



CYCLING GUIDE

TO DORCHESTER COUNTY

On Maryland's Eastern Shore

HEART OF THE CHESAPEAKE

DORCHESTER

water moves us





Welcome to Dorchester County!

We're known for our quiet roads, unspoiled landscapes and waterscapes, and wildlife. We are home to two IRONMAN triathlons. This is also the birthplace of Harriet Tubman of Underground Railroad fame. Find out more at [VisitDorchester.org](https://www.visitdorchester.org).

BIKE RENTAL:

- Blackwater Adventures, bike rentals and guided tours. Two locations: 2524 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge (near Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge). Also at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, 100 Heron Blvd., Cambridge. 410.901.9255, [blackwateradventuresmd.com](https://www.blackwateradventuresmd.com).
- RIDE Cambridge, cruiser and scooter rentals. 409 Muir St., Cambridge, 240.855.7038.
- On the Rivet, beach cruiser rentals, 2833 Ocean Gateway East (Route 50), Cambridge, 410.221.9981.
- Dorchester Visitor Center, cruiser rental, 2 Rose Hill Pl., Cambridge, 410.228.1000.

BIKE SALES AND REPAIR:

- On the Rivet, 2833 Ocean Gateway East, (Route 50), Cambridge, 410.221.9981.
- Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge) has a self-serve "fix-it station" with tools.

1 Cambridge to Neck District – Out and Back

32-mile ride past windmill; some water views

Ride the northwestern part of the county known as the Neck District, so called for all the little peninsulas (or necks) jutting into the water. Ride through small communities, farmlands, and enjoy great water views at the turn-around point. Take in some history at Spocott Windmill & Village (at about mile 6.9); open dawn to dusk daily for self-guided tours. For a full listing of area restaurants, go to VisitDorchester.org.

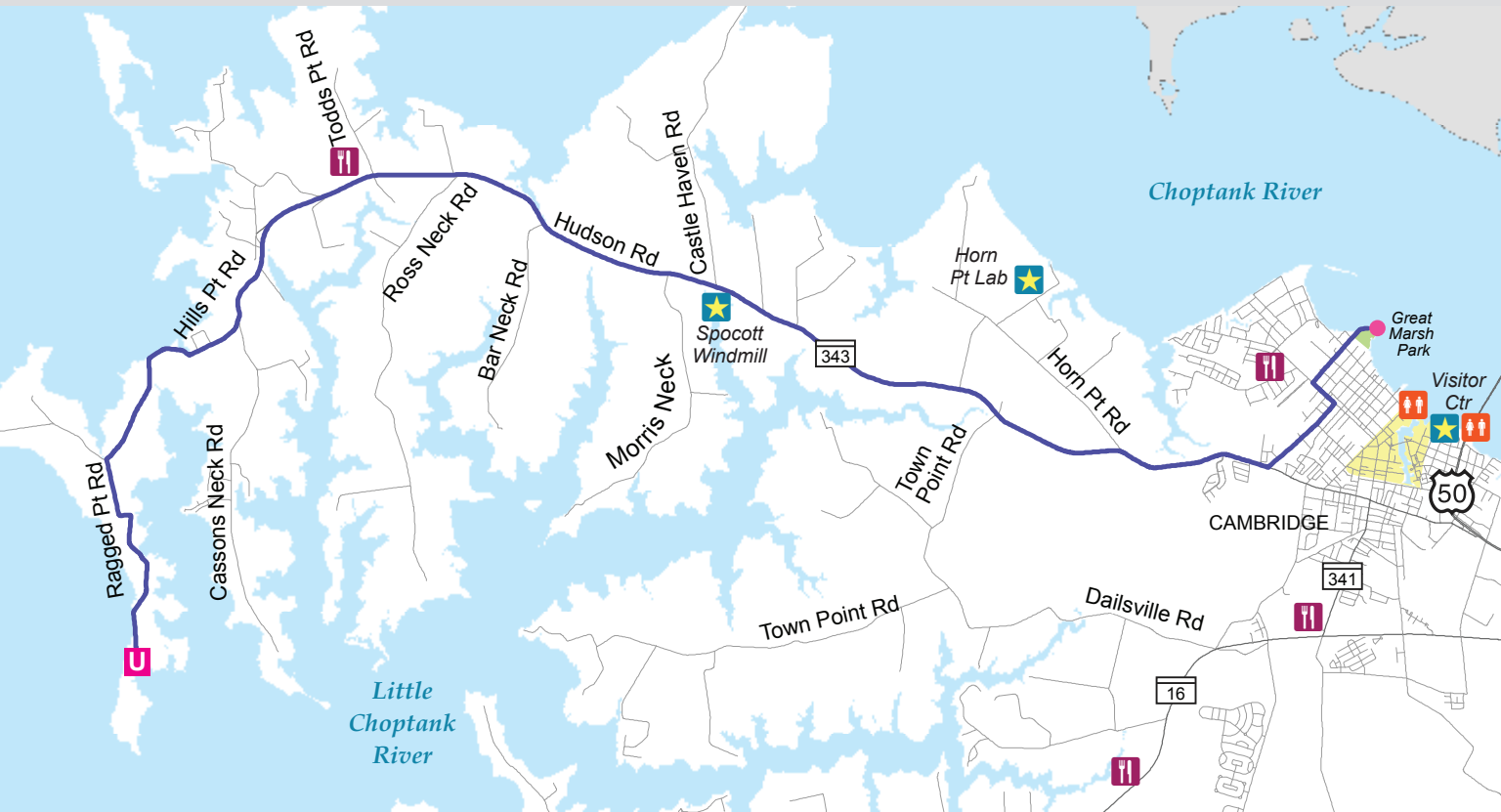
Starting Point Great Marsh Park, 1 Somerset Ave., Cambridge, MD

