

# PREPARE TO PADDLE SAFELY

## Personal Flotation Devices

- PFD Type 3 are recommended for paddlers. Children under 7 are required to wear PFDs per Maryland law.

## Know Before You Go!

- Know the waters you plan to float. Bring along a map or guide.
- Changes in weather can affect your trip. Check the weather report before departing. Dress appropriately for the water temperature.
- Let others know about your float trip by leaving a float plan.

## Hazards

- Paddling hazards include rocks, strainers, heavy current, lightning and other bad weather conditions. A strainer can be anything that blocks passage but lets water filter through.
- Strainers are dangerous and regarded as "drowning machines." Avoid these by portaging your craft around them. ALWAYS SCOUT AHEAD!

## Paddlers on the Bay

- Keep clear of large ships in the Chesapeake Bay. Canoes and kayaks should avoid the shipping channels whenever possible or cross quickly. Be alert!
- Large ships are capable of causing sizeable wakes that can easily tip over a kayak or canoe. These wakes often come up on a paddler without warning.
- Severe weather can come up quickly on the Chesapeake Bay. Check the weather reports before leaving the shore and remain watchful of bad weather. Listen to National Weather Service radio. If a Small Craft Advisory is posted, head to safety immediately, as winds may become too strong to operate your vessel safely.

## Leave No Trace

- Pack it in, pack it out
- Leave what you find
- Respect all wildlife and plant life

For a complete listing of safety tips, visit the American Canoe Association at [www.AmericanCanoe.org](http://www.AmericanCanoe.org) and download their brochure entitled, *A Smart Start for Safe Paddling*.



"Increased access to our waterways through our county park system has been a commitment of my administration. This guide will help you discover waterway access points and passageways absent of the hustle and bustle of everyday life."

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## Acknowledgements

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Leave No Trace, Inc.



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# CARTOP BOAT LAUNCH SITE GUIDE



Canoe & Kayak  
Launch Sites  
Fishing Spots

Anne Arundel County  
Department of Recreation and Parks



# FISHING SPOTS

The following Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks facilities allow fishing. Fishing spots are marked with ▲ on the locator map.

▲ Map  
Locator

## Regional Parks

- 1 Downs Park** (Closed Tuesdays)  
8311 John Downs Loop, Pasadena, MD 21122  
(410) 222-6230, *Chesapeake Bay*
- 2 Fort Smallwood Park** (Closed Wednesdays)  
9500 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122  
(410) 222-0087, *Patapsco River*
- 3 Kinder Farm Park** (Closed Tuesdays), Four Ponds  
1001 Kinder Farm Park Road, Millersville, MD 21108  
(410) 222-6115, *Catch and Release, Fresh Water License*
- 4 Quiet Waters Park** (Closed Tuesdays)  
600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403  
(410) 222-1777, *Harness Creek*

## Community Parks

- 5 Beverly-Triton Beach Park** (By Permit Only)  
1399 Triton Beach Road, Mayo, MD 21037  
(410) 222-1520, *Chesapeake Bay*
- 6 Carr's Wharf**  
1001 Carr's Wharf Road, Mayo, MD 21037  
(410) 222-7317, *Rhode River*



Downs Park Fishing Pier



Wooten's Landing



Quiet Waters Park

- 7 Deale Wharf**  
511 Deale Road, Deale, MD 20751  
(410) 222-7317, *Rockhold Creek*
- 8 Galesville Wharf**  
4847 Riverside Drive, Galesville, MD 20765  
(410) 222-7317, *West River*
- 9 Green Haven Wharf**  
7660 Outing Road, Pasadena, MD 21122  
(410) 222-7317, *Stoney Creek*
- 10 Jonas Green Park**  
1990 Governor Ritchie Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 222-8820, *Severn River*
- 11 Lake Waterford Park**  
830 Pasadena Road, Pasadena, MD 21122  
(410) 222-6248, *Fresh Water License, Trout Stamp*
- 12 Patuxent Ponds Park**, Two Ponds  
Patuxent Road, Crofton, MD 21113  
(410) 222-7317, *Catch and Release, Fresh Water License*
- 13 Patuxent Wetlands Park**  
1598 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Lothian, MD 20711  
(410) 741-9330, *Patuxent River*

- 14 Shady Side Wharf**  
4805-B Woods Wharf Road, Shady Side, MD 20764  
(410) 222-7317, *Parish Creek*
- 15 Thomas Point Park** (By Permit Only)  
3890 Thomas Point Road, Annapolis, MD 21403  
(410) 222-1777, *Chesapeake Bay*

## Rules and Regulations

Anne Arundel County Code Article 14

- Park Open from 7:00 a.m. to Dusk
- No Swimming
- No Camping
- No Trailers
- No Alcohol
- No Inflatable Boats
- No Fires
- No Overnight Parking  
*Cars will be towed at owner's expense*
- All Trash Must be Taken with You or Placed in Trash Receptacles

