Historic Sites and other Venues

United States Naval Academy
This is the number one site for visitors to Annapolis. Pedestrians may enter at the main gate (Gate # 1) on King George St. near Randall St. or (when available) at the Maryland Ave. gate (Gate # 3); drivers can enter at the main gate or at the Decatur Rd & Taylor Ave. entrance (Gate # 8).
Of course, many historical and other sites are within the grounds, such as the Navy Chapel and the crypt of John Paul Jones at Blake Rd (near Gate # 3), the Naval Academy Cemetery along and on the other side (northwest) of College Creek, the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center (near Gate # 1 and Annapolis Harbor), Bancroft Hall and Tecumseh Court (site of the noon meal formations for the Brigade) and the Naval Academy Museum at Preble Hall (also near Gate # 3). Numerous other sites within the Academy are available.
Many visitors will enter individually or with tours as advertised by various tour groups within Annapolis (Take a photo I.D.) Some will prefer to just walk around the beautiful perimeter of the Naval Academy along Annapolis Harbor, the Severn River and College Creek. On the land sides, the Academy borders Annapolis City along King George St. and Taylor Ave.

Maryland State House
This is the second most popular place to visit in Annapolis. It is located at 100 State Circle and is oldest state house (18th Century) in continuous use in the country, also the only state house to have also served as the nation's capital. One can see the old Senate Chamber where George Washington resigned his military commission, the brilliantly refurbished old House of Delegates, the place where the Treaty of Paris (ending the Revolutionary War) was approved and where Thomas Jefferson was appointed as our first Ambassador. An addition was built in the early 20th Century where the current Senate and House of Delegates Chambers are located. This is also a must visit to the historic city of Annapolis.

The William Paca House & Garden
This is a late 18th century Georgian style mansion and garden, originally the home of William Paca, one of the four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence. It is the most available mansion open for tours at 186 Prince
George St. A tour of the house interior and the outdoor gardens as well as the history of William Paca are all quite remarkable. Call (410) 267-7619 for current tour times and prices which have been as low as $5 to $10, or go online at Annapolis.org.

The Hammond-Harwood House, the Chase-Lloyd House and the James Brice House
For those interested in architecture and seeing at least the exteriors of other 18th Century homes during a walking tour, there are these three excellent examples of the symmetry of the Georgian style, located at Maryland Ave. & King George St, and at 42 East St. (near Prince George St.), respectively. Samuel Chase was another signer of the Declaration along with Charles Carroll and William Stone (the 4 Maryland signers of the Declaration all lived in Annapolis; Carroll's House is on Duke of Gloucester St. at Spa Creek

The Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park
Small, but valuable review about the maritime history of the city and the bay. Long walk from downtown to Eastport section of Annapolis, but a short cab ride; open Tues. to Sun., 11 a.m. To 3 p.m., free admission; Museum situated in an old oyster packing plant at 723 Second St.; Back Creek Nature Park is a 12-acre urban ecology center with walking trails & outdoor exhibits, but the park is across back creek from the museum, very good stop; Call (410) 295-0104

Banneker-Douglas Museum
For the preservation of African-American heritage; located at 84 Franklin St., just off Church Circle downtown; open Tues. to Sat., 10 a.m. To 4 p.m., free admission; official museum of African-American history & culture for the State of Maryland; Call (410) 216-6180; Also, the Kunta Kinte Alex Haley Memorial (a statuary grouping just off the circle at the City Dock, noting Annapolis' slavery history); outdoors and available at all times

St. John's College
The preeminent school for study of the Great Classics and the successor to a school started in 17th century Annapolis; located at 60 College Ave.; campus is easy walk from downtown and includes Mitchell Gallery of world-class art; gallery hours from Tues. to Sun., Noon to 5 p.m.; Call (410) 626-2556
Other Venues of Interest in Downtown Annapolis
*(below are suggestions and examples, not endorsements; many other vendors are available, especially on Main St., West St., City Dock area and Maryland Ave.)*

