



Talbot County
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- Ride on the right side of the road with the traffic flow, not against it;
 - Obey traffic signs and signals;
 - Never change directions or lanes without first looking behind you, and always use the correct hand signals. Use your left arm for all hand signals;
 - Left turn:** After checking behind you, hold your arm straight out to the left and ride forward slowly.
 - Stop:** After checking behind you, bend your elbow, pointing your arm downward in an upside down "L" shape and come to a stop.
 - Right turn:** After checking behind you, bend your elbow, holding your arm up in an "L" shape, and ride forward slowly. Or, hold your right arm straight out from your side.
 - Stop at all intersections and crosswalks, both marked or unmarked;
 - Stop and look both ways before crossing a street or railroad tracks;
 - Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and skaters;
 - Don't ride too close to parked cars;
 - When passing other bikers or people on the street, always pass to their left and call out "On your left!" so they'll watch for you.

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Bike Talbot County!



1 School Days

Trail 28.3 Miles

Explore the Audubon Environmental Center and the historical sites of Talbot County as you travel along the School Days trail.



2 Joust Maryland

Trail 26.7 Miles

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3 Talbot Farmland

Trail 27.6 Miles

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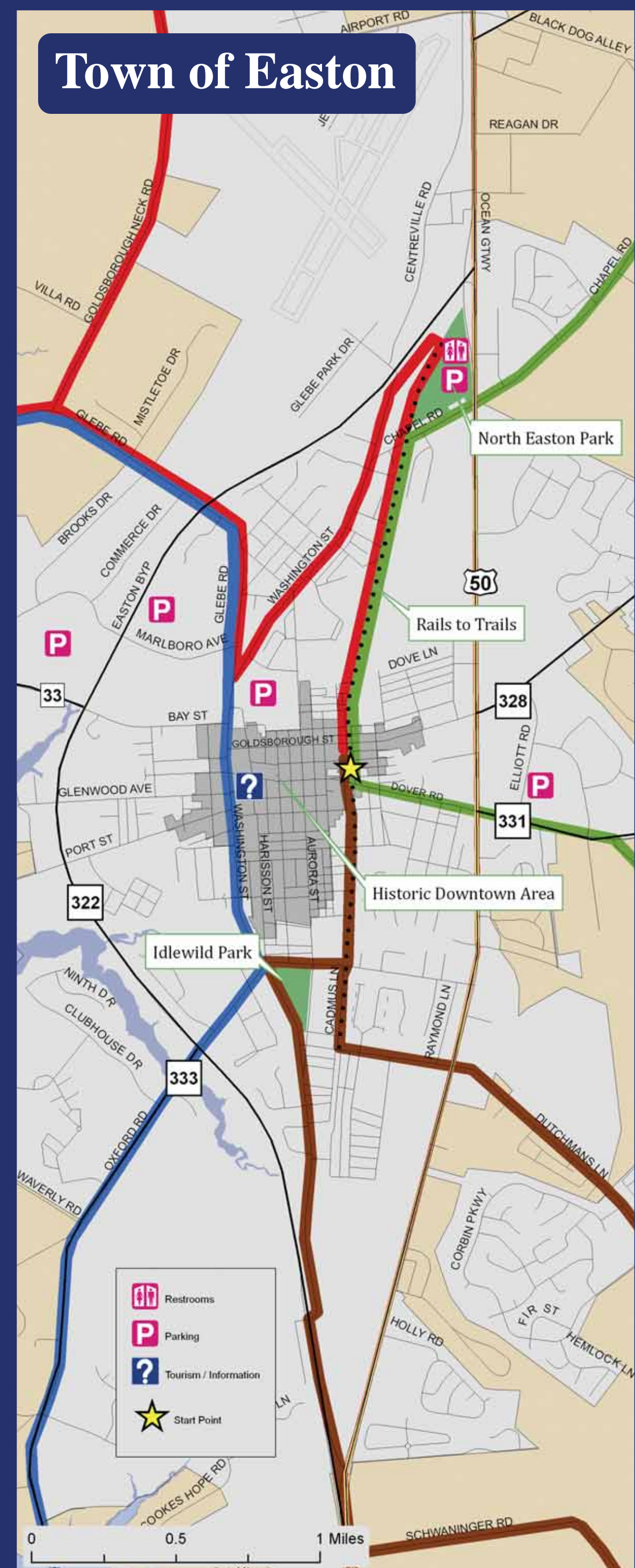
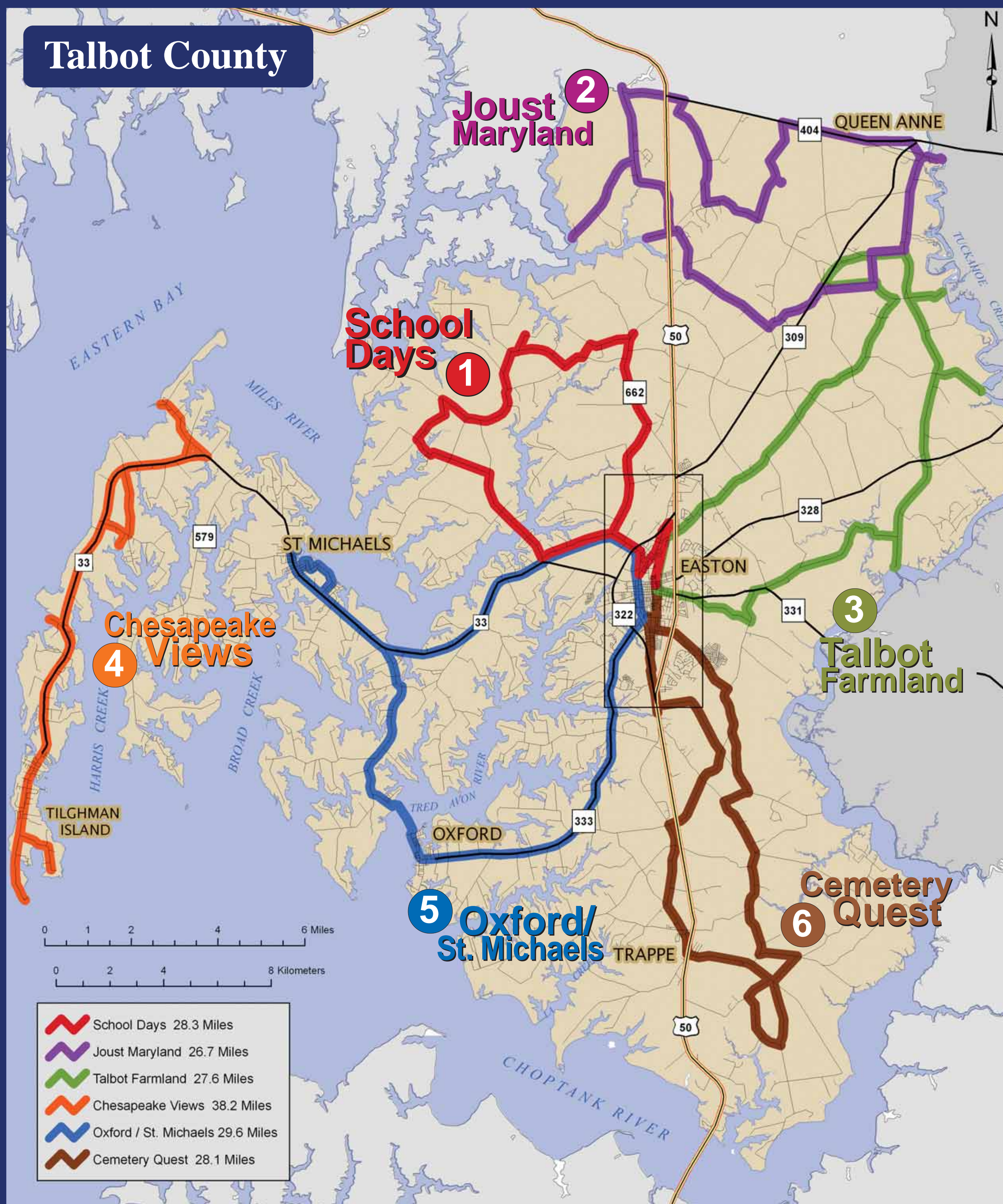
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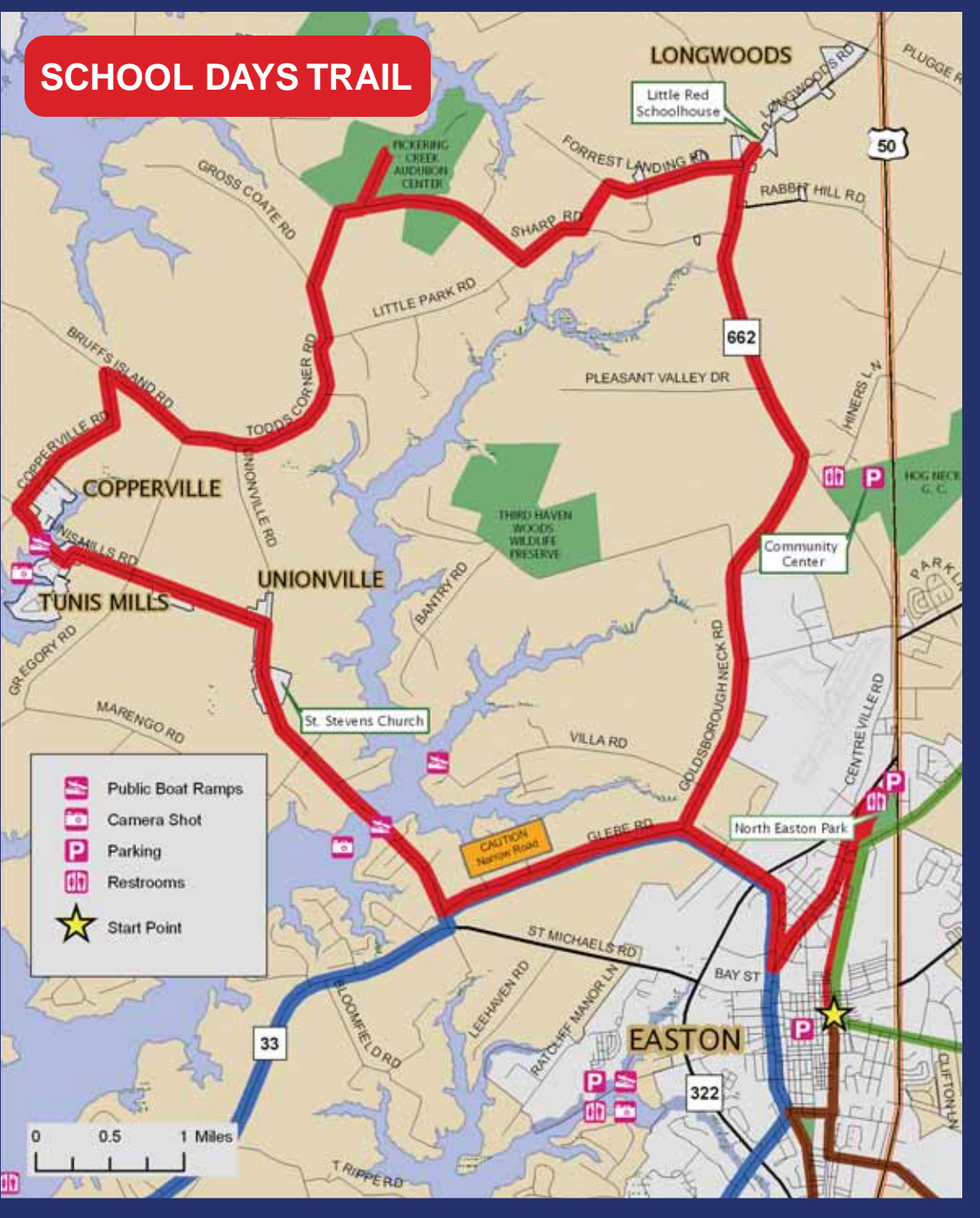
Remember: It is your responsibility to have the necessary skills, knowledge, and equipment for a safe and environmentally sensitive visit.

