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Visitor News for September 2018



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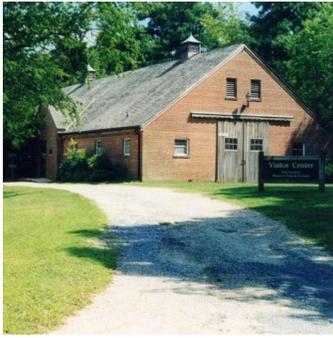
EXPLORE



Unearth Adventure
**History Across Millennia
at Jefferson Patterson Park**

[Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum \(JPPM\)](#), a 560-acre state park and museum located along the scenic Patuxent River in St. Leonard, is filled with unique history and amazing artifacts. The property's

rich and remarkable history dates back to 7500 B.C.



JPPM was donated to the state of Maryland in 1983 by the late Mary Marvin Patterson and is named in honor of Patterson's late husband, Jefferson Patterson.

The property has more than 70 identified archaeological sites offering glimpses into 9,000 years of documented human occupation. Even after more than 25 years of excavations, museum archaeologists have explored less than one percent of the potential sites on the property.

The site is also appropriately home to the Maryland Archaeological Laboratory, known as the MAC Lab. This state-of-the-art research, conservation and curation facility services as a clearinghouse for archaeological collections recovered from throughout Maryland. All collections are available for research, education and exhibit purposes.

JPPM abounds with hiking, walking and bike trails, a canoe and kayak launch, a visitor's center with exhibits and a gift shop, an exhibit barn, a pavilion for event rental, a recreated Indian village, and the historic home of Mary and Jefferson Patterson. JPPM hosts several major annual events as well as educational programs and summer camps.

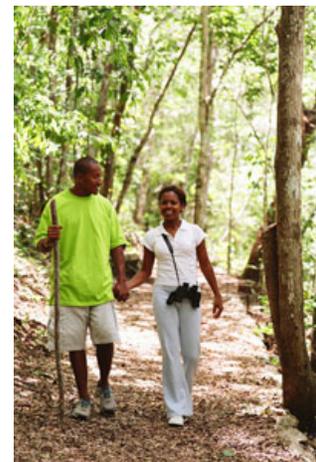
Touring the park is a visitor's dream. Plan your trip to walk the trails, paddle a canoe, take a mobile-phone-accessible audio tour or just savor the beautiful views. Admission is free. Come soak in the history.



Open Air Respite Take a Hike

Grab a companion, lace up your walking shoes and get out there and take a hike. What better way is there to take a break from the hustle and bustle, grab some fresh air and exercise your body and soul? Calvert County offers a plethora of opportunities on numerous hiking trails. Visit the links below to learn more about where and when you can explore these fabulous locations.

- [American Chestnut Land Trust](#)
- [Battle Creek Cypress Swamp](#)
- [Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm](#)
- [Calvert Cliffs State Park](#)
- [Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail](#)
- [Flag Ponds Nature Park](#)
- [Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum](#)
- [Kings Landing Park](#)



Roadside America **Calvert County's Barn Quilt Trail**

The Calvert Barn Quilt Trail connects our community and visitors with our rich agricultural heritage, local history and artistic talent through the exhibition of hand-painted wooden quilt squares currently located on eight barns and buildings throughout Calvert County.



The barn quilt is a replica of one square from a quilt, painted on plywood, usually eight by eight feet, and mounted on a barn or building. There are thousands of them all over the country, and the Calvert County Trail is the first collection in Southern Maryland.

The American quilt trail movement began in 2001 when Ohio resident Donna Sue Groves wanted to honor her mother's passion for quality by painting a replica of a quilt square on their tobacco barn. Now there are more than 13,000 quilt squares all across the United States. For a complete location listing of Calvert Count barn quilts, please visit www.calvertbarnquilttrail.org or on [Facebook](#).



Catch Our Drift Online Calvert County Debuts New Tourism Website

The new ChooseCalvert.com visitors website promotes the scenic beauty and unique attractions featured in this charming county bounded by the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay. This online resource offers information about boating and water sports, tours and museums, restaurants, hiking trails and so much more to plan the perfect vacation.



The dynamic new mobile-friendly website features a calendar of local events, video spotlights of Calvert County's pristine waterways and lush parks, and provides users with a simple and attractive new layout that makes locating information a breeze. Create the perfect summer itinerary by viewing the top 10 things to do in the county including hunting for fossils and sharks teeth at the beach; sampling local wines and ales at wineries and breweries; and visiting historic lighthouses to create an unforgettable experience for the entire family.

