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## 2023–2024

*Welcome* to the 2023-2024 Queen Anne's County Great Outdoors Guide! This guide provides you with useful information about the outdoor resources and activities we have available in our beautiful county.

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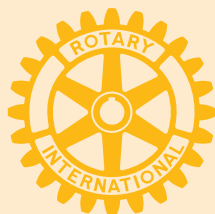
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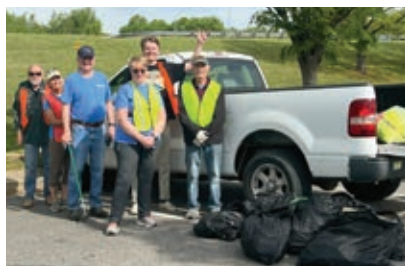
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# Message from Rotary of Kent Island's President



*We renovated the library at Fisher Manor in Grasonville, as well as donated computers, furniture, and reading materials.*



*“Project Clean Stream” allowed members to support the health of our local waterways.*



*We supported our local watermen by sponsoring a basket for the Annual Crab Basket Christmas tree.*

There are so many remarkable things about Rotary! Primarily, Rotary is a membership organization that values fellowship and service, and Rotarians seek to help their communities become the best possible places for all who live there. For the Rotary year, 2022–2023, the Rotary Club of Kent Island has taken the theme of Imagine Rotary to envision what our community would be if we all simply put “**Service Above Self**” (the Rotary motto) into practice every single day. Our members have taken their thoughts and put them into action by supporting these areas of focus:

## Fighting Disease

- Donated to Queen Anne’s County Goes Purple to help fight opioid addiction.
- Continued support of Rotary’s initiative to rid the planet of Polio.

## Saving Mothers and Children

- Provided underwriting for utilities at Haven Ministries’ Homes for Hope.
- Sponsored a food drive for the food pantry at Haven Ministries.

## Supporting Education

- Renovated the library at the Fisher Manor Housing Project, as well as supplied computers, furniture and new books and periodicals.
- Presented the club’s Football Athlete of the Year Award to Francisco “Clark” da Rosa.
- Sponsored the QAC Chorale’s Christmas Concert.

## Growing Local Economies

- Received a Rotary District Grant to help fund the “Minorities on Course” program described later in this Guide.
- Contributed to the QAC Watermen’s Association Annual Crab Basket Christmas Tree fundraiser.
- Supported local restaurants by holding regular club social happy hours throughout the community.
- In partnership with the Rotary Club of Centreville, with each club providing half of the funds, donated \$25,000 to the YMCA being built in Centreville.

## Protecting the Environment

- Led a “Project Clean Stream” clean-up day to support the health of our local waterways at the Stevensville Park and Ride.

There is so much happening with Rotary that if you can imagine it, Rotary can help you fulfill your passion. Rotary is for all ages, with Interact Clubs at both of our local high schools, a Rotaract Club for young professionals, and our own Rotary Club of Kent Island for people of action in our community. We hope you will come find out more. We meet every Tuesday morning, 7:30 am at the Kent Island Yacht Club. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

*Janet Salazar*  
President, 2022–2023

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# Headboat Fishing

**W**hen you fish from a headboat it means that you don't have to charter the whole boat, you may come and get on board with other fishermen and enjoy a day of fishing on the Chesapeake Bay catching white perch, catfish, spot, rockfish, and croakers. Rods are available for rent, and bait is for sale on board. When the weather is favorable, headboats leave out of Kent Narrows during the early morning hours.



*Captain Tyrone Meredith*

The *Island Queen II* is the biggest boat in the Kent Narrows fishing fleet and carries 49 passengers. She leaves daily from the public landing at the Kent Narrows Waterfront at 202 Wells Cove Road in Grasonville. Trips are from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Evening trips are often available from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Many headboat captains will create charter trips for small and large groups and can offer sunset cruises for weddings and funerals. Many offer discounts to church groups.

—**By Captain Tyrone Meredith**, U.S. Coast Guard, Master 100 Ton Captain's License  
Owner and operator of the *Island Queen II*

*For more information on headboats that work out of Kent Narrows call the captains directly, visit their websites, or obtain more detailed info by visiting [kentnarrowsmd.com](http://kentnarrowsmd.com) or [visitqueenannes.org](http://visitqueenannes.org).*

**PICTURED ABOVE**

*The Island Queen II*, Captain Tyrone Meredith; *The Miss Violet*, Captain Darrell Roy, Sr.; and *The Shirley B. III*, Captain Montro Wright, leave from the Kent Narrows Public Landing at Wells Cove. Not pictured, but also active, is Captain Lloyd Price's headboat, located at 100 Wharf Road.

# Rotary of Kent Island's Community Activities

## FLAGS FOR HEROES

Each year, we honor our heroes with our Memorial Day Weekend display of Flags For Heroes. This display is visible from Route 301/50N located on DiDonato



Properties behind Adam's Grille. Each flag is designated to honor those that have served our country and community through individual or corporate sponsorship.

## DICTIONARY PROJECT

Rotary of Kent Island is committed to ensuring that every third grader in Queen Anne's County receives a dictionary. This kid-friendly resource is an invaluable guide to reading and writing. With over 600 books distributed annually these gifts are eagerly received by these students.

## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a chance for our members to develop leadership skills while learning more about Rotary as an organization. RLI is vital to developing club and community leaders, as well as a vital opportunity for networking.

## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Each year we sponsor Kent Island High School students attendance at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) held on President's Day Weekend. This three-day event trains participants in public speaking, leadership skills and team building. At the end of the conference, RYLA teams present projects to an audience made up of over 125 RYLA participants, their parents, and local Rotarians.

## KENT ISLAND TALES & TASTES

Not just a cookbook, this a collection of the history and culture of Kent Island told by those who lived it, as well as a complete walking tour guide for Stevensville's downtown historic district.

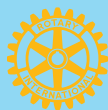
## OTHER ACTIVITIES

This year, Rotary Club of Kent Island supported several causes and charities including:

- YMCA in Centreville, MD
- Minary's Dream Alliance
- QAC Goes Purple
- Haven Ministries' food drives and "Homes of Hope" in Stevensville, MD

- Local Boy Scout Troop 495 and Cub Scout Pack
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an early childhood literacy program
- Back Pack Meals for Kids
- QAC Christmas Angels
- Kent Island High School graduates' scholarships.
- Elementary school kids' school supplies
- Renovation and inventory for the Fisher Manor Library in Grasonville, MD
- Scholarships for campers with disabilities to attend summer camp at Chestertown's Easter Seals' Camp Fairlee
- The Rotary Foundation and Rotary's PolioPlus Campaign giving

## Why Join Rotary?



Rotarians are people like you who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. Founded on the precept of Service Above Self, Rotary became the world's first service organization in 1905. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Worldwide, 1.4 million Rotarians in over 200 countries experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to their communities and addressing these concerns. Locally, District 7630 includes 40 clubs of which the Rotary of Kent Island is the newest.

But why join Rotary of Kent Island? Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. It is through Rotary that we are able to make a profound difference in the community.

Through regular meetings and events, you'll:

- Discuss our community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
- Connect with other leaders who are changing our community
- Expand your leadership and professional skills
- Catch up with good friends and meet new ones

Please consider being a working partner in our endeavors by attending one of our Discover Rotary hours or attending a meeting.

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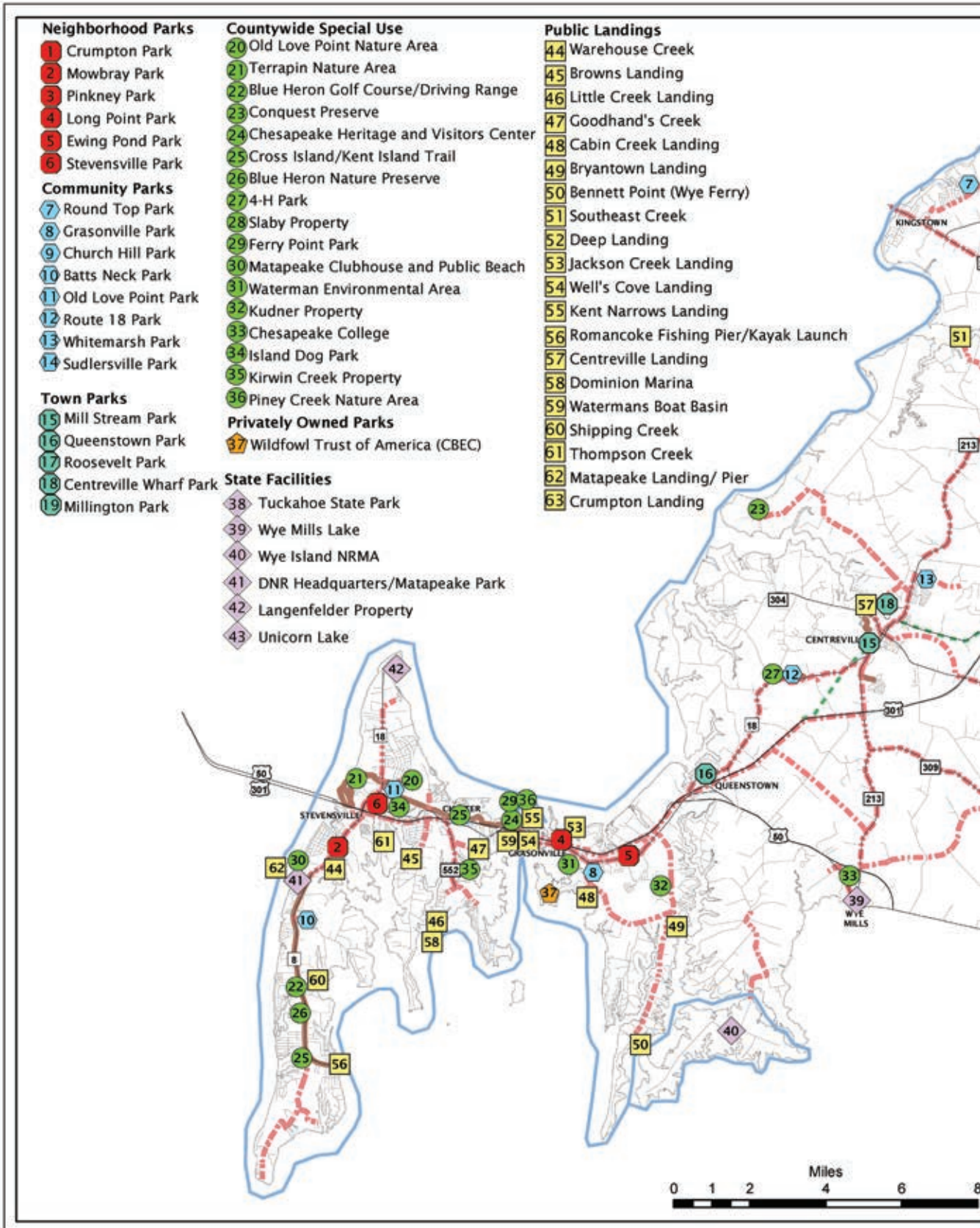
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**COUNTYWIDE SPECIAL USE**  
SERVE ENTIRE COUNTY - OFTEN INCLUDE UNIQUE NATURAL SETTING AND/OR SPECIALIZED FACILITIES SUCH AS A HARBOR, ZOO, STADIUM, HERITAGE AREA, EQUESTRIAN CENTER, OR ATHLETIC COMPLEX - LARGE AREAS MAY BE PRESERVED IN A NATURAL STATE

## QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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### QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

**Legend**

- Community Parks
- Countywide Special Use
- Neighborhood Parks
- Private Parks
- State Facilities
- Town Parks
- Public Landings
- Water Trails
- Other Roadways
- Highways
- Proposed Trails
- Existing Trails
- Existing Greenway \*
- Potential Greenway \*
- County Boundary

\* GREENWAY TRAIL DATA WAS PROVIDED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. GREENWAY TRAILS WERE ADDED WHERE THERE WAS NO OVERLAP WITH QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY TRAILS (EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILS).

SOURCE: QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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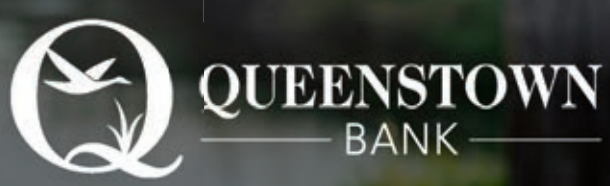
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# QAC Parks and Recreation Areas

The number preceding each park's name corresponds to the location on the map on pages 16–17. For more information visit, [qac.org/1553/Parks-Recreation](http://qac.org/1553/Parks-Recreation) or call 410-758-0835.

**10 Batt's Neck Park**—Completed in May 1998, this 45 acre park is located on Batt's Neck Road, Stevensville and includes an in-line skating rink, ball fields, multi-purpose athletic fields, playground equipment, and a lighted football field.

**24 Chesapeake Heritage & Visitor Center (CHVC)** helps visitors discover the many sights to see in Queen Anne's County and beyond. The center features a rotating exhibit that features local artists. The CHVC also has an exhibit dedicated to the history, heritage, culture of the area. Located adjacent to the property is Ferry Point Park. (Closed for improvements; opens again in 2024.)

**9 Church Hill Park**—This lovely park includes lighted playing fields, playground with shaded equipment, a concession stand, restrooms, pavilion and an approximately 2-mile paved walking trail.

**23 Conquest Preserve**—This is a 750-acre farm with shorelines on both the Chester and Corsica rivers situated a few miles north of Centreville. The scenic Chester River provides a beautiful and tranquil setting for special occasions and events. Offering a beach front, pavilion, picnic area with grill, bath houses with rest rooms, wheelchair accessible restroom, ball field, horseshoe pits, and a volleyball court. There are also miles of natural trails and recreational opportunities for kayaking, biking and bird watching. Rental of the pavilion and beach are by reservation only.

**1 Crumpton Park**—Located on Dudley Corners Road in Crumpton, this park provides a picnic area, playground equipment and ball field.

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**5 Ewing Pond Park**—Located on Main Street next to the Grasonville Elementary School, Ewing Pond Park has a walking trail, gazebo, and fishing pier that extends into the pond.

**29 Ferry Point Park**—Accessed from the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitors Center, this 41-acre nature park on the Chester River has a 2-mile trail that connects the parking lot to the shoreline over a wooden bridge and through marsh lands with beautiful scenery. (Closed for improvements; opens again in 2024.)

**8 Grasonville Park**—Located at 301 Perry's Corner Road, Grasonville Park offers a child's picnic and playground area, volleyball court, two ball fields, tennis and basketball courts. This park is home to the Leonard Smith Trail, a 1/3-mile walking trail.

**34 Island Dog Park**—Located at 200 White Pine Lane, Stevensville boasts a fenced area for small dogs and one for large dogs with dog agility equipment where dogs are allowed to run free.

**4 Long Point Park**—Located on Long Point Road and Jackson Creek Road in Grasonville, this park offers a 1/3-mile trail through wetland habitat and has a pond. This is the trailhead for the Cross County Connector.

**30 Matapeake Clubhouse and Public Beach**—This park include a public swimming beach, an outdoor amphitheater, family picnic area and trails through the surrounding woods, with views of the Bay Bridge. There is also a pet friendly beach area where you can take your dog for a swim!

**2 Mowbray Park**—Known as the county's first park and located on Rt. 8 South, this park includes lighted pickleball courts, athletic fields, pavilion, playground, restrooms, and picnic area in the 13.5 acre park.

**11 Old Love Point Park**—One of the County's most utilized parks, this 30-acre site on Old Love Point Road in Stevensville includes lighted basketball courts, athletic fields, tennis courts, a playground, concession stand with restrooms, 2 lighted fields and 2 championship sand volleyball courts.

**3 Pinkney Park**—Lighted basketball courts, athletic fields, a playground, pavilion and picnic areas are prime attractions of this 12.5-acre park located on Route 290 near Pondtown.

**17 Roosevelt Park**—In Queen Anne on Park Avenue, this 7.5 acre park has a paved walking trail, pavilion, baseball field, volleyball court and playground equipment.

**7 Round Top Park**—Just west of Chester Harbor on Roundtop Road, this 110-acre facility has athletic fields, tennis courts, a playground, basketball courts, a pavilion and picnic area.

**12 Route 18 Park**—Two lighted ball fields, a 1.5-mile paved walking trail with fitness stations and relaxation areas, and dozens of picturesque trees highlight this 52-acre facility located on 4-H Park Road near Centreville. It offers multi-purpose athletic fields, a concession stand with restrooms and a playground.

**14 Sudlersville Park**—Located on Route 300 in Sudlersville, this park boasts multi-purpose athletic fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and a sand volleyball court. A paved fitness trail, playground equipment and pavilion are also there for your enjoyment.

**13 Whitemarsh Park**—Located on Rt. 213 north of Centreville is a 318-acre park with multi-purpose athletic fields, baseball fields, historic property (future home of the Maryland Women's Museum, grass trail, pond for fishing and preserved nature areas.

## TOWN OF CENTREVILLE PARKS

**15 Millstream Park**—Comprising 26+ acres, this park contains two full playgrounds with swing sets, a basketball court, a multi-purpose, handicapped-accessible picnic pavilion for family, groups, entertainment and available for one-day rental, comfort stations, and a kayak/canoe soft launch area.

**Millstream Park Trail** — Exercise along the 1.5-mile paved Millstream Trail, which goes from South Liberty Street to Creamery Lane and back with nature observation decks along the trail. The park includes tidal and upland interfaces so visitors can enjoy the marshes and wetland life and the upland natural wood buffers.

**18 Centreville Wharf** — Soon to be the crown jewel of the Centreville Park System, Wharf Park is under construction. Covering 2.4+ acres of prime Corsica River navigable water frontage, this park contains a playground area for young children, pavilion for a picnic, kayak/canoe ramp accessible for launching with a full length bulkhead and boardwalk serving 10 rental slip holders and transient docking areas and handicapped accessible restroom facilities. Other opportunities at the Wharf include Biggie's Shore Performance and CD Outdoors. Design plans include a band shell/multi-use pavilion, picnic shelters, and expanded playground and perimeter walks that tie to the Millstream Trail System. For more information visit, [www.townofcentreville.org](http://www.townofcentreville.org).

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# EXPLORE AND SHARE KENT ISLAND HISTORY

By John Conley

Kent Island Heritage Society Board Member

When William Claiborne selected the Chesapeake Bay's largest island for his trading post and named it after his home in Kent, England, in 1631, he was met by the Matapeake Indian tribe whose ancestors had occupied the area for thousands of years. From its establishment as the third English settlement in the New World through today's role as the Gateway to Maryland's Eastern Shore, Kent Island has had a special story to tell.

Kent Island was part of Virginia when it was settled, but soon was claimed as a Maryland colony territory by the Calvert family, which was granted a charter by King Charles I in 1632. Claiborne lost legal and actual naval battles (the first on the Chesapeake Bay) and eventually returned to Virginia. Thus, Kent Island is the first English settlement in today's Maryland. In 1706 it became part of the newly created Queen Anne's County.

