

2020 PLACES TO PADDLE
(Possible Launch Sites and Things to See)

THIS IS NOT MEANT TO BE AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST, BUT
RATHER JUST SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM AROUND THE REGION.

Rocky Gorge Reservoir (Burtonsville, MD) (Permit required):

<https://www.wsscwater.com/files/live/sites/wssc/files/maps/ducketdammap.pdf>

<https://www.wsscwater.com/water-quality--stewardship/drinking-water-source-protecti-1/watershed-maps-and-directions.html>

Tridelphia Reservoir (Howard County, MD) (Permit required):

<https://www.wsscwater.com/files/live/sites/wssc/files/maps/traidelphimap.pdf>

<https://www.wsscwater.com/water-quality--stewardship/drinking-water-source-protecti-1/watershed-maps-and-directions.html>

Little Seneca Lake, Black Hills Regional Park (Montgomery Co., MD) (Permit required):

<http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/black-hill-regional-park/>

<http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/black-hill-regional-park/boating-and-fishing/>

http://www.montgomeryparks.org/enterprise/park_facilities/boats/blackhill/blackhill_boating.shtm

Occoquan Reservoir (Lorton, VA) (Permits required):

*Occoquan Water Trail:

<https://www.novaparks.com/parks/occoquan-regional-park>

*Lake Ridge Park:

<http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/park/lakeridgepark/Pages/default.aspx>

*Bull Run Marina Regional Park:

https://www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run_marina/

*Fountainhead Regional Park: <https://www.nvrpa.org/park/fountainhead/>

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Occoquan Reservoir (Lorton, VA), Continued

- *Algonkian Regional Park: <http://www.nvrpa.org/park/algonkian/>
- *Pohick Bay Regional Park: <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/pohick-bay-regional-park>
- *Mason Neck State Park:
http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/mason-neck#general_information
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/document/data/trail-guide-masonneck1.pdf>

Anacostia River (Washington, DC/Prince George's Co., MD)

- *Diamond Teague Park Dock:
<http://www.capitolriverfront.org/go/diamond-teague-park>
- *Bladensburg Waterfront Park:
<http://www.mncppc.org/3256/Bladensburg-Waterfront-Park> (kayak rentals¹)
- *Anacostia Park: <http://www.nps.gov/anac/index.htm>
- *Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens (no place to launch):
<http://www.nps.gov/keaq/index.htm>
- *National Arboretum (no place to launch):
<https://usna.usda.gov/>
- *Ballpark Boathouse (kayak rentals):
<http://boatingindc.com/boathouses/ballpark-boathouse/>

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Potomac River (Washington, DC), Continued

- *Columbia Island Marina (kayak rentals): <http://www.columbiaisland.com/>
- *Key Bridge Boathouse (kayak rentals): <http://boatingindc.com/boathouses/key-bridge-boathouse/>
- *Thompson Boat Center (kayak rentals): <http://boatingindc.com/boathouses/thompson-boat-center/>
- *Fletcher's Boathouse (kayak rentals): <http://boatingindc.com/boathouses/fletchers-boathouse/>

Potomac River (Alexandria, VA)

- *Belle Haven Marina & Mariner Sailing School (launch fee; kayak rentals):
<http://www.saildc.com/boat-rentals/canoes-kayaks>
- *Washington Sailing Marina (kayak rentals):
<http://boatingindc.com/marinas/washington-sailing-marina/>
- *National Harbor Boathouse (kayak rentals) (on the Maryland side of the river):
<http://boatingindc.com/boathouses/national-harbor/>
- *Mount Vernon (no launch or landing):
<http://www.mountvernon.org/>
- *Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve:
<http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm>

Potomac River (Lorton, VA)

- *Mason Neck State Park (kayak rentals):
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/mason-neck.shtml>
- *Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge:
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/mason_neck/

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Potomac River (Lorton, VA), Continued

*Pohick Bay Regional Park (guided canoe and kayak tours, includes equipment):
http://www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay

*Leesylvania State Park--Bushey Point Canoe Launch
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/leesylvania#recreation>

Potomac River (Stafford, VA) & Aquia Creek

*Widewater State Park
http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/widewater#general_information

Potomac River (Prince George's Co., MD)

*Fort Washington Marina:
<http://www.coastal-properties.com/ftwashington.html>

*Piscataway Park (Farmington Landing):
<https://www.nps.gov/pisc/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm>

*Piscataway Park (National Colonial Farm):
<https://www.nps.gov/pisc/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm>

Potomac River (Dahlgren, VA)

*Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve:
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/natural-area-preserves/crowsnest>

*Dahlgren Wayside Park:
<https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/sites/wayside-park/>

