

Annapolis Downtown – Capital – 5 & 11 KM Year-Round Event Hosted by the Annapolis Amblers

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Trail Description:

The walk is through the historic City of Annapolis, which is also the capital of Maryland and the home of the U.S. Naval Academy. The route follows road shoulders and primarily sidewalks. Annapolis pavements are rough (part of the historic flavor) but suitable for large-wheeled strollers. **Photo ID needed to enter the Naval Academy and State House.**

Special Programs:

- Walking with American Veterans (WWAV)
- Walking the United States – Capitals (CAP)
- Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail (WARO)

Annapolis Amblers Website: www.annapolisamblers.org

Start Point:

Annapolis Visitor Center, 26 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Parking is available on the streets nearby or the Gott's Court Garage.

Hours are typically 10 am to 5 pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, but please call 410-280-0445 to confirm volunteers are there.

Amenities:

There are restrooms at the Visitor Center. There are many restaurants and stores along the route which may require purchase to use their facilities.

Driving Directions:

Take your best route to US-50/301 to Rowe Blvd (Exit 24). Continue on Rowe crossing College Creek and take the right fork. Continue straight at the light onto Northwest St. Take the first right and park around the circle or in the garage. The Visitor Center is toward West St.

Walk Registration:


Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Note: The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distance and any special program using the OSB. See below.

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Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please log in to your Online Start Box account, click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, and click on “Go to Finish Table” button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped “virtual” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Historical Notes:

Annapolis has a long and storied history and we have highlighted a few historical notes. The blue numbers after a walk instruction corresponds to a numbered note. Enjoy!!

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Walk Directions for Annapolis Downtown - Capital 5 KM Walk

1. Leave the Visitor's Center from the West St. exit (probably not the door you entered by if you parked in the garage) and **TURN LEFT** on **West St. (1)**
2. Make the **1st LEFT** onto **Church Circle** (no sign).
3. **CROSS** **Northwest St.** and continue **STRAIGHT** past the Post Office and James Office Building.
4. At **Bladen St.**, **TURN RIGHT**, cross **College Ave.** (no sign), and go through the small park to the State House.
5. **Climb** State House steps to the main level. (To avoid stairs, enter through handicapped entrance at the right side of the steps.) Enter the north door and enjoy the building's many historical features. (State House is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with restrooms available.) If not open, **CIRCLE** the building outside to the **LEFT**. **(CAP & 2)**
6. Exit back through the same door. Go down the steps, **TURN RIGHT** and walk on the sidewalk around the building to **State Circle**.
7. **CROSS** **State Circle** on the cross walk and walk **STRAIGHT (SLIGHTLY RIGHT)** along **School St.**
8. Walk one block; **TURN LEFT** on **Church Circle**, then **LEFT** again on **Main St. (3)**
9. **CONTINUE** on **Main St. STRAIGHT** past Francis St. (on the left). **(1K)**
10. At the bottom of Main St., **TURN RIGHT** and cross at the crosswalk with the brick meridian strip to **Green St.** The Historic Annapolis Museum is at the corner of Main St. and Green St. **(4)**
11. Walk up Green St. for one block and **TURN LEFT** on **Duke of Gloucester St. (5)**
12. Continue down Duke of Gloucester St. to the end, **TURN RIGHT** on **Compromise St. (6/WARO)**
13. **CROSS** bridge over Spa Creek.
14. **TURN LEFT** on **Severn Ave. (2K)**
15. **TURN RIGHT** on **First St. (7)**
16. **TURN LEFT** on **Chesapeake Ave.** As you leave Ft. Horn Park, go back up Chesapeake Ave.
17. **TURN RIGHT** at light, **Sixth St.** (which becomes Compromise across the bridge). **(3K)**
18. Continue **STRAIGHT** on Compromise St.
19. **TURN LEFT** at the first crosswalk by City Dock. **(7/8/9)**
20. **BEAR RIGHT**, then **STRAIGHT** up the left side of **Main St.**, to end. **(4K)**
21. **TURN LEFT** at **Church Circle**.
22. **CROSS** three streets, then cross and **GO LEFT** on **West St.**, crossing over at light to right side of West St.
23. Continue **STRAIGHT** on West St. to the Visitor Center and the end of the walk.

