



# 2025

# ANNUAL EVENTS



Choptank River Lighthouse

## ONGOING

**Birding Tours:** Expert birder leads tours at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Schedule at [friendsofblackwater.org](http://friendsofblackwater.org)

**Choptank River Lighthouse Tours:** Free, self-guided tours. Long Wharf Park, Cambridge. May-Oct, 9:30am-5:30pm daily; Nov-April, by appointment, call 410-463-2653

**Farmers Market:** Long Wharf, Cambridge. Thursdays, April-November, 3-6pm

**Cambridge Ghost Walks:** Tour Maryland's most haunted street. [chesapeakeghosts.com](http://chesapeakeghosts.com)

**Handsell:** Historic site celebrating three cultures open for self-guided tours dawn to dusk. [restorehandsell.org](http://restorehandsell.org)

**Horn Point Lab Tours:** Behind-the-scenes look. Tuesdays 10am in the summer

**Night Sky Tours:** See the night sky through an astronomical telescope. Monthly.

Email [BlackwaterSkyTour@gmail.com](mailto:BlackwaterSkyTour@gmail.com).

**Choptank Riverboat Cruises:** Sightseeing cruises, crab feasts, more. Schedule at [suicide-bridge-restaurant.com](http://suicide-bridge-restaurant.com). April-October

**Second Saturday/Art Walk:** Shops and galleries stay open late. Downtown Cambridge. 2nd Saturday each month, 5-8pm

**Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester Sails:** Sail on a traditional oystering vessel. Long Wharf, Cambridge. Reserve at [skipjack-nathan.org](http://skipjack-nathan.org). Most Saturdays, May-October



Chicone Village Day

## SPRING

**HARRIET TUBMAN DAY:** Harriet Tubman Visitor Center holds special programs in honor of Tubman, who was born in Dorchester County. March 8, 2025



**Spocott Windmill Open House:** Tour historic windmill and buildings. April 19, 2025

**Chicone Village Day:** Celebration of Native American history and culture. Near Vienna. April 26, 2025

**Burning of the Vines:** Layton's Chance Winery hosts a huge bonfire of last season's grapevines. May 3, 2025

**May the 4th Fest** Street festival with art, drinks, music, tacos. Downtown Cambridge. May 3, 2025

**Pride of Baltimore in Cambridge:** Tall ship offers dock tours. May 16-18, 2025

**Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta:** Watch boats race up to 170 mph. Watch from Great Marsh Park. May 17-18, 2025

**Bluegrass Festival:** At Old Salty's Restaurant on Hoopers Island. May 17, 2025

**W.T. Ruark Fishing Tournament:** Open to kids and adults. Benefits Hoopers Island Volunteer Fire Company. June 2, 2024

**Old Trinity Church 350th:** One of the country's oldest churches has anniversary event. June 14, 2025



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## SUMMER

**Fireworks:** Watch the show over the Choptank River from Great Marsh or Long Wharf Park. *July 4, 2025*

**Thunder on the Choptank:** Powerboat races on the Choptank River. Watch from Great Marsh Park. *July 19-20, 2025*

**Kids Fishing Derby:** Mid-Shore Fishing Club hosts. Long Wharf, Cambridge. *Aug. 9, 2025*

**Groove City Culture Fest:** Street fest celebrating African-American culture. Cambridge. *Aug. 16, 2025*

**Boat Docking Contests:** Watch boat captains show their stuff. Taylors Island *Aug. 24*. Hoopers Island *Sept. 7*. Suicide Bridge Restaurant *Sept. 14*

**Native American Festival:** Traditional dancing, drumming, crafts, food. Vienna. *Sept. 13, 2025*

## FALL

**Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race:** Watch icons of the Chesapeake Bay race. Cambridge. *Sept. 27, 2025*

**Taste of Cambridge:** Enjoy tastes by the area's best chefs. Plus music, fun for kids. Downtown Cambridge. *Sept. 27, 2025*

**Dorchester Center for the Arts Showcase:** Community arts festival. Cambridge. *Sept. 28, 2025*

**Hurlock Fall Festival & Train Rides:** Small town festival and rides on a historic train. *Oct. 4, 2025*

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**Harvest Festival at Layton's Chance Winery:** Grape stomping, hayrides, pony rides, music. *Oct. 5, 2025*

**Nanticoke River Jamboree:** Nature exhibits, re-enactors, food, craft vendors, children's period games, more. Near Vienna. *Oct. 11, 2025*

**Fun Dog Show:** Parade of dogs and owners. Lots of fun categories. *Oct. 18, 2025*

**Kite Festival at Sailwinds Park:** Fun for all ages with kite-flying, fun for kids. Cambridge. *Oct. 19, 2025*

**Toast & Toasted:** Layton's Chance hosts bonfire, s'mores, and wine. *Nov. 7, 2025*

**Cambridge Coin Show:** Buy, sell, and trade rare coins, currency, tokens, and medals. *Nov. 15, 2025*

**Christmas Train Garden:** Train display created by Rescue Fire Company. Cambridge. *Dec. 1-31, 2025*

**Vienna Christmas Parade & More:** Watch a small-town parade, meet Santa, more. *Nov. 29, 2025*

**Cambridge-Dorchester Christmas Parade:** One of Maryland's largest nighttime holiday parades. Cambridge. *Dec. 6, 2025*

**Hurlock Christmas Parade:** *Dec. 13, 2025*

**Vienna Luminaries & House**

**Tours:** Colonial town brings on the holiday charm. Vienna. *Dec. 20, 2025*



## RACES & ENDURANCE EVENTS

Run Fur Their Lives 5K Fun Run/Walk: *April 19, 2025*

Six Pillars Century Cycling Tour: *May 10, 2025*

Cambridge Crab Run: *May 11, 2025*

IRONMAN 70.3

Eagleman Triathlon:  
*June 8, 2025*

Gerry Boyle Firecracker Kids' Triathlon: *July 4, 2025*

IRONMAN Maryland Triathlon: *Sept. 20, 2025*

Wild Goose Chase Women's Cycling Event:  
*Sept. 13-14, 2025*

GFNY Maryland Cycling Event: *Oct. 5, 2025*

