

# ANNAPOLIS SITES

## MARYLAND STATE HOUSE

FREE

THE BEAUTIFUL MARYLAND STATE HOUSE is the oldest state capitol in continuous legislative use and is the only state house ever to have served as the nation's capitol. The Continental Congress met in the Old Senate Chamber from November 26, 1783 to August 13, 1784. During that time, George Washington came before Congress to resign his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and the Treaty of Paris was ratified, marking the official end of the Revolutionary War.

The State House is where the Maryland General Assembly convenes for three months each year, and the elected leadership of the state — the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House of Delegates and president of the Senate — all have their offices here.

## WILLIAM PACA GARDEN

\$5; 186 Prince George Street



The William Paca Garden is a two acre oasis of natural beauty in the bustling center of Annapolis' Historic District. Although many colonial Annapolitans had gardens, only Paca's has been returned to its original splendor and opened to the public. Intrigued by garden details in the background of Charles Willson Peale's 1772 portrait of Paca, researchers were able to reconstruct the site from a series of archeological digs that turned up evidence of the garden's former glory.

The brick walls enclose a series of terraces characteristic of colonial gardens in the Chesapeake region. The uppermost terrace serves as a platform for entertaining and viewing the garden. The next two levels are laid out in parterres, geometric designs that demonstrate human control over nature. The Rose Parterre is filled with heirloom varieties, while the Flower Parterre provides three seasons of colorful bloom. The Holly and Boxwood Parterres provide year round structure with their carefully shaped

evergreen plants.

## HAMMOND HARWOOD HOUSE

Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Seniors, AAA or students with valid ID \$8.00. Museum Professionals with valid ID badge or business card are free of charge. Access to our garden and special exhibition is free of charge. Tours begin at the top of the hour. 50 minutes

## DISCOVER ANNAPOLIS TROLLEY TOURS - 40 minutes or 60 minutes options

Have a seat on the trolley and pay the fare (see below) directly to the tour guide. They pick up at the Harbor Master's Building, near the Visitor's Information Booth, at 1 Dock St.

**40 minute tour** offers "A little about a lot!" Sit back and relax as we get away from the waterfront to explore the back streets of Annapolis in air-conditioned comfort. If the weather is nice, we'll make a photo stop at the overlook for views of the Naval Academy and the Severn River.

**FARES for 40 Minute tour**

Adults are \$15  
Active Military and Ages 11-15 are \$7  
Children 10 and under are \$3 - Preschoolers are Free

**60 minute tours** start and end at the Annapolis Visitor's Center, located at 26 West St.

There are about 1300 buildings in Annapolis at least a century old, representing 15 different architectural styles. This tour focuses on the largest and the oldest of those 1300 buildings, with special attention on the Georgian style--harmonious and balanced--named for the Kings George who ruled Britain much of the 18th century. Annapolis has the highest concentration of Georgian buildings in America. Bring your camera for the one stop at the Severn River Overlook for sweeping views of the Naval Academy and Maryland's World War II Memorial.

**FARES for 60 minute tour**

The fare for adults is \$18  
Active Military and young adults aged 11-15 are \$9  
Children 10 and under are \$3

**DEPARTURE TIMES**

Tours depart daily April through Thanksgiving weekend, and most weekends December through March. Departure times change every week depending on the season and special events in Annapolis.

**Online RESERVATIONS / TICKETS**

Tickets are available ON-LINE through the day before your tour. Remaining seats are available on a same-day, first come, walk-in basis. Sign up on the reservation list for the tour of your choice to hold your seat. The fare will be collected by your tour guide on the trolley. The tour guide can accept cash, checks, and travelers checks. \*NO CREDIT CARDS.\* There is an ATM nearby.

**CRUISES ON THE BAY - by Watermark**

Cruises run daily early Spring until early Fall with Special Event cruises all year long. A narrated 40-minute cruise on Harbor Queen is a must-do Annapolis activity. Cozy Miss Anne takes guests on a relaxing 40-minute cruise of Spa Creek.

Other cruises include 90-minute cruises for a longer tour to see the Severn River, Chesapeake Bay or Thomas Point Lighthouse. Explore treasures of the Chesapeake Bay on a 3-hour Bay Lighthouses Cruise or the new Time & Tide: Tales of Annapolis & the Chesapeake Bay.

**MEMORIALS**

**The Kunta Kinte - Alex Haley Memorial** - Sidewalk At City Dock

**Thurgood Marshall Memorial** - by the State House