The first real town on Kent Island was Broad Creek that had a ferry to connect to the Western Shore. Kent Island grew over the first hundred years with most jobs related to agriculture and "working the water." While the population

eventually moved to Stevensville, Love Point, Chester and Dominion, the Broad Creek Cemetery (located at 370 Romancoke Road) remains an interesting historic site.

Ironically, for a period during the 1800s Kent Island was not fully an island. Kent Narrows had so filled in that it was no longer navigable and there was essentially an earthen causeway across it.

Talbot County sued as it maintained the Narrows must be open under Federal law and would shorten the distance for its boats to the Chester River and then Baltimore. They prevailed and the Narrows were dredged of obstructions. The Maryland General Assembly authorized a tax to build a bridge across the Narrows in 1874. A wooden bridge was constructed and the island restored. Today we have two bridges there.

Kent Island's role as a transportation hub grew when the railroad opened a new train station at Love Point in 1902.



PHOTO ABOVE: Looking south on Main Street in Stevensville circa 1915.

Steamboats and later ferryboats connected Love Point with Baltimore and a major resort was built there. There were once four railroad stations on Kent Island and Kent Narrows, including stations in Stevensville and Chester. Part of the Cross Island Trail is on the old railbed. The trains carried passengers and freight between Kent Island and Lewes, Delaware. The Kent Island Heritage Society (KIHS) maintains one of those stations in Stevensville.

In 1917, Kent Island residents became concerned when the Federal Government began buying farms on Kent Island. They soon discovered that the War Department was purchasing land to establish a weapons testing and training facility as United States involvement in World War I became more likely. Led by former State Senator James E. Kirwan and others, the residents united to oppose the proposal. Their efforts, including trips to Capitol Hill, were successful and the facility was located at Aberdeen from where weapons testing sounds can sometimes be heard on Kent Island. The “Saving of Kent Island” is still celebrated on Kent Island Day on the third Saturday day of May. Senator Kirwan’s home is now a KIHS Museum at 641 Dominion Road in Chester.

One of the most consequential impacts on Kent Island took place in 1952 with the opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The bridge provided a quick (sometimes) and easy connection between Maryland’s Eastern and Western Shores. Ferryboats to Matapeake and trains hauling freight made their final trips. Residential and commercial development, including the construction of several new motels, grew as the rural nature of the island diminished. A second Bay Bridge was constructed in 1973 and plans underway may well result in a new bridge in years to come.

While Kent Island still has some ties to agriculture and the seafood industry, it for many years has had more of a “commuter” workforce with residents crossing the bridge to Washington, Baltimore, and Annapolis. However, as history continues to evolve, the COVID impact has resulted in more Kent Islanders “working from home” at least part-time than in the past.

Discovering, preserving, and sharing Kent Island’s unique history is the goal of several Kent Island organizations, including the Kent Island Heritage Society. Several historic sites are included in the Walking Tour of Downtown



*Steamboats and later ferryboats connected Love Point with Baltimore in the early 1900s.*

Stevensville guide provided by KIHS on pages 38–39 of this publication.

Three KIHS maintained historic sites in Stevensville—the train station, old post office, and the Cray House dating to the early 1800s, and the Kirwan Museum with an old country store in Chester—are open to visitors the first Saturdays from April to November and for special tours. Also open in Stevensville are Christ Church, which was built in 1880 and is operated by the Friends of Historic Christ Church, and the historic bank owned and preserved for history visits by Bay Point Wealth.



*The train station is one of three KIHS maintained historical sites in Stevensville, which are open to the public certain times of the year.*

*For more information on the history of Kent Island, visit the Kent Island Heritage Society website at [www.kentislandheritagesociety.org](http://www.kentislandheritagesociety.org), send an email to [kentislandheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:kentislandheritagesociety@gmail.com), or call 703-216-0449. KIHS welcomes the opportunity to share Kent Island history through presentations to local community organizations.*

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Rt. 18 Park, Centreville  
Sudlersville Park



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Located just a few minutes east of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, the Kent Narrows area offers spectacular views of the bays and waterways and is adorned with hiking, biking, and water trails that traverse through tidal marshes, woodlands, and tidal ponds. The almost seven-mile-long paved Cross Island Trail can be accessed from the hotels, restaurants, and marinas here and from various points throughout the Kent Narrows business district. This scenic linear trail wanders against creeks, salt marshes, and canopied woods that change with the seasons. The trail ends at Terrapin Park where one can see scenic vistas of the Chesapeake Bay and the Bay Bridge. The eastern portion of the Cross Island Trail that runs through Kent Narrows also connects to scenic Ferry Point Park a nature preserve that offers miles of sandy shores, pathways, and mature woodlands. Further to the east, it joins the newly constructed Cross Island Connector Boardwalk Trail that ends in Grasonville at Long Point Park.



Map of Kent Narrows and its attractions.

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# State Parks in Queen Anne's County

The number preceding each park's name corresponds to the location on the map on pages 8–9.

**38 Tuckahoe State Park.** Tuckahoe Creek, a quiet country stream bordered for most of its length by wooded marshlands, runs through the length of Tuckahoe State Park. A 60-acre lake offers boating and fishing. The park offers 20 miles of scenic hiking, biking and equestrian trails, flat water canoeing, hunting, picnicking, as well as a recycled tire playground for children. The park also offers activities and special events on a seasonal basis. Activities include day camps, canoe trips, Scales & Tales presentations and displays, and Challenge Course programs.

The park's flooded woodlands are home to many birds, turtles and mammals. Eagles and osprey are routinely viewed flying overhead, and silent paddlers often observe otter, beaver and muskrat. The park has canoes, kayaks and paddleboats for rent or you can bring your own. 1-888-432-2267

**39 Wye Mills Lake.** At 50 acres in size, Wye Mills Lake is among the largest impoundments on the Eastern Shore. Maximum depth is 8 ft, and the average is 4 ft. The upper third of the lake is quite shallow with gradual drop-offs, while the lower two thirds of the lake has steeper banks with sharp drop-offs. The lower two thirds of Wye Mills Lake consists of outstanding fish habitat. There are many downed trees and undercut roots on the shorelines. Aquatic vegetation is widespread during the summer months. Additionally, several fish attractors have been placed along the concrete dam breast to provide fishing opportunities from shore.

**43 Unicorn Lake.** Unicorn Lake is located on the Unicorn Branch, a tributary to the Chester River, one mile south of the town of Millington. The lake has existed for more than 100 years, formed when a dam was constructed for a woolen mill sometime around 1860. In 1961 the lake and surrounding grounds were purchased by the State of Maryland for the sum of one dollar. The lake is managed as a largemouth bass and bluegill fishery. Quality fishing for both of these species exists within the lake. Anglers may occasionally catch other species including: chain pickerel, pumpkinseed sunfish, green sunfish, channel catfish, brown bullhead catfish, black crappie, yellow perch, white perch, American eel and creek chubsucker. Other fish species that are found in the lake include: margin madtom, eastern mud minnow, pirate perch and blacknose dace.

**40 Wye Island NRMA.** Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA) is located in the tidal recesses of the Chesapeake Bay between the Wye River and the Wye East River. Wildlife viewing and hiking are the most popular activities on Wye Island's six miles of

trails. The School House Woods Nature Trail takes you through a mature hardwood forest while the Ferry Landing Trail leads beneath a canopy of Osage Orange Trees. Wye Island also houses a Holly Tree that is more than 290 years old. Follow the Holly Tree Trail to visit this long-time resident. The topography of the island is relatively flat. From the novice to the advanced hiker, access to the trails is very easy from the main park road. The Maryland Park Service does not rent horses, and only provides the trails as a means of recreation. [nrma.wyeisland@maryland.gov](mailto:nrma.wyeisland@maryland.gov)

Hunting is available at Wye Island NRMA for both Canada Goose and White Tailed Deer through managed hunts and lotteries. The white tailed deer population is specially managed through a hunting program that includes limited hunting days for shotgun and muzzleloader through a lottery program. Archery hunting is permitted on a posted schedule with a limited number of hunters each day. These hunts help to maintain the ecological balance between the whitetail deer herd and their habitat. Goose hunting is also limited and controlled through a lottery drawing process. For more information regarding hunting opportunities/lotteries, contact the facility office at 410-827-7577.

