Tobacco Historic Village First Friday Weekend
- Indian Head Village Green Flea Market

**Spring**
- Celebrate La Plata
- Southern Maryland Food and Spirits Festival
- Market Day
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center All Media Juried Exhibition
- Cobb Island Day

**Summer**
- Charles County Artsfest
- La Plata Watermelon Bash
- Celebrate Charles: A Fun Filled Fourth
- Truck & Tractor Pull
- The Southern Maryland Century – Indian Head 100
- Charles County Fair

**Fall**
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center Express Charles County in Art Exhibition
- Rocktoberfest
- La Plata Fall Festival
- VikingsCon
- Kiwanis Club Oyster Festival
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center Music through the Ages
- Kasper’s Kastle
- Vampire Manor
- Cornstalkers
- Cobb Island Oyster Scald
- Charles County Holiday Trail
- Victorian Christmas
- Kris Kringle Market at the Charles County Fairgrounds

**Winter**
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center Charles County High School Exhibition
- La Plata High School Annual Antique Show and Sale
- Korean Lunar Festival
- Antique Arts Association Collectors Market
- Casey Jones Shamrock 5K
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- Casey Jones Shamrock 5K

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Travel Information

An easy drive from major attractions in Maryland, Washington D.C., and Northern Virginia, Charles County is an excellent destination for day trips, overnight stays, group tours, meetings, and reunions.

Distance from...

Washington D.C. less than 30 miles  •  Baltimore, MD: 60 miles
Richmond, VA: 75 miles  •  Harrisburg, PA: 150 miles

Community Resources

Emergency Services: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Law Enforcement
La Plata District ................. 301-932-2222
Bryans Road .................... 301-743-2222
Waldorf ......................... 301-932-7777

University of Maryland
Charles Regional Medical Center
Hospital: 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata............. 301-609-4000
Urgent Care: 500 Charles Street, La Plata........ 301-609-4699

Charles County Chamber of Commerce
101 Centennial St. #A, La Plata ................. 301-932-6500
www.charlescountychamber.org

International/National Airports

Baltimore-Washington International
Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)
410-859-7111 • www.bwiairport.com
Travel Time: one hour, 15 minutes

Reagan National Airport (DCA)
703-417-8000 • www.flyreagan.com
Washington D.C.
Travel Time: one hour

Dulles International Airport (IAD)
703-572-2700 • www.flydulles.com
Northern Virginia
Travel Time: one hour, 20 minutes

Train

Amtrak
1-800-872-7245
www.amtrak.com
Stations in Washington D.C., New Carrollton, and Baltimore
Crain Memorial Welcome Center

Open Daily: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • Rest Facilities Open Daily: 6 a.m.–6 p.m.

Address: 12480 Crain Highway, Newburg
Local: 301-259-2500 • Toll Free: 800-766-3386

Make the Crain Memorial Welcome Center your "one stop shop" for planning your next outing. The Welcome Center, located on Route 301 North in Newburg, Maryland is a great place to visit to plan all your explorations. Stocked with the most up to date information about Southern Maryland and statewide attractions, social events, and ready-to-help travel savvy staff, the Center is a wonderful resource for citizens and visitors. View the exciting rotating exhibits that illustrate the county and regional history as well as our diverse recreational attractions.

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Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism
8190 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677
301-932-3470 • Maryland Relay: 7-1-1 (Relay TDD: 1-800-735-2258)

www.ExploreCharlesCounty.com

About Charles County Government

The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, our government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long- and short-term planning and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility. We support and encourage efforts to grow a diverse workplace. Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

It is the policy of Charles County to provide equal employment opportunity to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religious or political affiliation or opinion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity or expression, or any other status protected by law.