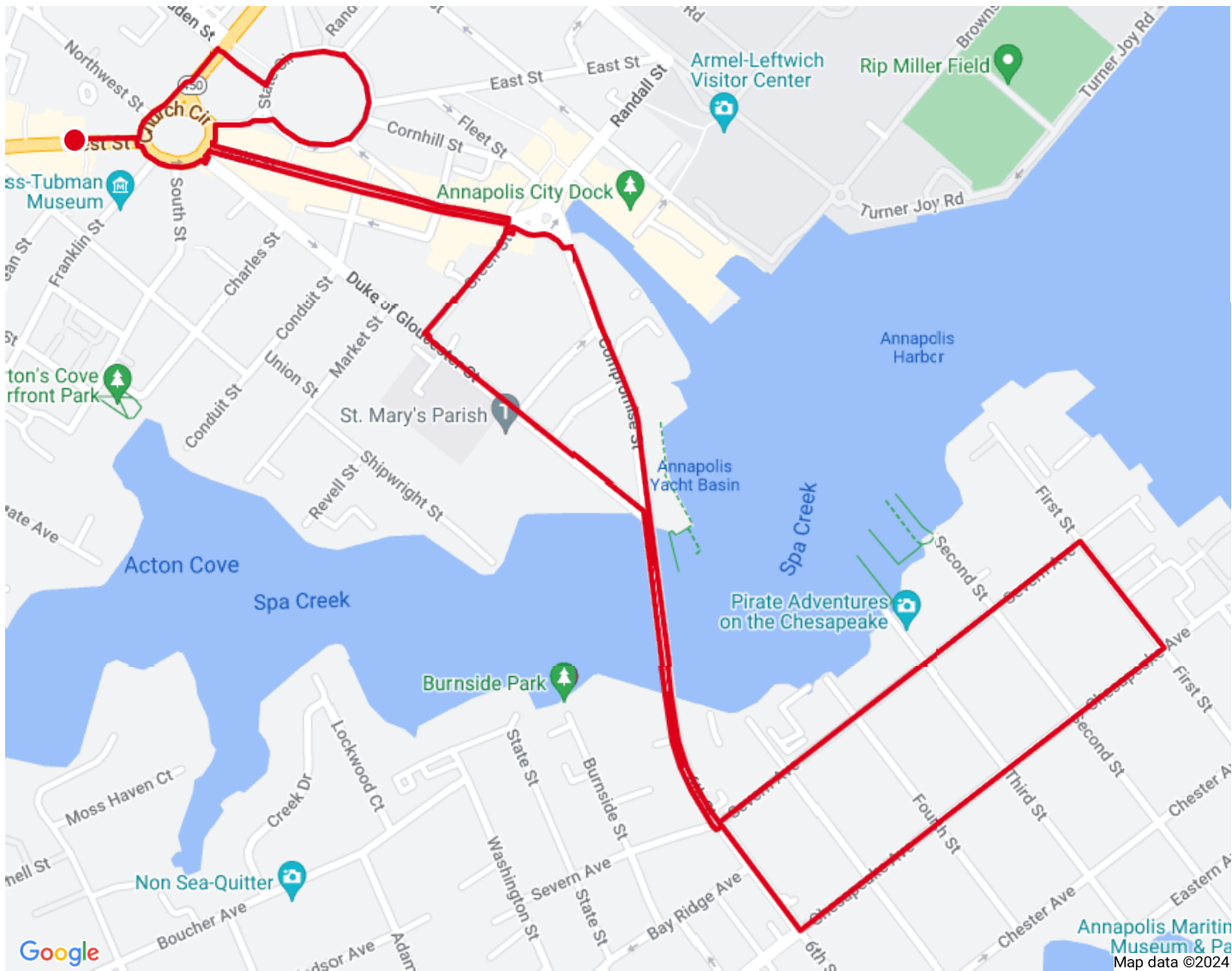
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Walk Directions for Annapolis Downtown - Capital 11 KM Walk