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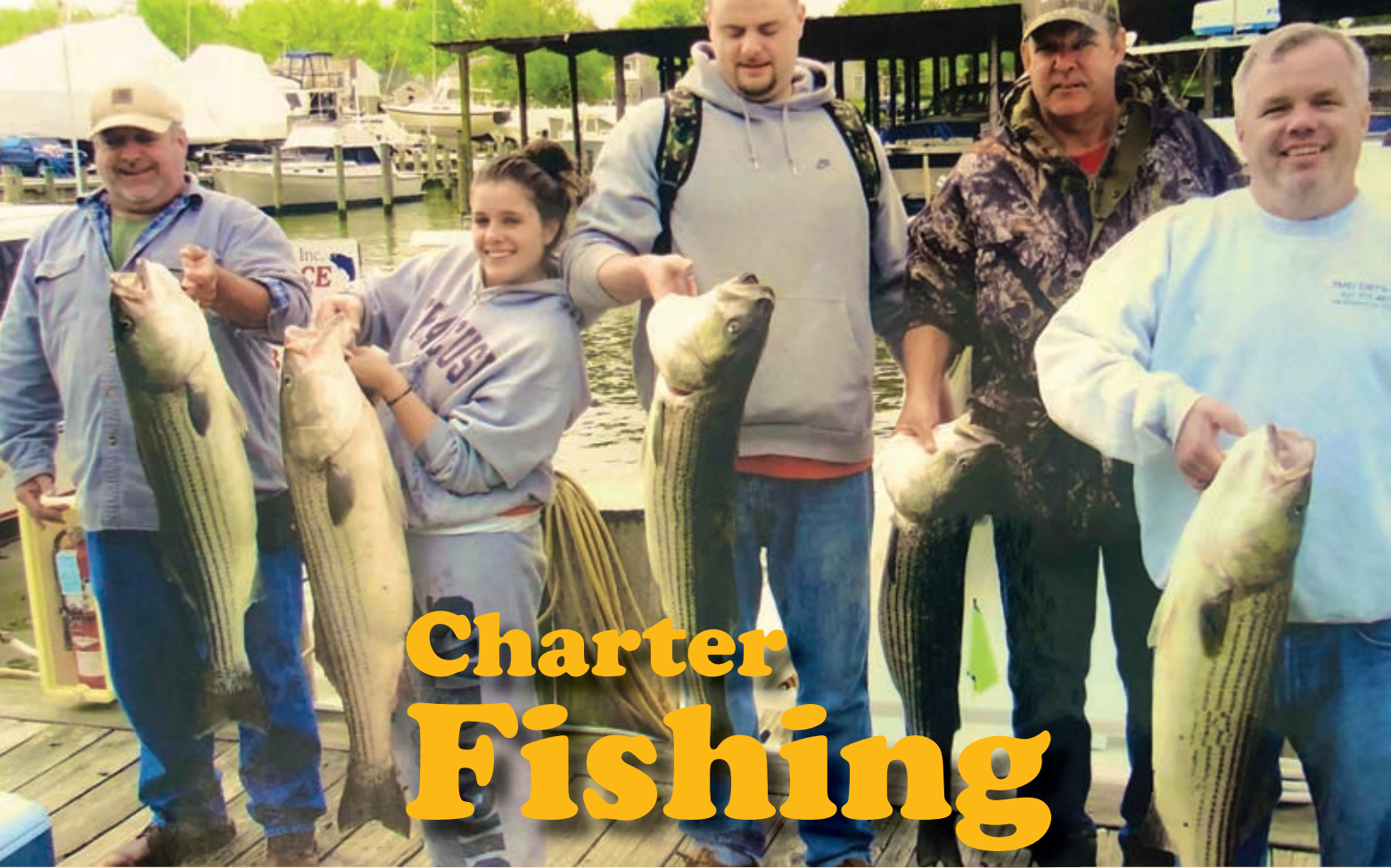
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—**By Captain Joseph Sadler, U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Captain, Captain's Pride Charters**

*For more information on Charter Boats that work out of Kent Island and Kent Narrows and other places in the County visit [www.visitqueenannes.org](http://www.visitqueenannes.org) and [www.kentnarrowsmd.com](http://www.kentnarrowsmd.com).*

# Public Boat Landings and Ramps

Queen Anne's County provides great access for all your water activities: boating, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, crabbing, or just enjoying the views. Here's a description of QAC landings and ramps.

The number preceding each landing or ramp name corresponds to the location on the map on page 8–9 .

## 50 Bennett Point Landing

200 Wye Ferry Road, Queenstown

This 1.5-acre facility does not have a launching ramp; however it is a wonderful spot for fishing and crabbing or enjoying nature. Canoes, kayaks and car top boats may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 45 Brown Landing

Brown Road & Cox Neck Road, Chester

The Browns Landing public soft hand-launch area is along the Cox Creek. This is a road-end facility and parking may be very limited. Permit is required for parking.

## 49 Bryantown Landing

320 Bryantown Landing Road, Queenstown

This 0.5-acre facility does not have a launching ramp, the pier and bulkhead offer a wonderful spot for fishing and crabbing or enjoying nature. Canoes, kayaks and car top boats may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 48 Cabin Creek Landing

Cabin Creek Road, Grasonville

This 2.6-acre facility offers fishing and crabbing. Hand-launched vessels, such as canoes, kayaks and car-top boats, may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 57 Centreville Landing

201 Front Street, Centreville

This 1.0-acre facility has a 26-foot-wide boat launching ramp and parking for about 12 vehicles. Fishing and crabbing are accessible from this location on the Corsica River and permanent restrooms are available for patrons April through November. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 63 Crumpton Landing

400 Market Street, Crumpton

This small 0.3-acre facility has a 14-foot-wide boat launching ramp. Fishing and crabbing along the Chester River are accessible from this location; portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 52 Deep Landing

Deep Landing Road, Crumpton

This 0.65-acre facility on the Chester River has a 14-foot-wide boat launching ramp. Fishing and crabbing along the Chester River are accessible from this location; portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 47 Goodhands Creek Landing

500 Goodhands Creek Road, Chester

This 1.5-acre facility on Goodhands Creek off Prospect Bay has a 15-foot-wide boat launching ramp and is accessible for fishing and crabbing. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 53 Jackson Creek Landing

Jackson Creek Road, Grasonville

This 1.5-acre facility has a beach and benches for enjoying nature or for fishing and crabbing. Hand-launched vessels, such as canoes, kayaks and car-top boats may be launched from the beach. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 55 Kent Narrows Landing

Piney Narrows Road, Chester

Primarily this 1.0-acre landing is used for boat launching using the two 34-foot-wide boat launching ramps. Parking for approximately 85 vehicles. Portable toilets are provided from April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 46 Little Creek Landing

1900 Little Creek Road, Chester

This renovated 1.0-acre facility has a 14-foot-wide boat launching and a bulkhead for fishing and crabbing and allows access from Little Creek to Crab Alley Bay. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

## 62 Matapeake Landing / Fishing Pier

1112 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville

Highlighting this facility are the 650 foot lighted fishing pier and the 25-foot-wide boat ramp. The ramp and pier are open 24 hours a day year round giving the avid

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fisherman ample opportunity to catch the tide, fish at night, first light or all day long. The facility has restrooms and a picnic area with grills. Picnic area is open dawn to dusk; pier and ramp are open 24 hours. \$10.00 per car parking fee for access to pier, ramp and picnic area. Exceptions to entrance fee include holders of Queen Anne's County Public Landings Permit or a Queen Anne's County Slip Renter Tag (for use of the ramp only) or the Maryland State Golden Age Pass.

### **56 Romancoke Landing / Fishing Pier**

9700 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville

The 600 foot lighted fishing pier provides access to the Eastern Bay. Permanent restrooms are available April through November for the convenience of patrons. Seasonal crabbing is popular at this facility. Open dawn to dusk. Pets not allowed. \$10.00 per car. Exceptions to entrance fee include holders of Queen Anne's County Public Landings Permit or a Queen Anne's County Slip Renter Tag (for use of the ramp only) or the Maryland State Golden Age Pass.

### **60 Shipping Creek Landing**

131 Shipping Creek Road, Stevensville

This 2.5-acre facility has a 14-foot-wide boat launching ramp, providing access to Shipping Creek and Cox Creek, and has parking for approximately 40 vehicles. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

### **QAC Public Landing Regulations**

*January 1, 2023– December 31, 2023*

- At all landings a current permit must be displayed by every vehicle, with or without a trailer, for either the launching of a boat or for general parking.
- Annual permits are valid only when displayed on the driver's side of either the boat trailer tongue or the vehicle rear bumper. For special or unique circumstances contact Public Landings office.
- Daily permits are valid only when hang tags are displayed on vehicle mirror with permit information facing out.
- Commercial permits are available from Public Landings office.
- Launching at landings without a ramp is limited to canoes, kayaks, and car-top boats.
- At Matapeake boat ramp and Romancoke kayak launch area, landing permits are valid for boat launching only. Use of the fishing piers requires a separate entrance fee of \$10.
- No-Permit Violation: \$50 per offense
- All landings are trash free. Please take home what you bring with you.
- Trash-Free Violation: \$250 per offense

### **51 Southeast Creek Landing**

800 Southeast Creek Road, Church Hill

This 0.25-acre facility has a 14-foot-wide boat launching ramp, providing access to Southeast Creek and the Chester River. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

### **61 Thompson Creek Landing**

750 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville

This 0.25-acre facility has a 13-foot-wide boat launching ramp, providing access through Thompson Creek to Cox Creek. Portable toilets are provided April to October. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

### **44 Warehouse Creek Landing**

Great Neck Road, Stevensville

At the end of Great Neck Road, this 0.1-acre facility provides access to Warehouse Creek to enjoying nature, fishing or crabbing. Hand-launched vessels such as canoes, kayaks and car-top boats may be launched at this location. Launching of trailered vessels is prohibited at this location. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

### **54 Wells Cove Landing**

Wells Cove Road, Grasonville

At the end of Wells Cove Road, this 2.0-acre facility allows the patron to enjoy a nice promenade to view Eastern Bay. Daily or Annual Public Landings Permit is required for parking.

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An aerial photograph of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge at sunset. The bridge spans across the water, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds.

# QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY FROM THE **Air**

**M**any of us who live or work in Queen Anne's County often admire the views of this lovely area. Staring out over the Chesapeake Bay or the Eastern Bay from your pier or porch is always impressive. But the truth is "you ain't seen nuttin' yet" until you fly over the area.

When driving to Kent Island, folks often admire the view from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. That view is nice, but the view is even more impressive by air.

Although other places in the US have imposing mountains, oceans, buildings or miles and miles of corn, our area is one of the most beautiful to overfly with its rivers, inlets, marinas, houses, farms, and other notable areas.

