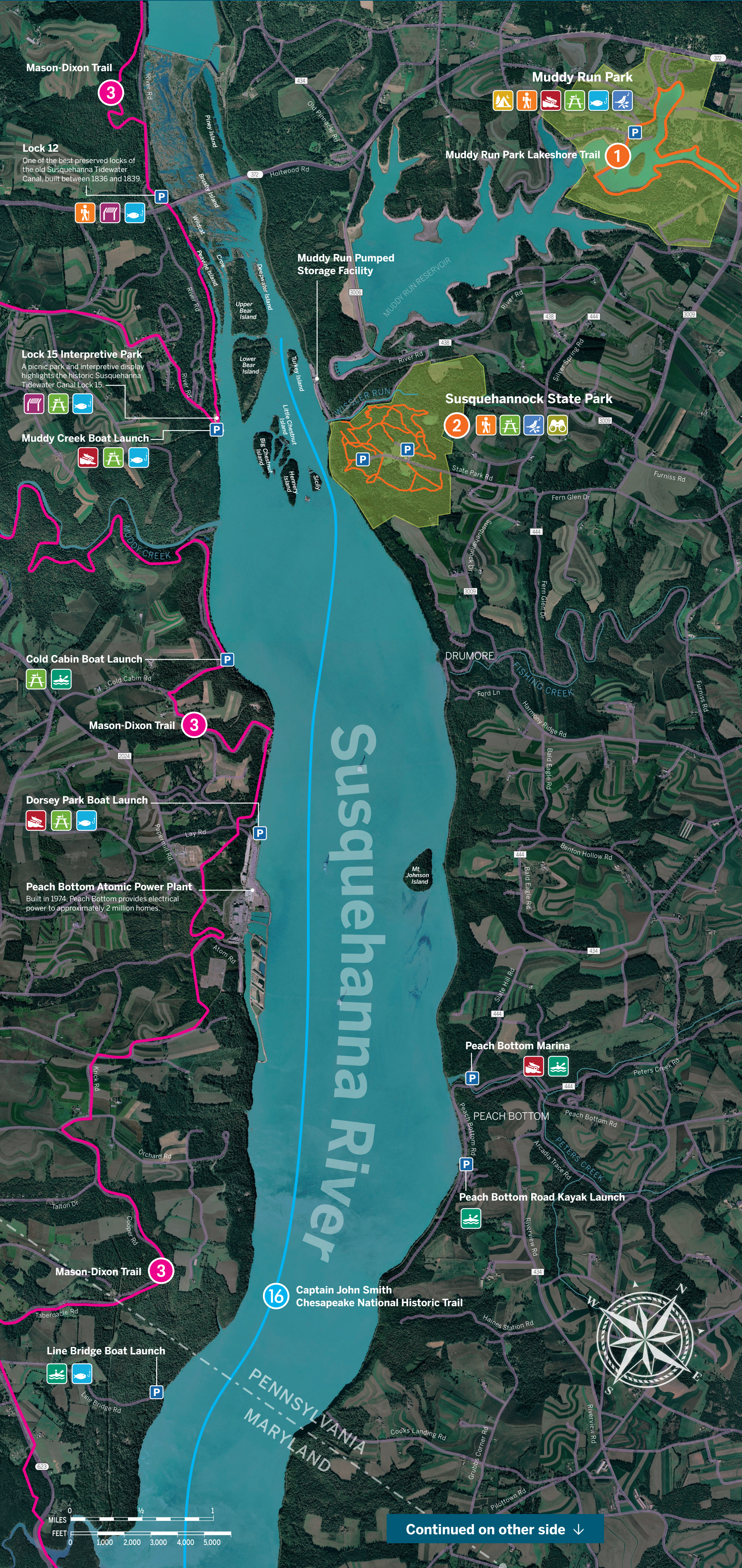




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Hiking

Camping

Birdwatching

Picnicking

Scenic overlook

Fishing

Boat ramp

Canoeing & kayaking

Swimming pool

Historic site or interpretive display

**1 Muddy Run Park Lakeshore Trail**  
3.7 miles, easy hiking.  
Located in the Muddy Run Park, a 700-acre park with scenic rolling hills, fishing on a 100-acre lake and wildlife viewing opportunities. The public picnic area and hiking trails are open year round, sunrise to sunset.

