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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annapolis Film Festival

March 21-24
Annapolis

Antique Auto Swap Meet

March 22-23
Westminster

Maryland Sportsman & Outdoor Show

March 22-24
Howard County Fair Grounds

BSO Presents "Harry Potter and



Celebrate the Best State in the Union on Maryland Day

It may be Maryland's 385th birthday, but the state still looks great. To get into that Maryland state of mind, [check out this great video](#), and take a ride along Maryland's Religious Freedom Scenic Byway. Celebrate four centuries of tradition with awesome events all across the Old Line State with living historians, great family events, pageants and maybe even an extra crabcake. Find them here on our [Maryland Day events page](#).

Take the Ride of a Lifetime Through the Great Allegheny Passage

Spanning 150 smooth, beautiful miles from Cumberland, through Frostburg and north to Pittsburgh, the Great Allegheny Passage (or GAP Trail) is your

the Order of the Phoenix" at Strathmore

March 23
North Bethesda

Children's Story Book Tea

March 23-24
Westminster

Carroll County Farmers Market Spring Fling

March 23
Westminster

Genever Style Gin Tasting at Tenth Ward Distilling

March 23-24
Frederick

"Malice in Wonderland"

March 22-24
Havre de Grace

Quilt Expo 2019

March 23-24
Pikesville

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival

March 29-30
Timonium

Ellicott Silly Comedy Festival

March 29-30
Ellicott City

Daffodil Festival

March 30-31
St. Michaels

History & Haunts Paranormal Expo

March 30
Essex



path to adventure. See the Eastern Continental Divide, witness the rolling beauty of the Appalachians, and stop along the way for great meals, fantastic B&Bs, and even side quests like a trip on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. **Check out "The Great Ride," a fantastic GAP trail documentary here,** and find out more and **plan your trip along this fantastic rail trail at visitmaryland.org.**



It's Time for the Annual Sock Burning and Other Only-in-Maryland Events

We know what you're thinking, "It's mid-March, the days are getting longer, the flowers are blooming, I could really go for some Chesapeake oysters and a good old-fashioned sock burning." Well get thee to the state capital, friend, for the annual **Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning**, March 23, marking the beginning of boating season-- it's the world's premier sock burning event! But that's not the only only-in-Maryland Spring celebration. The PEEPshow returns to the **Carroll Arts Center April 12-23** where marshmallow Easter treats leave nothing to the imagination. Nature lovers, keep your eye on the sky as the osprey return to the Old Line State from their winter homes, and head to the remarkable **"Wings of Fancy" live butterfly & caterpillar exhibit the Brookside Gardens beginning April 18**. It's truly an unforgettable experience.



Get Ready to Rockfish!

Frankly, we don't know how you did it, but you managed to make it through another winter dreaming of getting out on the bay for spring rockfish season. Well the time has come! Catch-and-release season started March 1. Whether you're an old salt or a total newbie, **these Maryland charter boat captains are ready to get you out on the bay for an amazing day of friends, family and fishing.**

Raise a Glass to Maryland Wine Month

Maryland's wine scene is bubbling over with amazing wineries and great vintages from the state's four distinct growing regions. If you haven't tried an amazing Maryland wine yet, now is the time. March is Maryland

**Green Spring Valley Point-to-Point
Steeplechase Race**

March 31
Cockeysville



Wine Month, and we're celebrating with special events, hotel packages, and great Maryland vintages from the mountains to the beaches. **Follow this link for more about Maryland Wine Month and our eight wine trails..**



Enter to Win on Maryland Mondays!

Don't miss your chance at free tickets for amazing events across the state. Every Monday on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, the Maryland Office of Tourism is joining with our sponsors to give away great Maryland travel experiences. We call them Maryland Mondays, but you can enter all week. This week, win a pair of tickets to the National Music Festival's Resonance Series featuring opera singer Karen Slack. Follow us on **Instagram**, **Facebook**, and **Twitter** to enter.

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