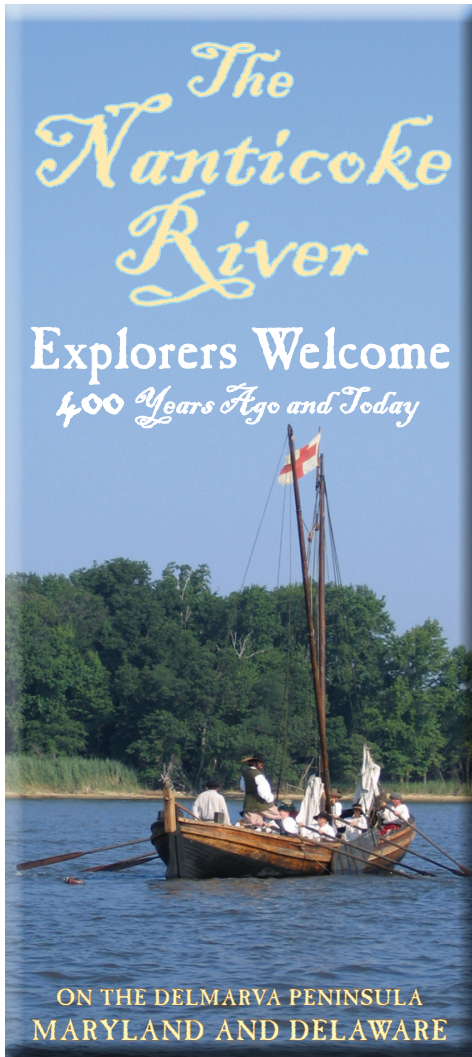


The Nanticoke River Map



AT A GLANCE

Primary Waterway: The Nanticoke River.

Location: Dorchester and Wicomico Counties (The Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland).

Trail: This guide includes information about the Nanticoke River's history, culture, and natural resources.

Start Point and End Point: Access to the River can be found at Phillips Landing in Delaware or Sharptown Maryland. The River ends at the Tangier Sound.

Distance: Approximately 40 miles.

Features: During his explorations of the Chesapeake Bay, Captain John Smith explored the Nanticoke River, which was known as the "Kuskarawaok." The River was inhabited by Native Americans including the Nanticoke, who were ancestors of the Algonquin tribes.

In the 17th century, tobacco was the primary source of agricultural income in and around the Nanticoke. Towns and ports, such as Vienna, sprung up along the River's banks to support the thriving industry. Shipbuilding thrived on the Nanticoke River in places such as Sharptown, Vienna, and Bethel.

Points of interest along the Nanticoke River include the historic town of Mardella Springs. This picturesque town is home to the Tobacco Warehouse, ship yards, and the Barren Creek Hotel site which dates back to the 1700s. Paddlers can also experience rich marshes and wetlands, which provide flood protection, wildlife habitat, and serve

important functions. The River is also home to rare plants such as Box Huckleberry, Reindeer Moss, Seaside Alder, and Wild Lupine.

Nanticoke River Wildlife Management Area, Fishing Bay Wildlife Management Area, and Ellis Bay Wildlife Management Area are featured in this map.

Other water trails nearby: Fishing Bay and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

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