

All of the public gardens listed in this brochure have been Bay-Wise certified by Master Gardeners.

Specific Bay-Wise features have been identified in each garden. We hope that you enjoy these gardens that may be viewed from the Northernmost point to the Southern tip of the Calvert County Peninsula, with locations on both the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay. This self-guided tour may be completed in one day or spread out over several visits. The gardens are also listed on this map which may be viewed online.



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The University of Maryland Extension Bay-Wise Program encourages sustainable garden practices that support the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Features include:

- Encourage Wildlife
- Protect the Waterfront
- Mow Properly/ Water Efficiently
- Manage Yard Pests with Integrated Pest Management
- Mulch Appropriately —Recycle Yard Waste
- Fertilize Wisely
- Plant Wisely
- Include Native Plants

Learn more about the Bay-Wise program or invite the Master Gardeners to visit your yard or group.

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# Calvert County Bay-Wise Public Gardens *Self-Guided Tour*



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### 1. Wetlands Overlook Park

**Bay-Wise features:** rain garden, native plants, pollinators, wildlife, waterfront.

Park that serves as an attraction for those interested in observing the wildlife inhabitants of the wetlands, includes boardwalks along the marsh. Rain garden, native trees, shrubs and gardens bordering the wetland.

Address: 4030 11th Street, North Beach, MD 20714  
Hours: Open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk.  
Parking: Small parking lot on site. Street parking nearby.



### 2. Mark R. Frazer Sunrise Garden

**Bay-Wise features:** rain garden, pollinators, native plants

Sunrise Garden is a passive, neighborhood park located near the town waterfront. This park includes water features that consist of rain gardens, shallow ponds, waterfalls and landscaping with native plants. Master Gardeners provided the native plant suggestions. The list of native plants is on the Town website.

Address: 8930 Bay Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714  
Hours: Open year-round.  
Parking: On the street or nearby public lots.



### 3. Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail

**Bay-Wise features:** native plants, pollinators, wildlife.

The 2-mile trail along Fishing Creek and the marsh is a journey across nature. Pollinator garden and Bee Barn maintained by the Town Green Team is located at the North side of the trail. Signage along the trail identifies trees, shrubs and wildlife viewing points. Pollinator garden brochure available on Chesapeake Beach Town website.

Address: 3955 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732  
Hours: Open year-round.  
Parking: at the Kellams complex parking lot.



### 4. Fairview Library Butterfly Garden

**Bay-Wise features:** rain garden, native plants, pollinators

Pollinator and rain gardens are designed and maintained by the Chesapeake Garden Club. Great example of a native plant demonstration garden in a public space.

Address: 8120 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Owings, MD 20736  
Hours: Open to the public year-round.  
Parking: Library parking located at rear of building.

### 5. Kings Landing Park

**Bay-Wise features:** native Plants, pollinators, wildlife

A 260-acre park for environmental education, featuring picnic shelters, a wetland boardwalk, miles of trails, and fishing and kayak/canoe facilities along the Patuxent River. Surrounding Tom Wisner Hall is native plant garden with pollinator plants that bloom throughout the year. The fringe trees are especially beautiful in the late spring.

Address: 3255 Kings Landing Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639  
Hours: Daily 9am to 6pm. Check website for current information.  
Parking: Large lot in front of Wisner Hall (white building).

### 6. American Chestnut Land Trust Double Oak Farm

**Bay-Wise features:** vegetables, pollinators

With over 4,000 acres the property has many hiking trails and other attractions. On the North side is the vegetable garden, food forest and pollinator garden. Staff and volunteers use environmentally friendly and sustainable farming methods and approximately 80% of its harvest is donated to a local food pantry.

Address: 676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick, MD  
Hours: Daily 9am to dusk. Check website for hours and information.  
Parking: North Side Trailhead, Double Oak Farm.



### 7. Calvert Extension Office - Demonstration Garden

**Bay-Wise features:** pollinators, native plants, erosion control

Garden surrounding the Extension office that is designed and maintained by Master Gardeners. Native plant gardens that include a variety of challenging conditions including sunny and dry slopes, terraced gardens, and a boggy lower garden area with a pond.

Address: 30 Duke Street Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
Hours: Open to public year-round.  
Parking: Large parking lot in the rear of the building.



### 8. Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary

**Bay-Wise features:** native plants, pollinators, wildlife

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp is a forested wetland known for its stand of bald cypress trees. Native plant garden surrounds the nature center, with a pond that attracts many bird species.

Address: 2880 Grays Road, Prince Frederick Md 20678  
Hours: Usually 10am to 4pm. Check website for more information.  
Parking: In front of Nature Center. No entrance fees.



### 9. Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

**Bay-Wise features:** pollinators, native plants, erosion control – living shoreline, wildlife

560 scenic acres along the Patuxent River in Calvert County. Pollinator and native plant gardens include around the visitor center, meadow garden, rain garden, waterfront garden and living shoreline.

Address: 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685  
Hours: 7:30 am until dusk. Daily, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Parking: Use Visitor Center parking. No fees.



### 10. Flag Ponds Nature Park

**Bay-Wise features:** rain garden, pollinators, native plants, erosion control, living shoreline, wildlife

Flag Ponds borders the Chesapeake Bay and features many nature trails, a picnic area, and a beach for swimming and fossil hunting. A rain garden designed with native plants is located near the entrance. An initial living shoreline project is planned for 500 feet of the shoreline to help protect two freshwater ponds separated from the Chesapeake Bay by a narrow beach dune system.

Address: 1525 Flag Ponds Parkway, Lusby, MD 20657;  
Hours: Seasonal. Check website for hours and days open.  
Parking: In front of Nature Center. Entrance Fee.

### 11. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center

**Bay-Wise features:** pollinators, native plants, waterfront

Gardens include many native plants including in the butterfly garden, rain garden, woodland gardens and vegetable garden. The vegetable garden is maintained by the Master Gardeners.

Address: 13470 Dowell Rd., Solomons, MD 20688  
Hours: Seasonal. Check website for hours.  
Parking: Non-member suggested donation is \$5/person.



### 12. Calvert Marine Museum

**Bay-Wise features:** pollinators, native plants, waterfront

The museum is adjacent to Back Creek. Gardens with native plants have been planted around the museum grounds and buildings including a rain garden, Children's Maritime garden, floating wetland gardens, otter garden, and container gardens. Other features include rain barrels and compost bins.

Address: 14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688  
Hours: Museum hours daily from 10 AM- 5 PM.  
Parking: Large lot on museum grounds. Admission fees.