



**- MARYLAND'S -  
FLY FISHING  
TRAIL**



**It all started with a July 2021 phone  
call...which resulted in the  
September 2022 news release on the  
nation's FIRST statewide fly fishing trail.**

# Maryland Fly Fishing Trail Team Acknowledgments

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# **Maryland Fly Fishing Trail Funders/Sponsors**

## **Maryland Department of Commerce**

- Office of the Secretary
- Maryland Office of Tourism

## **Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

- Freshwater Fisheries
- Office of Outdoor Recreation
- State Parks



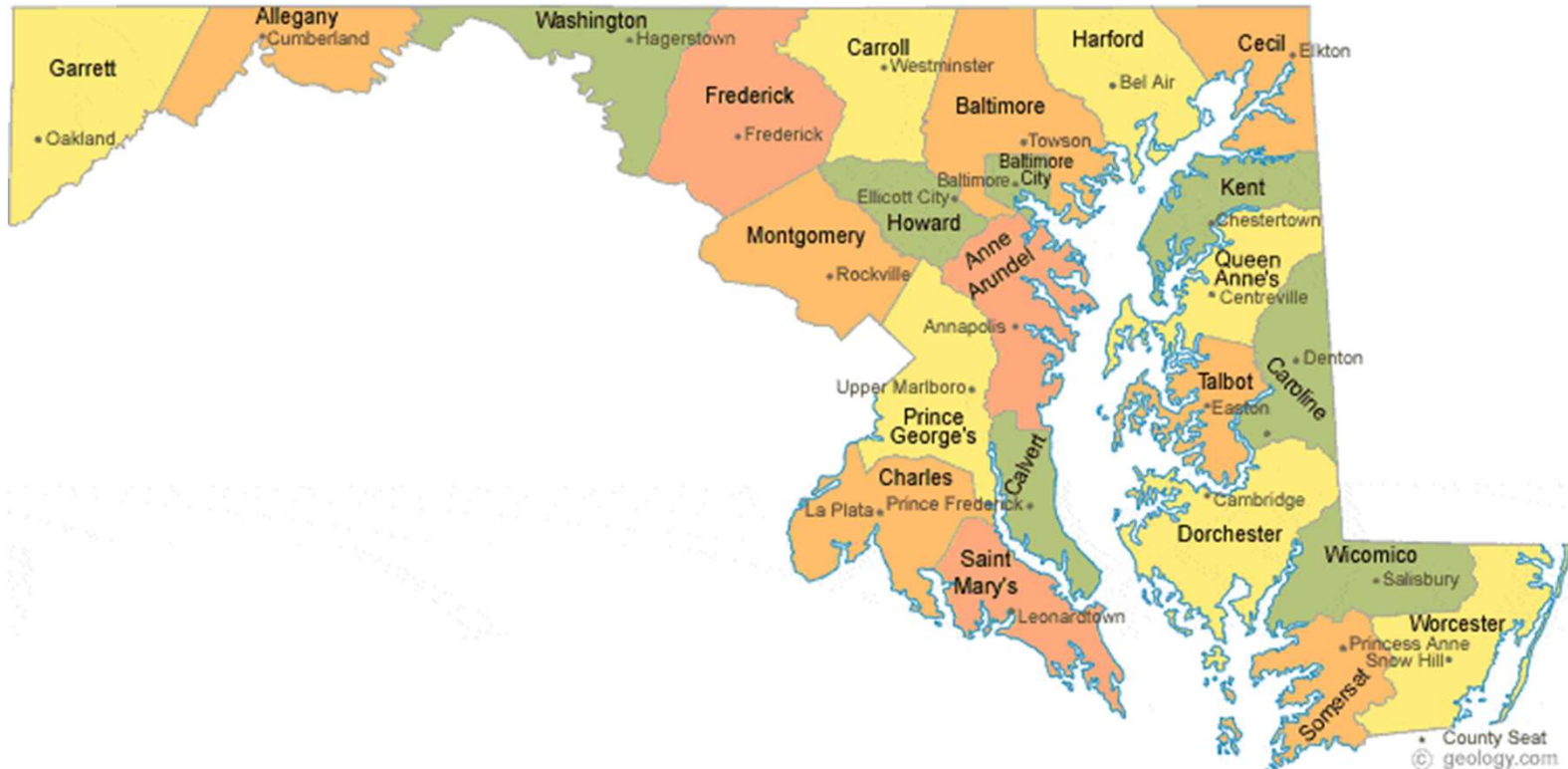
## What is the Maryland Fly Fishing Trail?

