



**VISIT MARYLAND**  
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



## Enjoy the Taste of Summer

Summer restaurant weeks and food festivals are in full swing! Baltimore County's restaurants are offering special menus and deals through August 6, and Carroll County's chefs will be offering new creations and old favorites from August 6-12. Vegan Soulfest and the Maryland Seafood Festival are both happening August 19-20. And it's not too early to make reservations for Maryland Restaurant Week, which runs September 15-24.

[Make a Reservation](#)



## Celebrate Black-Owned Business Month

August is National Black-Owned Business Month, and a great time to visit one of Baltimore's fantastic Black-owned hot spots. From vegan soul to seafood-centric menus to cozy coffee spots, Baltimore's Black chefs are cooking up special treats just for you.

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## Make Plans for Fall Events

Make your fall plans now as September brings the Maryland

## Bring the Whole Family

Got kids? Good thing Maryland has so many great options for family-friendly getaways and activities! Make the most of what's left of summer with a family trip to the beach, a small town getaway, or a trek to the cool mountains.

[Find Summer Fun](#)



## Take a Hike—for Free!

August 4 is National Outdoors Day and the perfect time to visit one of

State Fair in Timonium, the Oceans Calling Festival in Ocean City, the Maryland Folk Festival in Salisbury, the J. Millard Tawes Crab & Clam Bake in Crisfield, and much more.

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[Find Your Fall Fun](#)

Maryland's great national parks or historic sites! Take a hike, paddle a river, or hop on your bike and enjoy Maryland's Trail System Second-to-None.

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[Hit the Trails](#)



## Take Advantage of Tax-Free Week

Maryland's tax-free week is here again! The promotion runs from August 13 to 19 – just in time for back-to-school shopping. Clothes and shoes under \$100 and the first \$40 spent on backpacks are tax-free. Even better, the promotion doesn't just cover back-to-school shopping -- anyone can take advantage of the deals.

[Shop Til You Drop](#)



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