



## VISITOR SERVICES

### U.S. Postal Service

Wilson & Banks Streets · 410-226-5629

**Oxford Library** · 101 Market St. · 410-226-5727

Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm – Monday - Saturday

### Town Office

100 N. Morris St. · 410-226-5122

**Police** · 410-226-5650

**Fire/Ambulance** · 410-822-2222

**Police or Fire Emergency** · 911

### U.S. Coast Guard

Non-Emergency 410-226-0581

Emergency 410-226-0580

## CHURCHES

### Oxford Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

N. Morris St. – next to the Park, PO Box 117

### Waters United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am (July - August 10:00 am)

Market & Bank Streets, PO Box 124

### Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal)

Services: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

S. Morris & Caroline Streets, PO Box 637



### From Easton:

Take Rt. 50 to Easton Parkway (Route 322), then Rt. 333 South 11 miles to Oxford

### From St. Michaels:

Take Rt. 329 to Oxford Bellevue Ferry

### From

Baltimore and Washington, D.C. - 1.5 hours

Philadelphia - 2.5 hours

Chesapeake Bay Bridge - 45 minutes

Salisbury - 1 hour

St. Michaels - 15 minutes

**Oxford Business Association**  
PO Box 544, Oxford, Maryland 21654  
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# OXFORD MARYLAND

*More than a  
Ferry Tale*



**FIRST PORT OF ENTRY  
ON THE EASTERN SHORE**

*1683*

## OXFORD HISTORY

JORDAN PHOTOGRAPHY



Oxford is one of the oldest towns in Maryland and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Although already in existence for perhaps 20 years, Oxford marks the year 1683 as its official founding, for in that year Oxford was first named by the Maryland General Assembly as a seaport and was laid out as a town. In 1694, Oxford and a new town called Anne Arundel (now Annapolis) were selected the only ports of entry for the entire Maryland province. Until the American Revolution, Oxford enjoyed prominence as an international shipping center surrounded by wealthy tobacco plantations.

Early citizens included Robert Morris, Sr., agent for a Liverpool shipping firm who greatly influenced the town's growth; his son Robert Morris, Jr., known as "the financier of the Revolution;" Jeremiah Banning, sea captain, war hero, and statesman; The Reverend Thomas Bacon, Anglican clergyman who wrote the first compilation of the laws of Maryland; Matthew Tilghman, known as the "patriarch of Maryland" and "father of statehood" and Colonel Tench Tilghman, aide-de-camp to George Washington and the man who carried the message of Cornwallis' surrender to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

The American Revolution marked the end of Oxford's glory. Gone were the British ships with their variety of imported goods, and tobacco was replaced by wheat as a cash crop. Businesses went bankrupt, cattle grazed in the streets, and the population dwindled.

After the Civil War, Oxford emerged from its "long slumber" to nearly 100 years of a new prosperity signaled by completion of the railroad in 1871 and improved methods of canning and packing which opened national markets for oysters from the Chesapeake's bountiful beds. Business was booming, houses were going up everywhere, and tourists and boaters were arriving in droves. But it was not to last. In the early part of the 20th century, the oyster beds played out, the packing houses closed, other businesses went bankrupt, and the railway and steamships eventually disappeared. Oxford became a sleepy little town inhabited mainly by watermen who still worked the waters of the Tred Avon.

Oxford today is still a waterman's town, but is enjoying a new resurgence based on tourism and leisure activities. Its quiet charm, fresh air, summer breezes, and clean water provide a haven from the hustle and bustle of city life for boaters, weekend visitors, and summer residents.



## PLACES OF INTEREST

### Academy House (Bratt Mansion)

Officers' residence for the Maryland Military Academy from 1848-1855.

205 N. Morris St. · (Private residence)

### Barnaby House

Built in the 1770s by Captain Richard Barnaby. The Barnaby House features pine woodwork, corner fireplace and hand-made staircase.

212 N. Morris St. · (Private residence)

### Byberry & Calico

Moved to the grounds of Cutts & Case in the 1930s, Byberry is Oxford's oldest house, dating from 1695. The original structure is a typical early Oxford cottage. Calico, a Tudor-style cottage, was built in the early 1700s.

(Private residence)

### Grapevine House

Built by John Willis in 1798. The grapevine in front of the house was brought to Oxford from the Isle of Jersey in 1810.

309 N. Morris St. · (Private residence)

### Oxford-Bellevue Ferry

Believed to be the oldest privately operated ferry in the country. Started in 1683, service was discontinued after the American Revolution, was resumed in 1836, and has been in continuous operation since that time. A visit to Oxford is not complete without a ride on today's ferry, *Talbot*. Bring your car, bicycle or come as a passenger!