*Always Respect Private Property*

**For Specific Information Regarding  
Cartop Boat Launch Sites and Fishing Spots,  
Visit [www.aacounty.org/recparks](http://www.aacounty.org/recparks)**







Mayo Beach Park



Fort Smallwood Park

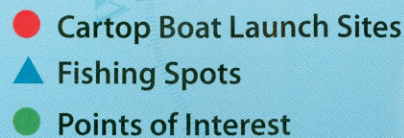


Galesville Wharf



Holland Point Park





### Carr's Wharf

For more specific information regarding the number of parking spaces, permit information, hours of operation, directions and detailed descriptions of cartop boat launch sites, visit [www.aacounty.org/recparcs](http://www.aacounty.org/recparcs).

Map Locator	CARTOP BOAT LAUNCH SITES		Waterway	Easy Access to Water	Difficult Access to Water	Long Carry to Water	Visitor Center or Office	Restroom	Natural Area	Wildlife Viewing	Hiking Trails	Picnic Area	Historical Site	Fees	Permits	Parking	Canoe/Kayak Rental	Telephone
	Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks Cartop Boat Launch Sites																	
1	Beachwood Park	(Future Site) 8320 Beachwood Park Road, Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 222-6248	Magothy River	▲		▲			▲	▲	▲		▲			▲		
2	Carr's Wharf	101 Carr's Wharf Road, Mayo, MD 21037 (410) 222-7317	Rhode River	▲				▲	▲	▲						▲		
3	Davidsonville Park	3042 Patuxent River Road, Davidsonville, MD 21035 (410) 222-7317	Patuxent River		▲	▲			▲	▲	▲	▲				▲		
4	Downs Park	8311 John Downs Loop, Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 222-6230 (Closed Tuesdays)	Chesapeake Bay	▲			▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
5	Ford Property	(Rest Stop Only, No Put In) Sands Road & Chinquapin Crest Drive, Harwood, MD 20776 (410) 222-7317	Patuxent River		▲				▲	▲								
6	Fort Smallwood Park	9500 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 222-0087 (Closed Wednesdays)	Patapsco River	▲			▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
7	Galesville Wharf	4847 Riverside Drive, Galesville, MD 20765 (410) 222-7317	West River	▲				▲	▲	▲						▲		
8	Green Haven Wharf	7660 Outing Road, Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 222-7317	Stoney Creek	▲						▲						▲		
9	Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Park	(Future Site) 9500 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 222-0087	Patapsco River	▲			▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
10	Holland Point Park	626 Walnut Road, Rose Haven, MD 20714 (410) 222-7317	Chesapeake Bay	▲					▲	▲		▲				▲		
11	Homeport Farm Park	(Future Site) Homeport Farms Drive, Annapolis, MD 21037 (410) 222-7317	Church Creek	▲		▲		▲	▲	▲	▲					▲		
12	Jonas Green Park	1990 Governor Ritchie Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 222-8820	Severn River	▲			▲	▲		▲		▲				▲		▲
13	Mayo Beach Park	4150 Honeysuckle Drive, Mayo, MD 21037 (410) 222-1978	Chesapeake Bay	▲			▲	▲	▲	▲				▲	▲	▲		
14	Patuxent Wetlands Park	1598 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Lothian, MD 20711 (410) 741-9330	Patuxent River	▲				▲	▲	▲						▲		
15	Quiet Waters Park	600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403 (410) 222-1777 (Closed Tuesdays)	Harness Creek	▲		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲	▲	▲
16	Wooten's Landing	4550 Sands Road, Harwood, MD 20776 (410) 741-9330	Patuxent River		▲	▲			▲	▲	▲					▲		
The following sites are managed by the Prince George's County Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. For more information regarding these sites, go to <a href="http://www.pg parks.com">www.pg parks.com</a>																		
17	Cedar Haven Fishing Area	18400 Phyllis Wheatley Boulevard, Eagle Harbor, MD 20608 (301) 627-6074	Patuxent River	▲				▲	▲	▲						▲		
18	Clyde Watson Boating Area	17901 Magruder's Ferry Road, Brandywine, MD 20613 (301) 627-6074	Patuxent River	▲				▲	▲	▲		▲				▲		
19	Governor's Bridge Canoe Launch	7600 Governors Bridge Road, Bowie MD (301) 627-6074	Patuxent River	▲				▲	▲						▲	▲		
20	Jackson's Landing Patuxent River Park	16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 (301) 627-6074	Patuxent River	▲			▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲	▲	▲	▲
21	Queen Anne Canoe Launch	18405 Queen Anne Road, Upper Marlboro, MD (301) 627-6074	Patuxent River	▲				▲	▲	▲	▲	▲			▲	▲		▲
22	Selby's Landing Patuxent River Park	16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 (301) 627-6074	Patuxent River	▲				▲	▲	▲	▲	▲			▲	▲		