*Colonial Beach Landing:
https://www.saltchef.com/catch_fish/VA/Westmoreland/boat_ramps.html

*George Washington Birthplace National Monument (landings at the visitor center and at the beach on Bridges Creek Road):
<https://www.nps.gov/gewa/index.htm>

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Potomac River (Dahlgren, VA), Continued

*Westmoreland State Park:

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/westmoreland#recreation>

Potomac River (Nanjemoy, Charles Co., MD)

*Mallows Bay Park (kayak rentals through outfitter):

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/mallows-bay-park>

*Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/GhostFleetofMallowsBay>

*Marine Sanctuary – Mallows Bay:

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/mallows-potomac/>

Potomac River (Charles County, MD)

* Marshall Hall Ramp:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/marshall-hall-boat-launching-facility>

*Mattingly Park Ramp (good access to Mattawoman Creek, far from the Potomac):

<http://www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/mattingly-park-ramp>

*Purse State Park (no launch; good place to stop for lunch while paddling):

<http://www.stateparks.com/purse.html>

*Friendship Farm Park (good access to Nanjemoy Creek, far from the Potomac):

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/friendship-farm-park>

*Smallwood State Park:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/smallwood.aspx>

*Chapel Point State Park:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/chapelpoint.aspx>

*Hatton Creek Boat Ramp:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/hatton-creek-ramp>

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Potomac River (Breton Bay)

- *Abell's Wharf Boat Ramp:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/abells-wharf>

- *Port of Leonardtown/McIntosh Creek Park:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/port-of-leonardtown-park-mcintosh-run>

- *Leonardtown Wharf Park:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/leonardtown-wharf-park>

- *Camp Calvert Landing:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/camp-calvert-landing>

- *Newtowne Neck State Park:
<https://www.visitmaryland.org/listing/outdoor-recreation/newtowne-neck-state-park>

Potomac River (St. Mary's County, MD)

- *Wicomico Shores Landing:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/wicomico-shores-landing>

- *Chaptico Wharf Landing:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/chaptico-wharf>

- *Bushwood Wharf:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/bushwood-wharf>

- *Clarke's Landing Road:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/clarkes-landing>

- *Forrest Landing:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/forrest-landing>

- *St. Inigoes Landing:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/st.-inigoes-landing>

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- *Piney Point Landing (St. Georges):
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/piney-point-landing>
- *Great Mills Canoe and Kayak Launch:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/great-mills-canoe-kayak-launch>
- *Tall Timbers Marina:
<http://www.talltimbersmarinasomd.com/>
- *Cape St. Mary's Landing:
<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/cape-st.-marys-landing>
- *Buzz's Marina (access to St. Jerome Creek):
<https://buzzsmarina.com/>
- *Point Lookout State Park:
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx>

Patuxent River (Anne Arundel Co./Calvert Co./Prince George's Co./St. Mary's Co., MD)

- *Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary (no launch here):
<http://www.jugbay.org/>
- *Jug Bay Natural Area:
<http://www.pgparcs.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Jug-Bay-Natural-Area-112>
- *Patuxent Water Trail (kayak rentals at Patuxent River Park/Jackson Landing and Patuxent Riverkeeper Visitor's Center):
<http://patuxentwatertrail.org/>
- *Patuxent Wetlands Park:
<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/patuxent-wetlands-park>
- *Calvert County Public Water Access:
<https://www.co.cal.md.us/1260/Water-Access>

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*St. Mary's County Public Water Access:

<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/see-do/water-activities/water-trails/>

<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/see-do/water-activities/public-landings-launches/>

West River (Galesville, Anne Arundel Co., MD)

*Galesville Wharf:

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/galesville-wharf>

*Shady Side Park:

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/shady-side-park>

*Franklin Point State Park (need to request gate access code):

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/southern/franklinpoint.aspx>

*Jack Creek Park (need to request gate access code) (Park is Currently Closed):

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/jack-creek-park>

*Discovery Village:

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/discovery-village-park>

Rhode River (Mayo, Anne Arundel Co., MD)

*Carrs Wharf:

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/carrs-wharf>

*Smithsonian Environmental Research Center:

<https://serc.si.edu/visit/planning-your-visit>

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South River & Mayo Peninsula

*South River Farm Park:

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/south-river-farm-park>

*Homeport Farm Park (need to request gate access code):

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/homeport-farm-park>

*Beverly-Triton Nature Park (exposed water – open to Bay):

<https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/parks/beverly-triton/index.html>

*Mayo Beach Park (some limited availability):

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/mayo-beach-park>

Severn River & Spa Creek & Magothy River (Annapolis, Pasadena, and Arnold, MD)