A virtual trail which will lead fly fishers of all ages and levels of experience on a journey across all of Maryland's counties, (re) discovering "America in Miniature" for themselves.



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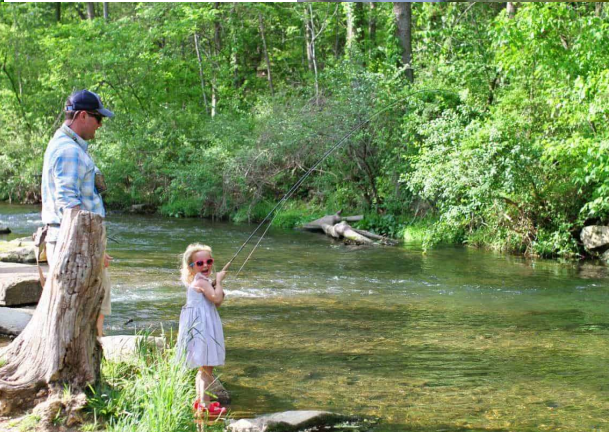
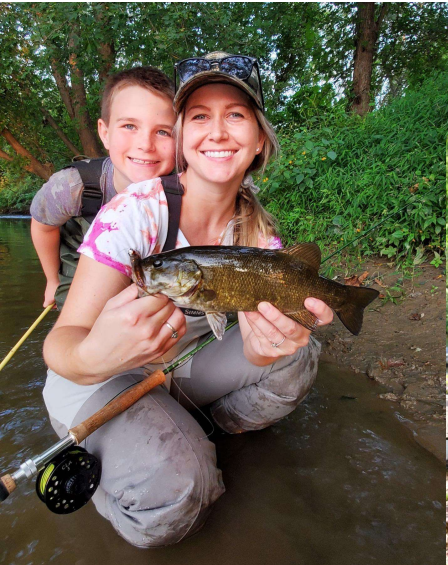
**The first in the nation** state-wide fly fishing trail crossing all 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City.





# Why a Maryland Fly Fishing Trail?

Introducing more women, more younger anglers, anglers of color and anglers from varied economic status to what makes fly fishing so special.





## Why a Maryland Fly Fishing Trail?

**Expose anglers** to new places to fish and find new public access points from which to cast from shore, wade, kayak, canoe, boat or charter and the opportunity to catch an incredible array of different fish species.



## Why a Maryland Fly Fishing Trail?

**Introduce participants** to nearby public access points, support numerous **local small businesses** including lodging, restaurants, fly fishing shops, fishing tackle shops, and fishing guides and increase visitation to nearby **state parks** and **historic sites of interest.**

# Why a Maryland Fly Fishing Trail?

**Connect new fly fishers** with organizations which can provide mentorship and other opportunities to learn, get involved in conservation and get out and go fly fishing.





## What Information is Provided for Each Trail Site?

- **Trail site:** name, county and narrative description of the trail site
- **Site Location:** narrative description of where the trail site is located
- **How to Get:** detailed narrative directions on how to get to the trail site
- **Parking & Launching:** description of exactly where to park including parking conditions (paved, gravel, dirt), street addresses where available, where the boat launch is located and its condition (concrete, soft)
- **Boat Rentals:** name and location of boat rentals in the area
- **Where to Fish:** detailed descriptions of where to access the water and where to cast

## What Information is Provided for Each Trail Site?

- **What to Catch:** comprehensive list of fish species which can be caught by a fly fisher, organized by season where appropriate
- **What to Fish and How:** recommended fly gear—rod, fly line and leader—and recommended fishing flies for different fish species
- **Fly Fishing Organizations:** link to list of fly fishing/conservation organizations in the area
- **Fly Fishing Guides and Shops:** map displaying the location of and link to specific fly fishing guides, fly fishing shops, and fishing tackle stores in the region
- **Purchase Fishing License:** link to Maryland DNR's Compass webpage

