

2017 EVENTS

# Dorchester County & Cambridge

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DORCHESTER

water moves us





Skipjack Nathan  
of Dorchester

## ONGOING

**Second Saturday and Art Walk:** Shops and galleries stay open late with specials, free receptions. Downtown Cambridge. *Second Saturday of the month, 5–8pm*

**Historic Cambridge Walking Tours:** Tour of historic High Street, led by a costumed docent. Long Wharf Park, Cambridge. *Saturdays, April–October, 11am*

**Choptank River Lighthouse Tours:** Free, self-guided tours of replica lighthouse. Long Wharf Park, Cambridge. *May–October, 9am–6pm daily; November–April, by appointment, call 410.463.2653*

**Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester Sails:** Two-hour sails on an authentic skipjack, a traditional oystering vessel. Long Wharf Park, Cambridge. *Saturdays, May–October*

**Ghost Walks:** Walking tour of Maryland's most haunted street. *Schedule at [chesapeakeghostwalks.com](http://chesapeakeghostwalks.com)*

**Riverboat Cruises:** Sightseeing cruises, crab feasts, and more. Suicide Bridge Restaurant, Hurlock. *April–December*

**Farmers Market:** Downtown Cambridge. *Thursdays, May–October, 3–6pm*

**Horn Point Laboratory Tours:** Behind-the-scenes look at an environmental research lab. *Tuesdays, Memorial Day through Labor Day*


**Bird Walks:** Expert birder leads a birdwatching tour at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. *Once a month during spring and fall.*

Find details on all these events at [VisitDorchester.org](http://VisitDorchester.org). New events are always being added!

## WINTER

**National Outdoor Show:** A slice of Dorchester culture: muskrat skinning, duck calling, more. *Feb. 24-25, 2017*

**Crawfish Boil & Muskrat Stew Fest:** Enjoy crawfish, muskrat, live music. Cambridge. *Feb. 26, 2017*



**GRAND OPENING - Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center:** A weekend of special events to celebrate an American hero. *March 11-12, 2017*

**Eagle Festival:** Get close up with birds of prey. Lots of activities for children. At Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. *March 11, 2017*

## SPRING

**Earth Day at Spocott Windmill:** Watch the windmill running; tour historic buildings. *April 22, 2017*

**Chicone Village Day:** Celebration of Native American history, culture at a longhouse. Vienna. *April 29, 2017*

**Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta:** Oldest powerboat race in the country. Great Marsh Park, Cambridge. *May 13-14, 2017*


**Cambridge Beer Festival:** Brews from regional breweries, food, music. Cambridge. *May 13, 2017*

**Chillin' on the Choptank:** Wine, beer, and oysters on the Choptank River. Cambridge. *May 26-27, 2017*

**Beckwith Strawberry Festival:** Strawberries, pies, cakes, flea market. Neck District Fire Hall. *May 27, 2017*

**Youth Fishing Fun Day:** Introduction to fishing at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. *June 3, 2017*

**Wings & Wheels:** Vehicle and plane show. *June 3, 2017*



Eagle Festival

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Taste of Cambridge

## SUMMER

**Taste of Cambridge Crab Cook-Off & Festival:** Taste and vote on crab dishes made by local restaurants. Plus fun for kids, music. Cambridge. *July 8, 2017*

**Reflections on Pine:** Remembering the civil unrest and fire that happened in the Pine Street area of Cambridge 50 years ago. Walking tours, art exhibits, book readings, prayer breakfast, and more. *July 21-24, 2017*

**Kids Fishing Derby:** Fun-spirited fishing for children at Long Wharf in Cambridge. *Aug. 5, 2017*

**Peach Festival:** Pies, fritters, cobbler, crab cakes, more. Antioch UM Church, Neck District. *Aug. 12, 2017*

**Seafood Feast-I-Val:** All-you-can-eat steamed crabs, fried fish, crab soup, fried clams, BBQ chicken, sides. Plus car show, live music. Cambridge. *Aug. 12, 2017*

**Crab Week at the Hyatt Chesapeake:** Crabbing lessons, crab cooking demos, crab feasts at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort. *Aug. 19-26, 2017*

**Native American Festival:** Traditional dancing, drumming, crafts, food. Vienna. *Sept. 16-17, 2017*

**Summer Send-Off:** Say farewell to summer with a fun street festival. Downtown Cambridge. *Sept. 16, 2017*

## FALL

**Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race:** Watch icons of the Chesapeake Bay take to the water. Food, exhibits, more. Cambridge. *Sept. 23, 2017*

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# FALL

## **Harvest Festival at Layton's Chance Winery:**

Grape stomping, hayrides, pony rides, music. Vienna. Sept. 23, 2017

**Crabtoberfest:** Dancing, music, German beer and food, crabs. Cambridge. Sept. 23, 2017

**Dorchester Center for the Arts Showcase:** Community arts festival. Cambridge. Sept. 24, 2017

**East New Market Heritage Day:** African-American music, dance, food, and fellowship. Oct. 7, 2017

**Hurlock Fall Festival & Train Rides:** Small town festival and rides on a historic train. Oct. 7, 2017

**Slave Dwelling Project:** A powerful experience of dwellings that were once used as homes to enslaved people. Oct. 13–15, 2017

**Beckwith Apple Festival:** Dumplings, pies, and more, plus flea market, crafts. Neck District. Oct. 21, 2017

**Cambridge Schooner Tall Ship Rendezvous:** Majestic vessels offer dockside tours and sails; plus food, maritime music, vendors. Oct. 21–22, 2017

**Sailwinds Park East Kite Festival:** Fun for all ages with kite-flying, kids' activities, face painting, food, more. Cambridge. Oct. 29, 2017

**Belgian Beer Festival:** Brews, food prepared by local restaurants, music. Cambridge. Nov. 11, 2017

**Oyster Week at the Hyatt Chesapeake:** Tastings, cook-outs, kid-friendly fun. Cambridge. Nov. 18–26, 2017

**A Cambridge Christmas:** Tree-lighting ceremony and festivities in downtown Cambridge. Nov. 25, 2017

**Christmas Train Garden:** Train display created by Rescue Fire Company. Cambridge. Dec. 1–30, 2017

**Nativity Tour:** See 25+ nativity scenes from around the world at Cambridge House B&B. Throughout Dec.

Harvest Festival



### **Cambridge-Dorchester Christmas Parade:**

Lighting of the Crab Basket Christmas Tree, followed by nighttime parade. Cambridge. Dec. 2, 2017

**Santa Swim:** Volunteers take a dip in the chilly waters of the Choptank for charity. Cambridge. Dec. 9, 2017

**Vienna Luminaries and House Tours:** 300-year-old town shares holiday glow with 1,500 luminaries, house tours, Santa, refreshments, music. Vienna. Dec. 16, 2017

Crab Basket Tree



## 2017 Races & Endurance Events

Crab Run Half-Marathon and 5K: April 8, 2017

Race2Erase PTSD (10-Mile, 5K, 1-Mile): April 30, 2017

Six Pillars Century Cycling Tour: May 6, 2017

Great Chesapeake Bay Wellness 10K/5K/3K: May 13, 2017

IRONMAN 70.3 Eagleman Triathlon: June 11, 2017

Kids' Firecracker Triathlon: July 4, 2017

Heart of the Chesapeake Bike Tour: July 22, 2017

IRONMAN Maryland Triathlon: Oct. 7, 2017

Eagleman IRONMAN 70.3