*Truxtun Park:

<https://www.annapolis.gov/173/Boat-Ramps>

*Jonas (and Anne Catharine) Green Park:

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/jonas-and-anne-catharine-green-park>

*Spriggs Farm Park (need to request gate access code):

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/spriggs-farm-park-on-the-magothy>

*Beachwood Park:

<https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/beachwood-park>

Dundee Creek Marina/Gunpowder Falls State Park, (Chase, Baltimore County, MD) (kayak rentals): <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/DundeeCreekMarina/Marina.aspx>

Note: Aberdeen Proving Ground Restricted Areas:

<http://www.spinsheet.com/look-but-dont-touch-aberdeen-proving-grounds>

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Sassafras River/Turner's Creek (Kennedyville, Kent Co., MD)

*Turner's Creek County Park:

<http://www.kentparksandrec.org/facilities.php#turner>

*Sassafras Natural Resource Management Area:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/sassafras.aspx>

*Kent Museum (no launch here; at Turner's Creek County Park):

<http://www.visitmaryland.org/listing/history-heritage/kent-museum>

*Mount Harman Plantation at World's End (no launch here, can land for lunch or to visit museum):

<http://mountharmon.org/>

Choptank River & Tuckahoe Creek (Hillsboro, Kent Co., Caroline Co., & Talbot Co., MD)

*Hillsboro Boat Ramp:

<https://www.carolinemd.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Hillsboro-Boat-Ramp-21>

*Martinak State Park:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/martinak.aspx>

*Tuckahoe State Park:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/tuckahoe.aspx>

*Stoney Point Landing:

<https://www.carolinemd.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Stony-Point-Landing-69>

*Covey's Landing:

<http://www.talbotparks.org/index.php/facility-rental/public-landings>

*Reese's Landing:

<http://www.talbotparks.org/index.php/facility-rental/public-landings>

*New Bridge Landing:

<http://www.talbotparks.org/index.php/facility-rental/public-landings>

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*Ganey's Wharf:

<https://www.carolinemd.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Ganeys-Wharf-14>

*Kingston Landing:

<http://www.talbotparks.org/index.php/facility-rental/public-landings>

*Daniel Crouse Memorial Park:

<https://www.carolinemd.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Daniel-Crouse-Memorial-Park-42>

*Greensboro Boat Ramp:

<https://www.carolinemd.org/facilities/facility/details/greensboroboatramp-16>

Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (Grasonville, Kent Co., MD) (kayak rentals):

<http://www.bayrestoration.org/recreation/kayaking>

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (Cambridge, MD) (kayak rentals and guides)

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Blackwater/>
<http://www.friendsofblackwater.org/visitors.html>

*Harriet Tubman National Monument (no launch here):

<https://www.nps.gov/hatu/planyourvisit/index.htm>

*Blackwater Refuge Water Trail:

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Blackwater/visit/watertrails.html>

Transquaking River (Cambridge, MD)

*Best Pitch Ferry:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=136>

*Transquaking River:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=392>

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Pocomoke River (Snow Hill, MD)

*Byrd Park Kayak Launch:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=335>

*Pocomoke River Canoe Company (private company with floating dock; ASK permission before you launch, support them by buying something in their store, kayak rentals):

<http://www.pocomokerivercanoe.com/>

*Pocomoke City Landing:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=331>

*Pocomoke River State Park- Shad Landing Area:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/parkmaps/shadlandingmap.aspx>

*Bog Iron Water Trail:

<http://www.visitworcester.org/printables/BogironWaterTrails.pdf>

*Pocomoke River State Park- Milburn Landing Area:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/parkmaps/milburnmap.aspx>

*Mattaponi Creek Landing:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=613>

*Public Landing:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=339>

*Taylors Landing:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=337>

*George Island Landing:

<http://webapps02.dnr.state.md.us/MDPublicWaterAccess/ShowWaterAccessToPublic.aspx?PKintKeyID=336>

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CHESAPEAKE BAY AREA WATER TRAILS

MARYLAND WATER TRAILS:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/Boating/Pages/mdwatertrails.aspx>

<http://maryland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db62ad80097845ba3a3a4e3f8c1def94>

Anne Arundel County Water Trail:

www.aacwt.org

Blackwater Refuge Water Trail:

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Blackwater/visit/watertrails.html>

Captain John Smith Chesapeake Water Trail:

<https://www.nps.gov/cajo/index.htm>

Charles County Water Trails:

http://www.charlescounty.org/webdocs/tourism/publications/CC_Water_Trail_Map.pdf

Choptank & Tuckahoe Rivers Water Trail:

<http://www.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/basicviewer/index.html?appid=2966a4d0d6094e06bb719c4821cab431>

C & O Canal:

<http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/boating.htm>

Eastern Neck Island Water Trail:

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/eastern_neck/

Fishing Bay Water Trails

<http://visitdorchester.org/fishing-bay-water-trails/>

Nanticoke River Water Trail:

https://paddlethenanticoke.com/?page_id=69

Point Lookout State Park Water Trail:

<https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/see-do/water-activities/water-trails/?/activities-attractions/water-activities/water-trails/>

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MARYLAND WATER TRAILS, CONT'D:

Patuxent Water Trail:

<http://patuxentwatertrail.org/>

Potomac River Water Trails:

<http://www.riverexplorer.com/index.html>

<http://www.nps.gov/pohe/planyourvisit/paddling.htm>

http://www.riverexplorer.com/upper_pot_map.php4

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/blog/kayak-touring-on-the-potomac>

St. Mary's County Water Trails:

<https://www.visitmarysmd.com/activities-attractions/water-activities/water-trails>

VIRGINIA WATER TRAILS:

http://www.watertrailslocator.com/virginia_water_trails.htm

Captain John Smith Chesapeake Water Trail:

<https://www.nps.gov/cajo/index.htm>

Chickahominy Water Trail:

<https://www.virginia.org/Listings/OutdoorsAndSports/ChickahominyWaterTrail/>

Matthews Blueways Water Trail:

<https://visitmathews.com/kayaking/>

Occoquan Water Trail:

https://www.nvrpa.org/park/occoquan_water_trail/content/access_points

<https://www.novaparks.com/parks/occoquan-regional-park>

Rappahannock River Water Trail:

<https://riverfriends.org/guide/>

Sinepuxent Bay Water Trail:

<http://www.visitworchester.org/index.php/site/article/sinepuxent-bay-water-trails>

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VIRGINIA WATER TRAILS, CONT'D:

Upper James Water Trail:

<https://upperjamesriverwatertrail.com/>

Virginia Seaside Water Trail:

<https://www.virginia.org/listings/OutdoorsAndSports/SeasideWaterTrail/>

PENNSYLVANIA WATER TRIALS:

<http://fishandboat.com/watertrails/trailindex.htm>

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/recreation/boating/index.htm?tab=Sailing>

Susquehanna River Water Trails: <http://www.susquehannagreenway.org/water-trails>

DELAWARE WATER TRAILS:

<https://destateparks.com/Trails>

OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Chesapeake Paddlers Association's Mid-Week Piracies:

<http://www.cpakayaker.com/about-cpa/contacts/paddling-pirates/>

- [Pirates of ALGONKIAN](#) (Tuesday evenings -- Algonkian Regional Park, Sterling, Virginia)
- [Pirates of ARUNDELL](#) (Wednesday evenings – Various launch sites in Annapolis, Maryland and surrounding areas)
- [Pirates of BALTIMORE](#) (Tuesday evenings – Various launch sites in Baltimore, Maryland and surrounding areas)
- [Pirates of the EASTERN SHORE](#) (Wednesday evenings -- Kent County, Maryland)
- [Pirates of GEORGETOWN](#) (Thursday evenings -- Columbia Marina, Washington, D.C.)
- [Pirates of the NORTH](#) (Thursday evenings -- Roberts Park, Havre De Grace, Maryland)
- [Pirates of OCCOQUAN](#) (Wednesday evenings – Various launch sites in Fairfax County, Virginia)
- [Pirates of PATUXENT](#) (Thursday evenings -- Solomons Island, Maryland)
- [Pirates of POTOMAC](#) (Wednesday evenings -- Belle Haven Marina, Alexandria, Virginia)
- [Pirates of SUGARLOAF](#) (Tuesday evenings -- Riley's Lock, Potomac, Maryland)

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<https://www.cpakayaker.com/resources/places-to-paddle/chesapeake-bay-access-and-paddle-in-campsite-map/>

Other paddling resources: <https://www.cpakayaker.com/resources/places-to-paddle/>

Maryland Boat Ramps: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Boating/Pages/water-access/boatramps.aspx>

Virginia Boat Ramps: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/access/>

Delaware Boat Ramps: <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/fishing/access/>

Hank McComas' launch sites:

<http://www.seakayak.ws/kayak/kayak.nsf/8db4c87cad13b187852569ff0050c911/4ffb2c24ffd6cce285256bbc004f4db9!OpenDocument>

Saki Sakakihara's launch sites: http://saki.iwarp.com/launch_sites.html

Paddling.com: <http://www.paddling.com/paddle/>

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