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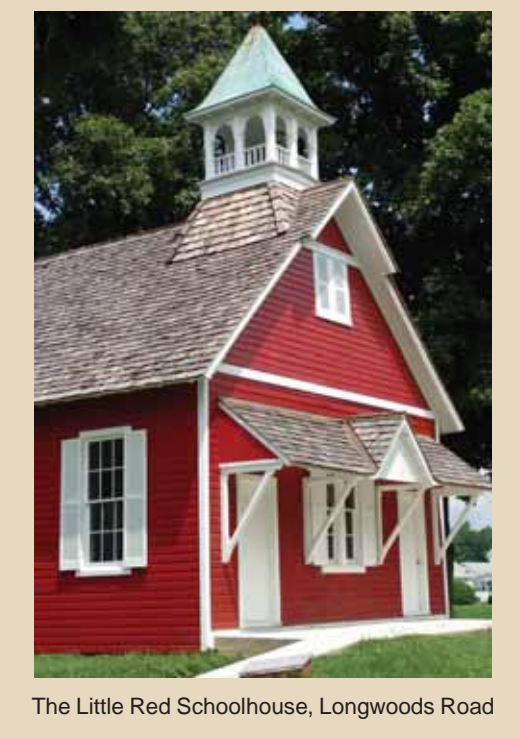
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1 School Days 28.3 Miles

Highlight is the Little Red Schoolhouse at Longwoods and the historic cemetery in Unionville with the graves of soldiers from Black regiments that fought in the Civil War. A side trip down Audubon Lane off Presquiere Rd. takes you into the heart of local environmental education at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center where blinds and observation platforms can reward bikers with binoculars with great views of Wood Duck, Great Blue Heron, Great and Snowy Egret, and migrating shorebirds in spring and fall. Bald Eagle sightings are common here. These wetlands have become a Mecca for rare birds; in recent years, sightings have included Wilson's Phalarope, Ruff, and Northern Shrike. If you are a birder-biker, take time to take a second look.



The Little Red Schoolhouse, Longwoods Road

Directions:

1. Begin at the Easton Rails to Trails on Goldsborough St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Follow the trail north to its end at the North Easton Sports Complex 1.5 miles.
2. Turn right on N. Washington St. 1.4 miles.
3. Turn right on N. Washington St. and follow it to Glebe Rd. 1.5 miles.
4. Turn right on Glebe Rd. and take it to Goldsborough Neck Rd. 1.2 miles.
5. Turn right on Goldsborough Neck Rd. and follow it to Halem School Rd. 1.9 miles.
6. Turn right on Halem School Rd. and take it to Longwoods Rd. (MD 662) 0.9 miles.
7. Turn right at Longwoods Rd. and travel to Forrest Landing Rd. 2.1 miles (if you travel past Forrest Landing Rd. a short distance you will see The Little Red Schoolhouse) Go back to Forrest Landing Rd. and follow it to Sharp Rd. 1.3 miles.
8. Turn right on Sharp Rd. and take it to Todds Corner Rd. 1.9 miles.
9. Turn right on Todds Corner Rd. and take it until it turns into Bruffs Island Rd. 2.4 miles and take Bruffs Island Rd. to Copperville Rd. 0.7 miles.
10. Turn right onto Copperville Rd. and follow it to Tunis Mills Rd. 1.2 miles.
11. Turn right onto Tunis Mills Rd., cross Leeds Creek, to Tunis Mills and continue on to Unionville Rd. 2.0 miles.
12. Turn right onto Unionville Rd. and follow it into the town of Unionville. You will come across the historic St. Stevens Church and Cemetery. Continue on Unionville Rd. to Glebe Rd. 2.4 miles.
13. Turn right on Glebe Rd. and take it to N. Washington St. 3.1 miles.
14. Turn right on N. Washington St. and take it back to the North Easton Sports Complex 1.5 miles. Take the entrance drive into the Sports Complex back to the Rails to Trails. Take the Rails to Trails back to the parking area at Goldsborough St. and Pennsylvania Ave. 1.4 miles. Glebe Rd. has no shoulder and deep ditches, ride with extreme caution.