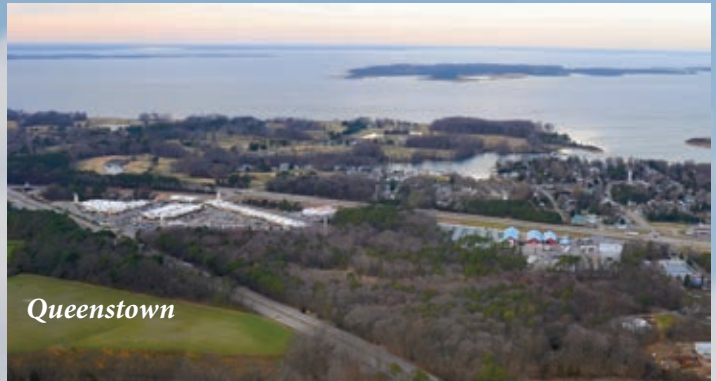
As you drive by, you may notice some boats and restaurants, but how nice is it to see the collection of neighborhoods, airport, and marinas nestled in our waterways displayed from above!

You may notice some land or driveways leading into the woods or towards the water and you wonder what's down there? Or be surprised at the vast amount of farmland we have in this county. Well, from the air you can see it all.

And at the end of the day, as they say in Spanish, El Sol Sale (the sun leaves) but we still have the most beautiful place to live and work.



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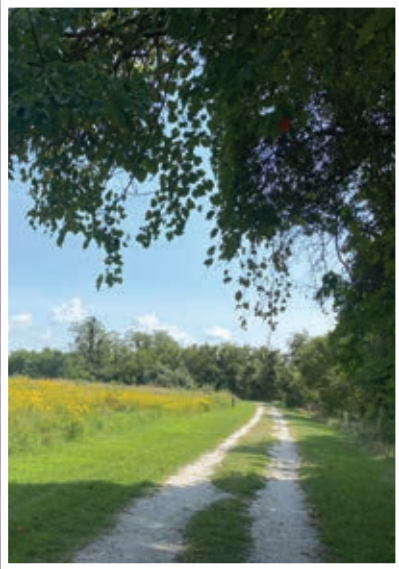
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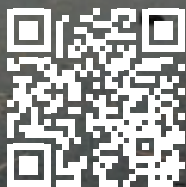


*Sunset over the Bay*



Calling all trail lovers, nature fans, outdoor enthusiasts, Moms, Dads, kids, hikers, bikers, strollers, birders, visitors and all who love and want to support Queen Anne's County's shores and trails . . .

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# Walking and Biking Trails

Walking and biking are great ways to stay in shape AND enjoy the beauty of Queen Anne's County. These six recreation areas are free and open to the public. The number preceding the trail's name corresponds to the location on the map on pages 8–9.

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ABOUT COUNTY TRAILS



## COUNTY TRAILS

**26 Blue Heron Nature Preserve.** This 300-acre nature preserve, located to the east of Rt. 8 South/Romancoke Road, provides miles of natural surface hiking and equestrian trails that wind through acres of wetland, pollinator habitat, meadowlands, and forest area. The property is rich with waterfowl and migratory bird species and boasts an abundance of native flora and fauna to be enjoyed in their natural habitat.

**Cross County Connector Trail.** The Cross County Connector Trail connects to the Cross Island Trail. The project extends the trail system approximately 1.2 miles easterly to Long Point Park with a 10-foot-wide trail consisting of 4,323 linear feet of elevated boardwalk and 1,978 feet of at grade pavement.

**25 Cross Island Trail.** This tree-lined linear park offers a safe avenue for non-vehicular transportation. The trail is 6.5 miles long, spanning west to east from Terrapin Park to the Kent Narrows and the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center, with future plans for expansion. The trail wanders through farmlands, meadows and woods accented with ornamental trees. Flanked by park benches, the trail crosses several creeks with wooden bridges, offering a spectacular view of waterfowl and wetlands. Portable toilets are available year round. Restrooms available at the trailhead at Macuum Creek along Piney Creek Road.

**Kent Island South Trail.** A 6-mile hiker/biker trail extends from Matapeake Park to Romancoke along Rt. 8 South. It travels through wooded areas and next to farm fields over wooden bridges with views of the bay.

**21 Terrapin Park/Nature Trail.** This award-winning 276-acre nature park features a 3.25-mile oyster chaff walking trail, which meanders through wildflower meadows, wetlands, tidal ponds, woodlands and sandy beaches. A gazebo and wheelchair-accessible boardwalk, located along the beach, afford a spectacular view of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The trail, which wanders over several bridges, across marshlands and through woodlands, features two observation blinds overlooking the tidal ponds. The trail connects to the Cross Island Trail. Restrooms available at the trailhead of the park.

## 37 CHESAPEAKE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (CBEC)

CBEC has over 4 miles of hiking trails. Walk around the property and see and hear native wildlife, and take in views from observation decks and blinds on each trail. (Visit: [bayrestoration.org](http://bayrestoration.org))

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*Cross County Connector Trail*



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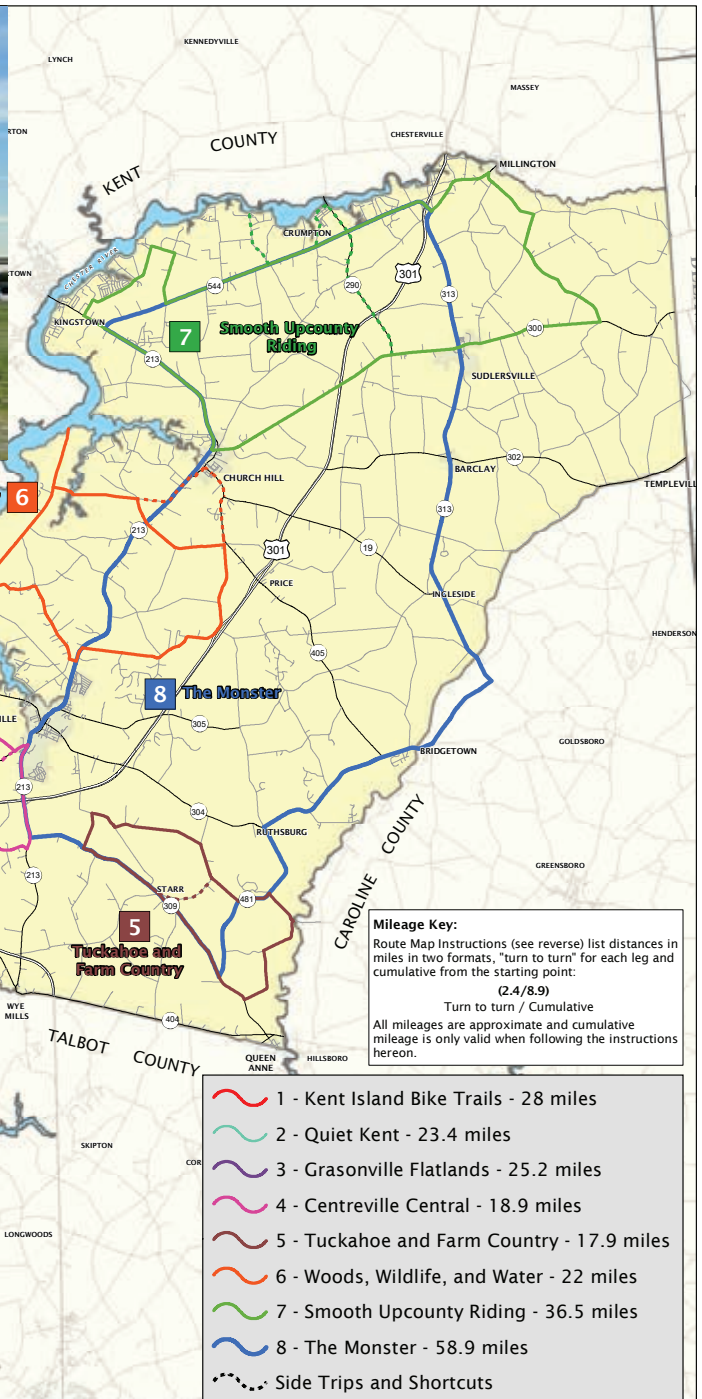
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# Queen Anne's County Bicycle Route Map



## Queen Anne's County

**Mileage Key:**  
Route Map Instructions (see reverse) list distances in miles in two formats, "turn to turn" for each leg and cumulative from the starting point:  
(2.4/8.9)  
Turn to turn / Cumulative  
All mileages are approximate and cumulative mileage is only valid when following the instructions hereon.

- 1 - Kent Island Bike Trails - 28 miles
- 2 - Quiet Kent - 23.4 miles
- 3 - Grasonville Flatlands - 25.2 miles
- 4 - Centreville Central - 18.9 miles
- 5 - Tuckahoe and Farm Country - 17.9 miles
- 6 - Woods, Wildlife, and Water - 22 miles
- 7 - Smooth Upcounty Riding - 36.5 miles
- 8 - The Monster - 58.9 miles
- - - Side Trips and Shortcuts

Please check the web site for the latest updates and printable routable maps at:  
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 Chesapeake Exploration Center  
 425 Piney Narrows Road  
 Chester, MD 21619  
<http://www.visitqueenannes.com>

**Safety:**

- \* You are responsible for your own safety and knowing the rules of the road.
- \* Cyclists must comply with all traffic laws and signals. Ride with traffic.
- \* An excellent resource is "Safe Cycling in Maryland" by the Maryland Department of Transportation.
- \* Please respect private property and do not trespass.
- \* State Highway bicycle signage and markings do not correspond with the routes on this map.
- \* Bike trails and public parks are open sunrise to sunset.

**Credits:**

- \* The Queen Anne's County Bike Route Map is a collaborative effort between the Queen Anne's County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Queen Anne's County Department of Administrative Services, Economic Development and Tourism.
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**About Queen Anne's County, Maryland**  
 Embraced by miles of scenic Chesapeake Bay waterways and graced with acres of pastoral rural landscape, Queen Anne's County offers a relaxing environment in which to find peace of mind. An ideal habitat for wildlife and waterfowl, this setting is the perfect spot for bird watchers and weekend warriors.