## What Information is Provided for Each Trail Site?

- **Applicable Regulations:** link to Maryland's DNR fishing regulation
- **Fish Consumption Advisories:** link to Maryland's fish consumption advisories
- **Trout Stocking:** link to Maryland's DNR trout stocking webpage
- **Check Tides:** link to tide gauge nearest to trail site
- **Check River Flow:** link to USGS stream flow gaging station nearest to trail site
- **Check Flow Releases:** link to website providing flow release information
- **Eat/Sleep/Play:** links to where to eat, overnight accommodations and regional attractions

# **Maryland's Fly Fishing Trail**

**Total of 48 Trail sites across Maryland, with**

**2 Trail sites in each of Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City**

**from Maryland's coastal bays to Western Maryland's mountains**

**with opportunities to catch speckled trout to brook trout**

**while providing year round fly fishing opportunities.**



**Assawoman Bay - Worcester County**



**Big  
Hunting  
Creek**



**Frederick  
County**





**Canton Waterfront Park – Baltimore City**

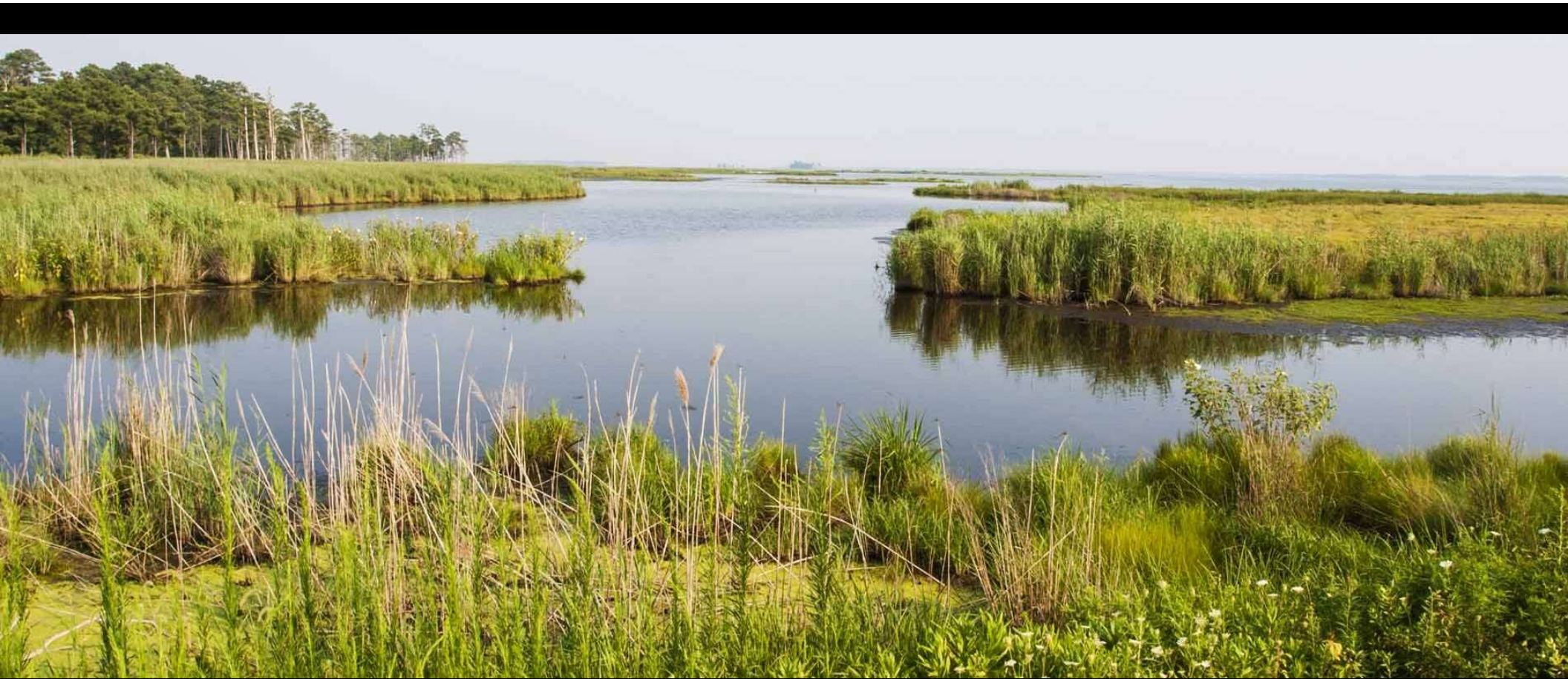


## Black Walnut Point - Talbot County



# Clopper Lake - Montgomery County





**Black Water National Wildlife Refuge -  
Dorchester County**





**Choptank River at Red Bridges - Caroline County**



**Deer Creek**



**Hartford  
County**





**Chester River - Kent County**



**Governor Bridge  
Natural Area  
Ponds – Prince  
George's County**



**Gunpowder  
Falls-  
Baltimore  
County**







**Hutchins Pond – Calvert County**





**Janes  
Island-  
Somerset  
County**



**Lake Habeeb –  
Allegany County**





**Lower Sassafras River/Turners Creek – Kent County**



**Mallows Bay on the Potomac River – Charles County**





**Masonville Cove – Baltimore City**





**Mattawoman Creek – Charles County**



**Monocacy River  
– Frederick  
County**







**Morgan Run –  
Carroll County**



**Octoraro Creek**



**Cecil County**





**Chesapeake Bay/Kent Island –Queen Anne's County**



**Patapsco River**



**Howard County**

**Patuxent  
River/Jug Bay –  
