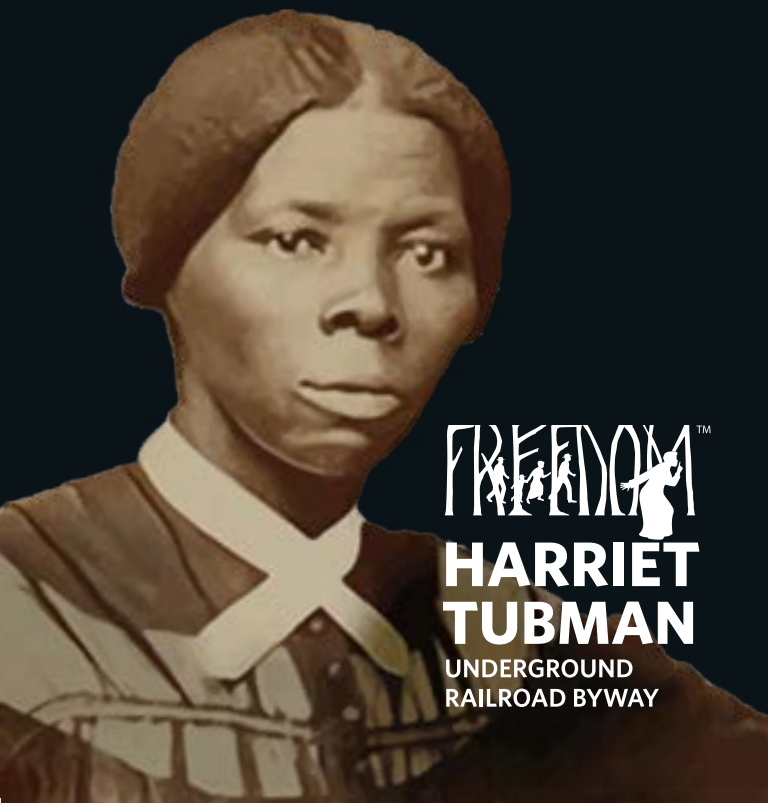


# Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway

AN INTRODUCTION

Experience the powerful  
and scenic driving tour  
on Maryland's Eastern Shore,  
where Harriet Tubman was born.



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# Welcome to the Harriet Tubman Byway

The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway is a scenic, self-guided driving tour that winds for 125 miles through the beautiful landscapes and waterscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore. It is the only place in the world that preserves and interprets the places where Harriet Tubman was born, lived, labored, and fled. Discover the powerful and moving stories at more than 30 designated sites in Caroline and Dorchester Counties.

More than a century after her death, Harriet Tubman would still recognize many places in the Eastern Shore's mosaic of waterways, forests, and fields. Along the byway you can learn about the lives of enslaved and free blacks, abolitionists, and slave holders, as well as escape routes used by Tubman and her fellow freedom seekers.

You will also find ample opportunities to hike, bike, paddle, shop, dine (especially on local seafood) and attend events related to the area's significant and unique heritage.



## Start your journey at the Dorchester Visitor Center

Stop by the Dorchester Visitor Center, Site #1 along the Tubman Byway, for visitor information, exhibits, restrooms, a waterfront boardwalk, and more. Open daily, 8:30am-5pm. 2 Rose Hill Place, Cambridge, MD. 410.228.1000



The Tubman Visitor Center, Byway Site #13

## Learning Harriet Tubman's remarkable story

The exhibits at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center, opened in 2017, trace Tubman's life and encourage exploration of the surrounding landscapes where she and other freedom seekers lived. The center also includes a gift shop, nature trail, and outdoor pavilion. Lands in the area are part of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park, designated by Congress in 2014.

### **Quick facts about the Tubman Visitor Center:**

- Open daily, 9am-5pm (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day)
- Admission is free (donations welcome).
- Located 20 minutes from Cambridge, MD, at 4068 Golden Hill Road, Church Creek, MD.
- Phone: 410.221.2290



# Highlights of the Byway

The Tubman Byway in Maryland includes more than 30 sites, but if you don't have time to explore them all, here are some highlights.



## Dorchester Courthouse

Site #3: This is the site of the first escape that Harriet Tubman helped to engineer. Tubman helped her niece and her two children escape from the slave auction block once located in front of the courthouse.



## Long Wharf

Site #4: Ships brought kidnapped Africans and sold them along this waterfront until the trans-Atlantic slave trade was outlawed in 1808. Harriet Tubman's grandmother Modesty may have arrived at this port.



## Harriet Tubman Museum

Site #5: Devoted volunteers established this educational center about Harriet Tubman three decades ago and have done much to keep her legacy alive. Step-on guides available by arrangement; call 410.228.0401.



## Blackwater Wildlife Refuge

Site #14: The refuge's forests, marshes, and waterways look much as they did in Harriet Tubman's time, so it's easy to imagine the challenges that freedom seekers faced as they navigated the terrain here.