N. Morris St. & The Strand · 410.745.9023

### Oxford Custom House

Built in 1976, the building is an exact replica of the first Federal Custom House built by Jeremiah Banning, the first federal Collector of Customs. Open Saturday & Sunday afternoon, April through autumn

N. Morris St. & The Strand

### Oxford Library

Founded in 1939 and on its present site since 1950 the Oxford Library, Inc. strives to maintain the independent character that was its beginning. Staffed and operated by volunteers, it serves the community year-round with hours Monday through Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Visitors always welcome!

101 Market St. · 410-226-5727

### Oxford Museum

Founded in 1964, the Oxford Museum houses a collection of artifacts and memorabilia from Oxford's past.

101 S. Morris St. (across from Town Park) · 410-226-0191

### Robert Morris Inn

The original 1710 structure, incorporated into the present Inn, was the home of Robert Morris, Sr., and his son. Robert Morris, Jr. helped finance the Revolutionary War, counted George Washington as a friend, and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution.

N. Morris St. & The Strand

### Tench Tilghman Monument

Grave of Colonel Tench Tilghman.

Oxford Cemetery, just outside town limits on Route 333.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

## 1 Combsberry

Elegantly restored 1730 English country mansion, carriage house and cottage nestled on 30 secluded waterfront acres. Spectacular water views from all rooms. Jacuzzis, fireplaces, private baths, dock, canoes and paddleboats. Conferences & weddings welcome.  
4837 Evergreen Rd. · 410-226-5353  
www.combsberry.net

## Eastern Shore Vacation Rentals

410-770-9093 · debbie@easternshorevacations.com

## 2 Nichols House

This 1880s Victorian House offers a cozy cottage for two nestled in a tranquil garden, and located in the heart of Historic Oxford. Amenities include private garden, queen bed, fully equipped kitchenette and cable TV/Wi-Fi connection. Open all year. Daily and weekly rates.  
217 S. Morris St., PO Box 657 · 410-226-5799  
nicholshouse@verizon.net · www.nicholshouseoxford.com

## 3 Oxford Inn and Pope's Tavern

Located at the head of Town Creek. Enjoy a casually elegant dining experience at Pope's Tavern, a charming restaurant featuring the cuisine of Chef Lisa MacDougal. Take pleasure in hand selected boutique wines from Europe, America and Argentina. "The Oxford Inn decorates its seven bedrooms à la country comfort, but its restaurant is much more city sophisticate." *The Washington Post* 2006.  
504 S. Morris St. · 410-226-5220  
info@oxfordinn.net · www.oxfordinn.net

## Oxford Rose Cottage

South Street · 723-261-4423 · hmsindy@msn.com

## 4 Sandaway Waterfront Lodging

Romantic bed and breakfast offering 18 accommodations on one of the best waterfront locations in Talbot County, Maryland. Private sandy beach. Sunsets. Rooms with screened-in porches overlooking the water. Lite Fare Breakfast included. Intimate wedding ceremonies and receptions. Corporate retreats welcome. Two efficiency apartments available. Open mid-April through mid-November.  
103 W. Strand Rd. · 1-888-726-3292 (1-888-SANDAWAY)  
www.sandaway.com

## 5 Robert Morris Inn

Historic inn dating back to 1710. Colonial bed and breakfast rooms available overlooking Oxford's harbor. Executive conference and wedding facilities. Located near the Oxford Bellevue Ferry. The ferry provides a 7 mile shortcut to St. Michaels, Maryland.  
314 N. Morris St. · 410-226-5111  
www.robertmorrisinn.com

## 6 Ruffled Duck Inn Bed & Breakfast

Three guest accommodations with private baths. Built in 1876, our selection of colors contributes to the charm of our Coastal Waterways theme. Just a comfortable walk to most features and restaurants in town. Open all year. Prices include a gourmet breakfast. Front porch view of Town Park and the Tred Avon. Living room fireplace. HD TV, high-speed internet access. Bikes on request.  
110 N. Morris St. · 410-226-5496 · www.ruffleduckinn.com



# RESTAURANTS

## 7 Latitude 38 Bistro & Spirits

Oxford's most unique Bistro is a favorite of the locals. Spectacular paintings from local artists complement the casual décor. The finest seafood, beef and veal are creatively prepared. Serving Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Brunch. Closed Mondays. Complimentary transportation to and from local marinas.  
26342 Oxford Rd., PO Box 144 · 410-226-5303  
www.latitude38.org · latitude38@atlanticbb.net

