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Within the borders of Maryland's smallest county on the Eastern Shore, are nine museums.

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Chestertown, Maryland 21620



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## ✿ Massey Air Museum

Located 1.5 miles east of the town of Massey, 33541 Maryland Line Road, near the Delaware border

**Features:** A living airport-museum reminiscent of rural airports of bygone eras. See a collection of vintage aircraft, artifacts, reading materials and touch and feel exhibits. A restoration shop operates most days. Group Learning sessions available.



**Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment; Tours available; Call ahead for availability of a courtesy car.

**Contact:** Jim Douglass 410-928-5270  
rdant@mindspring.com/masseyaero@dmv.com  
www.masseyaero.org

## ✿ Kent Museum

Rte. 445, Turner's Creek Road, Kennedyville, off Rte. 298

**Features:** A collection representing the rural heritage of agriculture and domestic life in Kent County. Visit the Stavely family grave, dating to the Revolutionary War and Charley's house, the last surviving dwelling of a small black community in Chestertown. The house dates to the 1840's. Enjoy nearby areas for hiking, riding and enjoying nature.



**Hours:** Saturdays, 12 - 3 p.m. and by appointment

**Contact:** Kent County Visitor Center 410-778-9737

## ✿ African American Schoolhouse Museum

Rte. 297 extended, St. James Newtown Road north of Worton

**Features:** This one-room schoolhouse, built in 1890, showcases 19th & early 20th C. photographs, oral histories, and artifacts of the lives and contributions of Kent County's African American community.



**Hours:** by appointment

**Contact:** Karen Somerville  
410-810-1416 somersinger@peoplepc.com

## ✿ Museum at Geddes-Piper House ca. 1784

101 Church Alley, behind the Imperial Hotel, down Court Street

**Features:** The Geddes-Piper House, built as an 18th century merchants home, offers period furnishings, porcelain and textiles, and an overview of Kent County history. A great first stop for your heritage visit. Genealogy and Local History Research Library available.

**Hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. all year; Saturday 1:00 - 4 p.m. May - Oct. This is a Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Site.

**Contact:** www.kentcountyhistory.org  
410-778-3499



## ✿ Charles Sumner G.A.R. Hall

206 S. Queen Street, Chestertown

**Features:** One of only two African American Civil War veterans' halls standing in the U.S, the Charles Sumner building was built in 1908 by a group of veterans, most of them former slaves who fought in the U.S. Colored Troops and was used for meetings, weddings, parties and musical performances.

After decades of abandonment, it has been stabilized by funds from the National Trust, MD Historical Trust and other organizations and individuals. This Maryland Civil War Trail site is underway for complete restoration.

**Hours:** By appointment to view exterior only.

**Contact:** Washington College CV Starr Center, 410-810-7161 or 1-800-422-1782



## ✿ Cliffs Schoolhouse

Rte. 289, Quaker Neck Road, south of Pomona toward Cliff City

**Features:** Surviving for over 125 years, this one room schoolhouse of seven grades and one teacher, served a farming and fishing community in Kent County. Equipped with many original furnishings, you will also find lesson plans written on the blackboards by the last teacher. Restoration and preservation is a project of Port of Chester Questers with assistance from the Retired Teachers Association.

**Hours:** By appointment

**Contacts:** Richard Morlock 410-639-2178,  
Carol Cordes 410-778-9173, Jean Foreman 410-778-3098



## ✿ Rock Hall Museum

Located in the Rock Hall Town Building, 5585 Main Street

**Features:** Decoy carving shop replica; marine trades, seafood processing and agricultural hand tool artifacts and handcrafted boat and ship models. See rare ice buoys, old oyster bed charts, handwinder mast and boat oystering rig.

**Hours:** Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. March - November and by appointment

**Contact:** Town of Rock Hall, 410-639-7611  
www.rockhallmd.com



## ✿ Tolchester Beach Revisited Museum

Oyster Court off Sharp & Main Street

**Features:** A museum presenting and preserving the history of Tolchester Beach Amusement Park, 1877 to 1962. Displays a collection of pictures, artifacts and memorabilia when Tolchester Beach was the most popular resort along the Chesapeake Bay.

**Hours:** Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; daily by appointment

**Contact:** Bill Betts 410-778-5347 betts@friend.ly.net  
www.rockhallmd.com



## ✿ Waterman's Museum

Rte. 20, Rock Hall Rd., right, next to Haven Harbour Marina

**Features:** A fishing shanty and artifacts from the early days of oystering, crabbing and fishing, as well as photographic documentation of past and present watermen. Maritime trades helped build Kent's second largest town, while marinas support Rock Hall's current economy.

**Hours:** Open 7 days/week, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment  
Key available at the Ditty Bag at Haven Harbour Marina

**Contact:** Jonathan Jones, Haven Harbour Marina  
410-778-6697 email@havenharbour.com



For *tours* of multiple museums:  
call 410-778-3499, the Historical Society of Kent County  
note: Charles Sumner G.A.R. Hall and  
Cliffs Schoolhouse are owned by Preservation, Inc.