To see some unique artistry—and occasional downright quirkiness—check out these annual events held across the state. From ice extravaganzas to celebrations of music and art, to an event all about marshmallow Peeps, Maryland’s event calendar is filled with fun.

1 FeBREWary in Maryland, Statewide - February

FeBREWary is Maryland’s official month-long celebration of craft beer, and with craft brew events on tap across the state. From the mountains to the beach, FeBREWary in Maryland is the perfect opportunity to hoist a pint with good friends in great places.

More info...FeBREWary in Maryland

2 PEEPshow, Westminster - March/April

Peeps aren’t just for eating, and this event proves it. Each spring at the Carroll Arts Center in downtown Westminster, spectators vote for their favorites among hundreds of marshmallow masterpieces, including sculptures, dioramas, mosaics and videos. Don’t forget to bring your sweet tooth!

More about PEEPshow
3 DelFest, Cumberland - May

Memorial Day Weekend means Bluegrass at this festival at Allegany County Fairgrounds. Featuring the Del McCoury Band and a stellar list of musicians who excel at this style of music. You're in for five days of festive fun at this top event.

More about DelFest

Type:
Events

Location:
Allegany County Fairgrounds
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-777-5138

4 Preakness Stakes, Baltimore - May

The Preakness is one of the nation’s largest, single-day, annual sporting events! Baltimore's Old Hilltop comes
alive with the running of the Preakness Stakes, where the finest three-year old thoroughbreds compete.

More about Preakness Stakes

Type: Events

Location:
Hayward & Winner Avenues
Baltimore, MD 21215
410-542-9400

More Information View On Map Learn More

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5 Six Pillars Century Blackwater Tour, Cambridge - May

This May event at Great Marsh Park in Cambridge offers courses tailored for fun, fitness and endurance, ranging from the 11-mile Family Ride to the 56-mile Ironman Eagleman course and 100-mile Century Course. Cycle through the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, named one of the "Last Great Places" by the Nature Conservancy. Start with a complimentary al fresco breakfast, bike the scenic paths, then finish off a great day with a picnic in the park.

More about Six Pillars Century Blackwater Tour

Type: Events

Location:
Hambrooks and Somerset Aves, Cambridge MD
Cambridge, MD 21613
410-819-0386

More Information View On Map Learn More
6 Secret Garden Tour of Havre de Grace - May

Tour the lovely private gardens of historic Havre de Grace in May on the Saturday after Mother’s Day. Start at the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum for your ticket and map. Then meander along the Susquehanna River on this self-guided tour that features an award winning garden. Stop by the garden mart and plant sale for souvenirs, and the food vendors for a bite to eat. There are nature-inspired presentations and demonstrations, too, for those with green thumbs looking for inspiration for their own gardens.

More about Secret Garden Tour - Havre de Grace

Type: Events

Location:
100 Lafayette St
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
410-652-9757

7 Historic National Road Yard Sale Days, Route 40 - May/June

How many of the 824 miles of yard sales can you handle? Each area offers its own treasures, food specialities and charm. Historic National Road Yard Sale is one of the greats and it begins in Western Maryland on and near Historic Route 40.
More about Historic National Road Yard Sale Baltimore to St Louis

**Type:**
Events

**Location:**
151 S. East St.
Frederick, MD 21701
765-987-7565

More Information  View On Map  Learn More

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8 Antique and Classic Boat Festival, St. Michaels - June

This festival is a real crowd pleaser no matter what age you are. Hundreds of architecturally exquisite wooden classics, vintage race boats and more are on display on the land and in the water at St. Michaels in June. Festivities include live music, boat rides, food and family activities.

More about Antique & Classic Boat Festival & the Arts at Navy Point

**Type:**
Events

**Location:**
213 N. Talbot Street
St. Michaels, MD 21663
410-745-4960

More Information  View On Map  Learn More
9 Annapolis Arts Week - June

Celebrate Annapolis' diverse arts scene! Annapolis Arts Week will feature several annual events – Paint Annapolis, First Sunday Arts Festival, and Annapolis Art Between the Creeks and the Annapolis Irish Festival, all while spotlighting gallery exhibits, live music and performing arts.

More about Annapolis Arts Week

Type:
Events

Location:
One Dock St
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-280-0445

10 National Music Festival, Chestertown - June


More about National Music Festival

Type:
Events

Location:
300 Washington Ave.
Chestertown, MD 21620
410-778-1177

More Information  View On Map  Learn More

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11 OC Air Show, Ocean City - June

The 12th annual OC Air Show will feature the USN Blue Angels! The OC Air Show keeps getting bigger and better thanks to the hundreds of thousands of spectators who come out to make it a success!

More about OC Air Show

Type:
Events

Location:
Ocean City Beach Area
Ocean City, MD 21842
410-289-2800

More Information  View On Map  Learn More

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12 J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake, Crisfield - July

All you can eat seafood, side dishes, beer and soda. A Maryland must attend - see and be seen annual event named after Crisfield native, J. Millard Tawes, 54th Maryland Governor.

