

Section 8: Fun Places Close to Home



There are many exciting places to visit in Maryland and the surrounding states. If you want to travel around this area, you might want to buy a travel guide or go online for more information.

Because Baltimore and DC are so close, we recommend that you take some time to visit them. We would also like to give you some information about other places nearby, but because space in this handbook is limited, we can't tell you all of the details. So we urge you to find more information from books, the Internet, your teachers and your friends.

◆ Annapolis



▪ What's There?

- *Maryland's State House:* It was built in 1772, and it is still used by the government today. It is the oldest state capitol in continuous use in the United States. You can even take a free tour of the building!
- *US Naval Academy:* From the Armel-Leftwich Visitors' Center, you can walk all over this interesting campus. You can see the remains of many famous ships, beautiful and historic buildings, and informative museums.



- *City Dock:* This cobble-stoned area is full of interesting stores and restaurants. The views of the harbor and sailboats are beautiful!

▪ Getting To Annapolis

By Car: Take I-95 North to I-695 East. Take the I-97 exit and follow that road South to Route 50/301 East. Take Exit 24.

▪ Helpful Website Addresses

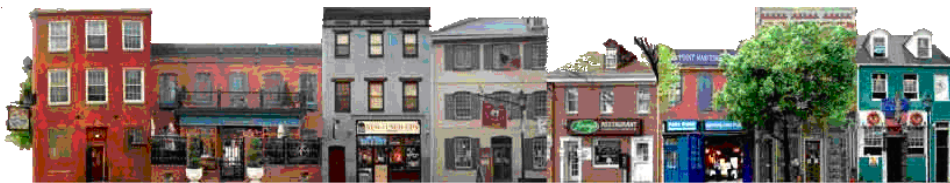
Annapolis Information
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US Naval Academy

www.annapoliswebsite.com
www.azinet.com/annaarea.html
<http://www.usna.edu>

◆ Baltimore

▪ What's There?

- *The Inner Harbor.* There is a huge National Aquarium, restaurants, stores, the Maryland Science Center, and an observation deck. You can also catch a water taxi to Fort McHenry. Camden Yards and Little Italy are short walks from the Inner Harbor.
- *Fells Point.* This is an interesting area for shopping and nightlife. There are many stores, restaurants and bars in a four-block radius. This is one of the oldest parts of the city and, according to residents, there are many ghosts here!



- *Mount Vernon.* If you walk along Charles Street from the Inner Harbor, you can see some of Baltimore's most beautiful buildings. If you walk about 10 blocks north of the Inner Harbor you will see a beautiful square with a tall statue of George Washington. This is a good place to shop and there are many upscale restaurants.

▪ Getting to Baltimore

- You can drive. Take I-95 North. If you want to see the major tourist attractions, you should take Exit 52 or 53. They will take you to Pratt Street. The Inner Harbor, Little Italy and Fells Point are easily accessible from Pratt Street. Parking can be quite expensive. Be prepared to pay about \$10 for the day.
- You can take the MARC train. This commuter train runs between Baltimore and Washington from Monday to Friday, 5:00 am to 12:00 am. You will need photo identification. Tickets cost about \$4.00 each way. You can catch the train in Jessup. A red line Howard Transit bus can take you to the MARC station.



▪ Helpful Website Addresses

Baltimore Information
Baltimore Information
Aquarium Information
Camden Yards Baseball Information
Inner Harbor Information
MARC
Port Discovery Information

www.baltimore.org
<http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/>
www.aqua.org
www.orioles.mlb.com
www.harborplace.com
www.mtmaryland.com
www.portdiscovery.org

◆ Historic Ellicott City

▪ What's There?

- *Historic Buildings:* This town was founded in 1772 and many of the original buildings are still standing. Main Street is lined with interesting stores and restaurants.



- *B&O Railroad Station Museum:* Take a guided tour of the B&O Railroad Station Museum with its working model train displays a 1927 restored caboose and a visitor's center.



• Getting to Historic Ellicott City

- You can drive. Ellicott City is very close to Columbia. Take Columbia Pike (Route 29 North) and Old Columbia Pike directly to Historic Ellicott City.
- You can take the bus. For one dollar each way, the Yellow Route of the Howard Transit System will take you from the Columbia Mall to Historic Ellicott City.

• Helpful Website Addresses

Ellicott City Information

www.visithowardcounty.com

www.ellicottcity.net

www.ellicott-city.com

B&O Railroad Museum

www.ecbo.org

Howard Transit Information

www.howardtransit.com

◆ Washington D.C.

▪ What's There?



- *American Government Buildings:* Washington DC is home to some of the most important and famous government buildings in the USA. You can see the White House, the Capitol and many other administrative buildings while you are in the city.

- *The Smithsonian:* The Smithsonian is the biggest museum complex in the world. It has over 16 museums and galleries, and they are all FREE!



- *Monuments:* There are many interesting monuments in DC. Some of the most famous are: the FDR Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, The Holocaust Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

- *Mount Vernon*: This plantation was the home of George Washington. It is an interesting and beautiful place to visit. For more information, you can call 703-780-2000.



- *Georgetown*: This neighborhood is a wonderful place to shop and eat. There are many locally owned stores as well as national chains. It is also home to Georgetown University.



- **Getting to and around Washington, DC**

- You can drive. Go South on I-95. The traffic in DC can be very intimidating, especially on the highways. Remember to be very careful and take a good map.
- You can take the MARC train. This commuter train runs between Baltimore and Washington from Monday to Friday, 5:00 am to 12:00 am. You will need photo identification. Tickets cost about \$4.00 each way. You can catch the train in Jessup or BWI train station. A red line Howard Transit bus can take you to the MARC station.
- Once you are in DC, you can use the Metro to get around. It runs from 6:00 am to 11:30 pm (days & times vary by route). For more information, call 202-637-7000.

- **Helpful Website Addresses**

Washington DC Information	www.washington.org
	www.house.gov
	www.washingtonpost.com
MCI Center	www.mcicenter.com
Mount Vernon	www.mountvernon.org
Smithsonian Information	www.smithsonian.org
Union Station	www.unionstationdc.com
The Vietnam Veteran's Memorial	www.nps.gov/vive
The Washington Monument	www.nps.gov/wamo
The White House	www.nps.gov/whho