



Surratt House Museum, Clinton (photo courtesy Wikimedia)

gorgeous gardens. Power shop in the Mall in Columbia that boasts a multitude of trendy shops, theme restaurants and state-of-the-art movie theatre all next door to Merriweather Post Pavilion. Pick your own produce at picturesque and kid-friendly farms. Enjoy a round of golf or relax at one of our area spas. You'll discover why we say...**Howard County**, Maryland. So Much. So Close.

Ellicott City founded in 1772 by three Quaker brothers, is in

the midst of a renaissance and becoming a must see destination while in the mid-Atlantic. Ellicott City's three block historic district along main street is lined with over fifty shopping and dining destinations.

Merriweather was designed by the world renowned architect Frank Gehry, who is best known for defying architectural conventions. Conveniently located in the Baltimore/Washington corridor off Route 29 in Columbia, Maryland,

Merriweather is nestled within the 40 preserved acres known as Symphony Woods. The natural, outdoor concert setting is one that simply can't be matched.

Ideal for nature viewing, our woodland & wetland ecosystems are home to wonderful wildlife. Enjoy nature viewing along well-worn trails in the wooded river valley of the Patapsco Valley State Park and see scenic waterfalls, wildflowers & wildlife! **Howard County** has 40 ponds and lakes, natural open space areas, 7,000+ acre park system all interlaced by more than 100 miles of pathways for walking, biking and jogging.

If you are one of the 10,000 survivors of "Ye Haunted History of Olde Ellicott City" Ghost Tours you'll know that charming Ellicott City, is perhaps the most actively haunted town in America.

Of the 45 Civil War bugle signs in Maryland, **Howard County** has nine detailing the significance of the sites.

For more information about Howard County, visit the **Howard County Tourism Council** at www.visithowardcounty.com or call (410) 313-1900.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Located east of Washington, D. C.

Along with historic landmarks, natural wonders and thrilling sports action, this land just east of Washington, D.C., offers several out-of-this-world attractions such as aerospace.

The past takes flight at the world's oldest continually operating airfield.

A bit more down to earth - but pushing the limits of their own - are the roller coasters and water rides at local parks. For more fast-paced fun, follow the harness racing or keep your eye on baseball's Bowie Baysox, a minor-league affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. Fans have also been known to break the sound barrier while rallying the Landover-based Washington Redskins football squad at FedEx Field in Landover.

At Fort Washington, step up on the ramparts for a monumental view of the nation's capital (built

on land donated by Maryland), and then stroll through the fort's tunnels and gun rooms for a closer look at 19th-century military life. Seventeenth-century agricultural life is re-created right on the banks of the beautiful Potomac River, an officially designated American Heritage waterway.

Dorsey Chapel is a circa - 1900 African / American "meeting house" you'll want to visit in Glenn Dale. In addition, tour plantation and manor homes - they all have their own unique stories... but none so somber as those told at the **Surratt House Museum**. Here, inside a Confederate sympathizer's modest dwelling and tavern, Presidential assassin John Wilkes Booth caught his breath while fleeing capture. The tavern keeper, Mary Surratt, was hanged for her involvement.

Natural highlights in **Prince George's County** include the Canada geese nesting grounds of the Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary and the 13,000-acre Patuxent Research Refuge, with its interactive National Wildlife Visitor Center. You'll also want to see Cedarville State Forest, Greenbelt National Park and Rosaryville State Park, featuring a combined 6,000 acres of prime hiking, biking and picnicking territory for your pleasure.

For more about **Prince George's County**, visit www.princegeorgescounty.com

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Located on the southwestern Chesapeake Bay shore.

For over 375 years, from the time when 140 hardy adventurers first stepped ashore, **St. Mary's County** has been welcoming travelers. Shaped by the Chesapeake Bay and its mighty tributaries, the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers, the verdant peninsula has fostered a traditional lifestyle anchored in the natural bounty of the Tidewater. Today, Maryland's oldest county blends a vibrant economy—it's the state's fastest growing region in terms of technology-related jobs—with its rural past, giving the area a unique character as well as a high quality

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Historic Surratt House Museum



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