## Brodess Farm

Site #16: Harriet Tubman lived and worked here and on nearby farms during her early years. None of the structures from that time remain.



## Bucktown Village Store

Site #17: Harriet Tubman came here one day in the 1830s to purchase goods, and ended up getting hit with a two-pound iron weight. The blow nearly killed her and affected her for the rest of her life.



## Linchester Mill

Site #23: Free and enslaved African Americans worked side-by-side here, providing a constant flow of information and support for freedom seekers.



## Choptank Landing

Site #24: Harriet Tubman likely made her first escape from near here. Her parents were active in the Underground Railroad in this area.



## Webb Cabin

Site #27: This hand-hewn log home was built by James H. Webb, a free African-American farmer, around 1852. It was typical of housing for most African Americans at the time.



## Caroline Courthouse

Site #30: A slave market was located here, where slaves were auctioned to buyers and traders. Courthouse Square was also the site of the jail where captured runaways and Underground Railroad conductors were held.

Explore all the Byway sites on Maryland's Eastern Shore through our interactive map at [HarrietTubmanByway.org](http://HarrietTubmanByway.org). For more on sites in Delaware, go to [TubmanBywayDelaware.org](http://TubmanBywayDelaware.org).

## FAQs

### Where exactly is the Harriet Tubman Byway?

The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway is located on Maryland's Eastern Shore, about 80 miles east of Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

The byway winds for 125 miles through Dorchester and Caroline Counties before continuing on to Wilmington, Delaware, and then Philadelphia. The largest city along the Maryland portion of the byway is Cambridge.



### Are there tours available?

The Tubman Byway is designed to be a self-guided driving tour. However, if you're bringing a group and are interested in a guided tour, see below.

### What if I want to bring a group?

- If your group is looking for a guided tour of Tubman Byway sites, you can hire a tour company or step-on guide. Local tour operators include:
  - Blackwater Paddle & Pedal (offering tours by kayak or bike), 410.901.9255
  - Harriet Tubman Museum, 410.228.0401
  - Harriet Tubman Tours, HarrietTubmanTours.com
  - Sawyer Charters, SawyerCharters.com
- To request a ranger-led introduction at the Tubman Visitor Center for your group, fill out the request form at [bit.ly/HTVCTourForm](http://bit.ly/HTVCTourForm).
- For school groups, a Junior Ranger program is available at the Tubman Visitor Center. You'll also find information at [NPS.gov/hatu](http://NPS.gov/hatu); click on Learn About the Park.

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### What else is there to do in the area?

The area is known for its natural beauty, interesting history, and delicious local seafood. Try a boat ride, bicycling, birding, paddling, and hiking. Don't miss the crab cakes and oysters! For more specific ideas, go to [HarrietTubmanByway.org](http://HarrietTubmanByway.org) and click on Plan Your Visit > Things to Do.

### What's the best way to plan my visit?

The Tubman Byway covers more than 125 miles, so planning helps you get the most out of your visit. Look at the interactive map at [HarrietTubmanByway.org](http://HarrietTubmanByway.org), where you'll also find suggested itineraries and other things to do. If you're staying overnight, you'll find most of the lodging in Cambridge and Denton, Maryland.

### How do I find out more?

- Find out more about the Tubman Byway at [HarrietTubmanByway.org](http://HarrietTubmanByway.org) or call 410.228.1000.
- Purchase the 52-page Tubman Byway Guide and companion map online (\$3 plus tax) at [HarrietTubmanByway.org](http://HarrietTubmanByway.org) or in person (\$2) at the Dorchester Visitor Center, 2 Rose Hill Place in Cambridge, MD.
- Get details on upcoming events and things to do in the Dorchester and Caroline County area at [VisitDorchester.org](http://VisitDorchester.org) and [VisitCaroline.org](http://VisitCaroline.org).

## Don't miss the Audio Guide!

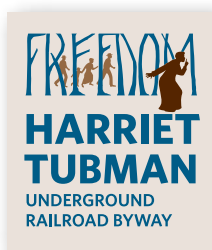
The Tubman Byway Audio Guide brings to life stories of slavery and escape, cruelty, and compassion. Download it for free as an app for your phone or buy it as a 3-CD set for \$12 plus tax and shipping at [HarrietTubmanByway.org](http://HarrietTubmanByway.org).





## In the news

- The Tubman Byway was named one of the best driving tours in the country by the Federal Highway Administration for its scenic beauty and significant history.
- *USA Today* named two sites along the Tubman Byway—the Tubman Visitor Center and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge—as two of Maryland’s 10 best attractions.
- The Tubman Visitor Center was included in a list of “11 attractions debuting in 2017 worth traveling for” by *U.S. News & World Report*.



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