

SIGHTS TO SEE



DISCOVER

USS Constellation

Be sure to visit the four ships and lighthouse that make up Historic Ships in Baltimore. Learn about the role the vessels played in the maritime history of the city and the nation.



EXPERIENCE

7 Foot Knoll Lighthouse

From the variety of exhibits that the National Aquarium, the Maryland Science Center and the Baltimore Museum of Industry offer to the diverse shops and restaurants of Fell's Point, there's more than enough to experience in the Inner Harbor, both on and off the water.



EXPLORE

Harris Creek Park

Enjoy terrific harbor views as you picnic in the park, stroll along the Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, or take part in some nearby neighborhood nightlife.



CONSERVE

Mr. Trash Wheel

With hundreds of tons of trash removed from the Harbor, Mr. Trash Wheel and Professor Trash Wheel are just two of a variety of efforts to help restore and conserve the Inner Harbor.

COME JOIN THE ADVENTURE ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY!

Smith and his crew sailed from a struggling English outpost into a world they knew little about. They traveled an enormous web of waterways and encountered American Indians who already lived along many of the shorelines.

Based on these travels, Smith created a detailed map of the Chesapeake Bay region. His map and writings influenced the exploration and settlement of eastern North America for many generations. Today, you can follow Smith's travels on the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, learn the traditions of descendant American Indian tribes who still live here, and experience the richness of the Chesapeake and its rivers. By land and by water, you'll make discoveries of your own. Learn more at www.findyourchesapeake.com/things-to-do/smith-trail

JOHN SMITH IN THE PATAPSCO

Captain John Smith and his crew spent only two and a half days on the Patapsco River, but he managed to map it with amazing accuracy. On June 12, 1608, they anchored the Discovery Barge for the night off Bodkin Point. They saw no one on land. Some historians believe this part of the western shore was a buffer area between the Indian tribes of the region, such as the Piscataway. Smith and his men explored the river up to modern-day Elkridge. They spent the afternoon exploring and mapping the Gwynns Falls, the Jones Falls, and Old Road Bay, where they spent the night. The crew begged Smith to turn south to restock supplies. He responded with an inspiring speech that revived their spirits, but the weather shut in on them in Old Road Bay. After enduring a day and a half of rain and wind in their open boat, Smith relented, and they headed south.

Paddler's Checklist:

- Finished float plan left with a friend (bit.ly/BaltimoreFP)
- Personal flotation device
- Spare paddle
- Clothes you can get wet
- Whistle or other sound signaling device
- Sunscreen
- Drinking water & snacks
- Proper footwear
- UV eye protection