Approx. Miles 32 miles

Approx. Time 2.5-3 hours (at 12mph)

At A Glance Watch for traffic on parts of Route 343. Course can be windy. Not much shade. Highlights include Spocott Windmill and Village. Great views at far point of route at Ragged Point.

MILE	TURN	DESCRIPTION	AND GO
0.00	S	Straight on Somerset St.	0.69
0.69	L	Left on Glasgow St.	0.26
0.95	R	Right on Leonards Ln.	0.80
1.75	R	Right on Rt. 343	1.31
3.06	L	Bear left on Hudson Rd.	8.12
11.18	L	Bear left on Hudson Rd.	0.93
12.11	R	Bear right on Hills Pt Rd.	1.90
14.01	L	Left on Ragged Point Rd. and follow until the end	1.83
15.84	U	U-Turn and retrace steps above	15.84
31.68		End at Great Marsh Park	



2 IRONMAN Loop

55+ miles following the same course as Eagleman triathletes

This is the course that IRONMAN triathletes have used for the bike portion of the 70.3 Eagleman race that happens here each June. For specifics on the bike route of IRONMAN Maryland (a 140.6-mile triathlon), go to ironman.com and search for IRONMAN Maryland. For a full listing of area restaurants, go to VisitDorchester.org.

- Starting Point
- Great Marsh Park, 1 Somerset Ave., Cambridge, MD
- Approx. Miles
- 55+ miles
- Approx. Time
- 4.5-5 hours (at 12mph)
- At A Glance
- Course can be windy. Not much shade. Highlights include Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center (at mile 38.5). (Harriet Tubman lived and toiled in this area for her first 27 years.)



