

## **St. Mary's City YRE Driving Directions**

GPS Coordinates of the Start Point are **38.180705, -76.429930**

### **From Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia**

From the Capitol Beltway take exit 7A to MD-5/Branch Ave. South. Travel south on MD-5 for approximately 59 miles, traveling through Mechanicsville, Loveville and Leonardtown. As you approach St. Mary's College of Maryland you will see a sign welcoming you to Historic St. Mary's City, then the St. Mary's River on the right. After the campus follow the signs and turn right onto Rosecroft Road, then take the first right onto Hogaboom Lane and continue to the big blue Visitor Center.

### **From Southern Virginia**

Follow U.S. 301 North towards Maryland. After crossing the Harry Nice Bridge at Dahlgren go right at the 2nd traffic light onto MD-234/Budds Creek Rd. After approximately 19 miles, merge with MD-5/Point Lookout Rd heading south. Travel on through Leonardtown, as you approach St. Mary's College of Maryland you will see a sign welcoming you to Historic St. Mary's City, then the St. Mary's River on the right. After the campus follow the signs and turn right onto Rosecroft Road, then take the first right onto Hogaboom Lane and continue to the big blue Visitor Center.

### **From Baltimore, MD**

From the Baltimore Beltway take exit 7 to Interstate 97 South towards the Bay Bridge until it ends at U.S. Routes 50 and 301. Keep right at the fork, and follow signs for U.S. 301 South/U.S. 50 West towards Richmond. After approximately 11 miles, take the exit for MD-4 South, towards Prince Frederick. Continue on to Solomons Island and across the bridge over the Patuxent River, then turn left at the traffic light at intersection of MD-4 and MD-235. Continue for 10.5 miles then turn right onto Mattapany Road. Turn left at the intersection of MD-5, then take an immediate right onto Rosecroft Road. Take the first right onto Hogaboom Lane and continue to the big blue Visitor Center.

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

**In case of Emergency: Dial 911**  
**Event related assistance:**  
**Susan DeHetre: 301-848-9475**

**Restrooms and water fountain are available in the Visitor Center.**



## Historic St. Mary's City Seasonal Event: YR 1620 5 km/10 km Rated 1B



If the Visitor Center is open, please make sure you pay your admission fee to St. Mary's City and obtain your sticker before you begin this walk! Take time to explore the Visitor Center and watch the film, if you have time.

10K Walk and 5K Woods Walk – Start here. For the 5K Historic Walk, skip to W on the next page.