Colonial Players
Decades old historical and well-renowned community theater located at 108 East St. (just off State Circle); Featuring the classics, musicals and many new plays in a 200-seat theater in the round auditorium; Call (410) 263-0533

Annapolis Summer Garden Theater
Another well-regarded venue for outdoor stage performances in the downtown area on Compromise St. (just off City Dock) offering various performances and featuring musicals; Call (410) 268-0809

McBride Gallery
Significant and substantial variety of art work for sale, including painting and sculptures, in a convenient location at 215 Main St. (near Church Circle); Open Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m. To 5:30 p.m. and Sun. 12 Noon to 5:30 p.m.; Call (410) 267-7077

The Annapolis Pottery
A working ceramics studio and store located at 40 State Circle, open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; handmade ceramics from artists across the country; Call (410) 268-6153

Blue Crab Antiques
Antiques, art and collectibles store from elegant to exotic, located at 55 Maryland Ave. between USNA and State Circle; open Tues. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. & Sun., 12 Noon to 5:30 p.m.; Call (443) 949-7055

Annebeth’s
Wine & specialty foods, gift baskets, Maryland products, located at 46 Maryland Ave. between USNA and State Circle; open Mon. to Thurs., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri. to Sat., 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sun., 12 Noon to 8 p.m.; Call (410) 990-9700

Blanca Flor
Hand-crafted jewelry from around the world, contemporary & original designs, especially for silver jewelry, located at 34 Market Space (City Dock area); Call (410) 268-7666

The Spice & Tea Exchange
Purveyors of spices, herbs, blends, salts and teas from around the world; located at 155 Main St.; Call (410) 280-2088
Tours and Cruises in Annapolis

Tour Organizations

*Watermark: Four Centuries Walking Tour* {To explore outdoor historic Annapolis, the Maryland State House interior and U.S. Naval Academy; photo I.D. Required for USNA and State House} Daily tours leaving Visitor Center at 26 West St. or City Dock at various times for 1 ½ hours or 2 ½ hours for $17 to $20; this is the most varied tours organization; Call (410) 268-7600 or go on-line at www.watermarkjourney.com

*Discover Annapolis Trolley Tours:* {To drive by City Dock, State House, Colonial Mansions, St. John's College, USNA (exterior), WW II Memorial (extended tour to Eastport, Fire & Rescue Memorial, et al)} Daily tours start at Annapolis Visitor Center, north side at 25 Northwest St. (for driving tours) or south side at 26 West St. (for walking tours), lasting 40 mins. to 60 mins. For $18 Call (410) 626-6000 or go on-line at www.DiscoverAnnapolis.com

*Colonial Tours of Annapolis:* {To explore outdoor historic Annapolis and interiors (when possible) of State House, St. Anne's Church, a 1774 Mansion} Walking tours on Thurs. through Sun. start at Visitor Center at 26 West St. (need picture I.D.) for about 2 hours for $17; Call 410) 923-2922 or go on-line at www.colonialannapolis.com

*Urban Eventours, Inc.:* {To drive by prominent Annapolis outdoor sites or dining venues with various touring options, day or night, in an electric, 5-passenger vehicle} Tour prices and hours range from $15 for 45 mins. To $20, $29 and $59 for up to 2 hours, depending on time of day & purpose; Call (443) 510-1348 or go-on-line at info@UrbanEventours.com for starting locations and other details

*The Schooner Woodwind:* {Sailing in Annapolis Harbor and nearby portions of the Chesapeake Bay in a 74-foot schooner, sailing from and returning to the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel at 80 Compromise St.} Daily afternoon or sunset tours for 2 hours at 12:30 to 2:30, 3 to 5 and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (sunset cruise), prices range from $43 to $45 and $46 to $48 (sunset cruise); Call (410) 263-7837 or go on-line at www.schoonerwoodwind.com
Tour Organizations (continued)