2 Joust Maryland 26.7 Miles

This trail highlights Maryland's state sport, Jousting. For the past 138 years, in early August on "the hottest day of the year" according to participants, the Maryland Jousting Association holds its Annual Horse Show and Jousting Tournament at historic St. Joseph's Church. Annually more than 30 riders attempt to spear not one another, but a series of small rings while galloping down the course at full tilt. Bikers at any time of year will appreciate the setting. There is more Maryland history on the trail as well. Wye Landing is typical of the many steamboat docks that once ferried product and passengers to and from Baltimore well before the Bay Bridge was built. In Wye Mills the Wye Oak State Park, the smallest park in Maryland, commemorates the former state record tree.



The Wye Grist Mill, Wye Mills

Directions:

1. Start at the Wye Oak State Park and turn right out of the park onto Old Wye Mill Rd. (MD 662) south to Wye Landing 1.6 miles.
2. You can turn right onto Wye Landing Ln. and take it 2.4 miles to the boat launch at the historic landing on the Wye East River. Or you can continue on Old Wye Mill Rd. (MD 662) to US-50 1.4 miles.
3. Turn right onto US-50 and take it to Old Skipton Rd. 0.6 miles.
4. You can turn right onto Skipton Landing Rd. and cross Mill Creek at a Bird Sanctuary maintained by the Talbot Bird Club for the Maryland Ornithological Society. Follow Skipton Creek 0.6 miles.
5. Or you can turn right onto Old Skipton Rd. to Three Bridge Branch Rd. 1.2 miles.
6. Turn right onto Three Bridge Branch Rd. to Old Cordova Rd. 2.3 miles.
7. Turn right on Old Cordova Rd. Take Old Cordova Rd. to Cordova Rd. (MD 309) 1.2 miles.
8. Turn right on Cordova Rd. and head into the town of Cordova. Take Cordova Rd. for 0.5 miles to Kitty's Corner Rd.
9. Turn right on Kitty's Corner Rd. There is a country store here to get refreshments if you like. It is on the corner of Covey's Landing Rd. 200 ft.
10. Turn right on Covey's Landing Rd. and take it to Voshell Rd. 1.1 miles.
11. Turn right on Voshell Rd. and follow it to Tappers Corner Rd. (MD 303) 0.6 miles.
12. Turn right on Tappers Corner Rd. and take it to Lewistown Rd. 0.8 miles.
13. Turn right on Lewistown Rd. and travel into Queenstown 2.3 miles. From here you can take MD 404 for 0.2 miles to the Civil War Trails boat ramp.
14. Or you can turn right on Main St. (MD 303) and follow it to Queen Anne Hwy. (MD 404) 0.5 miles.
15. Turn right on Queen Anne Hwy. and take it to Church Ln. 3.0 miles.
16. Turn right on Church Ln. About a mile down Church Ln. you will see Old St. Joseph's Church founded in 1765 on the right, the site of the annual Jousting Tournament (Maryland's state sport). Continue on Church Ln. to Skipton Cordova Rd. 2.4 miles.
17. Turn right on Skipton Cordova Rd. and take it to Newtown Village Rd. 1.3 miles.
18. Turn right on Newtown Village Rd. to Newtown Rd. 0.5 miles.
19. Turn right on Newtown Rd. and follow it to Queen Anne Hwy. (MD 404) 2.2 miles. Turn right on Queen Anne Hwy. (MD 404) and follow it through the village of Wye Mills, along the route you will pass the site of the Old Wye Oak tree, Orrell's Biscuits bakery and the Old Wye Church. Follow the route back to Wye Oak State Park 1.4 miles.



3 Talbot Farmland 27.6 Miles

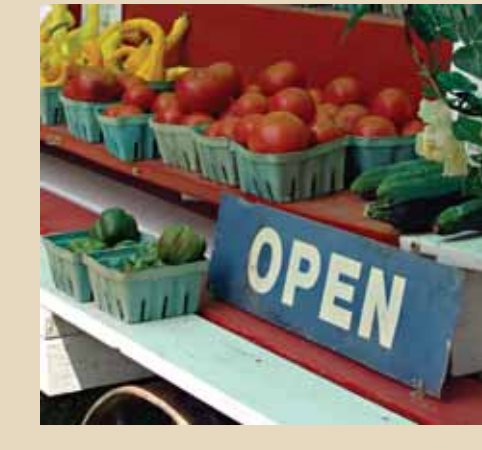
Farming accounts for 60% of land use in Talbot County, with over 80% of these lands in "grain agriculture," a rotation of wheat, corn, and soybeans whose products are sold locally to the poultry industry. This trail will take you deep into the farmland east of US 50 with wonderful "big sky" vistas. Cordova is a typical agriculture crossroads, complete with railroad tracks that once served to transport produce to canneries and markets on Delmarva and beyond. Two general stores provide refreshments that are otherwise scarce on this trail. Side trails to Covey's Landing, Reeses Landing, and Kingston Landing are worth the diversion for shade and differing views of the Choptank River. If you are a birder, the bridge at King's Creek has been reliable for Prothonotary and Yellow-throated Warbler. During the cooler months the former cornfields abound with wintering Canada Geese and Tundra Swan and, in the northern parts of the trail, huge flocks of Snow Geese settle in now and then. There is an active Bald Eagle nest in a distant sycamore east of Lewistown Rd. and a half-mile north of private Bluff Pt. Rd. The birds of the summer countryside are the beautiful Indigo Bunting and Blue Grosbeak that festoon the telephone wires like ornaments.



