



BEST SEAT IN THE PARK

There are 10 new “Best Seat in the Park” benches hidden in Maryland’s State Parks as part of the 2026 "America in Miniature" Adventure Challenge. Here are your clues to finding these exclusive spots...



SENECA CREEK

Situated along the 3.8-mile Lake Shore Trail east of the Expo Field, this bench offers incredible views of Clopper Lake. Lucky visitors may catch a glimpse of beavers, otters, or even a pair of resident eagles.



MERKLE N.R.M.A

Located along the Critical Area Driving Tour, this bench offers a view of the Patuxent River where wildlife is frequently seen. It provides an excellent vantage point for observing the river's ecosystem.

NEW GERMANY



This location on the Turnpike Trail offers a peaceful view of a native trout stream shaded by Eastern hemlock. Keep an eye out for wildlife, as old beaver chews can be found in the immediate vicinity.

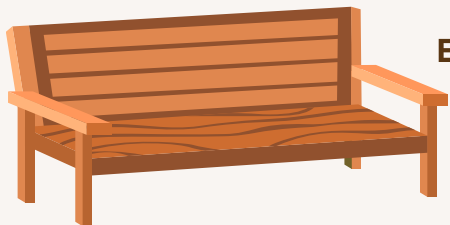


PALMER

Located at the intersection of the yellow and red trails, this hidden mid-way retreat sits deep within the trail system. It offers a perfect place to rest, rehydrate, and unwind beneath the forest canopy.

SMALLWOOD

Overlooking Mattawoman Creek near the General's Store, this bench offers a peaceful view of the water. Visitors at this spot can often observe waterfowl, ospreys, and bald eagles.



Each location was carefully selected to offer a unique perspective on Maryland's natural beauty and diverse landscapes.

How many will you find?

