

OXFORD HISTORY

Oxford is one of the oldest towns in Maryland and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Although already in existence for perhaps 20 years, Oxford marks the year 1683 as its

official founding, for in that year Oxford was first named by the Maryland General Assembly as a seaport and was laid out as a town. In 1694, Oxford and a new town called Anne Arundel (now Annapolis) were selected the only ports of entry for the entire Maryland province. Until the American Revolution, Oxford enjoyed prominence as an international shipping center surrounded by wealthy tobacco plantations.

Early citizens included Robert Morris, Sr., agent for a Liverpool shipping firm who greatly influenced the town's growth; his son Robert Morris, Jr., known as "the financier of the Revolution;" Jeremiah Banning, sea captain, war hero, and statesman; The Reverend Thomas Bacon, Anglican clergyman who wrote the first compilation of the laws of Maryland; Matthew Tilghman, known as the "patriarch of Maryland" and "father of statehood" and Colonel Tench Tilghman, aide-de-camp to George Washington and the man who carried the message of Cornwallis' surrender to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

The American Revolution marked the end of Oxford's glory. Gone were the British ships with their variety of imported goods, and tobacco was replaced by wheat as a cash crop. Businesses went bankrupt, cattle grazed in the streets, and the population dwindled.

After the Civil War, Oxford emerged from its "long slumber" to nearly 100 years of a new prosperity signaled by completion of the railroad in 1871 and improved methods of canning and packing which opened national markets for oysters from the Chesapeake's bountiful beds. Business was booming, houses were going up everywhere, and tourists and boaters were arriving in droves. But it was not to last. In the early part of the 20th century, the oyster beds played out, the packing houses closed, other businesses went bankrupt, and the railway and steamships eventually disappeared. Oxford became a sleepy little town inhabited mainly by watermen who still worked the waters of the Tred Avon.

Oxford today is still a waterman's town, but is enjoying a new resurgence based on tourism and leisure activities. Its quiet charm, fresh air, summer breezes, and clean water provide a haven from the hustle and bustle of city life for boaters, weekend visitors, and summer residents.



ANNUAL EVENTS

- Oxford Day** - 4th Saturday in April
- Fine Arts Fair** - 3rd weekend in May
- Oxford Kids Camp** - June/July
- Yacht Club Fireworks** - 4th of July week (date varies)
- Paint Oxford Day, Plein Air Easton** - July
- Oxford Regatta** - 2nd weekend in August
- Heritage Regatta** - 4th weekend in August
- Road Rally** - 3rd weekend in September
- Picket Fence Auction** - Sept/Oct (date varies)
- OLA Antique Show** - Waterfowl weekend
- Model Boat Show** - Waterfowl weekend
- Christmas on the Creek** - 1st weekend in December

On-going Events

- Firehouse Pancake Breakfast** - 2nd Sunday monthly
- Sailboat Races** - Friday nights (May - Sept.)
- Oxford Museum Special Exhibits**
- Tred Avon Players Performances**

More information can be found at www.portofoxford.com

HISTORIC PLACES OF INTEREST IN OXFORD

Academy House (Bratt Mansion)

Officers' residence for the Maryland Military Academy from 1848-1855.
205 N. Morris St. (Private residence)

Barnaby House

Built in the 1770s by Captain Richard Barnaby. The Barnaby House features pine woodwork, corner fireplace and hand-made staircase.
212 N. Morris St. (Private residence)

Byberry & Calico

Moved to the grounds of Cutts & Case in the 1930s, Byberry is Oxford's oldest house, dating from 1695. The original structure is a typical early Oxford cottage. Calico, a Tudor-style cottage, was built in the early 1700s.
(Private residence)

Grapevine House

Built by John Willis in 1798. The grapevine in front of the house was brought to Oxford from the Isle of Jersey in 1810.
309 N. Morris St. (Private residence)

Oxford-Bellevue Ferry

Believed to be the oldest privately operated ferry in the country. Started in 1683, service was discontinued after the American Revolution, was resumed in 1836, and has been in continuous operation since that time. A visit to Oxford is not complete without a ride on today's ferry, *Talbot*. Bring your car, bicycle or come as a passenger!
N. Morris St. & The Strand / 410-745-9023

Oxford Custom House

Built in 1976, the building is an exact replica of the first Federal Custom House built by Jeremiah Banning, the first federal Collector of Customs.
N. Morris St. & The Strand



John Wesley Preservation Society and Museum

This Methodist Episcopal church served as a house of worship for black and white parishioners before the Civil War.
9457 Evergreen Rd. / johnwesleychurch.org

Oxford Museum

Founded in 1964, the Oxford Museum houses a collection of artifacts and memorabilia from Oxford's past.
101 S. Morris St. (across from Town Park) / 410-226-0191

Robert Morris Inn

The original 1710 structure, incorporated into the present Inn, was the home of Robert Morris, Sr., and his son. Robert Morris, Jr. helped finance the Revolutionary War, counted George Washington as a friend, and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution.
N. Morris St. & The Strand

Colonel Tench Tilghman Monument

Aide de Camp to General George Washington.
Oxford Cemetery, just outside town limits on Route 333



VISITOR SERVICES

U.S. Postal Service: Wilson & Banks Sts.
410-226-5629

Oxford Library: 103 Market St. ~ 410-226-5727

Town Office: 100 N. Morris St. ~ 410-226-5122

Conservation Park: 4890 Boone Creek Rd.