**2 Susquehannock State Park, PA**  
The park is located on the eastern shore of the Susquehanna River, south of Muddy Run. On the 224 acres of the park is the Landis House, a historical building from the 1850s, as well as picnic areas, pavilions, a playground, athletic fields, walking and equestrian trails, a tent site for groups and an overlook area with views of the Conowingo Pond and the Muddy Run powerhouse. More detailed maps of the park's 11 hiking trails can be found at the park or online.  
  
**Chimney Trail**  
0.35 mile, more difficult hiking.  
This wooded trail is great for birding and viewing spring wildflowers.  
  
**Fire Trail**  
0.33 mile, more difficult hiking.  
Actually a short logging road, this trail features a nice stand of poplar trees.  
  
**Five Points Trail**  
0.7 mile, most difficult hiking.  
Hikers can see rhododendron and views of creek valleys from this trail.  
  
**Holly Trail**  
0.5 mile, easiest hiking.  
Native holly and Christmas ferns line this easily hiked trail.  
  
**Landis Trail**  
0.6 mile, more difficult hiking.  
Named for Lester Landis, a former owner of the historic Long Home near the park office, this trail features a fine stand of Virginia bluebells that bloom in late April and early May.  
  
**Nature Trail**  
0.3 mile, easiest hiking.  
This trail features mature hardwood trees, ferns and wildflowers.  
  
**Overlook Trail**  
0.55 mile, more difficult hiking.  
This popular trail leads to Hawk Point and Wisslers Run overlooks, which offer memorable views of the Susquehanna River.  
  
**Pine Tree Trail**  
0.31 mile, most difficult hiking.  
This short, steep and rocky hike winds its way down to Wisslers Run.  
  
**Pipeline Trail**  
0.24 mile, easiest hiking.  
This leisurely stroll follows an old, abandoned pipeline right-of-way that crosses the park.  
  
**Rhododendron Trail**  
1.2 miles, most difficult hiking.  
The park's longest and most difficult trail crosses steep and rocky terrain and rewards the hiker with spectacular rhododendron blooms during late June and early July. Remnants of the homestead of Thomas Neel and an impressive beech tree can be seen along this trail.  
  
**Spring Trail**  
0.4 mile, easiest hiking.  
Pawpaw trees, with their banana-like fruits, can be found along this trail.

**3 Mason-Dixon Trail (continued on other side)**  
This 199-mile hiking trail connects the Appalachian Trail in Whiskey Springs, PA, to the Brandywine Trail in Chadds Ford, PA. It passes through parts of Maryland and Delaware and treks along the banks of the Susquehanna River. [www.mason-dixontrail.org](http://www.mason-dixontrail.org)

**15 Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail**  
The trail continues north above the Conowingo Pond, all the way to Cooperstown, NY. The water route offers great experiences for paddling and power boats, and there are lots of land-based sites to visit by car. See other side of map for more information.

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Phone: (410) 457-2482  
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**Mason-Dixon Trail**  
Tina Schmidt  
upperbaytrails.com

**Susquehanna State Park**  
4188 Wilkinson Road, Hare De Grace, MD 21078  
Phone: (410) 557-7994  
dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands

**Susquehanna State Park Office**  
1880 Park Drive, Drumore, PA 17518  
Phone: (717) 548-3361

**Harford County Parks and Recreation**  
220 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014  
Phone: (410) 638-3000  
harfordcountymd.gov/225/Parks-Recreation

**Cecil County Parks and Recreation**  
200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD 21921  
Phone: (410) 392-4537  
ccgov.org/government/parks-and-recreation

**Conowingo Visitor Center**  
4948 Conowingo Road, Darlington, MD 21034-1503  
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**Muddy Run Visitor Center**  
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 Beacons (Flashing red lights and sirens). When active, they signify hazardous river conditions below the Conowingo Dam.

**3** **Mason-Dixon Trail** *(continued from other side)*  
The trail meanders through the Susquehanna River Valley, entering from the north above the Conowingo Pond. It passes by the Norman Wood Bridge in Holtwood, PA, and travels 38.9 miles south to Havre De Grace, MD. From there, it heads east, passing through Elk Neck State Forest, then on to Iron Hill Park. DE and beyond.

**4 Conowingo Creek Trail**  
.62 miles, easy hiking.  
This trail uses the retired Conowingo Road to wander along the Conowingo Creek, providing scenic views of the creek.

**5 Conowingo Creek Boat Ramp Trail**  
.15 miles, moderate hiking.  
The trail climbs the rocky Susquehanna shoreline.

**6 Funk's Pond Trail**  
1.5 miles, easy hiking.  
Includes beautiful views of Conowingo Pond and sightings of wildlife. A half-mile trail along the pond leads to a picnic area with bank fishing and a sightseeing footpath.

