



2026

ANNUAL EVENTS

MD TWO FIFTY

DORCHESTER'S STORY IS AMERICA'S STORY



Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester

ONGOING

Birding Tours: Expert birder leads tours at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Schedule at 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 23-November, 3-6pm

Cambridge Ghost Walks: Tour Maryland's most haunted street. chesapeakeghosts.com

Handsell: Historic site celebrating three cultures open for self-guided tours dawn to dusk. 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.

Choptank Riverboat Cruises: Sightseeing cruises, crab feasts, more. Schedule at 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. Most Saturdays, May-October



Chicone Village Day

WINTER

Eagle Festival: See birds of prey up close. Family-friendly. Blackwater Wildlife Refuge. March 14, 2026

Cambridge Coin Show: Experience the world of coin collecting. March 14, 2026

Paddy on Poplar: St Patrick's Day fun in Downtown Cambridge. March 14, 2026

HARRIET TUBMAN MONTH: March is the month when she was born here in Dorchester County. Special events, more at VisitDorchester.org.



SPRING

Threads Through Time Historic Fashion Show: See clothing styles from colonial times through the 1970s. Cambridge Woman's Club. April 18, 2026

Spocott Windmill Open House: Tour historic windmill and buildings. April 18, 2026

Chicone Village Day: Celebration of Native American history and culture. At Handsell. April 25, 2026

Burning of the Vines: Celebrate the start of the growing season. Layton's Chance Winery. May 2, 2026

Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta: Speed on the water! Watch from Great Marsh Park. May 23-24, 2026

Wags, Wings & Wheels: Planes, cars, music, food. Cambridge-Dorchester Airport. June 6, 2026

Youth Fishing Fun Day: With Blackwater Refuge. June 6, 2026



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Taylors Island Boat Docking

SUMMER

MD 100 **Commemoration of a New Nation:** Crafts, period music, reading of the Declaration of Independence. Dorchester County Historical Society. *June 27, 2026*

MD 100 **"Voices of the Shore" Music Festival & Car Show:** Ending with fireworks. Hurlock. *July 4, 2026*

Fireworks: Watch the show over the Choptank River from Great Marsh or Long Wharf Park. *July 4, 2026*

Kids Fishing Derby: Mid-Shore Fishing Club hosts. Long Wharf, Cambridge. *Aug. 1, 2026*

Groove City Culture Fest: Street fest celebrating African-American culture. Cambridge. *Aug. 15, 2026*

Boat Docking Contests: Watch boat captains show their stuff. Taylors Island *Aug. 30*. Hoopers Island *Sept. 13*. Suicide Bridge Restaurant *Sept. 20*.

MD 100 **Battle of Vienna:** Living history at Handsell Historic Site. Details to come. *Aug. 29, 2026*

Thunder on the Choptank: Powerboat races on the Choptank River. *Aug. 29-30, 2026*

Native American Festival: Traditional dancing, drumming, crafts, food. Vienna. *Sept. 19, 2026*

FALL

Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race: Watch icons of the Chesapeake Bay race. Cambridge. *Sept. 26, 2026*

Dorchester Center for the Arts Showcase: Community arts festival. Cambridge. *Sept. 27, 2026*

Find out more!

VisitDorchester.org

410-228-1000

2 Rose Hill Pl., Cambridge, MD

Hurlock Fall Festival & Train Rides: Small town festival and rides on a historic train. *Oct. 4, 2026*

Harvest Festival at Layton's Chance Winery: Grape stomping, hayrides, pony rides, music. *Oct. 4, 2026*

Horn Point Lab Open House: Interactive exhibits, Bay-themed hands-on fun and activities. *Oct. 10, 2026*

MD 100 **Boatyard Bash:** Boats, oysters, beer, music, more. At Richardson Maritime Museum. *Oct. 10, 2026*

Fun Dog Show: Parade of dogs and owners. Lots of fun categories. Cambridge. *Oct. 17, 2026*

Toast & Toasted: Layton's Chance hosts bonfire, s'mores, and wine. *Nov. 6, 2026*

Cambridge Coin Show: American Legion. *Nov. 21, 2026*

Christmas Train Garden: Train display created by Rescue Fire Company. Cambridge. *Dec. 1-31, 2026*

Vienna Christmas Parade & More: Watch a small-town parade, meet Santa. *Nov. 28, 2026*

Cambridge-Dorchester Christmas Parade: Downtown Cambridge. *Dec. 5, 2026*

Hurlock Christmas Parade: *Dec. 12, 2026*

Vienna Luminaries & House Tours: Colonial town brings on the holiday charm. Vienna. *Dec. 19, 2026*



Crab Basket Tree,
Downtown Cambridge

RACES & ENDURANCE EVENTS

Run Fur Their Lives 5K Fun Run/Walk: *May 2, 2026*

Six Pillars Century Cycling Tour: *May 9, 2026*

Cambridge Crab Run: *May 10, 2026*

IRONMAN 70.3

Eagleman Triathlon:
June 14, 2026

Gerry Boyle Firecracker Kids' Triathlon: *July 4, 2026*

IRONMAN Maryland Triathlon: *Sept. 19, 2026*

Wild Goose Chase Women's Cycling Event:
Sept. 26-27, 2026

GFNY Maryland Cycling Event: *Oct. 4, 2026*