## Masthead at Pier Street Marina – Crabhouse

104 W. Pier St. · 410-226-5171

## Pope's Tavern at the Oxford Inn

504 S. Morris St. · 410-226-5220

## 8 Schooner's

Casual waterfront dining and deck bar located on Town Creek. Serving Maryland steamed crabs in season. Open at 11:00 a.m. Serving lunch and dinner. Closed Wednesday.  
Located at the foot of Tilghman St., PO Box 648 · 410-226-0160

# OXFORD



## SHOPPES

### Eason's Produce Stand

Oxford Rd. · 410-822-0625 · Closed on Sunday

### Fabulous Flowers

210B E. Pier St. · 410-226-5267 · fabflowers@verizon.net

### Gallery 214

214 N. Morris St. · 410-256-3357

### Lorraine's – Gifts/Gallery

104 S. Morris St. · 410-226-5050

### 9 Mystery Loves Company Booksellers

Full-service bookstore specializing in mystery books about the Chesapeake. Nautical books, books by local authors & books for all ages. Open year round. Online ordering too. Frequent author events.  
202 S. Morris St. · 410-226-0010 · www.mysterylovescompany.com

### 10 Oxford Market & Deli

Located in the center of town. All your provisioning needs can be filled here. Home of the Oxford Pies. Groceries, beer, wine and liquor. Homemade subs, sandwiches, and cold cuts. Salads, soups, baked goods, assorted fruits and vegetables, and fresh baked breads. Hand dipped ice cream. Newspapers, maps and ATM.  
203 S. Morris St., PO Box 217 · 410-226-0015 · Fax: 410-226-0175

### Oxford Museum/Gift Shop

101 S. Morris St. (across from Town Park) · 410-226-0191

### 11 The Scottish Highland Creamery

Hand crafted, gourmet ice cream and sorbets made gelato style, daily with all natural ingredients. Fresh handmade fudge and designer chocolates also available. Come taste a bit of Italy with Scottish flair! Behind Schooner's by the boat ramp.  
314 Tilghman St. · 410-924-6298  
www.scottishhighlandcreamery.com

### Second Wind Consignment/ Artisan's Gallery

104 W. Pier St. · 410-310-8549



## MARINE

### Bollard Yachts, LLC Brokerage Sales

26106B Bachelor Harbor Dr. · 410-226-0390 · ttaylor@bollardyachts.com

### 12 Campbell's Bachelor Pt. Yacht Co.

At the mouth of the Tred Avon River, this 80-slip marina has pool, picnic area, ice and laundry. The facility offers full service maintenance, repowers and repairs. Haul-out and launching services and dry storage available. Certified Cummins dealer. Transient slips available by appointment. Complimentary seasonal Wi-Fi.  
26106A Bachelor Harbor Dr. · 410-226-5592 · Fax: 410-226-5489  
mstein@campbellsboatyards.com · www.campbellsboatyards.com

### 13 Campbell's Boatyard @ Jack's Pt.

On Town Creek, this full service boatyard offers boat repair, maintenance and repowers, slip rentals, haul-outs, and dry storage. GAS/DIESEL FUJEL DOCKS open 7 days/week during summer season. Transient slips available by appointment. Complimentary seasonal Wi-Fi.  
106 Richardson St. · 410-226-5105 · Fax: 410-226-5962  
dfrey@campbellsboatyards.com · www.campbellsboatyards.com

### 14 Campbell's Town Creek Boatyard

At the head of Town Creek, this 42-slip marina offers dockage. The shop at Town Creek specializes in custom boat building. Transient slips available by appointment. Complimentary seasonal Wi-Fi.  
109 Myrtle Ave. · 410-226-0213 · Fax: 410-226-0214  
tcampbell@campbellsboatyards.com · www.campbellsboatyards.com



### 15 Cutts & Case, Inc.

This yard, well known for its classic yacht design and state of the art boat building in wood composites, is within walking distance to most restaurants and "uptown". It is nestled in amongst the trees and enjoys a peaceful and quiet atmosphere. The yard offers its customers slips, haulouts and full boatyard repairs and fabricating services. Wooden

boat refits and custom one off wood composite boat building is our specialty. Combined undated classic style and state of the art construction. May we design and build one for you?  
306 Tilghman St., PO Box 9 · 410-226-5416 · Fax: 410-226-5035