MILE	TURN	DESCRIPTION	AND GO
0.00	S	Straight on Somerset St.	0.70
0.70	R	Right on Glasgow St.	0.19
0.89	L	Left on Jenkins Creek Rd.	0.58
1.47	L	Left on West Side Bypass (Road may not be marked. Look for concrete barriers and ride between them.)	0.67
2.14	R	Right on Route 343	1.15
3.29	R	Bear right on Horns Point Rd.	1.67
4.96	L	Left on Lovers Ln.	0.68
5.64	L	Left on Route 343	0.40
6.04	R	Right on Town Point Rd./Dailsville Rd.	4.44
10.48	R	Right on Church Creek Rd. (Rt 16)	12.41
22.89	L	Left on Smithville Rd.	7.10
29.99	L	Left on Hoopers Island Rd. (Rt 335)	1.93
31.92	L	Left on Golden Hill Rd. to stay on Rt. 335	5.90
37.82	R	Right on Key Wallace Dr.	2.26
40.08	L	Left on Egypt Rd.	7.08
47.16	L	Left on Rock Dr.	0.48
47.65	S	Cross Route 16 to Dailsville Rd.	4.44
52.09	R	Right on Route 343	1.18
53.27	L	Left on West Side Bypass	0.67
53.94	R	Right on Jenkins Creek Rd.	0.58
54.52	R	Right on Glasgow St.	0.19
54.71	L	Left on Somerset St.	0.70
55.41		End at Great Marsh Park	



3 Blackwater Wildlife Refuge – Out and Back

24-mile excursion in and around scenic wildlife refuge

This out-and-back route explores parts of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, with 28,000 acres of protected marshland, wooded areas, and fields. Start at the refuge's Visitor Center at 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge, with restrooms, exhibits, and a self-service bicycle "fix-it" station. Center is open daily 8am-4pm Mon-Fri; 9am-5pm Sat-Sun. More at friendsofblackwater.org. At the end of Wildlife Drive, across Route 335, is the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park and Visitor Center. Cross carefully. Open 9am-5pm daily. Free admission.

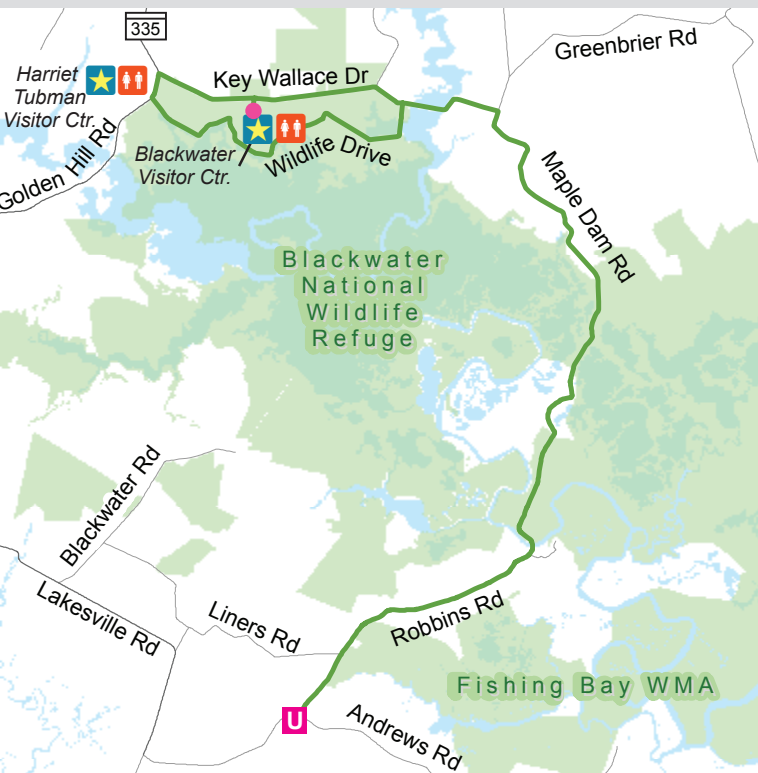
Starting Point Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge,
2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge

Approx. Miles 24 miles

Approx. Time 2 hours (at 12mph) (allow extra time for wildlife watching)

At A Glance Route travels through dramatic marshland before entering the refuge's 4-mile Wildlife Drive with beautiful vistas and wildlife. Nominal fee per bicycle at the drive's entrance; cash only.

