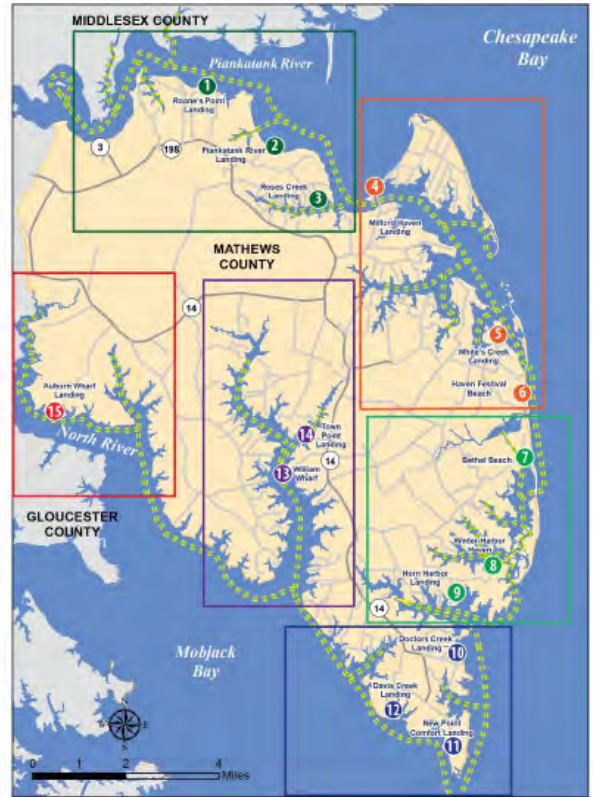




Water Trails System



PIANKATANK RIVER TRAILS

- 1 ROANE'S POINT LANDING:**
Rt. 198 to 630, follow 630 to end,
moderate parking
- 2 PIANKATANK RIVER LANDING:**
Rt. 198 to 626 Hallieford, left on
632 to end, moderate parking
- 3 ROSES CREEK LANDING:** Rt. 198
to 626 Hallieford to 662 to end,
limited parking

This is a very pretty but wide open river and winds can be strong at times. Next to ROANE'S POINT LANDING is a large Victorian house which dominates that point of land. PIANKATANK RIVER LANDING is located on a nice sandy beach. Paddling to the left will lead to lovely Chapel Creek. If looking for calmer waters, ROSES CREEK LANDING on Queens Creek is the most protected.



GWYNN'S ISLAND / MILFORD HAVEN TRAILS

- 4 MILFORD HAVEN LANDING:** Rt.198 to Hudgins turn on 223, cross bridge, landing on right next to the restaurant with plenty of parking
- 5 WHITE'S CREEK LANDING:** Rt. 198 East until end, continue on 642. Right on 643 at Moon then left on 682 to end. Moderate parking
- 6 HAVEN FESTIVAL BEACH:** Rt. 198 East until end, continue on 642. Right on 643 at Moon continue to end. Limited parking
 - Milford Haven Landing is located next to the restaurant and has plenty of parking. From there either shore of Milford Haven can be explored. The old white buildings of historic Callis Wharf stand out on the northern shore.
 - White's Creek Landing is now open to the Bay. No longer protected by Rigby Island. Map in that area needs updating.
 - Haven Public Beach (also known as Festival Beach) is directly on the Chesapeake Bay where launching from the beach is possible.



WINTER & HORN HARBOR TRAILS

- 7 BETHEL BEACH:** Rt.14 to Port Haywood, left on 608, left on 609 to end, limited parking
- 8 WINTER HARBOR HAVEN LANDING:** Rt.14 to Port Haywood, left on 608 to end, moderate parking
- 9 HAVEN FESTIVAL BEACH:** Rt.14 to Port Haywood, left on 608, right on 649 at Peary, left on 698 to end, moderate parking

This section of the trail features sandy beaches, many shore birds and large areas of marsh land. BETHEL BEACH is a natural area preserve with a launch site and a canal to paddle up to Garden Creek. Paddle the salt marshes of WINTER HARBOR HAVEN or go west to many protected creeks and coves. This low land part of the trail is very tidal so check tide tables prior to paddling. From HORN HARBOR go west to explore many more creeks and coves along the nearby 3 mile waterway.



NEW POINT COMFORT TRAIL

10 DOCTORS CREEK LANDING: Rt.14 past Shadow, left on 602, left on 691, straight on 699 to end, moderate parking

11 NEW POINT COMFORT LANDING: Rt.14 past Bavon, straight on 600 (Lighthouse Rd.) to end, limited parking

12 DAVIS CREEK LANDING: Rt.14 to Bavon, right on 600, left on 689 to end, moderate parking

Paddling this section of the trail is mostly open water and winds can be strong. DOCTORS CREEK LANDING is located at the mouth of Horn Harbor. New Point Comfort Lighthouse is the main feature of the area. Built in 1805, it is the 3rd oldest lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay an easy paddle on calm days from NEW POINT COMFORT LANDING. DAVIS CREEK LANDING is where many Chesapeake 'Deadrise' fishing boats could be seen in the past.



EAST RIVER TRAIL

13 WILLIAMS WHARF LANDING: Rt.14 PAST Mathews, right on 614 to end, plenty of parking

14 TOWN POINT LANDING: Rt.14 past Mathews, right on 615, plenty of parking

From TOWN POINT LANDING on the upper part of the East River it is possible to paddle Put-In Creek up to the town of Mathews on a high tide. Be sure to check tide tables for this area. This landing has recently been renovated. There is a boat ramp for power boats and a small natural area to the left of the boat ramp for kayakers.

WILLIAMS WHARF LANDING, a historic steamboat landing, is open to the public, however groups of 16 or more need a special permit to use the grounds (804-725-9685 for information). Not far away is the Old Tide Mill, which records show it ground grain into flour for Washington's army in 1781 during the Battle of Yorktown.



NORTH RIVER TRAIL

15 AUBURN WHARF LANDING: Rt.14 to North, turn onto 620, left on Northview lane, straight to water, plenty of parking

Public access is very limited on this river. There is only one public landing, Auburn Landing, which was once a steamboat wharf. From this one landing however, there are several directions you can take. The shoreline is dotted with some well known colonial homes, including Elmington and Toddsbury on the Gloucester side of the river. You can head north on the Mathews side until the river narrows into marsh lands, or east towards Blackwater Creek, or head south into the more open waters of the river that leads into Mobjack Bay.



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