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

History

- In 2016, the Chesapeake Bay Commission designated nine days each June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.
 - In the past, the nine days started with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Clean the Bay Day and ended with Bernie Fowler's Wade-In.
 - This year, the event dates will shift as the wade-in occurs after CBF's Clean the Bay Day
- Promote the event through social media and in-person events
 - Serves the dual purpose of showcasing the amazing success stories, achievements and resources of the Bay while also encouraging people to get outside and get involved.

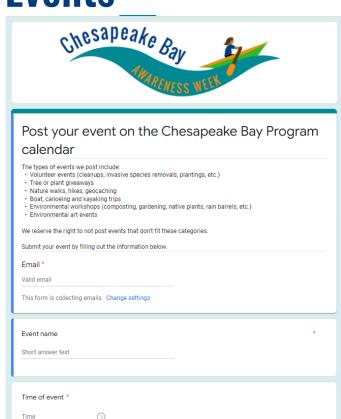
2025: The Bay In Your Backyard

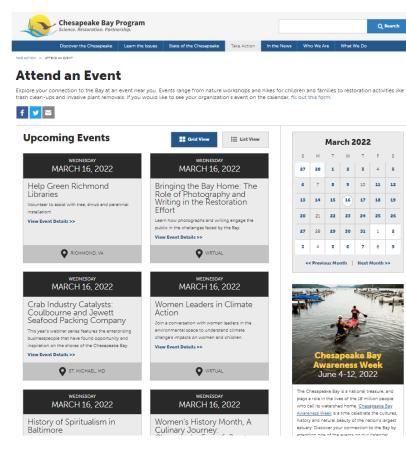
- June 7 June 15, 2025
- Theme: The Bay In Your Backyard
 - Each day, we'll be highlighting our local waterways while celebrating the natural, cultural and historical aspects that make them unique.
- Primary Subthemes: Wonders of the Bay, Protectors of the Bay
- Daily subthemes!
 - Native species, invasive species, recreation, community figures, history, etc.
 - Emphasis on
 - Broad appeal to many audiences
 - Benefits of conservation & restoration
- Graphics and maps!

Past Themes

- 2024: Unsung Heroes
 - Primary subthemes: Habitat Heroes, Tide Turners
 - O Daily themes: Kicking off Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week, Highlighting science, data and reports, Ecosystem Benefits, Regions/Individual Watersheds, Ecosystem Engineers, Land Conservation, Tree Canopy Cover, Indigenous Stewards, Highlighting Individuals/Wrap-Up
- 2023: Chesapeake Journeys
- 2022: Restoration Brings Results
- 2021: Recreation
- **2020**: Tributaries

Events







June 4-12, 2022

The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure, and

plays a role in the lives of the 18 million people

who call its watershed home. Chesapeake Bay

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estuary. Discover your connection to the Bay by

attending one of the events on our calendar

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Social media toolkit

June 1-4: Promotion

- June 5: On the water
- June 6: Parks and trails
- June 7: In your neighborhood
- June 8: In your home

- June 9: Connecting with food
- June 10: Community science
- June 11: Museums and histo...
- June 12: Volunteering and c...
- June 13: Environmental stew...

Files



















Social media holidays

- National Trails Day: June 7th
- World Oceans Day: June 8th
- Global Wind Day: June 15th

Maps



HOW AM I CONNECTED

The Chesapeake Bay watershed includes 206 counties covering parts of six states and D.C. Each local community plays a part in the health of local rivers and the Bay. Hundreds of thousands of creeks, streams and rivers thread through the Chesapeake

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TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY?

Hundreds of thousands of creeks, streams and rivers thread through the Chesapeake Bay region. These tributaries send fresh water to the Bay, offer vital habitat and provide people with apportunities to fish, boat and swim.

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REGION

The York watershed begins in the Blue Ridge Mountains with two main tributaries, the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers. If flows into the Boy near Gloucester Point, Virginia.

The Lower York River is one of the ten tributaries in the Chesapeake watershed selected for oyster restoration. Oysters support a key commercial fishery and filter up to 50 gallons of water each day.

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THE YORK

REGION



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THE PATUXENT REGION • The Patuxent is the largest river that lies entirely in Maryland. • The Patuxent River is home to more than 100 species of fish. Chesabaske Bay AWARENESS WEEK



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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
- Support!
 - Let us know if you have questions