MILE	TURN	DESCRIPTION	AND GO
0.00	S	Straight out driveway of Blackwater Visitor Center	0.07
0.07	R	Right on Key Wallace Dr.	1.60
1.67	R	Right on Maple Dam Rd.	8.39
10.06	U	U-Turn at intersection with Andrews Rd.	8.39
18.45	L	Left on Key Wallace Dr.	1.04
19.49	L	Left into entrance of Wildlife Dr.; nominal entry fee, cash only (\$)	2.52
22.01	L	Left to continue on Wildlife Dr.	1.00
23.01	R	Right on Golden Hill Rd. (Rt. 335); note Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park & Visitor Center across the street	0.25
23.26	R	Right on Key Wallace Dr.	1.03
24.29	R	Right into Blackwater Visitor Center	0.07
24.36	S	End at Blackwater Visitor Center Parking Lot	



4 Cambridge Waterfront Out and Back

12-mile city ride with lighthouse, great Choptank River views, restaurants

This ride offers beautiful views of the Choptank River waterfront, the Choptank River Lighthouse (open May-October, 9am-6pm), a marina, parks, and more. It passes by the Dorchester Visitor Center, where you can stop for restrooms and information about the area. (Open daily, 8:30am-5pm.) The ride starts at the Hyatt Chesapeake Resort; you don't have to be a guest to park there. Be aware and ride carefully on busy city streets. For a full listing of area restaurants, go to VisitDorchester.org.

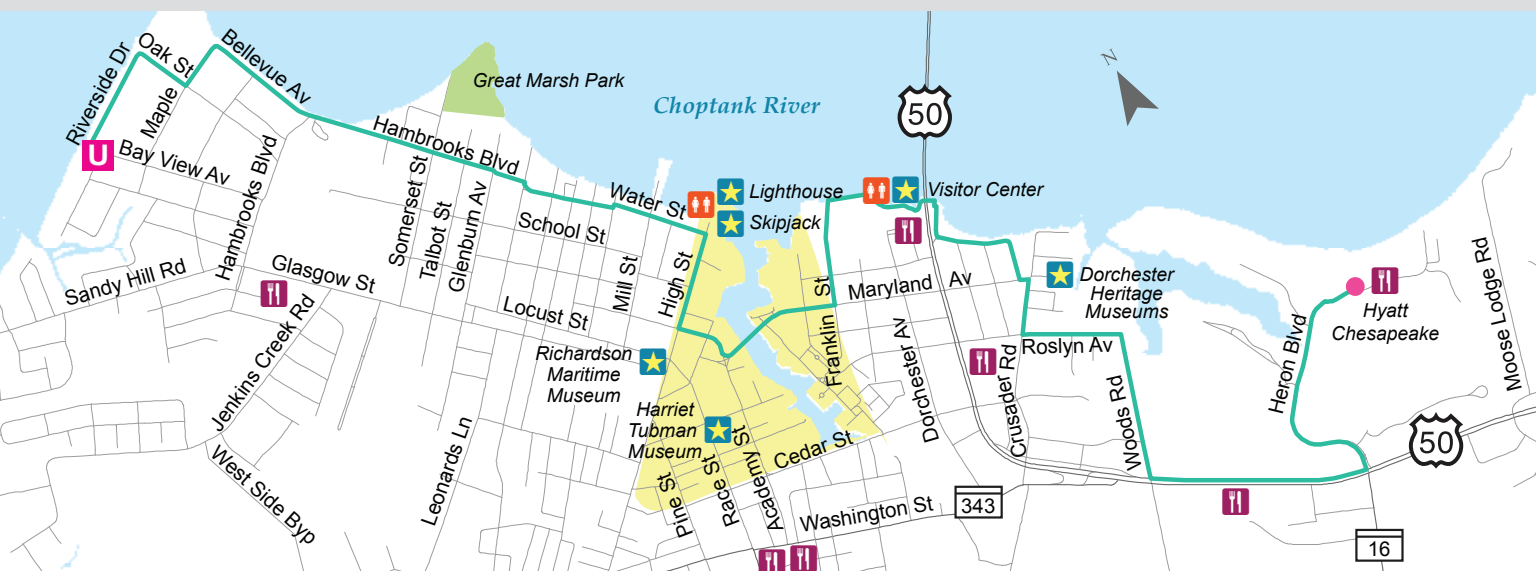
Starting Point Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, 100 Heron Blvd., Cambridge. Park in River Marsh Golf Club parking lot (first lot on your right).