Reeses Landing, Reeses Landing Road

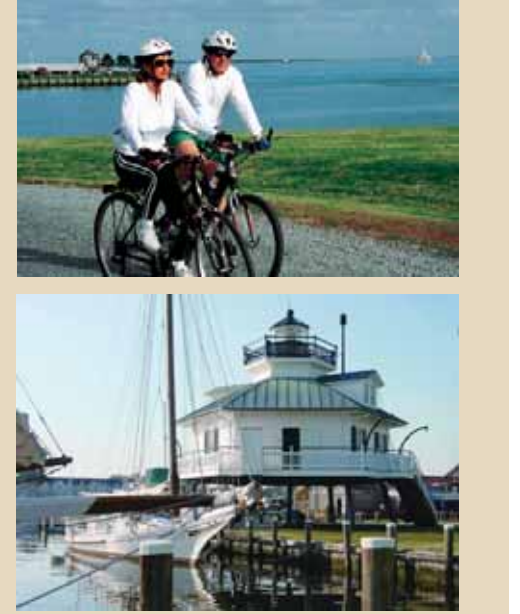
Directions:

1. Begin at the Rails to Trails in Easton. You will find it at Goldsborough St. and Pennsylvania Ave. There is plenty of parking available. From here head north on the Rails to Trails to Chapel Rd. 0.9 miles.
2. Turn right onto Chapel Rd. and take it to Covey's Landing Rd. 8.1 miles.
3. Turn right onto Covey's Landing Rd. and follow it around to the town of Cordova. 1.9 miles. Covey's Landing Rd. will end at Kitty's Corner Rd. There are two small general stores here for refreshments.
4. Turn right on Kitty's Corner Rd. and take it for 200 ft. to Cordova Rd. (MD 309).
5. Turn right onto Cordova Rd. (MD 309) and travel to Tappers Corner Rd. 1.0 mile.
6. Turn right onto Tappers Corner Rd. and take it 1.4 miles to Lewistown Rd.
7. Turn right on Lewistown Rd. and take it to Covey's Landing Rd. 1.1 miles, here you can turn right on Covey's Landing Rd. and ride down to Covey's Landing to see Tuckahoe Creek 0.8 miles. Retrace your steps back to Lewistown Rd. turn right and continue on to Reeses Landing Rd. 1.9 miles.
8. You can turn right here and go down to Reeses Landing. 1.2 miles. Retrace to Lewistown Rd.
9. Turn right back onto Lewistown Rd. and take it to Mathewstown Rd. (MD 328) 2.0 miles. Cross Mathewstown Rd. and take it to Kingston Landing 2.7 miles. Retrace your path to Kingston Rd. 0.7 miles.
10. Turn right on Kingston Rd. and travel to Black Dog Alley 3.7 miles.
11. Turn right and take it to Dover Rd. (MD 33) 213 ft.
12. Turn right onto Dover Rd. (MD 33) take it to Dover Neck Rd. 0.3 miles.
13. Turn right on Dover Neck Rd. and follow it for 0.8 miles to Chilcutt Rd. Turn right on Chilcutt Rd. and take it to Dover Rd. 1.4 miles.
14. Turn right onto Dover Rd. and take it to Rails to Trails 1.0 mile.
15. Turn right onto Rails to Trails and back to the parking area 0.1 miles.



