

# Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail



## Begin Your Adventure

Discover the War of 1812 on the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail—a path tracing troop movements through historic places, inspiring landscapes, charming waterfront towns, and waterways of the Chesapeake Bay region.

The Trail offers many ways to experience the drama of the war and the stories of its people. Follow the march on Washington with a driving tour of Southern Maryland, or paddle the wetlands where the U.S. Flotilla was scuttled. Imagine British attacks from the waterfront of Havre de Grace or St. Michaels. Hoist the flag at Fort McHenry, and visit the original Star-Spangled Banner at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History.

Beyond history, the Trail offers plenty of ways to experience the Chesapeake's incredible cultural and natural landscape. Plan a charming small-town weekend getaway to browse for antiques, visit farmers markets and eat locally. Spend a day outside exploring trails, paddling local waterways and watching the sunset with a fishing rod in hand. Discover your dog's new favorite place to walk, trails to add to your evening run rotation or unforgettable picnic locations along the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail.

Make your journey by car or by boat, on bike or on foot. However you choose, the Trail is a great way to discover the War of 1812 and a host of outdoor adventures along the way.

## Get Ready, Go!

**Dig in:** Visit sites across Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia where history happened, using the official guide to sites along the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail. *In Full Glory Reflected: Discovering the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake*—an award-winning book by Ralph Eshelman and Burton Kummerow—features more than 150 sites to visit, plus a lively, illustrated narrative about the war and its legacy.

**Go online:** Visit the Trail's website ([www.nps.gov/stsp](http://www.nps.gov/stsp)) for Trail information, travel itineraries, an interactive map, and more. Follow links to partner sites websites to learn about the events, living history and outdoor recreation opportunities they offer. Follow us on Social Media.

**Grab your phone:** The official National Park Service App is here! Download now to begin planning your adventures on the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and beyond.

**Drop by:** Stop by partner sites and visitor contact stations noted on the map to delve into local history, attractions and upcoming events.



Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, MD  
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Fells Point, Baltimore, MD  
Middleton Evans



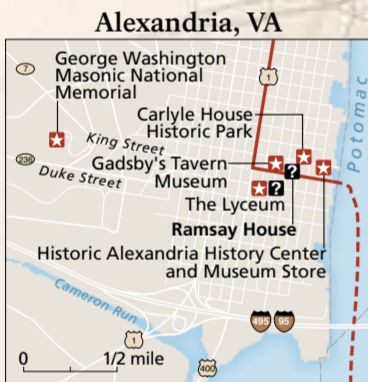
Visit Baltimore



The White House, Washington, DC  
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Belle Haven Park and Marina  
Alexandria, VA  
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Alexandria, VA