**Watermark Harbor Queen Sailing Tour:** (Sailing in a large motor vessel on a narrated cruise of historic Annapolis Harbor, along the banks of the USNA, glimpses of downtown Annapolis and the Bay Bridges, sailing from and returning to 1 Dock St, (near the Red Umbrella at City Dock)) Daily trips between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (until 7 p.m. on weekends) for 40 mins. and for $17; Call (410) 268-7600 or go on-line at CruisesOntheBay.com

**Watermark Water Taxi Service:** (Taxi service from City Dock to various points on other side of harbor from the taxi stand next to the Harbormaster's office, operating on continuous demand in season); for varying times and charges from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and for prices ranging from $3 to $8 depending upon destination; Call (410) 263-0033 for any more details

**Watermark:** Other services for various points on the Chesapeake Bay and within Annapolis Harbor are provided for various prices for cruises from 90 mins. up to 3 hours. Call (410) 268-7600 or on-line at CruisesOntheBay.com
Lunch & Dinner Recommendations (continued)

Middleton Tavern – 2 Market Space near City Dock; old colonial American atmosphere; tasty seafood, varied choices, noted tourist destination; more expensive than most Call (410) 263-3323

Reynolds Tavern – 7 Church Circle, also downtown; colonial American food and service, inc. afternoon tea; pleasant interior & exterior environment; moderately expensive Call (410) 295-9555

Galway Bay – 63 Maryland Ave., near State Circle; Irish Pub with numerous family recipes; try the Irish whiskey tomato soup, music sometimes available in bar area; relaxing, friendly service; inexpensive Call (410) 263-8333

Lemongrass – Upper Annapolis at 167 West St.; walking distance from downtown & West St. hotels; excellent Thai cuisine; inexpensive Call (410) 280-0086

El Toro Bravo – 50 West St., near town center; excellent Mexican cuisine; wide variety of dishes, inc. seafood & fish entrees; inexpensive Call (410) 267-5949

Carrol’s Creek Cafe – 410 Severn Ave., Eastport section; take water taxi or walk across Spa Creek Bridge; waterfront dining, highly regarded; esp. for Cream of Crab Soup; moderately expensive Call (410) 263-8102

Eastport Kitchen – 923 Chesapeake Ave., Eastport section; walk across Spa Creek Bridge; gluten free & vegetarian options; dinner served Thurs. to Sat.; breakfast & lunch all week; moderately expensive Call (410) 990-0000

Pusser’s Caribbean Grille – 80 Compromise St., near town center (in Annapolis Waterfront Hotel); specializing in Caribbean food & drinks, inc. Sunday brunch; moderately expensive Call (410) 626-0004

* Many others located along Main St., West St. and Eastport
Dining in Downtown Annapolis & Eastport

Breakfast Recommendations

Chick & Ruth's Delly – 165 Main St., Historic “Ma & Pa” deli in heart of downtown; various dishes, some with names of famous Maryland politicos; also serves lunch (crowded is better here); inexpensive Call (410) 269-6737

The Iron Rooster – 12 Market Space, near City Dock; breakfast all day; very popular 2-story spot; wide variety of dishes; also serves lunch & dinner; inexpensive Call (410) 990-1600

City Dock Cafe – 18 Market Space, near City Dock; light breakfast, good coffee & baked goods; inexpensive Call (410) 269-0961

Light House Bistro – Upper Annapolis at 202 West St., walking distance from downtown & West St. hotels; creative, well-prepared food, made & served in a homeless prevention support center; inexpensive Call (410) 424-0922

Miss Shirley's Cafe – Upper Annapolis at 1 Park Place; walking distance from downtown & West St. hotels; southern style breakfast & lunch, generous portions & a little more expensive Call (410) 268-5171

* Many others located on Main St., West St. and around City Dock

Lunch & Dinner Recommendations

Cafe Normandie – 185 Main St., heart of downtown; best in French cuisine; also serving seafood, omelettes & crepes, great service in a pleasant milieu; moderately expensive Call (410) 263-3382

Harry Browne's – 66 State Circle, charming views of State Capitol grounds, elegant, intimate, very popular with locals, tasty modern American delicacies; moderately expensive Call (410) 263-4332