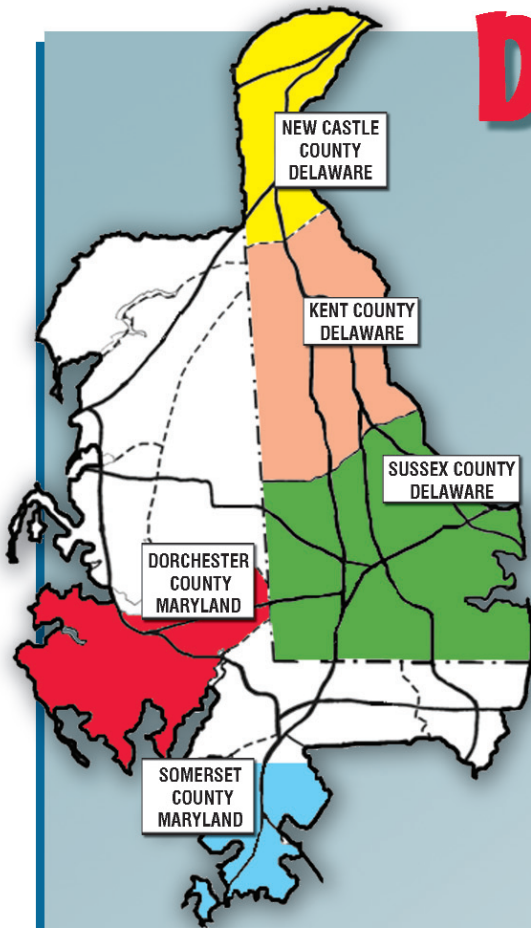


# Did you know . . .

## Sussex County, Delaware



### TAX-FREE SHOPPING

### DELAWARE BEACHES

Public ocean beaches are located in the towns of Lewes, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach, and Fenwick Island. Plus, Slaughter Beach and Broadkill Beach on the Delaware Bay.



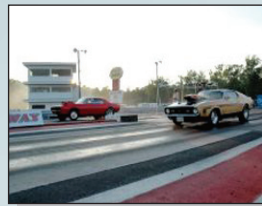
### APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL

Every Oct., Bridgeville celebrates Apples and Sussex County's favorite breakfast meat, Scrapple. 25,000 visitors enjoy the 2-day event and such food as apple dumplings & scrapple sandwiches.



### PUNKIN' CHUNKIN'

World Championship pumpkin-throwing contest held the first weekend after Halloween in Bridgeville. Originally starting in 1986. Competing teams construct and fire a variety of pumpkin-launching devices.

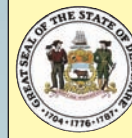


### DELAWARE MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX

Houses the U.S. 13 Dragway, Delaware International Speedway, and U.S. 13 Kart Track in Delmar. DE Tourism Bureau recognizes the complex as the eighth most popular attraction in Delaware and second only to the beaches in Sussex County.

### NANTICOKE INDIAN POW POW

Each year, Delaware Eastern Shore's first inhabitants, the Nanticoke Indians gather with the public near Millsboro for the tribe's annual Pow-Wow. Pow-Wows were held from 1922-1936 but then dropped for more than 40 years. They were revived in 1977 and have been held every year since.



### State Seal:

The Coat of Arms depicts symbols of a farmer, militiaman, ox, wheat, and corn.

The militiaman represents the duty of citizens to defend their country. The blue above the ox stands for the Delaware River. The ship represents New Castle County's shipbuilding industry and the coastal commerce of the state. The sheaf of wheat, ear of corn, and the ox symbolize the farming activities of early Delaware.

### State Motto:

"liberty and independence"

### State Colors:

Colonial blue and buff

### State Tree:

American Holly

### State Flower:

Peach Blossom

### State Bird:

Blue Hen Chicken

### State Bug:

Ladybug

### State Butterfly:

Tiger Swallowtail

### State Fish:

Weakfish

### State Marine Animal:

Horseshoe Crab



### A FEW FAMOUS DELAWAREANS

- David Allen, *hot-air balloon pilot*
- Valerie Bertinelli, *actress*
- Robert Montgomery Bird, *playwright*
- Emily Bissell, *designer of Christmas Seals*
- Ken Burns, *director*
- Henry S. Canby, *author and editor*
- Annie Jump Cannon, *astronomer*
- Felix Darley, *artist*
- John Dickinson, *penman of the Revolution*
- Eleuthere Irenee du Pont de Nemours, *industrialist, founder of Dupont*
- Henry Francis du Pont, *art collector & philanthropist*
- Pierre Samuel du Pont, *garden landscaper*
- Yvette Freeman, *actress*
- Thomas Garrett, *abolitionist*
- Dallas Green, *baseball coach*
- Henry Heimlich, *surgeon, inventor*
- John Hunn, *abolitionist*
- Eldridge Reeves Johnson, *inventor of the phonograph*
- Wilham Julius Johnson, *basketball player*
- Paul R. Jones, *art collector*
- Howard Pyle, *artist and author*
- Judge Reinhold, *actor*
- Elizabeth Shue, *actress*
- Johnny Weir, *figure skater*
- Randy White, *football player*
- Andrew Wyeth, *painter*
- Jamie Wyeth, *mixed-media artist*
- N.C. Wyeth, *painter*

### TRIVIA

- Delaware was named for Lord de la Warr. He was the first governor of Virginia.
- In total area Delaware ranks 49th in the nation, containing 1,982 square miles. It is 96 miles long and varies from 9 to 35 miles in width.
- Horseshoe crabs may be viewed in large numbers along the Delaware shore in May. The crabs endure extremes of temperature and salinity. They can go for a year without eating and have remained basically the same since the days of the dinosaur.
- The frying pan built in 1950 for use at the Delmarva Chicken Festival is 10 feet in diameter and holds 180 gallons of oil and 800 chicken quarters.

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