4 Chesapeake Views 38.2 Miles

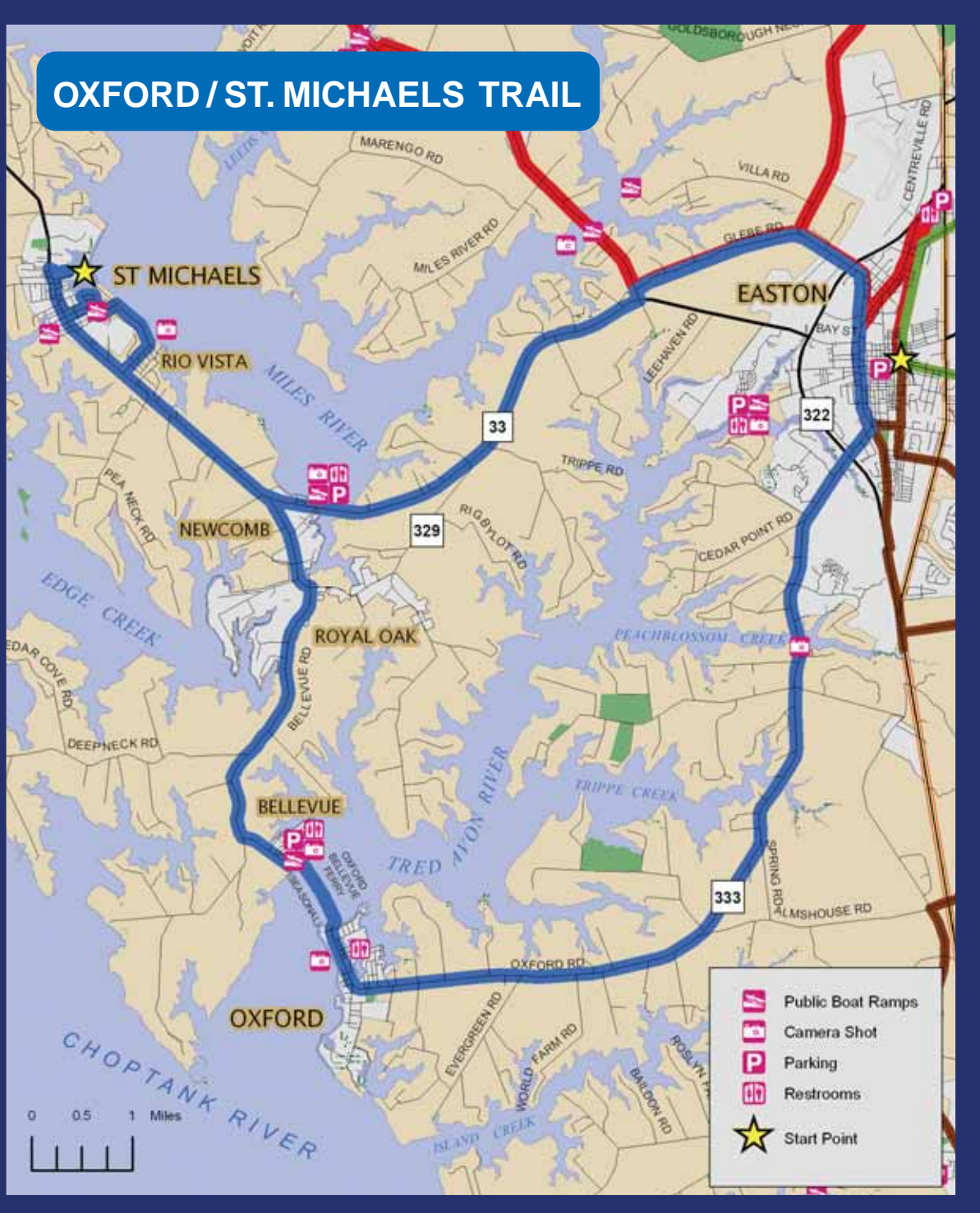
This is one of the few bike trails that will afford waterfront views of open Chesapeake Bay. The small towns of McDaniels, Wittman, and Sherwood quickly remind one of days gone by and the remarkable presence of agriculture on the Eastern Shore even on this peninsula where water is so near. Tilghman, on the other hand, is a waterman's village that formerly hosted bustling fleets of skipjacks and boats outfitted for oyster tonging, crabbing, or net fishing and today is a major port for recreational fishing. The old ferry landing in Claiborne predates the Bay Bridge and was one of the major ways people from the Western Shore eventually reached Ocean City. The trail affords a wonderful cross-section of land use and culture that contribute to Talbot County's unique sense of place.



The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Directions:

1. Begin your trip at the Claiborne Landing in the town of Claiborne which is between St. Michaels and Tilghman Island. From the landing take Claiborne Landing Rd. (MD 451) to N. Claiborne Rd. 0.2 miles.
2. Turn right on N. Claiborne Rd. and take it to Tilghman Island Rd. (MD 33) 1.5 miles.
3. Turn right on Tilghman Island Rd. and follow it to New Rd. 1.9 miles. You can continue on Tilghman Island Rd. or venture off at New Rd.
4. Turn right on New Rd. and follow it down to the town of Wittman and Pot Pie Rd. 1.5 miles.
5. Turn right on Pot Pie Rd. and follow it to Howeth Rd. 0.1 miles.
6. Turn right on Howeth Rd. and follow it to the end 0.3 miles. Here you can view Cummings Creek which is a branch of the Harris Creek from Wittman Park and the Cummings Creek Landing. Retrace your path back on Howeth Rd. to Pot Pie Rd.
7. Turn right on Pot Pie Rd. and follow it to Tilghman Island Rd. 0.6 miles.
8. Turn right on Tilghman Island Rd. and continue the trail toward Tilghman Island.
9. At Lowes Wharf Rd. 2.6 miles you can turn right and take another detour to Lowes Wharf 0.4 miles. Here you can relax and view the Chesapeake Bay.
10. Follow Lowes Wharf Rd. back crossing over Tilghman Island Rd. and follow it south until it meets up with Tilghman Island Rd. again.
11. Turn right and continue on Tilghman Island Rd. Tilghman Island Road will change names to Black Walnut Pt. Rd. when you cross the drawbridge. Follow Black Walnut Pt. Rd. to Bar Neck Rd. 5.2 miles. You can continue on or take a detour to Bar Neck Pt.
12. Turn right on Bar Neck Rd. and follow it down to Lower Bar Neck Pt. 1.3 miles. Bar Neck Pt. affords wide views of the mouth of the Choptank River. Retrace your trip back to Black Walnut Pt. Rd.
13. Turn right and continue down to the end of Tilghman Island which is Black Walnut Pt. 1.5 miles. There is a great parking area to end your trip and enjoy the Chesapeake Bay. Retrace your path back up Tilghman Island Rd. to Claiborne where you began. View includes Sharps Island Lighthouse to the south, historic North Beach and Chesapeake resorts across the Bay and Poplar Island restoration project to the north.



5 Oxford / St. Michaels 29.6 Miles

This is recognized as one of the premier bike trails in the Mid-Atlantic region. The route includes the historic boat building town of Oxford (museum, general store, restaurants), the crossroads of Royal Oak with its antique stores and post office with thatched roof that lodged in a nearby oak tree during War of 1812, the popular tourist destination of St. Michaels with its many shops and restaurants. Treat yourself to superb ice cream treats at the Scottish Highland Creamery in Oxford or Justine's in St. Michaels. It is recommended that you follow the indicated trail between MD 33 and Royal Oak; avoid Royal Oak Rd. which is very narrow with a deep ditch on one side and enjoy the view from atop Miles River Bridge instead.