- A. Leave the Visitor's Center, turning LEFT on the sidewalk. Turn RIGHT at the parking lot, walking toward the tall pine trees.
- B. At the little newspaper mailbox and the sign for 18701 Hogaboom Lane (which may be laying on the ground ☹), turn RIGHT onto the brown gravel driveway.
- C. Just before the "PRIVATE RESIDENCE" sign, look for a sign to your left that says "Hiking Trail". There is also a bench with a roof over it on the left. Turn LEFT and walk between the two rows of pine trees.
- D. As the trail exits the "tree tunnel", continue walking ahead on the walking trail, crossing several driveways, paralleling the road (Hogaboom Lane) which is on your left.
- E. The trail turns left to cross the road at a sign that says "Administration Offices". Follow the trail across the road, and then turn right to continue on the trail, paralleling the road which is now on your right.
- F. Bear left on the trail at a small bench underneath a roof. Follow the trail across the road using the crosswalk, into the woods. After crossing a small footbridge, turn left at a "T" intersection onto a wider trail.
- G. Pass a post on the left with the number "4" on it and a white sign that says "Museum Tickets Required".
- H. A little further on, notice a trail that intersects from the left. There is a tree with an orange "Safety Zone" sign on it. Turn left here.
- I. Cross a gully with lattice pavers in the bottom. Our trail turns right just after a second gully onto a narrow trail (see the brown trail sign with a white arrow pointing to the right.) Another arrow will guide you further on as the trail bends right.
- J. Cross a bridge with railings (*Mary Kittamaquand Bridge* – the sign is in the middle of the bridge) and go up a small hill.
- K. The trail follows the water's edge of the *Milburn Creek* for quite a while. Eventually, you will cross Bridge # 2 (*The Clockers' Bridge*).
- L. Continue straight on the main trail, ignoring unmarked side trails. After a bit of walking, pass Post #6 and cross Bridge # 3 (*Father Thomas Copley Bridge*). Pass Posts # 7 and #8, and cross Bridge # 4 (*William Hardige Bridge*).
- M. The trail leads to Rosecroft Road with Lucas Cove Road just to your left. Cross Rosecroft Road, and continue on the hiking trail straight ahead into the woods.
- N. Pass Eagles Way Trail on your right, cross Bridge # 5 (no railings on this bridge, *Robert Ridgely Bridge*). As the trail approaches a clearing, notice a safety zone sign on your left. Follow the trail as it bends to the right.
- O. Continue on the trail through a small campground. Continuing straight on the dirt path you will see a trail sign on the tree to your right. Cross a dirt driveway and continue on the path into the woods toward the St. Mary's River.
- P. Pass Post #10 on the left. The trail bends to the right – notice the blue blazes on the trees that mark the trail.
- Q. Quite a bit further on, pass Post #11 (which might look like a "1" because one of the "1"s is missing.) After passing Post #11, look for a bench on the left, overlooking *Greene's Pond* and the *St. Mary's River* – a great place to sit, relax, and enjoy the view!
- R. Pass Post #12, a short boardwalk and Bridge # 6 (no railings on this bridge, *Blanche Oliver Bridge*). Cross a gravel driveway, and continue on the path into the woods.
- S. As the trail enters a clearing, walk around a weathered, white-gray building that is undergoing restoration (Brome-Howard Slave Quarters, circa 1840). Follow the trail as it curves right and parallels the water. Notice The Inn at Brome Howard, to the right.

*This perfect example of a mid-nineteenth century gentleman's plantation house was built by Dr. Brome for his new bride in 1840. The house was the cornerstone of a 3,000 acre tobacco and wheat plantation and was the center of life in St. Mary's City. It was passed down through three generations and was used both as a full time residence by the Howard family and a summer retreat by the Bennett and Howard families.*

*In 1980, the State of Maryland bought the house from the Howard family. It had been built over one of the most historic sites in Maryland history, thus protecting the 17th century remains of the state's first capital. In an effort to reconstruct the original 'St. Maries City', the house was moved to its present location in 1994. The area where the Brome Howard house now sits is part of Greene's Freehold, the home of Maryland's second governor.*

- T. Continue on the main trail along the water, then curving with the tree line and the perimeter of the field.
- U. At the end of the field, the trail curves to the left. You may be able to see a black-topped road (Rosecroft Road again) through the trees to the right. Cross a gravel driveway and then a paved driveway.
- V. At Hogaboom Lane, cross and turn left. Follow the trail on the right side of Hogaboom Lane, passing the bench with the roof. Cross Hogaboom Lane again with the trail at the "Administrative Offices" sign, so that you are now walking on the path on the left side of Hogaboom Lane. Follow the trail as it leads to and through the "tree tunnel", and back to the Visitor's Center (the blue buildings ahead of you).

For the 5K Historic Walk, begin here. For the 10K walk, continue below.

- W. Take a break at the Visitor's Center (restrooms, water, soda machines, exhibits, educational film). Exit the Visitor's Center, heading straight toward the sign with the map of Historic St. Mary's City. Bear right following the macadam path down the hill and across the wide bridge.
- X. Continue up the slight incline and turn right on the macadam path at the "Y" intersection.

TAKE TIME TO VISIT: To your left is a loop containing the Woodland Indian display. Visit the area if you wish, and then return to the trail, continuing along the macadam path.