Spectacular sunsets complement some of the finest waterfront dining in Maryland. Come play a challenging round of golf or spend an afternoon on the water after your ride. Enjoy a restful night in a charming B&B, casual outlet shopping or exploring/antiquing in one of our historic small towns.

**Please see the Queen Anne's County Hospitality Map for dining, lodging and additional recreational opportunities.**

**County Statistics:**

Land Area:	372 square miles
Elevation:	0 to 95
Population:	47,958 (2009 Census)
Annual Precipitation:	45 inches
Average Temperatures:	
	Low High
March	35 54
April	44 65
May	52 74
June	62 83
July	67 86
August	65 85
September	57 79
October	48 68
November	37 57

Drive Times *:	Miles	Time
Annapolis	20	30 min
Baltimore	42	1 hour
Washington, DC	51	1 hour 10 min
Frederick	80	1 hour 40 min
Mannassas	88	1 hour 50 min
Ocean City	97	2 hours
Dover, DE	45	1 hour
Lewes, DE	70	1 hour 30 min
Wilmington, DE	72	1 hour 30 min
Philadelphia, PA	105	2 hours

\* Drive Times are approximate and assume the destination of Grasonville



# Minorities on Course

By Jim McComb

IN JUNE 2022 MINORITIES IN AQUACULTURE (MIA), an upstart nonprofit organization, established a bold and visionary pilot program, *Minorities on Course (MOC)*, in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) and three of the Bay's nine remaining Black watermen, Admiral Vince Leggett, Captain Lamont Wright, and Captain Ken Daniels. The goal of the Program was to have five minority students successfully complete a rigorous course of education and training needed to meet requirements for their Captain's license, and prepare for career opportunities for which they would then be qualified by June 2023.

In March of this year, the MIA founder and Executive Director Imani Black and her partners in this unique enterprise celebrated four participants who successfully completed the program and earned their Captain's License. This license allows them to enter into careers as towboat operators, ferry or water taxi operators, boating instructors, owners and operators of fishing charters, cargo transporters for hire, and more. This accomplishment also positions them to become employers and leaders in the community. Two more candidates are scheduled to graduate in June 2023 thus exceeding the Program's goals.

On the occasion of the graduation, Ms. Black acknowledged the role and what she described as the honor of collaborating with Captain Lamont Wright Sr. and Admiral of the Chesapeake Vincent Leggett to bring her dream of preserving the legacy of Black watermen on the Chesapeake and increasing the known number of Black Captains on the Chesapeake Bay from eleven to fifteen. She also said, "We could not have found such success without the generous support of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Rotary of Kent Island, Rural Maryland Council, and the Hedgelawn Foundation."

The pilot program was a first step in establishing a ten-year program with the long-term goal of preparing significant numbers of minority candidates for meaningful careers in aquaculture, Bay restoration and preservation and

the seafood industry. The program's participants would interact with and learn from three generations of the Chesapeake's Black watermen and work together by investing time and resources to reverse the course on an otherwise vanishing legacy. Looking to the future, MIA will continue to enroll and prepare participants with classroom instruction, water safety training, mentoring, field trips, and time on the water—all in the company of partners committed to the program's goals.

This is also a story about a visionary young leader, Imani Black, a native of Maryland's Eastern Shore, and a descendant of a family of Waterman from Rock Hall, Crisfield and Cambridge Maryland that dates back over 200 years. When she graduated from high school, like many young people growing up in rural communities seeing few prospects for a meaningful career and a better life, she sought to get away. Time away, an abiding love for the place she always knew to be her home, and fate drew her back.

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*Admiral of the Bay Vincent Leggett, Imani Black (founder of Minorities in Aquaculture), and Captain Lamont Wright Sr.*

## Minorities on Course *(continued)*

Imani's time away led to her Old Dominion University in Norfolk Virginia where she earned a degree in marine biology. Following graduation, she was selected to participate in the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences Genetics and Breeding Technology Center. For two years following her graduation Imani worked as the Lead Hatchery Technician and Assistant Manager at Hoopers Island Oyster Company, the first privately-owned hatchery in Maryland. During this time, she was often the only woman involved in a male dominated industry and she was the only woman of color.

In 2020, with that as her inspiration, she founded Minorities in Aquaculture and in just three years its impact and influence have attracted national attention and resulted in important partnerships with, most notably, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Environmental Justice Journalism Initiative, Oysters South, the United States Aquaculture Association, and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. Her work and accomplishments have been heralded in an exhibit currently on display at the Smithsonian Institution, Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

Encompassed in its commitment to increasing employment and career opportunities for minorities living in communities around the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, MIA has a sharp focus on the wellness of the Bay and the seafood industry on which many of these communities depend. Knowing that a sustainable seafood industry depends on diverse species supporting healthy ecosystems, MIA is committed to the restoration of keystone species, especially shellfish. Further, integrating wild capture with farmed production to preserve and strengthen the ecology of the Bay and its tributaries, while supporting the development of new career opportunities and benefiting coastal communities economically.

Throughout history, African Americans have played a significant role in Maryland's seafood industry, but their numbers have declined substantially. MIA seeks both to honor the historic contribution of African Americans and to increase their numbers as the industry evolves using heritage, history and a host of innovative tools to develop opportunities for minorities to pursue careers on the Bay and in all aspects of aquaculture from hatchery operations to grow-out and processing.

The timing of the founding of MIA was fortuitous, coinciding with a growing awareness of the importance of aquaculture as the fastest growing food system in the world with the US ranking 17th in production worldwide; and the growing acknowledgement among companies, employers, and industries, including the seafood industry, of the lack of racial equity and inclusion along the spectrum of career related opportunities and the need for change. With this as prologue, MIA was founded with a goal to educate minority women about the environmental benefits provided by local and global aquaculture to promote a more diverse, inclusive aquaculture industry. At the outset, Imani said, "When I can count six minority women who are active in aquaculture, I will know I have accomplished something. My goal isn't just strong women of color, it's women of color who are strong in aquaculture."

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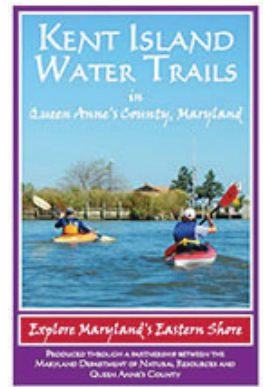
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# Kent Island Water Trails

Kent Island Water Trailways Guide was developed through a partnership between Maryland DNR and Queen Anne's County. The trails provide a wide variety of paddling experiences so there are options for all levels of expertise. While the detailed trails range in length from 1.25 to 3.6 miles, the open waters of the Chesapeake Bay, Chester River, Eastern Bay and Prospect Bay offer endless opportunities for more experienced paddlers. Below are two of the six trails featured in the guide. Pick up a copy of the full guide at the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center at 425 Piney Narrows Road, Chester.



## Eastern Bay Trail

**Distance:** Approximately 3 miles

**Difficulty:** This water trail should only be attempted by experience paddlers. For an easy to moderate alternative, stay in the confines of the Shipping Creek Cove.



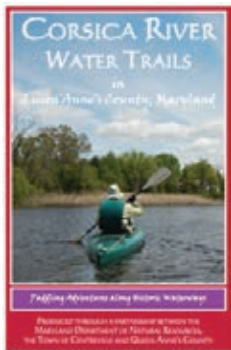
## Thompson Creek Trail

**Distance:** Approximately 3.6 miles

**Difficulty:** The full route of this water trail should only be attempted by experience paddlers. For an easier alternative, launch at either Thompson Creek or Warehouse Creek and stay in the narrower, more sheltered shoreline areas

**PLEASE NOTE:** The maps on these two pages are meant to be used as references for existing public access sites and facilities. We strongly recommend using more detailed maps, charts, and supplemental information geared to your specific needs when planning for or undertaking an excursion.

# Corsica River Water Trails

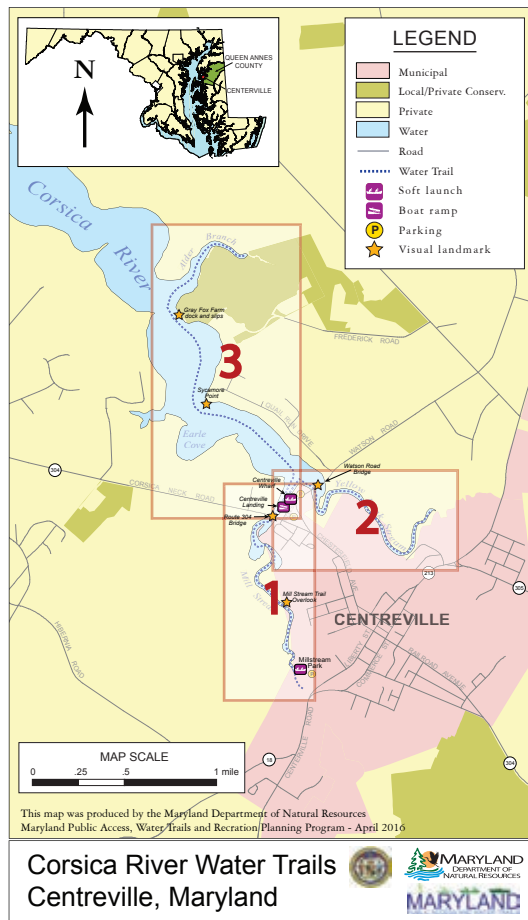


*Corsica River Water Trails: Paddling Adventures along Historic Waterways* depicts three paddling routes, which span approximately eight miles of waterways near Centreville.

Public water access is provided at two adjacent but distinct sites. Centreville Wharf is located on Watson Road and is operated by the Town of Centreville. Centreville Landing is located at 201 Front Street and is operated by the Queen Anne's County Parks Department.