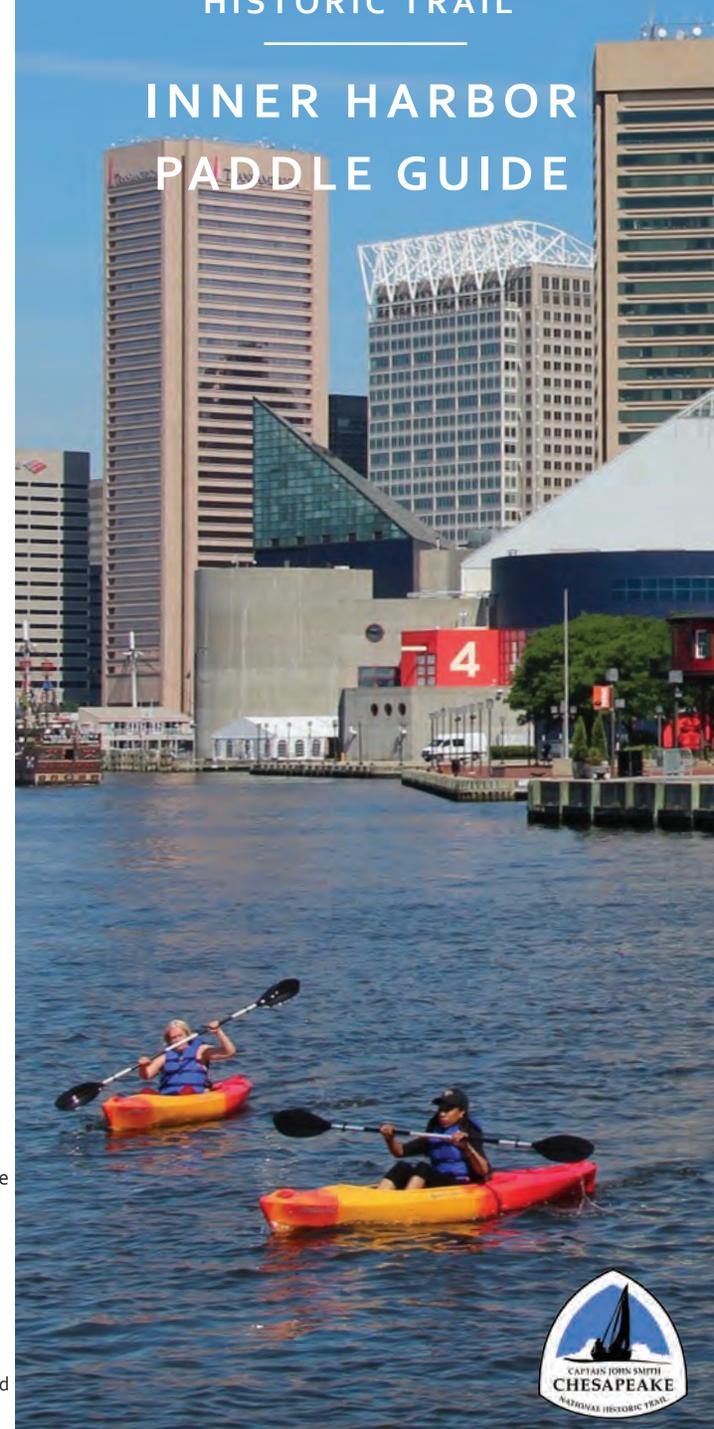
Temperature Test

Temperature-related hazards, such as heat stroke or hypothermia, are a large risk for any water-based activity. The average paddling season runs from April-October, so make sure to plan ahead in regard to that day's temperature before going out. For more information, please visit NOAA's Patapsco River buoy at: bit.ly/NOAABaltimore

Stay Aware!

Parts of this paddling trail do intersect with an active shipping channel and is not for novice paddlers. Stay alert for in-the-moment hazards, and make sure to check the weather in advance for any small craft advisories.

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH CHESAPEAKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL INNER HARBOR PADDLE GUIDE