Oxford Bellevue Ferry-Open 7 days a week beginning in Oxford at 9:00 a.m. Continuous crossings every 15-20 minutes.
March thru November
Last trip at sunset*
*Call (410) 745-9023 for exact times and spring start up.
Extended hours: June 1 thru August 15: Friday and Saturday evenings
Last trip leaves Oxford 8:30 p.m.
Last trip leaves Bellevue 8:45 p.m.
Closed * December * January * February

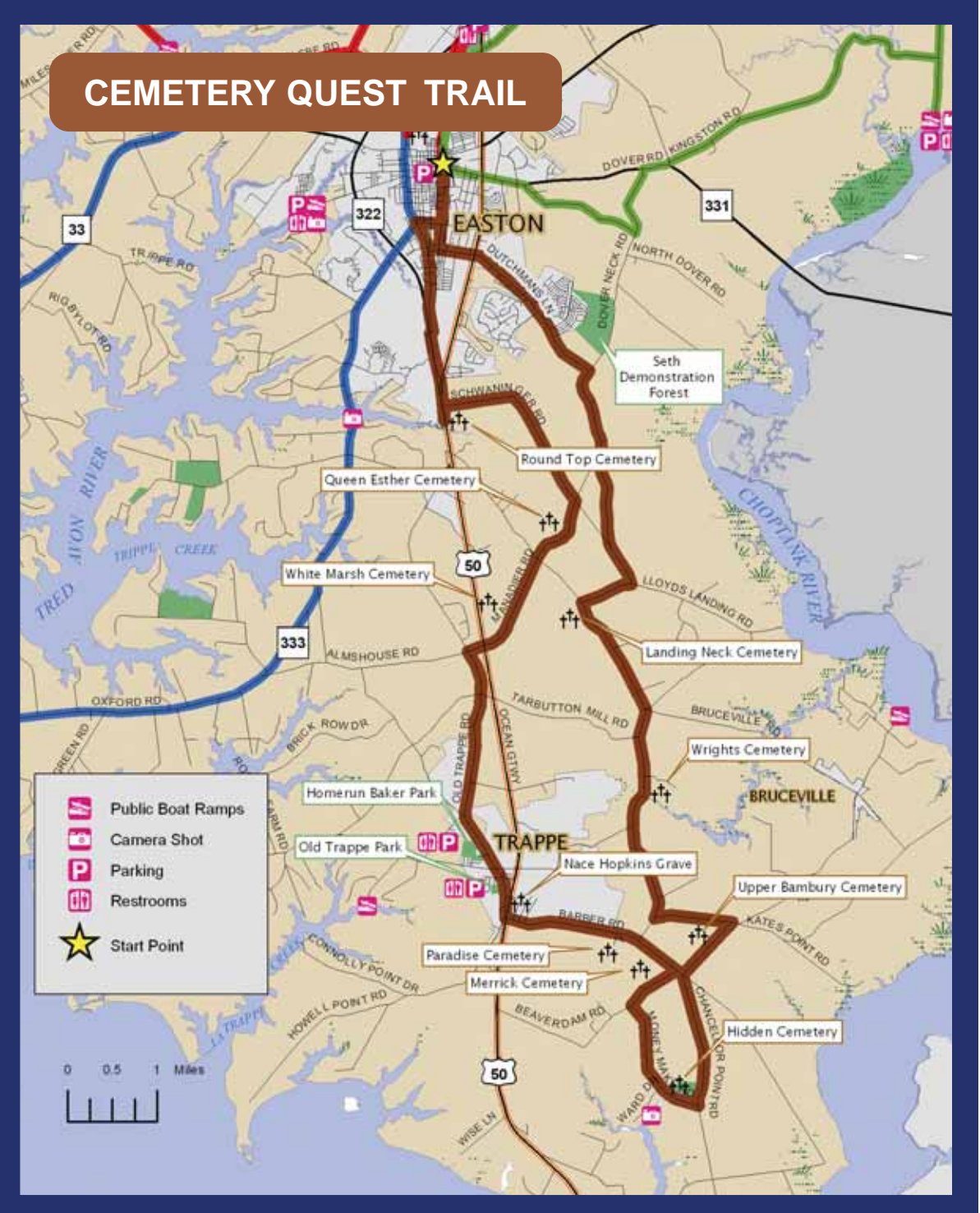


The Oxford Bellevue Ferry



Directions:

1. Begin your bike trip from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. From the Museum parking lot turn right onto N. Talbot St. and take N. Talbot St. to E. Chew Ave. 0.4 miles.
2. Turn right on E. Chew Ave. and take it to W. Harbor Rd. 0.2 miles.
3. Turn right on W. Harbor Rd. to N. Harbor Rd. around to Radcliffe Ave. 0.2 miles. Take Radcliffe Ave. to Seymour Ave. 0.2 miles.
4. Turn right on Riverview Terrace 0.2 miles.
5. Turn right on Lincoln Ave. and take it to S. Talbot St. 0.4 miles.
6. Turn right on S. Talbot St. (here it changes name to St. Michaels Rd.). Take St. Michaels Rd. to Unionville Rd. (MD 370) 6.5 miles. Take Unionville Rd. to Glebe Rd. 0.1 mile. Take Glebe Rd. to S. Washington St. Glebe Rd. will circle around and will merge into S. Washington St. 3.1 miles. Take S. Washington to Peach Blossom Rd. 1.0 mile.
7. Turn right onto Peach Blossom Rd. which will become Oxford Rd. (MD 333) and follow it to Morris St. 9.2 miles.
8. Turn right on N. Morris St. and take it to the end which is the Oxford Dock 0.6 miles. Board the Oxford Bellevue Ferry and ride it to the Bellevue Dock 0.9 miles. On the other side of the Tred Avon River disembark the Oxford Bellevue Ferry onto Bellevue Rd. and take Bellevue Rd. to the intersection of Bellevue Rd. and Ferry Neck Rd. 0.6 miles.
9. Turn right on Bellevue Rd. and take it to Royal Oak Rd. 2.8 miles.
10. Turn right on Royal Oak Rd. and take it to St. Michaels Rd. 1.0 mile.
11. Turn right onto St. Michaels Rd. and take it back to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 3.1 miles.



6 Cemetery Quest 28.1 Miles

Here is your challenge to find all the cemeteries indicated on the map. Some are prominent and marked with a church; others are smaller with only ancient tombstones; at least one is sequestered in the woods and is best found by locating the periwinkle that grows in its vicinity. Two are the resting places of famous Talbot Countians: Nathaniel "Nace" Hopkins in Trappe, and the Senior Robert Morris at the ruins of White Marsh Church, father of Robert Morris, Jr., the Revolutionary War financier who is commemorated by an inn in Oxford. What is the oldest date you can read? Let us know and we will add it to the quest.

If you are a birder, this is a great trail for binoculars. Plan to take two side trips west of Koogler Rd. Both Piney Hill Rd. and Tarbuton Mill Rd. cross streams that were once millpond sites that provided water power sufficient for grinding grain. The surrounding mature wetland forests are great for early spring migrant songbirds. You are sure to see Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, and Carolina Wren. But the specialties are Kentucky Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Ovenbird which sing often in May and June as well as the Baltimore and Orchard Oriole, Scarlet Tanager and Great Crested Flycatcher.



Old White Marsh Church

Directions:

1. Begin at the Easton Rails to Trails parking area at Goldsborough St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Head south on the Rails to Trails to Dutchman's Ln. 0.9 miles.
2. At Dutchman's Ln. turn right and ride on Dutchman's Ln. to Manadier Rd. 2.3 Miles.
3. Turn right on Manadier Rd. and ride to Boston Cliff Rd. 1.5 miles.
4. Take Boston Cliff Rd. to Schwanger Rd. Boston Cliff ends at Schwanger Rd. 0.9 miles.
5. Continue on Schwanger Rd. to Lloyds Landing Rd. 0.5 miles.
6. Turn right onto Lloyds Landing Rd. and take Lloyds Landing Rd. to Cannon Neck Rd. 0.6 miles.
7. Turn right on Landing Neck Rd. (Landing Neck Cemetery). Take Landing Neck Rd. to Wrights Mill Rd. 1.4 miles. Landing Neck Rd. ends at Wrights Mill Rd. (Wright's Cemetery) so take right fork and continue on Wrights Mill Rd. to Koogler Rd. 1.3 miles.
8. Take Koogler Rd. to Kates Point Rd. 0.9 miles.
9. Turn right on Kates Point Rd. to Bambyrd Rd. 0.8 miles.
10. Turn right on Bambyrd Rd. and take it to Chancellor Pt. Rd. 0.8 miles. (Upper Bambyrd Cemetery). Bambyrd Rd. ends at a 3 point corner. Chancellor Pt. Rd. is across the road (Jamaica Point Rd.) and a turn right.
11. Take Chancellor Pt. Rd. to Money Maker Rd. 1.5 miles. (Hidden Cemetery)
12. Turn right on Money Maker Rd. and follow it as it curves around and ends at Beaver Dam Rd. 1.5 miles.
13. Turn right on Beaver Dam Rd. and travel to Barber Rd. 1.9 miles.
14. Turn right on Barber Rd. 0.6 miles. (Merrick and Paradise Cemetery, Nace Hopkins grave). Take Barber Rd. back to US-50 Ocean Gateway.
15. Cross US-50 Ocean Gateway in Trappe and turn right onto Main St. 2.2 miles.
16. Take Main St. to Easton Trappe Rd. It is not marked and Main St. merges into Easton Trappe Rd. 1.1 miles.
17. Take Easton Trappe Rd. to Almshouse Rd. 1.9 miles.
18. Turn right on Almshouse Rd. and take Almshouse to US-50 Ocean Gateway 0.2 miles.
19. Cross US-50 Ocean Gateway and it becomes Manadier Rd. (White Marsh Cemetery with Robert Morris Sr. gravestone at church ruins) continue on Manadier Rd. to Schwanger Rd. 2.0 miles.
20. Turn right on Schwanger Rd. and follow it to the end. Schwanger Rd. will end at US-50 Ocean Gateway. 2.1 miles. (Round Top Graveyard).
21. Turn right onto US-50 Ocean Gateway and take it to MD 322. 0.4 miles.
22. Take Route 322 from US-50 Ocean Gateway to MD 565. 0.4 miles.
23. Turn right onto MD-565, this will turn into S. Washington St. follow S. Washington St. to Idelwild Ave. 1.3 miles.
24. Turn right on Idelwild Ave. 0.2 miles to Rails to Trails ride Rails to Trails back to the parking lot 0.6 miles.