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## Calvert Cliffs State Park

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The cliffs which dominate the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay for thirty miles in Calvert County, were formed over 15 million years ago when all of Southern Maryland was covered by a warm, shallow sea. Over 600 species of fossils have been identified from these cliffs, with the teeth of various species of shark as the most abundant fossils. The park is 14 miles south of Prince Frederick on Maryland Routes 2 & 4.

Along with the interesting cliffs, the park offers nature trails, picnic areas, playground equipment, fishing and many interpretative programs. A [park map](#) is available.

1079 acres of the park are designated as a wildlands area. Approximately 550 acres are open to hunting for upland game, turkey and deer. Upland game species include squirrels and rabbits. Turkey hunting is permitted only during the spring gobbler season. Deer hunting is permitted during seasons established by the Wildlife Division. All hunters must register at the parking area.

Calvert Cliffs State Park is operated and maintained jointly by the "Friends of Calvert Cliffs State Park" and the State Forest and Park Service.

### Trail Guide

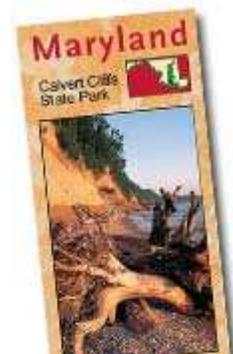
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#### [Check out a copy of the Calvert Cliffs State Park Trail Guide.](#)

This trail guide, complete with a topographical map of the hiking trails, is available for sale at park headquarters.

[To purchase copies of the Calvert Cliffs State Park Trail Guide with a credit card, please "click" on this link to place your order online.](#)

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## Features

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Fishing, hiking trails, historic interest, hunting, picnicking, youth group camping, playground, shelters.

**Fossil Hunting** - A hike of 2 miles is taken from the parking lot, along an unimproved trail to the cliffs/beach area. Visitors may hunt for fossils on the open beach area and keep what they find. Because of the constant erosion of the cliffs, access to the cliffs is no longer permitted.

**Hiking** - Thirteen miles of marked foot trails are open to the public. Bicycles are restricted to the service road.

[Self-guided hiking opportunity at Calvert Cliffs](#)

**Picnicking** - Picnic tables and grills are available on a first come, first serve basis. The pavilion can accommodate approximately 50 people and is available through our reservation system. [Click here to make reservations on-line for the pavilion.](#)

**Fishing** - A one acre fishing pond is located in the picnic area. The pond will be stocked and open in the spring of 2007. A Maryland Freshwater fishing license is required for anyone 16 years and older. A Maryland Sportfishing license is required for Bay fishing at the beach.

**Park hours** - Hours of operation are sunrise to sunset daily, year round. A donation of \$5 per car applies. Contact the park office for details when planning a visit.



**Youth Group Camping** - There are six sites available for youth groups. Sites are open March 30 through October 29. Youth group site directions: Proceed approximately 14 miles south of Prince Frederick on Route 4. Follow the signs to Calvert Cliffs State Park. Turn left, as if to go into the park entrance. Turn left again on Rt. 765. Go one half mile (just past Middleham Chapel) and turn right onto Camp Conoy Road. Follow Camp Conoy Road to the end of the hard surface road and bear right onto the dirt road. The entrance to Camp Bay Breeze will be about one quarter mile on the right. Youth Group reservations can be made through the Reservation Service by calling 1-888-432-2267.

**Pets** - Pets are permitted on the trails from the Hunter parking lot on right at Camp Coney Road. Pets are not allowed in the park area.

Calvert Cliffs is run in partnership with the **Friends of Calvert Cliffs State Park**. For information on becoming a volunteer with Calvert's Friends Organization you may contact them at:

P.O. Box 1042

Lusby, MD 20657

Phone: 410-394-1778

FAX: 410-394-1787



Calvert Cliffs State Park offers an accessible tire playground. For additional

accessible amenities in Maryland State Forests and Parks, visit the [Accessibility For All](#) section of this website.

1,079 acres are designated wildlands. Biking is prohibited on designated wildlands trails.

**Calvert Cliffs State Park is located at:  
9500 H. G. Truman Parkway  
Lusby, Maryland**

**Directions:** Take Route 2/4 south to approximately 14 miles south of Prince Frederick. Exit onto H.G. Truman Parkway. You will be facing the park entrance immediately.

**Correspondence:** Calvert Cliffs is part of the Southern Maryland Recreational Complex. All correspondence, questions and concerns should be directed to Smallwood State Park at the address and phone number listed below.



*\*\*\*This is not the physical address of Calvert Cliffs State Park\*\*\**

Calvert Cliffs State Park  
c/o Smallwood State Park  
2750 Sweden Point Road  
Marbury, MD 20658  
301-743-7613

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