

The Annapolis Eco Tour

The Annapolis Eco Tour offers visitors to Annapolis a unique environmental and historic experience as you pedal around Annapolis on a bicycle, checking out a wide assortment of environmental best management practices and learning about one of America's most historic colonial-era cities.

We will start our trip in front of City Hall, at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, at 9AM.

There is usually parking available in the Hillman Parking Garage located directly behind City Hall.

The 14-mile ride is tailored for people of varying abilities, with stops about every five minutes, so that riders can catch their breath. Riders should, however, have some recent experience riding a bicycle in an urban setting.

Mr. Parker Jones from Capital Bicycle will participate in the ride so that he can fix anyone's bike if they get a flat or a breakdown along the way. Mr. Jones can also rent bikes & helmets to those who do not own their own bikes, or have no way to transport their bike to Annapolis. Contact the tour leader if you need to rent any equipment.

The beauty of this ride is that allows one to see virtually every type of environmental project under the sun in one fun day of cycling around Annapolis. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the technical and funding aspects of each project. And for those of you who like history, the tour will be chock full of interesting cultural and historical tidbits about Annapolis. Everyone who has done this tour so far has said it was the BEST environmental tour they have ever done.

Along the way, you will get to look at and learn about the many different urban initiatives undertaken by the City of Annapolis, as you leisurely ride along the Colonial Annapolis Maritime Trail, an officially designated segment of the East Coast Greenway Trail, running from Maine to Florida. Trip highlights include:

- * A large mixed-use development of the old hospital property in the heart of the Historic District;
- * A volunteer-run Bayscapes garden and ecology center at a county school facility on College Creek in the midst of a historic African-american community;
- * A unique partnership at the Navy stadium where walking trails, removal of impervious surfaces, rain gardens, and extensive reforestation have recently taken root;
- * A cooperative tree planting demonstration project with Baltimore Gas Electric along the Poplar Trail;
- * A large green roof built atop one of the city's new landmark buildings at Westgate Circle;
- * A sensory garden at a county-run facility for the disabled;
- * A lunch stop at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts;
- * Public & private rain gardens galore;
- * Volunteer projects at several community street end parks where rain gardens & living shorelines have been installed;
- * Public art along the Spa Creek Trail;
- * Living walls and compost piles at Truxtun Park, the City's largest recreational facility and public boat launch;
- * A one-of-a-kind stormwater demonstration project with MDE at the region's first "urban" living classroom at Back Creek Nature Park;
- * Invasive's removal of phragmites and other non-native vegetation;
- * An urban conservation easement obtained by the Annapolis Conservancy Board;
- * The Chesapeake Gateway to local waterways and Thomas Point Lighthouse at the Annapolis Maritime Museum;
- * A wide range of community GreenScape projects;
- * Rockfish, a certified "green restaurant" in Eastport;
- Tours require a minimum of 5 people and a maximum of 15
- Helmets are required
- All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver before starting the trip



ANNAPOLIS ECO TOUR CUE SHEET

10:00 - 5:30 Bike Tour (Steve Carr)

Walk Bikes Down Duke of Gloucester Street(0.06)
Left on Conduit Street(0.10)
Right on Cathedral Street(0.09)
Left on South Street(0.09)

1. Actons Landing – Mixed Use & Street-End Park (15 minutes)

Straight on Acton(0.07)
Right on Franklin Street(0.09)
Left on Cathedral Street(0.20)
Cross West Street (County Offices)
Left on Clay Street (Clay Street Public Housing Community) to Glenwood Ave(0.40)

2. Chesapeake Ecology Center Bayscapes Garden @ Adams Academy(30 minutes)

Take Glenwood Avenue(0.21)
Right on Taylor Avenue(0.11)
Left into Navy Stadium Parking Lot

3. Navy Stadium Partnership Projects – Raingardens & Plantings(30 minutes)

Go Counterclockwise on the Stadium Trail(0.84)
Right on Cedar Park (Busy Street w/ Shoulder) (0.25)
Left on Windell Avenue (Busy Street w/NO Shoulder)

4. Poplar Trail Connection to East Coast Greenway (15 minutes)

5. BGE's Right Tree/Right Place

Take the Poplar Trail to Taylor Avenue(0.37)