1. Leave the Visitor's Center from the West St. exit (probably not the door you entered by if you parked in the garage) and **TURN LEFT** on **West St. (1)**
2. Make the **1st LEFT** onto **Church Circle** (no sign).
3. **CROSS Northwest St.** and continue **STRAIGHT** past the Post Office and James Office Building.
4. At **Bladen St.**, **TURN RIGHT**, cross **College Ave.** (no sign), and go through the small park to the State House.
5. **CLIMB** State House steps to the main level. (To avoid stairs, enter through handicapped entrance at the right side of the steps.) Enter the north door and enjoy the building's many historical features. (State House is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with restrooms available.) If not open, circle the building outside to the **RIGHT**. **(CAP & 2)**
6. Exit back through the same door. Go down the steps, **TURN LEFT** and walk on the sidewalk around the building to **State Circle**.
7. **CROSS** State Circle on the cross walk and walk **STRAIGHT (SLIGHTLY RIGHT)** along **School St.**
8. Walk one block; **TURN LEFT** on **Church Circle**, then **LEFT** again on **Main St. (3)**
9. Continue on Main St. **STRAIGHT** and **TURN LEFT** on **Francis St.**
10. Walk up Francis St. to a **RIGHT** on State Cir. For a short distance, then **RIGHT** on **Cornhill St.**
11. Follow down Cornhill St. to the end at **Fleet St.** **TURN RIGHT** on Fleet St. to the end at Market Space (no sign). **(4)**
12. **TURN RIGHT** and walk straight ahead, **CROSS** Main St. at the crosswalk with brick meridian strip to **Green St.**
13. Walk up Green St. for one block and **TURN LEFT** on **Duke of Gloucester St.**
14. Continue down Duke of Gloucester St to the end. **TURN RIGHT** on **Compromise St.** and cross bridge over Spa Creek. **(2K) (5/6/WARO)**
15. **TURN LEFT** onto **Severn Ave.**
16. **TURN RIGHT** on **First St.**
17. **TURN LEFT** on **Chesapeake Ave.** As you leave Ft. Horn Park, **TURN LEFT** on **Horn Point Dr.**
18. **TURN RIGHT** on **Chester Ave.**
19. **TURN LEFT** on **First St. (7)**
20. **TURN RIGHT** on **Eastern Ave.**
21. **TURN RIGHT** on **Third St.**
22. **TURN LEFT** on **Chester Ave. (4K)**
23. **TURN RIGHT** on **Sixth St.** which becomes **Compromise St.** as you cross back over the Spa Creek Bridge. Continue along Compromise St past Main St. You are now at the Annapolis Harbor and City Dock. **(8/9/10)**
24. Walk along the dock to **Dock St.** **TURN RIGHT** and continue walking along the dock (brick sidewalk becomes boardwalk about halfway along the dock). At the point where the sidewalk changes, the Harbor Master Station is on your left with **Public Restrooms**. The Boardwalk turns left at the end and then left again.