All of the Corsica River water trails start from the soft launch at Centreville Wharf. These trails provide water recreation opportunities for paddlers of all abilities. Novice paddlers or those seeking a leisurely experience will enjoy exploring the Mill Stream and Yellow Bank Stream trails. These routes follow slowly meandering waterways that pass through low marshes and are sheltered from extreme winds and currents. More experienced paddlers can take on the challenge of open water and longer distance offered by the Corsica River and Alder Branch Trail.

The trail map is available at Centreville Town Hall, the Chesapeake Heritage & Visitor Center, and Centreville Outdoors at the Centreville Wharf. For more information, contact Queen Anne's County Parks at 410-758-0835.



# Chester River Water Trail

From the headwaters in Delaware to the river's mouth between Kent Island and Rock Hall, the Chester River Water Trail encompasses more than 100 miles of waterways, a variety of ecosystems, and over 10,000 years of human history. The navigable portion of the Chester River begins near the town of Millington, where the river is heavily wooded, narrow, and winding. After reaching the small town of Crumpton, the scenery transitions from woodlands to large waterfront farms. The lower Chester River near Rock Hall is over three miles wide and features excellent crabbing, fishing, sailing, boating, and scenic views.

# CBEC Water Trails

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC), located at 600 Discovery Lane in Grasonville, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to transforming outdoor enthusiasts into active stewards of Chesapeake Bay and beyond. CBEC offers three separate water trails that range from 1 mile to 2.8 miles along Marshy Creek, Prospect Bay, and Cabin Creek. CBEC features extensive marsh and woodland habitat. Bring your own kayak or rent one from CBEC. For more information on CBEC, visit bayrestoration.org.

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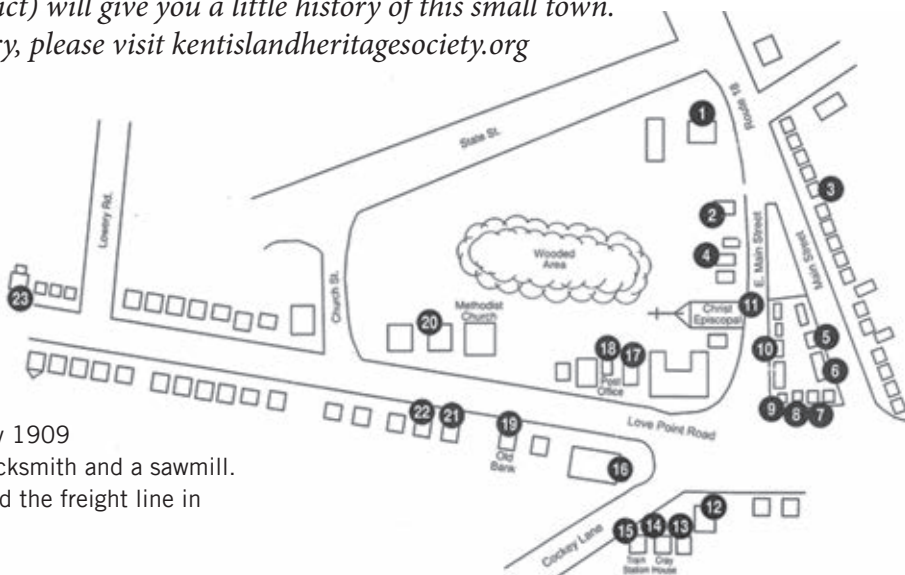
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# Walking Tour of Downtown Stevensville

Created by the Kent Island Heritage Society, this easy strolling tour of downtown Stevensville (a National Historic District) will give you a little history of this small town. For more info about Kent Island history, please visit [kentislandheritagesociety.org](http://kentislandheritagesociety.org)

Stevensville sits on land called Stevens Adventure, a 1694 grant to Francis Stevens. The town developed after the 1850 sale of two farms by James and Charles Stevens, descendants of Francis Stevens.

Stevensville's development benefited from the steamboat-based trade system that linked the eastern and western shores in the mid-19th century. The railroad came to Stevensville in 1902, and by 1909 the town had two schools, four doctors, a blacksmith and a sawmill. The end of passenger rail service by 1938 and the freight line in 1948 halted growth of the town.



**1 THE DUNN HOME.** The home of Charles G. “Gil” and Florence Dunn was built in 1910–12 for George Holland, a cannery owner. Former owners were John M. Ruth and John Daniel. Gil Dunn was a pharmacist for more than 40 years at the Kent Island Shopping Center.

**2 KENT ISLAND FEDERATION OF ART.** The house was built ca. 1900 for Dr. William L. Henry, his wife and their two sons. The entrance to his office can be seen from the enclosed front porch. Currently home of the Kent Island Federation of Art, which exhibits work by artists and craftsmen.

**3 CAPT. EUGENE HERBERT HOUSE.** This house ca. 1870–1875 was probably built by Capt. Gene and his brother, Sam, both carpenters. Capt. Gene was master of a sailing vessel that plied the waters from Maine to North Carolina carrying coal, lime, phosphate and wheat.

**4 THE COCKEY HOUSE.** This house, ca. 1870, was originally owned by Charles B. Downes. An 1877 map identifies it as parsonage for the First Methodist Protestant Church, which rented it until a new parsonage was built next to the church (see Site 20). Miss Mary Cockey, an elementary school teacher, and her father, James Cockey, assistant postmaster in Stevensville, bought the house in the early 1900s.

**5 THE LEGG FARM HOUSE.** This is the third oldest structure in Stevensville, one of two with fish-scale siding. Wooden pegs used in its construction can be seen in the attic. This house was owned by Bloody Point lighthouse keeper Moses Legg and his wife, Ann Wrightson Legg. The street was then named New Legg Road, later changed to Locust Street.

**6 PRICE-RINGGOLD HOUSE.** Dorothy Arters and Fred E. Thomas bought this house on Locust Street in 1887 from David Jones, owner and builder. In 1904 the property was sold to Mary Ringgold and Thomas Ringgold Price.

**7 CAPT. JIM ED JONES HOME.** Captain James Edward Jones and his wife, Sarah Carroll, built a prior house here in 1880 that was destroyed by fire. The present house was built in 1882. It has been in the Carroll family since that time.

**8 TWO-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE.** Built in 1870 as a two-room schoolhouse, School No. 2, District 4, Queen Anne's County Schools. The school board had two teachers for grades 1 through 7. Dr. John R. Benton bought the building in 1910 and had it moved to its present location.

**9 CHARLES STEVENS STORE.** Built ca. 1865-1870 for Charles Stevens, this was one of the first stores in Stevensville. A Mr. Beitzel was an early shopkeeper. Dr. John R. Benton bought the property, separated and moved a portion of the building to land now occupied by the adjacent office building. Thomas Carroll was the merchant here for many years, followed by Rose Baxter Weston and her son, James Richard Weston.

**10 GROLLMAN'S ORIGINAL DRY GOODS STORE.** Built in 1870 for Charles B. Downes by his brother, Sam Downes, Henry Grollman bought this property in 1910. After leaving his partnership with Ellis Grollman, he built an addition to the house and, with his wife Lena, opened a dry goods store.

**11 CHRIST CHURCH AND RECTORY.** Built in 1880, this is the oldest church on Kent Island. It is the fifth church of this Christ Church parish founded in 1631, and is the oldest continuous Episcopal congregation in the United States. Previous church buildings were in nearby Broad Creek, one of the first towns established in Maryland. The church is a superb example of the Queen Anne style of ecclesiastical architecture. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**12 ACME MARKET/STEVENSVILLE POST OFFICE.** John Tolson built this general store that was later operated by Fred Thomas. First known as the American Store, the name was later changed to Acme Market. Julius Grollman, a local merchant in the early 1900s, worked in the store as a young man, earning \$15 a week. The building was later used as a post office from 1952 until 1975.

**13 THE JENNIE LEGG DRY GOODS STORE.** In 1809 John Denny purchased from J. Stevens the lot on which this structure and the adjacent Cray House sit. It is believed that he constructed this building shortly after Cray House, which would make this the second oldest building in Stevensville.

**14 CRAY HOUSE.** This is the oldest house in Stevensville. John Denny purchased this lot from J. Stevens in 1809 and constructed both this house and the adjacent structure (see site 14). A ship's carpenter, Denny used an unusual post and plank construction method in which walls are formed by tenoning horizontal planks into mortices (slots) cut into vertical corner posts. The south portion of the house was added around 1842 by Mary E. Carville Legg. After a series of owners, it was sold at public auction in 1914 to Nora Cray, a widow who lived there with her three children. Her heirs deeded the property to The Kent Island Heritage Society in 1976. This house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**15 STEVENSVILLE TRAIN STATION.** In 1894 the Maryland Legislature gave approval to Queen Anne's Railroad Company to build an east-west railroad across Delmarva, connecting Queenstown with Lewes, Delaware. In 1902, the route was extended 13 miles to Love Point, and provided employment and excitement to Kent Island. The abandoned terminal building was donated to The Kent Island Heritage Society. It was moved to its present site in 1988 and restored to its 1902 appearance.

**16 THE COUNTRY STORE.** The corner building was constructed ca. 1900 as a grocery store and owner's residence by Everett Cook and Eugene Herbert. The original German siding—now covered by vinyl—was probably salvaged from the Johnstown Flood of 1889.

**17 HOME OF DR. C. PERCY KEMP/DR. J.E.H. LEWIS.** Built ca. 1880-90 for Dr. J.E.H. Lewis. The first occupant was probably Ann Kemp, widow of Thomas Kemp. She later married

her landlord, Dr. Lewis. Her son, C. Percy Kemp made this his home after becoming a physician. He also used Dr. Lewis's adjacent former office, which no longer exists.

