

CALVERT CLIFFS STATE PARK

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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Hours of Operation: Sunrise to Sunset Picnic Area open 10 a.m. to Sunset

SOUTHERN REGION

Calvert Cliffs State Park

Calvert Cliffs State Park is a day-use park featuring a sandy beach and recycled tire playground, unique fishing and fossil hunting opportunities, freshwater and tidal marshland, and 13 miles of hiking trails.

The massive cliffs from which the park was named dominate roughly 24 miles of Chesapeake Bay shoreline in Calvert County. Formed more than 10 to 20 million years ago when a warm, shallow sea covered all of Southern Maryland, the cliffs emerged and began eroding when the water receded. Today, they reveal the remains of prehistoric species including sharks, whales, rays and seabirds the size of small airplanes.

Scavenge for fossils of more than 600 identified Miocene era species on the open beach area at the end of the red trail (a 1.8 mile hike, one way.) Extinct Chesapectens (scallops) and Ecphora (mollusks) are common finds, as well as oyster shells and shark teeth. Use sieves and shovels to sift through the sand, but remember: **it is illegal to collect fossils beneath the cliffs due to danger of landslides.**

-  **HIKING**
13 Miles of trails
-  **PICNICKING**
Tables and grills
-  **SWIMMING**
Beach area, unguarded
-  **FISHING**
Tidal and Non-Tidal
-  **HUNTING**
By permit only



Nature Trails

Designated as a wildlands area, 1,079 acres of the park are preserved for hiking and nature appreciation. Enjoy 13 miles of marked foot trails, though please note biking and horseback riding are prohibited.



Fishing

A 1-acre fishing pond is located in the picnic area. For tidal fishing, access the Chesapeake Bay along the beach. Refer to the Maryland Fishing Guide at eregulations.com/maryland/fishing for license requirements and other regulations.



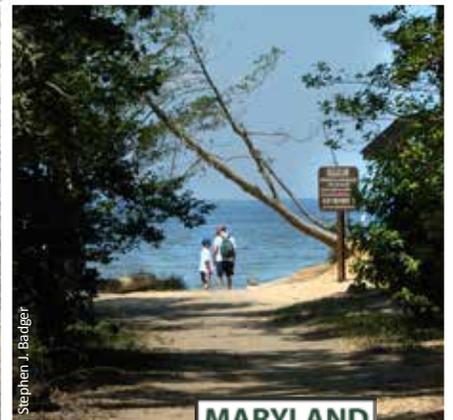
Collect Fossils

Searching for fossils during low tide along the exposed beach yields better results than high tide, and best collecting usually occurs after a storm. **Climbing on and walking beneath the cliffs is prohibited due to risk of serious injury.**



Picnicking

Picnic tables and grills are available on a first come, first serve basis. The pavilion accommodates approximately 50 people, which must be reserved prior to an event.



Bring the dog

Dogs on a leash are welcome. Please clean up after your pet.



Hunting

Register at the hunter parking area before pursuing approximately 550 acres for turkey, deer and upland game species such as squirrels and rabbits. Posted park hours may be extended, provided you are engaged in legitimate, authorized hunting activity. Take note of permitted turkey and deer seasons, and consult the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping at eregulations.com/maryland/hunting for all related regulations and restrictions.