More about J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake

Type:
Events

Location:
715 Broadway
Crisfield, MD 21817
410-968-2500

13 Artscape, Baltimore - July

America's largest free arts festival, attracting 350,000+ attendees over three days. Features 150+ fine artists, fashion designers and craftspeople; visual art exhibits on and off-site, outdoor sculpture, art cars, photography; live music and more.

More about Artscape

Type:
Events
14 Little Yough Summer Music Festival, Oakland - July/August

Free Friday night concerts at the Mountain Fresh Pavilion in Oakland. Back with a new line-up for the new season of this popular series.

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15 Country Fest and Auction, McHenry - August

Held at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, this August event combines history, fine art and tasty Maryland BBQ. Check out the auction items like authentic quilts, crafts and Amish-made furniture, and let the kids take a ride on a pony or “barrel of fun,” and pedal tractor pulls. Everyone will enjoy the hay rides, miniature horse and cart rides, and the petting zoo—plus free admission and parking.
16 Watermen’s Appreciation Day, St. Michaels - August

This August celebration ranks high on the list of fun summer things to do, and includes a “watermen’s rodeo” boat docking contest, boat rides, live music, kids’ activities, and—of course—fantastic seafood. For more information...

17 White Marlin Open, Ocean City - August

This renowned Annual White Marlin Open is the world's largest billfish tournament. Over 300 boats vie for well over $4 million in prize money. Registration fees for participating boats.

More about White Marlin Open

Type:
Events

Location:
Harbour Island Marina
Ocean City, MD 21842
410-289-2800
18 The Charles County Fair, La Plata - September

Visit this family-friendly event in September and experience the marvels of an old-fashioned country fair. See farm animals, pig races, pony rides, and performers in a carnival-like setting on more than 35 acres of land. There’s also lawnmower racing, live music, games and traditional fair food.

More about Charles County Fair

Type:
Events

Location:
8440 Fairground Rd
La Plata, MD 20646
301-932-1234

19 Ocean City Sunfest - September

Summer lasts longer in Ocean City! Enjoy four days of family fun, arts, crafts, live music and food. Admission is free except for ticketed performances.

More about Ocean City Sunfest

Type:
20 National Folk Festival, Salisbury - September

Experience the oldest multi-cultural traditional arts celebration in the United States. This is a three day outdoor festival that is free to the public. Expect to see and hear some of the best talent from throughout North America.
21 Berlin's Fiddlers Convention - September

Fiddling and blue grass music fills the street. Food and craft vendors, beer garden and games for the children.

More about Berlin Fiddler's Convention

Type:
Events

Location:
Downtown Berlin
Berlin, MD 21811
410-641-4775

More Information  View On Map  Learn More

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22 Barcstoberfest, Baltimore - October

The largest pet-friendly festival in the area draws over 3,000 people (along with many of their dogs) to a day-long festival supporting the largest shelter in Maryland. Two and four-legged participants can run the 5K or take the one mile walk. Dogs and their people can enjoy the beer garden. Food trucks are on hand too. The Howl-o-ween Costume Contest is a beloved tradition.
More info...

More about BARCStoberfest

Type:
Events
**Location:**
Patterson Park  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
410.274.8463

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### 23 Bowie International Festival - October

Go around the world in a day with this free festival held in October at Allen Pond Park, and learn about traditions and customs that span the breadth of the globe. Listen to bagpipes and violins, watch Moroccan belly dancing or Irish step dance, and enjoy lots of tasty international food.

More info....

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### 24 Autumn Glory Festival, McHenry - October

Celebrate amazing Fall Foliage with two large parades, concerts, band competitions, art exhibits, fall foliage tours, craft shows and more. This annual five-day celebration of autumn takes place in the western Maryland that boasts incredible scenery and nature.

More about Autumn Glory Festival

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**Type:**
Events

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**Location:**
Garrett County, Maryland
"Light and Literature Unite" at this year's Light City. The light display reimagines Baltimore's waterfront as a premier cultural destination: fully accessible, free and open to all. Located along the Inner Harbor’s brick-lined promenade, the BGE Light Art Walk features awe-inspiring art installations, performances, concerts, a fun-filled family zone and special moments including an Opening Night Parade and a Closing Night fireworks finale. The festival’s food and beverage offerings are proudly 100% local, reflecting Baltimore’s burgeoning cuisine scene. This year, Light City is joined by the Baltimore Book Festival, another beloved annual event featuring hundreds of author appearances and book signings, poetry readings and workshops, street theatre and much more.
26 ICE!, National Harbor - November/December

Embrace the delights of winter at this seasonal ice sculpture show at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor. Don't worry, full-length snow coats and blankets are provided to keep you warm and cozy while you marvel at the sculptures. The theme of this popular annual event changes every year, but you can count on seeing beloved children’s characters and staples like an ice slide.

More about Christmas on the Potomac Featuring ICE!

Type:
Events

Location:
201 waterfront St
National Harbor, MD 20745
301-965-4000

Photo By: Courtesy of Reginald F. Lewis Museum

27 Kwanzaa Celebration, Baltimore - December/January

Kwanzaa is celebrated in the United States for seven days, starting December 26 and ending on January 1. The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture offers a series of Kwanzaa programs including storytelling, crafts and traditional performances.