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## Chesapeake Trips & Tips

Your guide to the  
Chesapeake Bay  
Watershed



Blending the unique sounds of folk and blues, Harp Jensen has achieved national acclaim over the past year. A Waltham-based singer/songwriter with folk and blues in his blood, he burst onto the scene after quitting his corporate job in sales and marketing to follow his passion for music and storytelling. A singer by trade, Harp learned to play the guitar from his father and has been entertaining crowds ever since he was a young boy. His first album was released last fall and can be purchased [here](#).

## Featured Trips

### Susquehanna River and Flats

#### Susquehanna Sojourn



Break out your paddle, bicycle, tent & campfire tales and explore 64 miles of the West Branch and trails during the 2014 West Branch Susquehanna River Sojourn! Paddle the entire 5-

### Adventure of the Week

#### Maryland Water Trails

From the open waters of the Eastern Shore and the Chesapeake Bay, to the intimate meandering creeks in Central Maryland, and raging whitewater of Western Maryland, there are numerous places that provide paddlers and boaters the opportunity for enjoyment and adventure! The Maryland Water Trails Program provides a host of user-friendly information on how to enjoy and access Maryland's water trails safely. Visit their [website](#)

day trip, or a few days...it's up to you! Recently touted by National Geographic as a "Best Adventure Destination" and designated a National Recreation Trail and connecting trail to the Captain John Smith Historic Trail by the National Park Service, the West Branch is a great place for exploration! Plus: the last day of the trip will be a bicycle trip along the Pine Creek Rail Trail - voted as one of the "10 great places to take a bike tour" by USA Today! August 13-17. Register by August 6: \$65/day for adults and \$33/day for children (12 & under). Full registration is \$285 for adults and \$144 for children. For more info, visit the [website](#).

## Western Shore and Potomac River

### Beavers at Sunset

Join the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center staff to kayak to Turtle Creek, a tributary of Otter Point Creek, where the beaver activity picks up as day turns to dark. Ages 8-adult; Children under 13 must be with an adult. Meet at the Estuary Center. Wear shoes that can get wet. All equipment supplied. July 26, 6:30pm-9:30pm, Abingdon, MD. Fee \$12/person. For more info, visit the [website](#).

### Elk River Exploration

Explore the banks of Turkey Point while paddling the Elk River! Along the way learn to identify some of the animals that call this watery habitat home. July 27, 9am-11am, Elk Neck State Park, North East, MD. Fee: \$20 per canoe or tandem kayak and \$15 per single kayak; \$5 if you bring your own canoe or kayak. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations. For more info, visit the [website](#).

### Citizen Science: Migratory Madness

We all know that birds migrate south before winter arrives, but did you also know that butterflies and dragonflies migrate as well? Flying for thousands of miles twice a year is no easy feat for these animals to accomplish. We'll look at some of the most notable migratory species in the park, discuss the problems that they face when travelling long distance, and learn how scientists are using data collected by citizens like you to preserve these precious animals. Join your family & friends to learn about opportunities to engage in Citizen Science projects that need your help! July 24, sessions at 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, Leesylvania State Park, VA. Fee: \$2/person, \$6/family. For more info, visit the [website](#).

### Public Sails Aboard the Dee of St Marys

Looking for a great way to experience the Patuxent River? The Calvert Marine Museum is offering two-hour public sails aboard the historic skipjack Dee of St. Mary's. The Dee of St. Mary's, built in 1979, is one of the last skipjacks ever built on the Chesapeake Bay. The Dee was used originally in the commercial oyster fishery and then as a floating classroom starting in 1989 when the oyster population dwindled. The Museum took ownership in May 2013 and is pleased to offer public sails, educational opportunities, as well as private charters. Cruises depart from the J.C. Lore Oyster House in Solomons on Saturdays, July 26, August 23 and September 13 at 2pm. Tickets: \$25/adults; \$15/children 7 - 12. No

for an interactive map of water trails across the entire state...and go get wet!

### Tip of the Week

Try the  
Buy Local Challenge

Buying locally produced food is one way that you can feel connected to your community and to the Bay. The Buy Local Challenge is a personal commitment to support farms by eating local. "Yes, I pledge to eat at least one thing from a local farm every day during Buy Local Week!" See the [website](#) for more information.

### Waterman Tours



Tour the Bay with a Chesapeake Waterman! [Click here](#) to find tours on the water and on the land. Enjoy a sunset sail aboard a historic Skipjack or try your hand at trotlining and take home your own crabs!



### National Wildlife Refuge App

Explore the Chesapeake region's National Wildlife Refuges with this app