- Y. You are now entering the area of Historic St. Mary's City where considerable archaeological study has been carried out and continues. Take time to read and enjoy the informational sign boards, and to visit the buildings along the walk.
- Z. Pass a sign, across from a bench, that says "Governing: The Calvert Family and the Founding of Maryland". Continue on the path, passing the Brick Chapel, which was constructed using only techniques available in the late 1600's. Again, take time to learn about the excavation and reconstruction, talking to the staff if they are available. They are often excited and eager to share their knowledge with visitors!
- AA. Continue on the main path, passing a barn on the left. Pass a cannon on the left. Keep straight as you cross through several intersections, with signs and buildings on either side of the main path.
- BB. At the gray picket fence ahead of you (not the period-style stake and rider fence on your right), stay straight to keep the fence on the right, and the barrel water fountain and the bamboo grove on the left. You will pass a sign "DISCOVERING: Witness to History" on your right.
- CC. Pass Margaret Brent Garden gazebo on the left, with a nice view of the *St. Mary's River*. You will approach a intersection where there is a sign "Welcome to the Waterfront". (Restrooms are to your right across from *The Shop At Farthings Ordinary*.) Turn left onto the path with the black metal railings, which becomes a boardwalk leading to the water's edge. At the bottom of the hill visit the ship, the *Maryland Dove*.

*The Maryland Dove commemorates the Dove of 1634, which accompanied Lord Baltimore's original expedition to Maryland. The Maryland Dove is a re-creation of a trade vessel from the late 17th century. It would have been used for trade between the colonies and, sometimes, with England and Europe. Chat with the ship's crew, and learn the hardships and benefits of life aboard a trading vessel. Discover how sailors navigated by the stars, what they ate during a long voyage, and how waterways linked Maryland's colonists to the rest of the world.*

- DD. After visiting the *Dove*, return to the gravel path along the water's edge. Follow the dirt and gravel trail, keeping the water on your left, passing the osprey's nest on the left over the water. Continue up the hill as the trail bends to the right. Another restroom is on the right as you climb the hill.
- EE. At the top of the hill, make a U-turn to your left, just before the brick wall with the wooden gate. (Don't worry – you will visit the brick state house on your right later.) Follow the

perimeter of the top of the hill, heading toward a flagpole in the direction of the water.


- FF. Pass a stone dedicated "In Memory of Thomas Allen Senior". Continue along the edge of the hill, turning to the right around the Memorial Stone.
- GG. As you walk around the Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, notice a set of steps down to the water just past the Hogaboom headstones.
- HH. You may continue around the cemetery, or take an optional short side trip down to Church Point. This option does not add much distance to the walk – but it is scenic. ☺ If you choose not to go to Church Point, continue straight ahead toward the wide dark gravel path. You should see a wooden bench on your right. Walk between the bench and the MADJESKI headstone and continue with # JJ below.
- II. *Church Point Option: Descend the steps on the left, and pick up the sandy trail parallel to the water's edge. Bear left, following the trail to the cross. This is Church Point. Enjoy the view, then turn around and retrace your steps until you reach a Y with a wide path of dark gravel. Bear left onto the dark gravel path to walk up the hill. At the cemetery at the top of the hill, turn left, walking between the wooden bench on your right and the MADJESKI headstone on your left.*
- JJ. Follow the edge of the cemetery at the top of the hill, keeping the *St. Mary's River* down the hill to your left. Walk toward the brick building until you come to a brick sidewalk.
- KK. Turn right and follow the brick path, passing the front of *St. Mary's Hall*, part of *St. Mary's College of Maryland*.
- LL. Continue on the brick path, passing *Trinity Church* on the right and *St. Mary's Female Seminary (now Calvert Hall)* on the left. Just before the brick wall, turn left onto the brick path, keeping the brick wall on your right. Go down the hill on the path closest to the brick wall. At *Kent Hall*, veer left under the brick pillars and roof to stay on the brick path.
- MM. Turn left on the white sidewalk, then a quick right, crossing the driveway. Carefully walk along the left side of the road down the hill (no shoulder, but just a short distance along this road with light traffic). Turn right to cross the road at the crosswalk. Walk behind the concrete monument.
- NN. Turn left onto the brick sidewalk and use the crosswalk straight ahead to cross the road coming from the left. Continue straight, and then use the crosswalk to turn right and carefully cross the busier road (Route 5), heading toward *St. John's Pond*.
- OO. Once across the road, turn left on the brick sidewalk, with the pond on your right. Cross a bridge and the path curves to the right. Stay on the main brick path as it curves around the pond. Follow the brick path under the brick archways of the building ahead of you.
- PP. Passing through the brick archways, the Library (Building #18) for *St. Mary's College* is on the right (restrooms). On the left is the Campus Center, which includes more restrooms, the Daily Grind café and the Campus Store downstairs.
- QQ. Continue on the brick path to road. Cross Route 5 at the crosswalk (carefully!) and turn right onto the brick sidewalk.
- RR. At the brick post office building, bear left and pick up the asphalt path on the right of the building.

