

Welcome!

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, Maryland's state museum of archaeology, is situated on 560 acres with 2.5 miles of shoreline along the Patuxent River and St. Leonard Creek. The property was donated to the State of Maryland in 1983 by Mrs. Jefferson Patterson in memory of her late husband, with the purpose of using the onsite archaeological discoveries to preserve and interpret the rich history of the area and its inhabitants. We hope the natural beauty of our walking and driving trails will provide you with an appreciation for the people who lived here.

Park and Museum grounds
open daily year round
7:30 am - dusk

(Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day)

Visitor Center
open daily year round
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

(closed federal and state holidays, and the weeks of
Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year)

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum is a program
of the Maryland Historical Trust, a division of the
Maryland Department of Planning



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MAP & TRAIL GUIDE

Where history
and nature
surround you!

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10515 Mackall Road
St. Leonard, Maryland 20685

Trails



Riverside Trail



Riverside Trail takes you along fields, beaches, and roads. Learn about our first onsite archaeological discoveries. **Note:** Boardwalk on left side of the asphalt trail, takes you to the Indian Village.

Length: 1 mile

Level: easy

Surfaces: dirt, grass, gravel, asphalt, sand



Woodland Trail

Woodland Trail leads you into the forest and field. Enjoy beautiful views of sky and water through the tree canopy.

Length: 0.6 mile

Level: moderate - hard (some steep areas)

Surfaces: dirt, grass, narrow footpaths

Cautions: recommend protective clothing/sprays



Village Trail



Visit this recreated Woodland Indian Village and learn about the people who inhabited this region.

Length: Approx. 1 mile

Level: easy

Surfaces: asphalt, grass

Cautions: asphalt trail ends just inside Village and gravel trail continues past the Village and around the other side of the field back to the road. **Note:** Boardwalk starting right past the Village structures, will take you to the Riverside Trail.



Point Trail

Point Trail guides you along fields, wooded footpaths, beaches, and roads. View Smiths St. Leonard, an 18th-century plantation that is now an archaeological site.

Length: 1.7 miles or 0.9 mile loop

Level: moderate

Surfaces: dirt, gravel, sand, narrow footpaths

Cautions: possible car traffic along gravel road



War of 1812 Trail

Following this driving/walking trail will give you insight on the actions and activities that occurred in the region and on this property during the War of 1812.

Length: 1.8 miles loop (walking)

Level: easy - moderate

Surfaces: asphalt, grass, sand

Cautions: Check at the Visitor Center for access to the War of 1812 exhibit located in the Exhibit Barn.

Archaeology

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an archaeological preserve with over 65 sites identified and recorded. Interpretative panels revealing information about these discoveries are located along our trails and sites.

Stearns Site - Artifacts discovered at this site indicate American Indians lived in this field 500 - 700 years ago.

















King's Reach Site - Excavations revealed traces of two wooden structures built around 1690. Evidence suggests this was the second plantation house of the Smith family.

Smith's St. Leonard Site - This 18th-century plantation site is the third home of the Smith family and contains the main house, store house, detached kitchen, enslaved workers' quarters, stable, laundry, and barns.

Sukeek's Cabin and Tenant House Sites - Archaeologists discovered remains of late 19th-century houses occupied by formerly enslaved African-Americans who lived and worked on this property.

The sites listed here are all marked on the trail map shown on back.

Legend

-  Riverside Trail 
-  Woodland Trail
-  Village Trail 
-  Point Trail
-  War of 1812 Trail
-  Canoe/Kayak Launch
-  Archaeological Site
-  Parking
-  Restroom
-  Picnic Area
-  BEC Breckinridge Education Center
-  EB Exhibit Barn
-  MAC Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory
-  PEARL Patuxent Environmental and Aquatic Research Lab (Morgan State University)



PATUXENT RIVER

ST. LEONARD CREEK

