



## **June - Things to Do In Annapolis & Anne Arundel County, Maryland**

**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND** – Located in the heart of Maryland, Annapolis & Anne Arundel County is the ideal destination for welcoming summer. Travel is back and Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (VAAAC) invites visitors to access its more than 500 miles of shoreline to craft their unique Chesapeake Bay Adventure. On land, events abound, including the largest Pride and Juneteenth parades in Maryland. The U.S. Naval Academy will welcome the class of 2016 on Induction Day (I-Day), and athletes and sports enthusiasts from around the world will converge at the USA BMX East Coast Nationals and the Race Across America finish line at Annapolis City Dock

For a more complete listing of June events, festivals, activities, and adventures, getaway seekers are invited to visit the VAAAC website and events calendar.

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### **Signature Events**

**June 3-5 – [Let's Go Music Festival](#)** (Crownsville): Kick off the summer by listening to top acts, including Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jimmie's Chicken Shack, Billy Currington, Jimmie Allen, the Goo Goo Dolls, Better Than Ezra, and many more at this outdoor music festival.

**June 4-5 – [Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival](#)** (Downtown Annapolis): Celebrate one of Maryland's largest LGBTQIA+ parades and enjoy a festival and events all weekend long.

**June 5-12 – [Annapolis Arts Week](#)** (Destination-wide): The annual celebration supports the diverse talents of the local arts community with events throughout Annapolis & Anne Arundel County.

**June 10-12 – [USA BMX East Coast Nationals](#)** (Severn): Up to 5,000 athletes and their families from around the world are expected to descend upon Severn-Danza Athletic Park to compete in a National BMX sports moto competition.

**June 18 – [Juneteenth Parade and Festival](#)** (Annapolis): The second annual event commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. After the parade through Downtown Annapolis, head to the Bates Athletic Complex for a festival featuring food, live music, and shopping.

**June 24-30 – [Race Across America](#)** (Annapolis & Anne Arundel County): RAAM returns to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay again this year! The 3,000-mile trans-continental event begins in Oceanside, CA and ends at Annapolis City Dock. Participants set out on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and have 12 days to complete the race. Come cheer on the athletes as they cross the finish line!

**June 28 – [USNA Induction Day](#)** (Annapolis): Roughly 1,200 young men and women from around the world (and their families) report to the U.S. Naval Academy to take their first steps toward becoming “plebes” (freshman).

### **[Local Festivals & Events](#)**

**June 4-5 – [Secret Garden Tour](#)** (Downtown Annapolis): The Hammond-Harwood House event features private gardens in Spa View Heights, the area of Annapolis between Murray Hill and Spa Creek. The gardens featured reflect the goals of the home gardeners: to have a beautiful space filled with flowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, and other garden elements, a space that is a pleasure to live in and an inspiration to work in.

**June 11 – [The 32nd Annual Strawberry Festival](#)** (BWI Airport Region): The Ann Arrundell County Historical Society event at Benson-Hammond House features all your strawberry favorites – wines, jams, shortcake, chocolate covered strawberries – as well as crafts, music, and food trucks.

**June 25 - [Eastport a Rockin'](#)** (Annapolis): Created to expose local music to a larger audience, Eastport a Rockin' has drawn attendees from throughout the neighborhood and across the region since 1997 and is known as the local music festival of the summer. 30+ bands will perform, keeping local, original music a key component of Eastport a Rockin'.

### **[Father's Day Weekend](#)**

Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County has curated a list of weekend activities that makes it easy for Dad to celebrate Father's Day solo, with the family, or with the guys. Find out more at [www.visitannapolis.org](http://www.visitannapolis.org).

**June 18 – [Great Frogs Winery](#)** (Annapolis Area): Enjoy live music by Scribe on the patio, weather permitting. Treat yourself to a self-guided tasting or wine by the bottle or glass, along with wine-friendly snacks. No cover fees. No reservations required for outdoor seating.

**June 18-19 – [Golf in Anne Arundel County](#)** (Countywide): Chill out with Dad over a round of golf this Father's Day weekend! For best selection, book early.

**June 18-19 – [Parasailing, Chesapeake Bay](#)** (Chesapeake Bay): Check in and check out with **Z Flight Parasail and Watersports**. Take in views of historic Annapolis, U.S. Naval Academy, and the Chesapeake Bay from high in the sky. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

**June 19 – [Live! Casino & Hotel](#)** (Arundel Mills): **Dave Chappelle at The HALL at Live!** Show up for the comedy event of the season and make it a weekend dad will never forget!

**June – [BWI Trail](#)** (BWI Airport Region): If dear old dad is the sporty type, take him and the rest of the crew for an outing on the paved 12-mile bike trail that circles BWI Airport. A parking lot and children's playground are located at the Thomas A. Dixon Observation Area, 1911 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. The best part? It's FREE!

**June – [BWI Craft Brewery Trail](#)** (Countywide): If you're looking for a reason to roam – with a designated driver, of course – check out four great breweries within a 30-minute drive along the BWI Craft Brewery trail. To book private transportation, [click here](#).

**June – [Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary](#)** (Southern Anne Arundel County): If celebrating outdoors with a picnic and hike are more your speed, consider Jug Bay. Featuring wetlands and a wildlife sanctuary, the park lies on the outer edge of Anne Arundel County at its border with neighboring Prince George's County.

**June – [Waterfront Dining and Beach Bars](#)** (Countywide): Beach Bars are a staple in Anne Arundel County, and Father's Day weekend is the perfect time to check them out. Travel by car or boat and nibble your way through fun North County waterfront eateries enjoying [Chesapeake Cuisine](#), and/or an [Orange Crush](#), all the while enjoying perfect waterfront views. For a complete list of waterfront dining options, head to our [website](#).

### **[Recurring Seasonal Events](#)**

**[Dinner Under the Stars](#)** (Downtown Annapolis): On Wednesday evenings and select Saturdays from May 25 through September 24, the first block of West Street shuts down to automobile traffic and welcomes visitors to dine and shop al fresco under a canopy of white lights reminiscent of the old cities of Europe (weather permitting).

**[First Sunday Arts Festival](#)** (Downtown Annapolis): Every First Sunday of the month from May through November, the first blocks of West and Calvert Streets are filled with streets vendors, performers, musicians and more! The signature event encourages area residents and visitors to shop locally, discover new restaurants, and support the arts (weather permitting).

**[Food Truck Fridays](#)** (Millersville): Discover new cuisine and make everyone happy with a visit to Food Truck Fridays on the Farm in Millersville, MD.

**Farmers Markets** (Countywide): Summertime is the perfect time to set your sights on cleaner eating with a trip to our local Farmers Markets. Source organic vegetables and fruit, dairy, meat and poultry, local pies and jams, honey, and so much more!

**Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Tour** (Annapolis): Tours depart the Annapolis Maritime Museum located at 723 Second St Annapolis, MD 21403. The vessel “Sharps Island” will be moored at the closest pier to the Horn Point Marina. All the money collected helps support the preservation of the lighthouse. Each day has two cruise times to choose from, either 9:00 am or 12:00 pm and registration is on a first come first served basis, so get your name in early! (*Tours are seasonal and run June-October, weather permitting*).

**Tides & Tunes Concert Series** (Annapolis): June 16- August 18, The Tides & Tunes Summer Concert Series offers 10 weeks of popular music—from rock to folk to blues—with the incomparable backdrop of the Chesapeake Bay. Concerts are FREE; however, donations are gratefully accepted. Food and spirits are available for purchase. Beverage sales support the Museum’s education program. No outside alcohol is permitted. Bring a chair or blanket.