Approx. Miles 11.5 miles

Approx. Time 1 hour (at 12mph)

At A Glance Some streets can be busy. Route crosses a narrow drawbridge on Maryland Avenue and travels for a few blocks on a brick-cobbled street (High Street). Note orientation of map.

MILE	TURN	DESCRIPTION	AND GO
0.00	L	Left out of parking lot, then left to exit Hyatt	0.69
0.69	R	Right on raised cycle path at Route 50	0.57
1.26	R	Right on Woods Rd.	0.39
1.65	L	Left on Roslyn Ave.	0.26
1.91	R	Right on Crusader Rd.	0.15
2.06	L	Left on Maryland Ave.	0.02
2.08	R	Right on Hiawatha Rd; becomes Radiance Dr.	0.29
2.37	R	Right onto fishing pier. Walk bike up ramp on left and under Rt 50 bridge	0.13
2.50	S	Follow boardwalk along waterfront	0.29
2.79	L	Left on Franklin St. by boat ramp	0.28
3.07	R	Right on Maryland Ave.; carefully follow over narrow drawbridge	0.33
3.40	R	Right on Academy St.	0.16
3.56	R	Right on High St. (brick-cobbled street)	0.26
3.82	L	Left on Water St.	0.25
4.07	S	Dogleg; road changes to Hambrooks Blvd.	0.85
4.92	S	Road changes name to Bellevue Ave.	0.31
5.23	L	Left on Maple Ave.	0.13
5.36	R	Right on Oak St.	0.15
5.51	L	Left on Riverside Dr.	0.28
5.79	U	U-turn; retrace steps above	5.79
11.58		End at Hyatt Chesapeake	



5 Layton's Chance Winery Loop

Easy 10 miles of country roads through farmland

Ride quiet, flat country roads through the farmland that surrounds Layton's Chance Vineyard and Winery. Start and end your ride at the winery and stay for a wine tasting! (Winery is usually open daily; check laytonschance.com for hours and info on free tours.)

Starting Point Layton's Chance Winery,
4225 New Bridge Rd., Vienna

Approx. Miles 10 miles

Approx. Time 45 mins to 1 hour (at 12mph)

At A Glance Course can be windy. Not much shade.
Nice waterviews of the Chicamamico River.



MILE	TURN	DESCRIPTION	AND GO
0.00	S	Straight out winery driveway	0.07
0.07	R	Right on New Bridge Rd.	1.55
1.62	R	Right on Steele Neck Rd.	2.98
4.60	R	Bear right on Drawbridge Rd.	1.90
6.50	R	Right on Ravenwood Rd.	2.41
8.91	R	Right on New Bridge Rd.	0.83
9.74	R	Right into Layton's Chance Winery	0.07
9.81	S	End at Parking Lot	

"Dorchester County's country roads gently turn and twist through flat, vast coastal marshes and over scenic Chesapeake waterways. The roads near Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge are well paved and ideal for cycling. You'll be rewarded with bald eagle sightings too numerous to count, history and heritage in every village along the way, and stunning sunsets."

—Jim Rapp, naturalist and director of the Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center

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FIND OUT MORE:

