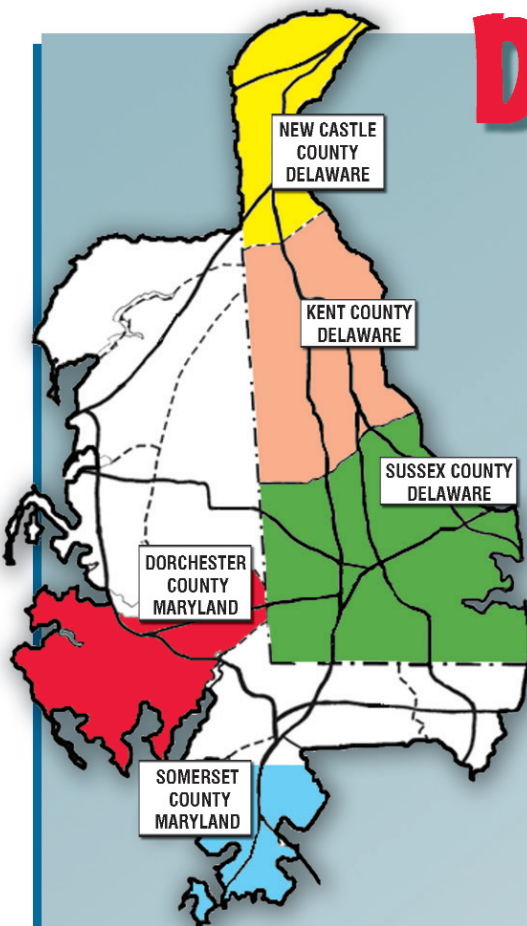


Did you know . . .

Dorchester County, Maryland



ANNIE OAKLEY

Wild West Sharpshooter Annie Oakley (Phoebe Ann Moses) and her husband, Frank Butler, retired to Cambridge in 1913. They lived there for 2 years spending their retirement hunting and fishing before returning to her home state of Ohio.

SPOCOTT WINDMILL

Spocott Windmill is a fully operating English-style post windmill and a popular tourist attraction. It is the only existing post windmill for grinding grain in Maryland.



HARRIET TUBMAN

Born into slavery in Dorchester County. She was thirty when she escaped to Philadelphia and learned about the Underground Railroad. She helped over 300 slaves escape through the railroad.

BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The refuge, 10 miles south of Cambridge, features 21,000 acres of marshland and is a major stopping point for wintering waterfowl traveling the Atlantic flyway. The refuge is also an excellent place to spot Bald Eagles.



SAILWINDS PARK

Plans for the park, located in Cambridge, along the Choptank River, include a 300 room hotel, marina, cultural and visitor center, public beach, and performance venue. The visitor center and festival hall have been completed and host a variety of events. Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park features a popular concert series.

State Flag:  The state flag of Maryland was officially adopted in 1904. It is the only US state flag based on British heraldry (the coats of arms of noble families). The flag's design was based on the coat of arms adopted by George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore. The alternating yellow and black are from Lord Calvert's family shield; the red and white design is either from Calvert's maternal family, the Crosslands, or his wife's family, the Mynnes.

State Motto:
"Fatti Maschii, Parole Femine"
Manly Deeds, Womanly Words

State Bird:
Baltimore Oriole

State Reptile:
Diamondback Terrapin

State Flower:
Black-eyed Susan

State Fish:
Striped Bass (aka Rockfish)

State Crustacean:
Maryland Blue Crab

State Tree:
White Oak

State Sport:
Jousting

State Drink:
Milk

State Dog:
Chesapeake Bay Retriever 

A FEW FAMOUS MARYLANDERS

- Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star-Spangled Banner"
- Harriet Tubman, African-American abolitionist
- Thurgood Marshall, first African-American Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
- Billie Holiday, jazz singer
- Annie Oakley, Wild West sharpshooter
- Frederick Douglass, writer and speaker
- Tench Tilghman, aide-de-camp to Gen. George Washington during Revolutionary War
- Johns Hopkins, philanthropist and financier
- Enoch Pratt, founder of Maryland School for the Deaf and Dumb
- Spiro Agnew, 39th Vice-President of the U.S.
- Bess Armstrong, actress
- John Astin, actor
- Linda Hamilton, actress
- David Hasselhoff, actor
- Goldie Hawn, actress
- Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets
- Montel Williams, talk show host
- George Herman "Babe" Ruth, sports hero
- Cal Ripken, sports hero
- Sugar Ray Leonard, boxer
- Michael Phelps, gold medalist swimmer
- John Barth, novelist
- Antwan Lake, New Orleans Saints football player
- Troy Brohawn, played with Arizona Diamondbacks, 2001 World Series Winners

TRIVIA

- The United States Naval Academy was founded on October 10, 1845 at Annapolis.
- The first dental school in the United States opened at the University of Maryland.
- Tilghman Island is home to the Skipjacks, the only commercial sailing fleet in North America.
- Fort Meade near Laurel became a base because a train engineer delivering soldiers to Meade knew only one Meade, the one in Maryland. He was not aware of Fort Meade, Florida. The confusion happened so often that a second base was built in Maryland.
- John Wesley Nelson, founder of Del Monte canned products, was born in Crisfield.
- Maryland was first to enact Workmen's Compensation Laws in 1902.

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