At ChooseCalvert.com, citizens and visitors can stay connected to all things tourism and sign up for the monthly tourism newsletter for updates on events and attractions. Visitors can also request a copy of the 2018 Visitors Guide or view the guide online. Visit www.choosecalvert.com for more information.



Superb Suds New Video Boosts Burgeoning Brewery Business

Calvert County is home to six breweries serving up traditional and unique craft beer. View a [short promotional video](#) to learn more about Calvert County's breweries and plan a visit to share a frosty pint with friends.



Looks Like Rain

Umbrella Special at the Solomons Visitor Center Gift Shop



The Solomons Visitor Center gift shop is open with wonderful local merchandise. The September special is the stylish Calvert County umbrella featuring:

- Navy and black color scheme with Calvert County, Maryland logo
- 46-inch arc; 33 inches long when closed
- Automatic open
- Durable pongee material
- Comfort handle

These umbrellas are perfect for holding off the elements or shading you as you amble along the Solomons riverwalk. Regular price is \$15.50; the September special is 10 percent off. Come get one before they're gone.

Visit the "Meg-ladon" at Calvert Marine Museum



While a massive creature that attacks deep-sea submersibles is showing at the movies, visitors can come to the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, Md to learn more about the a 75-foot- prehistoric shark known as the Megalodon that once swam in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

You can also learn more about the Megaladon Calvert Marine Museum's Curator of Paleontology Dr. Stephen Godfrey, the senior author on a recent paper published online today in [Acta Palaeontologica Polonica](#). It is a collaborative effort between Godfrey, Mike Ellwood, Stephen Groff, and Michal Scott Verdin; avocational paleontologists who found the bitten vertebrae. The paper describes fossil dolphin tail bones that were bitten by the mega-tooth shark, *Carcharocles megalodon*.

Megalodon was the largest predator that lived on Earth 2-20 million years ago. It is estimated that they attained lengths of between 50-60 feet. From time-to-time, fossil whale and dolphin bones are found along Calvert Cliffs that show megalodon tooth bite marks. Some of these tooth marks may have been made as megalodon scavenged an already dead whale. But the fossil dolphin tail bones suggest that the megalodon-tooth gouge marks were made by these giant sharks chasing down prehistoric dolphins and disabling them by biting deeply into their tails.

Modern great white sharks are known to disable dolphins by biting their tails. Megalodon could certainly have done the same, as the fossil tail vertebrae show multiple gouges. This suggests that the tails of these dolphins were jammed forcefully and repeatedly between adjacent teeth by powerful bite forces. Powerful and repeated biting seems more in keeping with the disabling of struggling prey, rather than the dismembering of a relatively small dolphin carcass so close to its tail fluke. Therefore, these megalodonbitten dolphin tail bones suggest that this apex predator included this disabling tactic in its predatory repertoire, and that it also actively preyed upon relatively small marine animals.

Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9.00 for adults; \$7.00 for seniors, military with valid I.D, AAA and AARP members; \$4.00 for children ages 5 - 12; children under 5 and museum members are admitted free. For more information about the museum, upcoming events, or membership, visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042



Palatable Produce It's Farmer Market Season

Stop by one of Calvert County's local markets to gather some of the most delicious, fresh, just-picked produce. Buying from local producers and farmers markets promotes cleaner air and water and reduces our carbon footprint – and it just plain tastes better. Visit www.calvertag.com for a listing of local producers or visit one of our farmers markets listed below.

Calvert Farmers Market Assn. Markets:

Tuesdays – Prince Frederick

CalvertHealth
130 Hospital Road (parking lot adjacent to Rt. 4)
Through Nov. 20, 3-7 p.m.

Saturdays – Barstow

Fairgrounds
140 Calvert Fair Drive
Through Nov. 17, 7:30 a.m.-noon

Sundays – Solomons

Solomons Visitor Center
14175 Solomons Island Road South
Through Sept. 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Private/Municipal Market:

Fridays – North Beach

5th & 7th Streets and Bay Avenue
Through Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m.

Markets listed above are [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#) approved markets.



Upcoming Events



SEPT. 8
Taste the Beaches



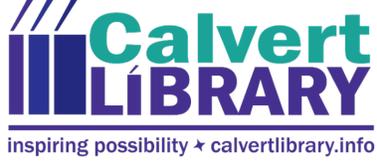
SEPT. 15-16
Artsfest



SEPT. 16
Watermen's Festival

Visit ChooseCalvert.com for a full listing of upcoming events





Calvert Library offers complimentary or reduced-price passes to more than 20 participating community partners, including museums, wineries, parks and more. All you need is a library card!

Calvert County Department of Economic Development | 410-535-4583 | ChooseCalvert.com

