Calvert County is a natural Laboratory shaped by the past, rich in history, and is home to beautiful landscapes. It is a place where you can experience the charm of small-town America, enjoy outdoor recreation, and explore the natural beauty of Maryland's Southern Maryland.

Outdoor Recreation and Natural Areas
Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county, only 61 square miles, much of which is covered by trees, woods, parks, and other green spaces. There are many opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hiking, fishing, bird watching, and more. The Calvert Cliffs State Park, Breezy Point Beach & Campground, and Bay Overlook Trail are just a few examples of the many public parks and natural areas in the county.

Calvert County has maintained many of its rural characteristics, including farmland, woodland, nature parks, and other open spaces. Even as its population has grown, the county has worked to preserve its natural beauty and protect its natural resources.

Nautical American
The Chesapeake Bay is one of the most productive bodies of water in the world, and it is the northernmost estuary in the United States. Calvert County has a variety of waterways, including Cocktown Creek, Battle, and Parkers Creeks in Prince Frederick. The Bay is also a popular destination for outdoor recreation, including paddling, fishing, and other activities. The Calvert County Public Access and Boating program provides non-motorized vessel retrieving and trailered boat launching services.

Maryland’s official fish is the Rockfish, which is used for both food and sport. It is a challenge to catch and a delight to eat. For more information on fishing and boating visit compass.dnr.maryland.gov/.

Habitat
The Chesapeake Bay is a critical breeding ground for many species of birds and other wildlife. The Bay is a popular stop on the Atlantic Flyway, which is used for steering when swimming, and it is hairless and paddle-shaped. Beavers live in both brackish and freshwater waterways, and they are important to the ecosystem of the Bay. They are medi-

Muskrats and Beavers

Rockfish

Purple Martins

Wildlife Viewing Zones

Paddle with others for safety.

Water Trail

During the 1800s, Calvert County’s main industry was the growing of tobacco. The tobacco industry has been a significant part of the county's economy for many years. Today, Calvert County is a hub for the agricultural industry, and its farmers produce a variety of new crops.

A vineyard in Calvert County, Maryland Department of Natural Resources


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**1. Beach Towns Trail and Fishing Creek Trail**

**Beach Towns Trail**
- Distance: 4 miles
- Duration: 3-4 hours
- Difficulty: 3 of 5

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**Fishing Creek Trail**
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**2. Kings Lake to Cowntown Creek**

**Kings Lake**
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**Cowntown Creek**
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**3. Hallowing Point to Caney Creek and Beverly Community Park (Calvert County Trails)**

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**Beverly Community Park (Calvert County Trails)**
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**4. Mary’s Cove to Rock Creek and Broaddus Island Trail**

**Mary’s Cove**
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**Rock Creek and Broaddus Island**
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**5. Jeffery Patterson Park and Museum**

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**6. Solomons Island Trail**

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