**7 Susquehanna State Park, MD**

15 miles of trails, ranging from easy to difficult. The varied terrain in this 2,660-acre park is heavily forested and offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation. Trails are marked and maintained; ideal for hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and nature lovers. It is also handicapped accessible. More detailed maps of the hiking trails can be found at the park or online.

**Susquehanna Ridge Trail**  
3.0 miles, moderate to difficult hiking.  
The trail provides magnificent views of the  
Susquehanna River Valley

**Land of Promise**  
1.6 miles, moderate hiking.  
The trail leads to the Rock Run Historic Area by the mansion driveway.

**Farm Road Trail**  
2.0 miles, moderate hiking.  
The trail follows a farm road through fields and forests.

**Rock Run Y Trail**  
0.9 miles, moderate hiking.

**Ivy Branch Trail**  
2.0 miles, easy to moderate hiking.

**Deer Creek Trail**  
2.1 miles, moderate to difficult hiking  
The trail has magnificent views and g

**8 Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Trail**

Experience the beauty of the Susquehanna River and the Upper Bay as you explore a growing 38-mile trail network in Cecil and Harford Counties. As you walk, bike, or paddle through the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, enjoy the scenic vistas, historic sites, waterfront towns and nature's bounty that combine to tell our Nation's story. [www.upperbaytrails.com](http://www.upperbaytrails.com)

**9 The Wildflower Trail**

2.2 miles, easy hiking.

This trail passes through wetlands and the base of cliffs. View Virginia Bluebells, Dutchman's breeches, trillium, wild ginger mixed with mature poplar trees, sycamore trees, a variety of birds and other wildlife on this easy walking trail.

**10** **Susquehanna Hills at Vulcan Quarry Trail**  
1.1 miles, slightly moderate hiking.  
Escape into nature and experience running streams and the beauty of pawpaws on this trail.

- 11 **North Park Joe K Loop Trail**  
1.5 miles, easy hiking.  
This trail includes several historic locations as well as scenic Susquehanna river views.

**12 Canning House Run Trail**  
0.8 miles, easy hiking.  
Enjoy beautiful views of the Susquehanna River on your walk or bike ride on this paved trail.

**13 Community Park and VA Loop Trail**  
3.5 miles, easy hiking.  
This is a pretty walk through the woods with lots of opportunities to see wildlife, followed by scenic views of the bay and river as you walk or bike along the waterfront.

**14 Historic Port Deposit**

The entire town of Port Deposit is listed as a historic district. Starting from Bainbridge Road on the south, the district extends about 1.4 miles north. The town has several impressive older buildings—the oldest structures date from 1725, with the majority built from 1830 through the 1890s.

**15 Octoraro Creek Trail**  
1.4 miles, easy hiking.  
Runs through a hardwood forest where migrating songbirds can be sighted during spring migration, including early spring warblers. Bald eagles and ospreys are abundant and can be easily viewed from the mouth of Octoraro Creek.

**16 Captain John Smith**  
**Chesapeake National Historic Trail**

The trail travels nearly 3,000 miles across the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. There you can learn about Captain John Smith's exploratory voyages in 1607–1609, and about native American societies and cultures of the 17th century. You'll find historic sites, a beautiful natural environment and many outdoor recreation opportunities. [www.smithtrail.net](http://www.smithtrail.net) [www.nps.gov/cajio](http://www.nps.gov/cajio)

**17 Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail**

This trail commemorates the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812. The 290-mile trail was named after "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States. Activities on the trail include hiking, biking, boating, and geocaching on the Star-Spangled Banner Geotrail. Sites on the trail include towns raided and/or burned by the British, battles and engagements, forts, and museums. [www.starspangledtrail.net](http://www.starspangledtrail.net)

[www.nps.gov/stsp](http://www.nps.gov/stsp)

**18 Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route**  
700-mile Revolutionary War trail that stretches from Rhode Island to Yorktown, Virginia. [www.nps.gov/waro](http://www.nps.gov/waro)

**19 September 11th National Memorial Trail**  
1,300 mile route that links the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the Flight 93 Memorial. [www.911trail.org](http://www.911trail.org)

**20 East Coast Greenway**  
3000-mile biking and walking route that connects 15 states and 450 cities and towns from Maine to Florida.  
[www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org)