**18 OLD STEVENSVILLE POST OFFICE.** The construction data of this building is not known, but it appears on an 1877 map and served as the Stevensville Post Office for the first half of the 20th century. The government paid rent of \$18.75 a month and the outlandish sum of \$25 a year to heat the structure. It was acquired in 1997 by The Kent Island Heritage Society.

**19 STEVENSVILLE BANK.** The Stevensville Bank of Queen Anne's County, built ca. 1903-07, opened for business in 1909. It is the oldest bank building on Kent Island and one of the oldest in the county. The façade's classical architectural details, combined with the pressed tin ceiling and intact furnishings and vault, helped place it on the National Register of Historic Places.

**20 METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.** In 1851 Charles and Mary Ann Stevens sold the land to the Chesapeake Lodge #59 of the Order of Odd Fellows for one cent. In 1864 the Lodge sold it to the trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church, John Jeffers, Charles Downes, James Denny, William C. Gibson, Franklin Bright, M.G. Goodhand and C.G.L. Porter. No longer used as a church, it was purchased by William E. Denny III, who restored the structure and its marvelous stained-glass windows—a number of which are dedicated to the memory of members of his family.

**21 LOWERY HOTEL.** Built about 1860 for J. Reuben Jeffers. The 1877 map shows it was a boarding house rented to Alexander Lowery of Coxe's Neck. He later bought the property and opened it as a hotel in November of 1883. Alterations and additions were made to meet the needs of the many overnight travelers coming from the Matapeake, Broad Creek and Love Point ferry landings. A livery stable provided transportation. Meals were 25 cents. Fountain and Florence Lowery Jackson continued the business for several years after Mrs. Lowery's death. It remained in the Lowery family until the heirs sold it in 1935.

**22 H. GOODHAND HOTEL.** Known as the H. Goodhand Hotel on the 1877 map, it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Skinner around the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Then called Skinner's Boarding House, it offered room and board to salesmen and other travelers. The house was later owned by Roland and Lolita Bright Carvel.

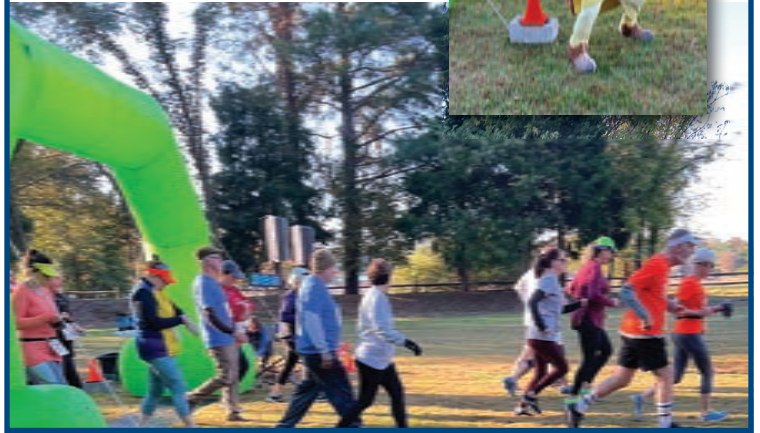
**23 PRICE HOUSE.** Built in 1915 for owners and first occupants P. Thomas and Augusta Legg Price. One of the largest houses in town, it has a unique cupola on top that was used during World War II as a lookout for enemy planes. Volunteers manned the post, connected by telephone to a communications center. The house remained in the Price family for many years.



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A Rotaract Club is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 and up who are dedicated to community and international service.

The mission of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

QAC Rotaract started in the Fall of 2019, as a club we have participated in many service events which include, Meals for Hope, a roadside clean up, Flag for Heroes, and helping with the 4-H Fair. Our club had hosted a sponsor a Thanksgiving Meal project for the last 3 years. This project has provided over 120 families in the county with a kit to create a Thanksgiving meal.

The QAC Rotaract club is always looking for new members who have a passion for helping others and are willing to give back to their community. If you are interested in QAC Rotaract follow our facebook page for up to date events and projects. You may also contact the club at QACRotaract@gmail.com for more information.



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Kent Island High School's Interact Club is a small group of students who have a strong passion for involvement within the community and a desire for bringing about positive change. Working alongside Rotary of Kent Island the club is always seeking out new service opportunities that arise. The club is open to all high school students and is always looking for new members who wish to take action in making a difference in the school and community and learning important leadership skills.

This year, Interact began by partnering up with Kent Island High Schools DECA to carry out the Take A Pie for KI food drive. The club helped spread awareness of the food drive and organize cans and boxes that were collected throughout each classroom. In addition, at Kent Island's huge football game against Queen Anne's high school, interact members helped collect cans and donations for the food drive. The food drive ended up being a great success yielding over 4,000 total items to help replenish Haven Ministries' food bank which works to solve an ever-growing issue of food insecurity throughout the community.

Kent Island High School's Interact was also represented with two delegates who attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at which delegates were able to connect with other Interact members from various parts of Maryland and Delaware. At RYLA our delegates participated in team building activities, seminars, workshops and put together their own presentations for a possible future service project. Our delegates made memories that will last a lifetime and learned new skills that continue to benefit our club.

Our delegates were also able to attend one of Rotary of Kent Islands official meetings in which they were able to experience firsthand a group of professional leaders and their efforts within our community. At this meeting our delegates reflected upon their trip to RYLA and informed the club of their learnings and new experiences.

The club begins each meeting by reciting the four-way test which follows: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? The club represents and considers these principles in every action taken. The Interact Club is a great way to establish new friendships and have a great time while doing good for the community. We encourage all current and future high school students to get involved in Interact.



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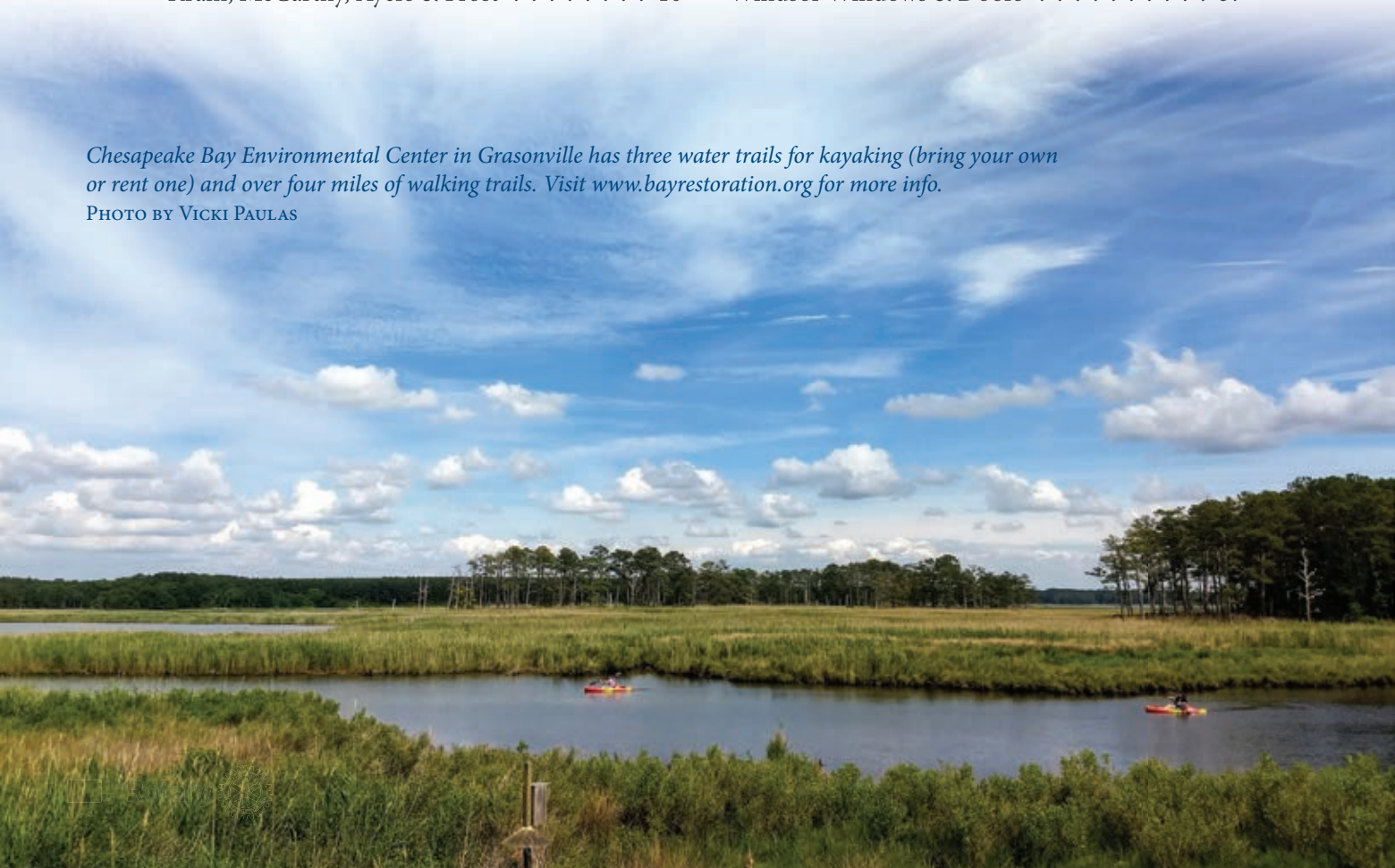
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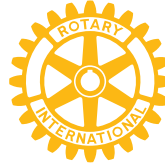
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**FELLOWSHIP. VOLUNTEER.**

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**Doing something** that makes a difference  
**With people** who make a difference  
**At a time** that makes a difference  
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