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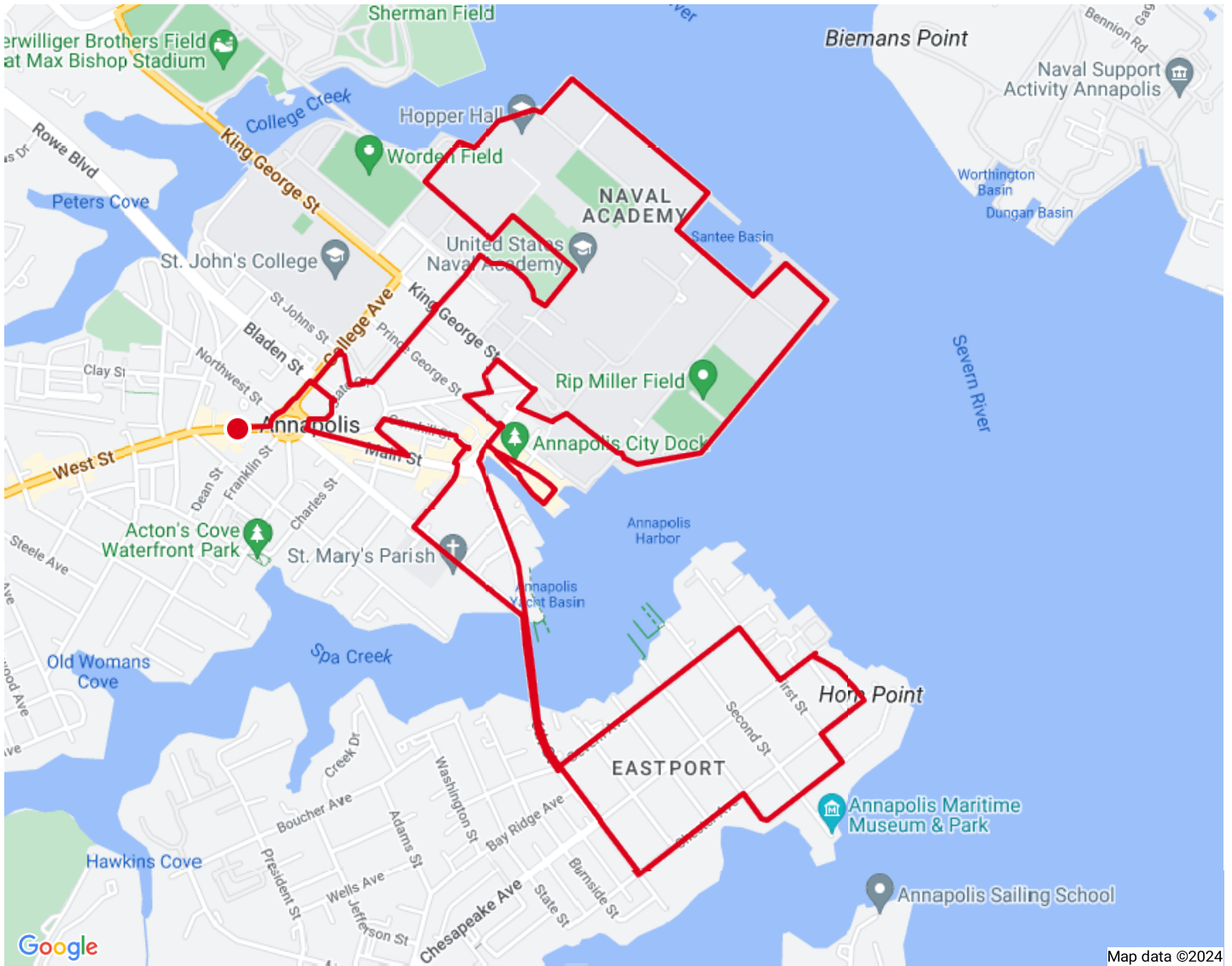
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25. At the end of the boardwalk, walk **STRAIGHT** through the parking area to **Craig and Dock Sts.** Continue **STRAIGHT** to **Randall St. (6K)**
26. **TURN RIGHT** on Randall St. for a short block. **CROSS** and **TURN LEFT** on **Prince George St. (11)**
27. Walk one block and **TURN RIGHT** on **East St. (12)**
28. After a short distance, **TURN LEFT** on **Martin St.**, following around to the right.
29. At “T” intersection, **TURN RIGHT** on **King George St.** to end at the Naval Academy Gate 1 entrance. For the pedestrian entrance, **CAREFULLY CROSS** and **TURN RIGHT** on **Randall St.** for a half block.
30. Enter the Naval Academy through the Visitor Center (**ID required**). Exit the Visitor Center and **TURN RIGHT** on **King George St. (13)**
31. Continue **STRAIGHT** as King George St turns in Turner Joy Rd. (no sign) until you reach the seawall.
32. **TURN LEFT** and follow the road and seawall in an easterly direction. Walk **CAREFULLY** as there are no sidewalks along much of this road. Towards the end, look for the Submarine Memorial (a torpedo) on your right near the end of the playing fields.
33. Continue around the seawall to the left and the Robert Crown Sailing Center. **TURN LEFT** and go to **Santee Rd.** (no sign). At the Stop sign, **TURN RIGHT**.
34. Make the first **RIGHT** onto **Sims Rd. (8K)** (no sign), then **LEFT** to follow the seawall around Dewey Field on Sims Rd. then **McNair Rd.** (both unmarked). (**WWAV & 14**)
35. At the intersection of McNair Rd. and Holloway Rd. continue to follow the seawall to the left to just past the footbridge over College Creek.
36. At this point, **CROSS** the street and follow the serpentine path along the side of Alumni Hall.