- SS. The asphalt path leads to a concrete sidewalk, and then a road. Turn left on the road
- TT. When you come to the 1676 State House, carefully cross to the other side of the road. Walk through the opening in the brick wall. Follow the brick path between the rows of bushes.
- UU. The path leads THROUGH the State House. Take time to explore this building. *(If the State House is closed – possible on Sunday – walk around the building to the door on the other side of the building.)*

*The State House is a re-creation of the original built in 1676. This reconstruction was built in 1934 in honor of the colony's 300th anniversary.*

- VV. Exiting the Statehouse, turn left on the brick path, and then walk across the grass, passing the stocks and pillory. Walk toward the gray picket fence; walk under the wooden arbor where there are picnic tables, and then through the opening in the fence. Visit *Farthing's Ordinary* (gift shop on the right with lots of interesting items), if you wish. A refreshment building (vending) and restrooms are also available in this area.
- WW. Turn right on the macadam path in front of the restrooms. Follow the path to a "T", then turn left, passing through the opening in the fence (sign: "Ticketed Visitors Only Beyond This Point"). Pass the Margaret Brent Garden gazebo again, this time on the right. At the main intersection, there is a barrel with a water fountain on the right (may not be working). Turn right here, passing through the opening in the fence and between two brown buildings. Take time to explore *Smith's Ordinary* and *Smith's Outbuilding*, if you wish.
- XX. Continue on the path, passing another wooden building on the right. There is a sign: "SURVIVING: From Slavery to Freedom".
- YY. Continue on the macadam path, staying straight. You will again pass the Woodland Indian area on your left.
- ZZ. Cross the wide wooden bridge, and follow the trail to return to the Visitor's Center to stamp your books.

Thank you for supporting the Freestate Happy Wanderers!  
We hope you have enjoyed your visit and walk in Historic St. Mary's City!

St. Marys City Historic District	
U.S. National Register of Historic Places	
U.S. National Historic Landmark District	
	
<p>St. Mary's City Historic District: Reconstructed 1867 Catholic Church, built on site of the original Jesuit mission church in the St. Mary's City colonial settlement, Maryland's first colony.</p> <p><i>HSMC, July 2009</i></p>	
<b>Nearest city</b>	St. Mary's City, Maryland
<b>Built</b>	c. 1667. Rebuilt 2009
<b>Governing body</b>	State of Maryland
<b>NRHP Reference #</b>	69000310 <sup>[16]</sup>
Significant dates	
<b>Added to NRHP</b>	August 4, 1969
<b>Designated NHL</b>	August 4, 1969 <sup>[17]</sup>

Historic St. Mary's City's website is  
<http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org>