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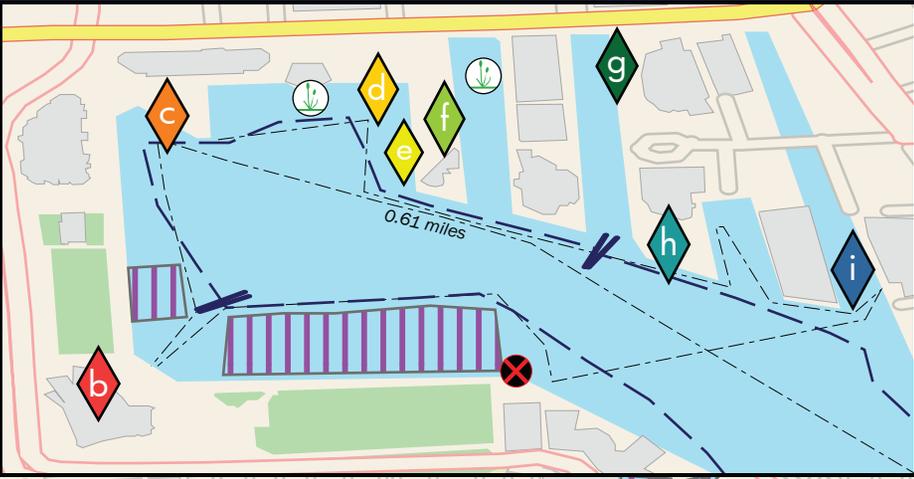
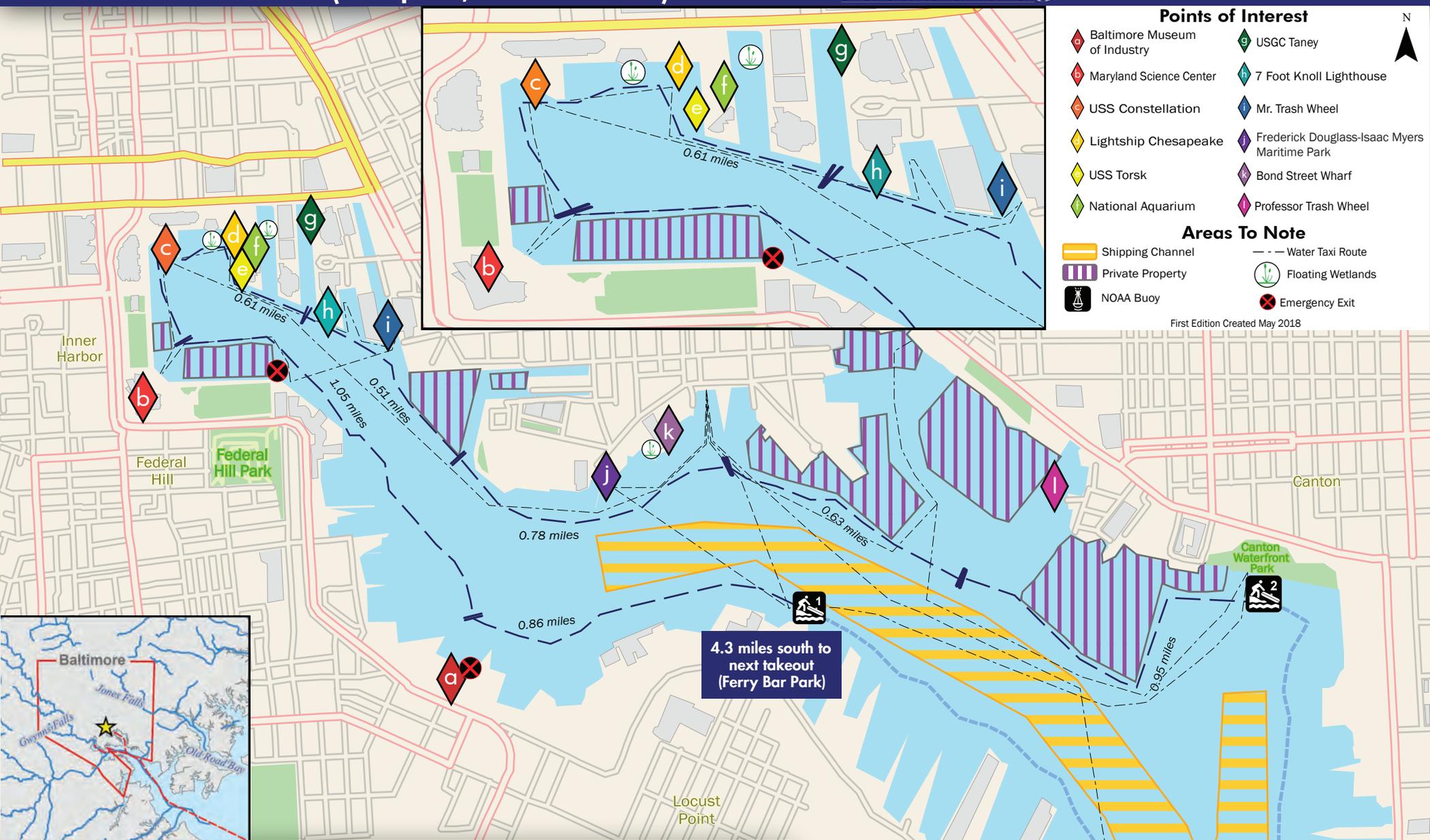


Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (Patapsco, Inner Harbor)



LEGEND

- Points of Interest**
- Baltimore Museum of Industry
 - Maryland Science Center
 - USS Constellation
 - Lightship Chesapeake
 - USS Torsk
 - National Aquarium
 - USGC Taney
 - 7 Foot Knoll Lighthouse
 - Mr. Trash Wheel
 - Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park
 - Bond Street Wharf
 - Professor Trash Wheel
- Areas To Note**
- Shipping Channel
 - Private Property
 - NOAA Buoy
 - Water Taxi Route
 - Floating Wetlands
 - Emergency Exit
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4.3 miles south to next takeout (Ferry Bar Park)

PUBLIC LAUNCH SITES

- Hull Street Pier**
(Parking)
- Canton Waterfront**
(Parking, Restrooms)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911 AND ASK FOR BALTIMORE CITY POLICE, MARINE UNIT

The water trail shown here includes approximately 5.4 miles between two public launch sites. Paddlers should travel the trail in sections along the perimeter of the Patapsco based on length and paddling experience. **This is not recommended as a beginner's paddle or loop trail, due to the traffic of the adjacent shipping channel.** The route can be extended along the south side by going around Fort McHenry and joining the Middle Branch route. The Middle Branch Paddle Guide is available at: bit.ly/ChesapeakeConservancyMiddleBranch