



Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week

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Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is a time to celebrate the cultures, history and natural beauty of the nation's largest estuary.

Plans for 2023

- Theme: Chesapeake Journeys
 - Each day, we will share stories about the journeys people and wildlife take within the Chesapeake region.
- Emphasis on local watersheds within the greater Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Chesapeake Journeys

- Saturday, June 3rd: Kicking off Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week
- Sunday, June 4th: From the headwaters to the Bay
- Monday, June 5th: Wildlife migrations
- Tuesday, June 6th: Restoring our watershed
- Wednesday, June 7th: Preserving special places
- Thursday, June 8th: Journey by land
- Friday, June 9th: Journey by water
- Saturday, June 10: Resilience of the watershed
- Sunday, June 11: Begin your stewardship journey

What do we provide?

- The Chesapeake Bay Program will publish a press release and blog post
- Sample proclamation templates
- Social media toolkit
- Flickr gallery for relevant images
- Events calendar - let us know about your events!
- Support!
 - Let us know if you have questions

Website, social media toolkit, events

Celebrate Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is an annual event that celebrates the culture, history and natural beauty of the nation's largest estuary.



Join us from June 3 to 11, 2023 for Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week! Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is a time to celebrate the cultures, history and natural beauty of the nation's largest estuary. During the week, there are a wide variety of online and in-person events, volunteer opportunities and social media conversations for everyone to take part in to celebrate the Chesapeake Bay.

History and Purpose

In 2016, the [Chesapeake Bay Commission](#) worked with their legislative partners to formally designate nine days each June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. This timing was chosen to correspond with two long-running Bay events—Clean the Bay Day in Virginia and the Patuxent River Wade-In in Maryland. Each year, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia pass official proclamations in honor of Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. Several local county and city governments have followed suit over the years, marking their own observance of the Bay. Organizations and business are encouraged to hold events, activities and volunteer opportunities during this time to celebrate the uniqueness of the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay Program is honored to help coordinate and play a role in this annual event.

During Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week, organizations host recreational, educational and volunteer events across the entire watershed. If you'd like to add an event to the calendar below, please fill out this [event submission form](#).

Participating Organizations

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is coordinated each year by the Chesapeake Bay Program. Members of the 2023 planning committee include:

[Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#)

[Chesapeake Conservancy](#)

[Chesapeake Research Consortium](#)

[Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection](#)

Contact

If you have any questions regarding Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week, please contact us at bayweek@allianceforthebay.org.

Events

Saturday, June 3, 2023

[View all >](#)

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Free Fishing Days in Virginia

Make plans to take advantage of Free Fishing Days! Invite a family member or friend to get out and wet a line without having to purchase a fishing license.

[View event details >](#)

VIRGINIA

Free Fishing Days in Maryland

Participate in Maryland's Free Fishing Days to fish without a license.

[View event details >](#)

VIRGINIA

Clean the Bay Day

Join people from around Virginia to clean up trash in along the Chesapeake Bay.

[View event details >](#)

VIRGINIA

Bay Discovery Fishing Trip

Spend the morning aboard the Marguerite in search of whatever is biting! Our experienced crew will provide all the knowledge and equipment necessary—just bring your enthusiasm!

[View event details >](#)

ANNAPOLIS, MD

Introduction to Kayak Fishing

Learn from Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission about basic paddling skills and kayak fishing equipment.

[View event details >](#)

HOLTWOOD, PA

Learn more:

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/discover/chesapeake_bay_awareness_week



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JUNE 3 - 11, 2023