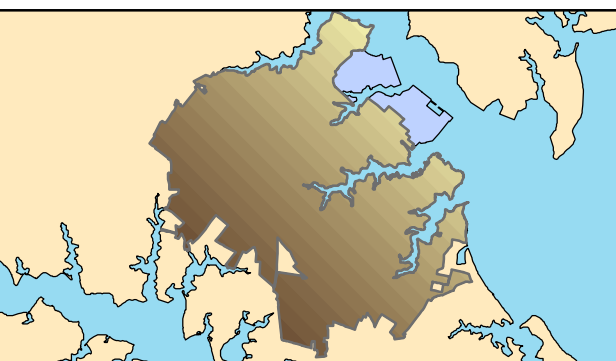
6. Invasives in the Brewer Avenue Conservation Easement

7. Police Station Green Roof(10 minutes)

Taylor Avenue to Westgate Circle (Busy Street w/NO Shoulder)(0.33)

8. Park Place

9. Green Roof on Severn Bank Building Tour(30 minutes)



BATHROOM

Right on Spa Road to Spa Creek Trail (Busy Street w/NO Shoulder)(0.25)

10. Spa Creek Trail

11. ARC of Anne Arundel County Marylandscape Sensory Garden(15 minutes)

Spa Creek Trail to Maryland Hall (0.37)

12. Maryland Hall GreenScape Gardens
LUNCH @ the Beax Arts Café(60 minutes)
*Lunch stop not included in the half day (3 hour trip)

Right on Chase Street (0.25)
Left on Spa View Avenue(0.10)

13. Amos Garrett Rain Garden(15 minutes)

Spa View Avenue(0.22)
Left on the Spa Creek Trail(0.21)

14. Spa Creek Conservancy(30 minutes)

Spa Creek Trail(0.08)
Left on Spa Drive(0.24)
Right on Acton Drive(0.14)
Left on Spa Creek Trail(Walk Bikes Down Steps & Up Steep Hill)(0.55)

15. Truxtun Park BMP's
A. Active Recreation
B. Living Shoreline
C. Steep Slope Stabilization
D. Compost Pile
E. Boat Launch
F. Skate Park
G. NF&WF Raingarden(45 minutes)

BATHROOM

Primrose Avenue(0.55)
Left on Hilltop Lane (Bike Lane)(0.10)
Left on Tyler Avenue (Bike Lane)(0.35)
Right on Bay Ridge Avenue (Busy Road w/Shoulder)(0.42)
Left on Victor Parkway (GreenScape Garden)(0.41)
Through fence to Dunbarton Drive
Take the Service Road behind Giant Food Store (0.15)
Left on Edgewood Road (Designated Bike Lane) (0.80)

16. AACO Sewer Treatment Plant(5 minutes)
Continue on Edgewood Road(0.33)

17. Back Creek Nature Park(60 minutes)
A. Maryland Department of Environment's SEE Demonstration Project
B. Living Shoreline
C. Steep Slope Demonstration Project
D. Partnership – Port Annapolis Marina, Chesapeake Outdoor Group
E. Trails & Wetlands & Invasives

Edgewood Road (Designated Bike Lane)(1.13)
Right on Service Road behind Giant Food(0.15)
Dunbarton Road through fence
Victor Parkway(0.41)
Right on Bay Ridge Avenue (Busy Road w/NO Shoulder)(0.84)
Right on Chesapeake Avenue (Busy Road w/NO Shoulder)(0.10)
Right on Americana Drive(0.15)

18. Harborview Conservation Easement(10 minutes)

Right on Americana Drive(0.15)
Right on State Street(0.10)
Left on Chester Avenue(0.19)

19. Mears Marina – State Designated clean Marina (5 minutes)

Continue on Chester Avenue(0.23)
Right on Second Street(0.12)

20. Annapolis Maritime Museum (Chesapeake Gateway)(15 minutes)

Right on Second Street(0.12)
Right on Eastern Avenue(0.08)
Left on First Street(0.04)
Right on Chester Avenue(0.09)
Left on Horn Point Drive(0.10)

21. Horn Point Street-End Park (GreenScape)(15 minutes)

Continue on Chester(0.07)
Right on First Street(0.10)
Left on Severn Avenue(0.40)

22. Rockfish – Certified Green Restaurant (30 minutes)

Right on Compromise (Sixth Street over the Eastport Bridge)(0.50)

23. Kunta Kinte/Alex Haley Monument(15 minutes)
City Dock
Market House

TOTAL DISTANCE 13.8 miles