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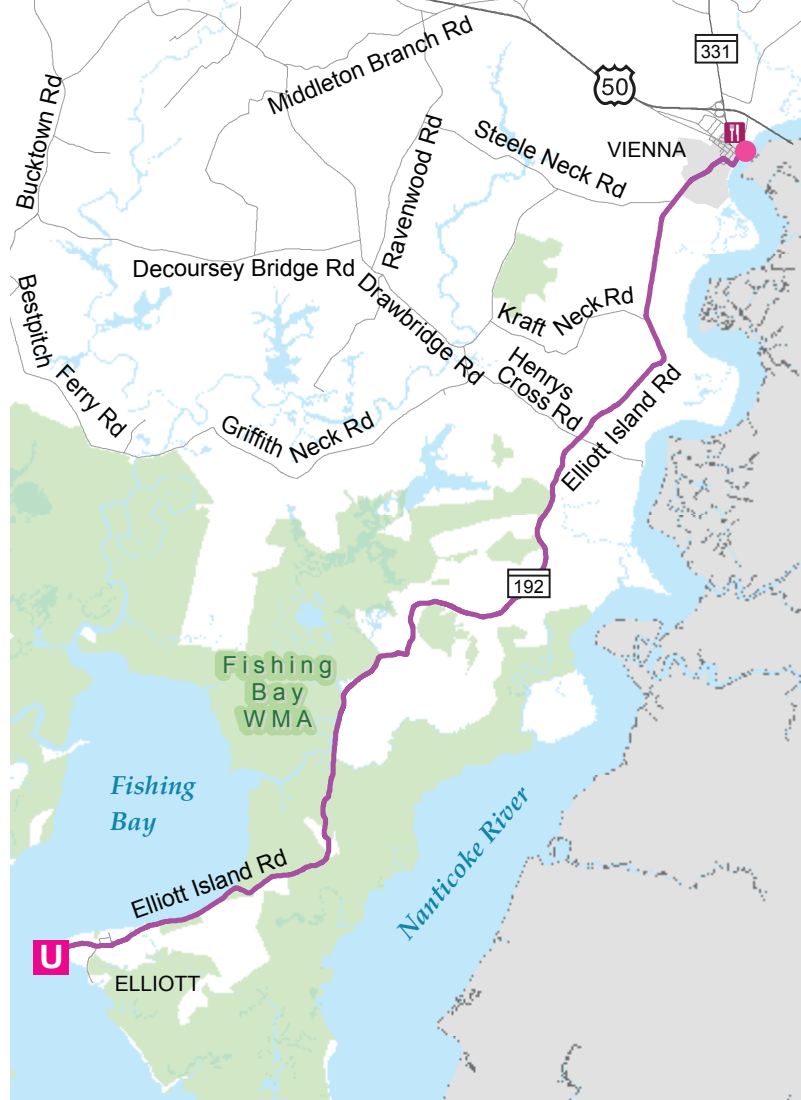
6 Vienna to Elliotts Island – Out and Back

39 miles through quiet marshland

This easy-to-follow ride starts in the charming 300-year-old town of Vienna, and then takes you through wide open marshland with only a few tiny residential areas. You'll pass through part of the Fishing Bay Wildlife Management Area. Great water views. Good opportunities to see wildlife including eagles, osprey, and red-winged blackbirds, among others.