TURN LEFT on the walkway that parallels **Decatur Rd.** and passes in front of Alumni Hall. (**15**)
37. Continue paralleling Decatur Rd. to the end at the “T” intersection with **Maryland Ave. (16)**
38. **CROSS** Maryland Ave. and **TURN LEFT** for one-half block to a **RIGHT** on **Stribling Walk** (Ship figurehead and canon monument at entrance).
39. Walk **STRAIGHT** ahead through park area to Tecumseh Statue and Court. (**17/18**)
40. **TURN RIGHT** onto paved road and walk along one wing of Bancroft Hall to a **RIGHT** on **Blake Rd.** (passing the submarine memorial).
41. Follow Blake Rd around in front of the Chapel to a “T” intersection and **TURN LEFT** on **Maryland Ave.** (no sign). (**10K**) (**19**)
42. Walk **STRAIGHT** ahead out of Gate #3 (turnstiles on right) and continue on Maryland Ave to **State Cir. (20/21)**
43. **TURN RIGHT** for a short distance then **RIGHT** on **North St. (22)**
44. At **College Ave.**, **CROSS** and **TURN LEFT**. College Ave. merges with Church Circle. Stay on the right side of the street, crossing Northwest St.
45. **TURN RIGHT** on **West St.** and return to the Visitor’s Center (about ½ block). (**11K**)

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Historical Notes

1. Across the street is St. Anne's Church. The Tiffany studios designed the stained-glass window given to the church in 1839.
2. The MD State House is the oldest state Capital in continuous legislative use, construction beginning in 1772. It is here that George Washington resigned his commission as army commander in chief.
3. Across Main St. is the Maryland Inn. This structure is unique in that it was built as an inn in the 1770s and has remained one ever since. It was originally known as the King of France Tavern.
4. The first market house on this site was built in 1784.
5. In 1774, John Ridout, private secretary to the Governor, constructed three adjoining houses (#s 110-114) intended as rental properties adjacent to his home at 120 Duke of Gloucester St.
6. At the end of the bridge as you walk towards Eastport is an historical marker for Lafayette's Encampment where soldiers under the command of the Marquis de Lafayette encamped on the way to the decisive Revolutionary War Battle in Yorktown, VA.
7. At Jeremy's Way there is an interesting tour marker and a tiny public park.
8. The Dock has been the center of Annapolis' marine life for 300 years. Today work and pleasure boats share the use of "Ego Alley."
9. At the head of the dock, a plaque commemorates the arrival in Annapolis of Kunta Kinte, immortalized by his descendent, Alex Haley, in "Roots."
10. Straight ahead is the Middleton Tavern, opened as a tavern in 1740. Meetings, auctions, and social events made this a favorite gathering place in town.
11. Patrick Creagh House, 160 Prince George St., was built in 1735. In the 19th century it became known as Aunt Lucy's Bake Shop, where Lucy and John Smith, a free black couple operated a successful catering business.
12. Brice House-42 East St. James Brice built this impressive Georgian mansion between 1766 and 1773, and it remained in the family for a century.
13. Just past the Halsey Field House on your right is the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center, offering Academy information, gift shop, refreshments, rest rooms and an orientation film.
14. On the side of Luce Hall is a plaque that honors the burning of the Peggy Stewart. One of four Tea Parties that occurred in Maryland before the Revolutionary War.
15. The Vietnam Memorial is across the street at the seawall.
16. Across Decatur Rd. at Maryland Ave. is Preble Hall, home to the Naval Academy Museum, housing a collection of more than 35,000 items such as paintings, prints and artifacts depicting naval history.
17. The Indian warrior Tecumseh stands watch over the site of noon meal formations for the brigade of midshipmen at 12:05 weekdays.
18. Home to the entire brigade of 4,000 midshipmen, Bancroft Hall is one of the largest single dormitories in the world, with 1,872 rooms, five miles of corridors and 33 acres of floor space.
19. The Naval Academy Chapel, built in 1904, is located on the highest point of ground within the yard. The window behind the altar and others were designed by Tiffany studios. John Paul Jones,



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naval hero of the Revolutionary War is buried in the crypt.

20. There are 2 very noteworthy houses on this street. At 19 Maryland Ave. is the Hammond-Harwood House, an outstanding example of American colonial architecture built in 1774 as a town residence for Mathias Hammond, patriot, and planter.
21. Across the street at #22 is the Chase Lloyd House. Edward Lloyd IV of Talbot County bought the unfinished shell of this house from Samuel Chase, young Annapolis lawyer and later signer of the declaration of Independence. Lloyd finished the home, one of the grandest in Annapolis, in the early 1770s. His youngest daughter, Mary Taylor Lloyd married Francis Scott Key here in 1802.
22. On the far-right hand corner of North and College Aves. is St. John's College, our country's third oldest school. During the Civil War, the college served as a military Hospital. Among its illustrious alumni is Francis Scott Key.



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