Darnall's Chance, Upper Marlboro, MD  
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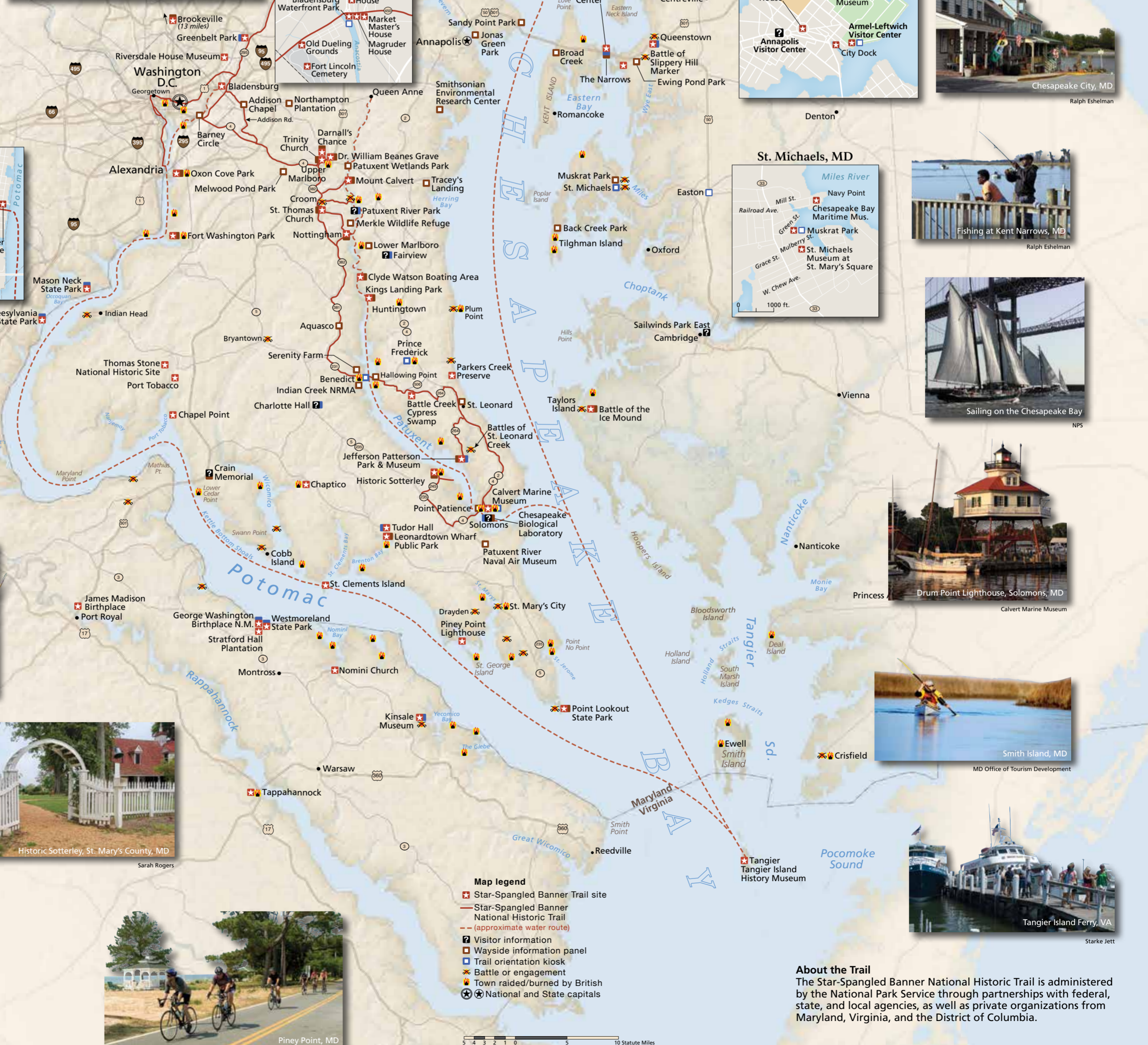
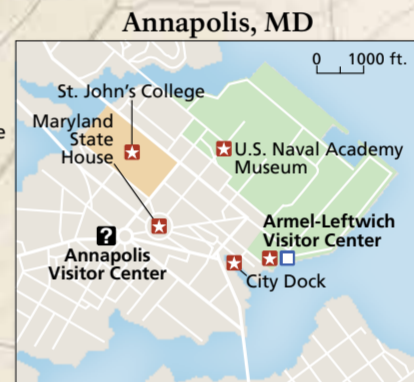
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum  
Calvert County, MD  
Ralph Eshelman



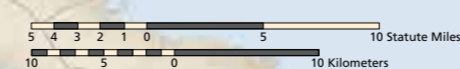
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Sarah Rogers



Piney Point, MD  
St. Mary's County Tourism



- Map legend**
- ★ Star-Spangled Banner Trail site
  - Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail (approximate water route)
  - 📍 Visitor information
  - 📄 Wayside information panel
  - 📍 Trail orientation kiosk
  - 🔥 Battle or engagement
  - 👤 Town raided/burned by British
  - 🏛️ National and State capitals



Promenade, Havre de Grace, MD  
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Kitty Knight House  
Georgetown, MD  
Kathi Ash/MD Office of Tourism Development



Elk Landing Historical Park  
Elkton, MD  
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Chesapeake City, MD  
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Fishing at Kent Narrows, MD  
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Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay  
NPS



Drum Point Lighthouse, Solomons, MD  
Calvert Marine Museum



Smith Island, MD  
MD Office of Tourism Development



Tangier Island Ferry, VA  
Starke Jett

**About the Trail**  
The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail is administered by the National Park Service through partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private organizations from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.