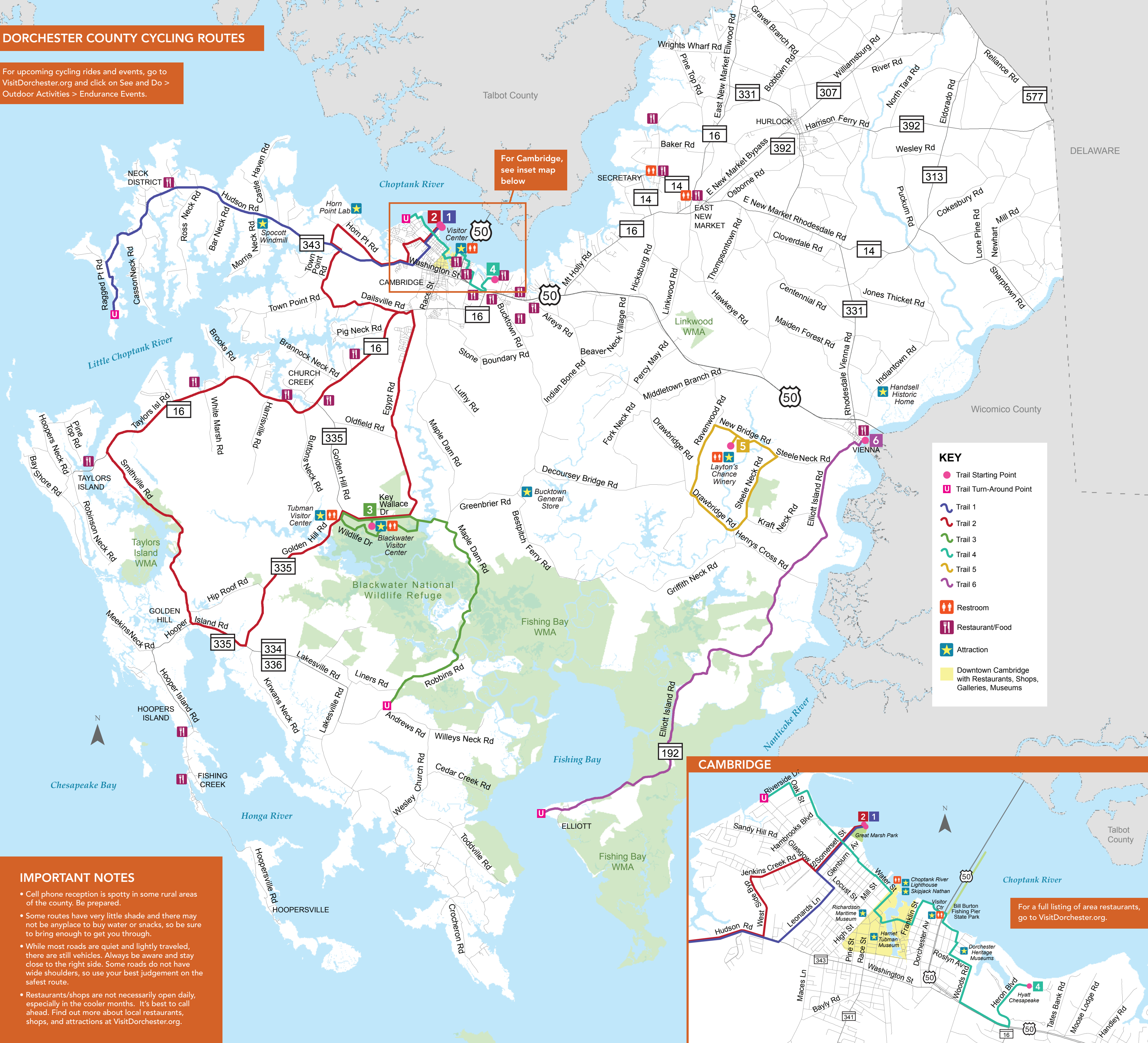
Starting Point	Water Street, Vienna. Free parking on street by waterfront park.
Approx. Miles	39 miles
Approx. Time	3.25-3.5 hours (at 12mph)
At A Glance	Flat, sometimes windy ride through wide open marshland in one of Dorchester's least populated areas

MILE	TURN	DESCRIPTION	AND GO
0.00	S	Go straight on Water St., with river on your left	0.16
0.16	R	Right on Church St.	0.18
0.34	L	Left on Market St.; becomes Elliott Island Rd.	0.19
0.53	S	Straight on Elliott Island Rd.	18.96
19.49	U	U-Turn and retrace steps above	19.49
38.98		End at Water Street	



DORCHESTER COUNTY CYCLING ROUTES

For upcoming cycling rides and events, go to VisitDorchester.org and click on See and Do > Outdoor Activities > Endurance Events.



For Cambridge, see inset map below

KEY

- Trail Starting Point
- Trail Turn-Around Point
- Trail 1
- Trail 2
- Trail 3
- Trail 4
- Trail 5
- Trail 6
- Restroom
- Restaurant/Food
- Attraction
- Downtown Cambridge with Restaurants, Shops, Galleries, Museums

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Cell phone reception is spotty in some rural areas of the county. Be prepared.
- Some routes have very little shade and there may not be anyplace to buy water or snacks, so be sure to bring enough to get you through.
- While most roads are quiet and lightly traveled, there are still vehicles. Always be aware and stay close to the right side. Some roads do not have wide shoulders, so use your best judgement on the safest route.
- Restaurants/shops are not necessarily open daily, especially in the cooler months. It's best to call ahead. Find out more about local restaurants, shops, and attractions at VisitDorchester.org.



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