### Force 10 Sails, LLC

208 E. Pier St. · 410-310-7992 · matt@force10sails.com

### Hinckley Yacht Services

202 Banks St., PO Box 369 · 410-226-5113 · Fax: 410-226-5602

### 16 Mears Yacht Haven

At the entrance to Town Creek, this marina offers the yachtsman a convenient place to dock while visiting Oxford. Swimming pool, barbecue picnic area, cable TV, complimentary wireless internet, fuel dock, showers, laundry, pump-out station, ice, supplies, and bicycle rentals. Walk to restaurants and town. Permanent/transient dockage.  
On the Strand, PO Box 130 · 410-226-5450 · Fax: 410-226-5157

### 17 Oxford Bellevue Ferry

America's oldest privately owned ferry shuttles back and forth across the Tred Avon River each day from 9 am until sunset. The ferry carries nine (9) cars, numerous motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians on each trip. RVs, trucks and trailers also accommodated. Your "ferry tale" awaits! Call for details or visit our website, www.oxfordferry.com (mailing address: 27456 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654)  
Morris St. & The Strand · 410-745-9023 · obferry@aol.com

### 18 Oxford Boatyard

The most comprehensive, full service yard and marina on the bay. Services include mechanical, electrical/electronics, carpentry, rigging, fiberglass repair, Awl Grip and varnish. Permanent and transient dockage, 75 ton lift, dry covered storage, laundry and Ship's Store.  
402 E. Strand · 410-226-5101 · Fax: 410-226-5116

### Oxford Boatyard Yacht Sales

402 E. Strand · 410-226-0100

### Ship Shape, LLC

410-463-1425 · shipshapeox@comcast.net

### 19 Tred Avon Yacht Sales, Inc./Choptank Charters

Full service brokerage of fine yachts: power and sail. Dealers for Com-Pac Yachts. Several models available for your inspection. Exceptional sailing yachts and trawlers for charter, either bareboat or with a licensed captain. Brochures by request.  
102 S. Morris St., PO Box 41 · 410-226-5000 · 877-226-5080  
info@tays.com · www.tays.com

## BUSINESS SERVICES

### Benson & Mangold Real Estate

27999 Oxford Rd. · 410-822-1415 · info@bensonandmangold.com

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220 N. Morris St · 410-226-0111 · info@bensonandmangold.com

### Bicycle Rentals at Mears Yacht Haven

502 E. Strand · 410-226-5450

### Captain K's Nautical Antiques

410-226-5923 · captk@atlanticbb.net · www.captk.com

### Coldwell Banker Eastern Shore Properties

410-924-3212 · Skipper@cbmove.com

### 20 Crabb & Co., LLC

Specializing in custom residential building renovation and restoration as well as cabinetry and architectural millwork. We offer full design services for homes, additions and cabinetry.  
104 Oxford Rd. · 410-226-0372 · crabbco@verizon.net

### Financial Strategy Group

103 Third St., PO Box 510 · 410-725-1781 · toby@tobyfrey.com

### Herbacin Skin Care Products-Consultants

410-463-1425 · herbacin@herbacin.tv

### 21 Oxford Bank and Trust "It's My Bank!" a division of Easton Bank and Trust

A full service community bank. Member FDIC.  
Hours: 8:30 am - 3 pm Monday-Thursday;  
8:30 am - 6 pm Friday. ATM available.  
104 Factory St., PO Box 309  
410-226-0200 · Fax: 410-226-0303 · www.eastonbankandtrust.com



### 22 Oxford Community Center

Enjoy classes, concerts, theatre and youth summer camp. Memorial Weekend Fine Arts Fair, winter holiday house tour, annual King Day Celebration, seasonal Farmer's Market, and more. Rental space available for private functions.  
200 Oxford Rd., PO Box 308 · 410-226-5904 · www.oxfordcc.org

### Oxford Lawn & Landscape, Inc.

4820 Evergreen Rd. · 410-226-5474

### Quality Automotive, LLC

Stacy Dulin · 201 Oxford Road · 410-226-5700

### Tidewater Times

102 Myrtle Ave. · 410-226-0422

### Timothy B. Kearns Design Corp.

210 Tred Avon Ave., PO Box 177 · 410-226-5100 · tbkearns@verizon.net

### 23 Tred Avon Players

The Shore's oldest and most exciting community theatre, presenting four plays and musicals each year at the Oxford Community Center. Ten performances of each including three Sunday matinees. October, February, May and August. For reservations and information, call 410-226-0061 or www.tredavonplayers.org.

### 24 Tricrown Inn for Pets

Tricrown Inn for Pets is a modern, full service boarding facility for cats and dogs. We offer a complete grooming service for your pet. Pet supplies and feed for dog or cat. Reservations required. VISA/MC/Discover/AMX  
25763 Oxford Rd. · 410-822-1921 · Fax: 410-822-2203