Prince George's  
County**





**Potomac  
River**

**Washington  
County**



**Seneca Creek –  
Montgomery  
County**







**Smith Island –  
Somerset  
County**





**Smithville Lake -  
Caroline County**



**St. Mary's River – St. Mary's County**





**Susquehanna Flats – Harford County**





**Thomas Point – Anne Arundel County**





**Town Creek –  
Allegany County**





Unicorn Pond – Queen Anne's County



**Upper  
Pocomoke  
River**



**Worcester  
County**





**Upper  
Savage River-  
Garrett  
County**





**Upper Wicomico River – Wicomico County**





**Youghiogheny  
River-  
Garrett County**



## Here's Fish Species You Can Catch Across All the Trail Sites

Largemouth Bass

Bluegill

White Perch

Yellow Perch

Smallmouth Bass

Brown Trout

Rainbow Trout

Brook Trout

Chain Pickerel

Hickory Shad

Northern Snakehead

Speckled Trout

Redfish

Black Crappie

White Crappie

Green Sunfish

Redbreast

Sunfish

Bluefish

Spot

Croaker

Rock Bass

Blue Catfish

Channel Catfish

White Catfish

River Herring

Flounder

Fallfish

American Shad

Carp

Pumpkinseed

Sunfish

Spanish Mackerel

Flathead Catfish

Northern Pike

Bullhead

Longnose Gar

Golden Trout

Walleye

Tiger Muskie



**Chain  
Pickerel**





**Rainbow  
Trout**





**Green  
Sunfish**





**Six  
Species  
of  
Catfish**



**Largemouth  
Bass**





**Fallfish**



**Black  
Crappie**





**Redfish**



**Carp**





**Striped  
Bass**





**Hickory  
Shad**





**Bluegill**



**Brook  
Trout**





**Smallmouth  
Bass**



**Yellow  
Perch**





**Pumpkinseed**



**Brown  
Trout**





**White  
Crappie**



**Snakehead**



**...and 18 more  
species all by fly  
fishing on the  
Trail!**



**You can fly fish  
the different  
Trail site's  
from shore as  
well as a kayak,  
canoe,  
paddleboard,  
motorboat,  
and a charter  
boat.**





**And you  
can fly fish  
all 12  
months of  
the year  
on  
Maryland's  
fly fishing  
Trail!**

**So Check out Maryland's Fly Fishing Trail website at  
<https://fishandhuntmaryland.com/marylands-fly-fishing-trail>**