Dog Park: J.L. Thompson Dr. & Pier St.

Police: 410-226-5650 ~ 410-822-0095 for dispatch

Police~Fire~Ambulance Emergency: 911

U.S. Coast Guard:

Non-Emergency 410-226-0581

Emergency 410-226-0580

CHURCHES

Oxford Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

N. Morris St. - next to the Park, PO Box 117

Waters United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Market & Bank Sts., PO Box 125

Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal)

Services: 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Combined Eucharist: 1st Sunday each month, 9:30 a.m.

S. Morris & Caroline Sts., PO Box 637



From Easton: Take Rt. 50 to Easton Parkway (Rt. 322), then Rt. 333 South 11 miles to Oxford



We share our roads with bicycles and pedestrians so please observe the 25 MPH speed limit in town

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ACCOMMODATIONS

1 Combsberry Inn
Elegantly restored 1730 English Country mansion, carriage house and cottage nestled on 30 secluded waterfront acres. Spectacular water views. Jacuzzis, fireplaces, private baths, dock, canoes and paddleboats. Conferences & weddings welcome.
4837 Evergreen Rd. ~ 410-228-0075 ~ combsberry.net

2 Nichols House Cottage B&B
A charming Bed & Breakfast in the historic district, walkable to town attractions and restaurants. A registered historic Victorian style property, well appointed, with modern comforts.
217 S. Morris St. ~ 302-497-5898
nicholshousecottage@gmail.com

3 Sandaway Suites & Beach
A boutique hotel with a private sandy beach. Sandaway offers waterfront suites with vacation rental amenities in the beautiful historic district. Suites are ideal for 2-night getaways or extended stays. Most of the 18 accommodations feature amazing water views and porches.
103 W. Strand Rd. ~ 1-888-726-3292 (1-888-SANDAWAY)
sandaway.com

4 The Robert Morris Inn
Historic inn dating back to 1710, and now the Eastern Shore's most unique tavern and Inn. Colonial bed and breakfast rooms available overlooking the Tred Avon River. Located near the Oxford Bellevue Ferry, which provides a 7 mile shortcut to St. Michaels.
314 N. Morris St. ~ 410-226-5111
robertmorrissinn.com

5 The Oxford Inn and Pope's Tavern
A historic circa 1880 inn and restaurant serving authentic Italian cuisine featuring homemade pastas, sauces and desserts. Located at the head of Town Creek, you can step off the porch and stroll down South Morris St., one of the oldest streets in America.
504 S. Morris St. ~ 410-226-5220
info@oxfordinn.net ~ oxfordinn.net

RESTAURANTS

6 Capsize
Arrive by land or by sea and relax with a drink on our deck overlooking Town Creek or dine in our waterside dining room. Comfortable lounge seating and dining options both inside and out. Capsize serves American Cuisine on the sparkling waters of Town Creek. If coming by boat, we have free dockage while you dine.
314 Tilghman St. ~ 410-226-5900 ~ capsizeoxmd.com

7 Pope's Tavern & Market at the Oxford Inn
Serving authentic homemade pasta and Italian cuisine and available for takeout from our market.
405 S. Morris St. ~ 410-226-5220

8 Doc's Sunset Grille
Traditional American and Eastern Shore Menu. Tiki bar and outside seating in a relaxing atmosphere.
104 West Pier St. ~ 410-226-5550

9 Latitude 38
Oxford's most unique Bistro is a favorite of the locals. Classic American Cuisine with inspiration from the Eastern Shore and Carolinas.
26342 Oxford Rd. ~ 410-226-5303 ~ latitude38oxford.com

10 Oxford Social Cafe
Coffee, baked goods & Scottish Highland ice cream.
102 S. Morris St. ~ oxfordsocialcafe.com

11 Robert Morris Inn and Salter's Tavern
Once the home of Robert Morris who gained fame as "Financier of the Revolution". Now the Eastern Shore's most unique historic restaurant and Inn under Chef Proprietor, Mark Salter.
314 N. Morris St. ~ 410-226-5111 ~ robertmorrissinn.com

SHOPPES

12 Mystery Loves Company Booksellers
Full-service bookstore specializing in mysteries and books about the Chesapeake. Nautical books, books by local authors & books for all ages. Open year round. Special orders taken. Frequent author events.
202 S. Morris St., PO Box 160 ~ 410-226-0010
mysterylovescompany.com

13 Oxford Market & Deli
All your provisioning needs can be filled here. Groceries, beer, wine and liquor. Homemade subs, sandwiches, and cold cuts. Salads, soups, baked goods, assorted fruits and vegetables, and fresh baked breads. Hand-dipped ice cream. Newspapers, maps and ATM.
203 S. Morris St., PO Box 217
410-226-0015 ~ Fax: 410-226-0175

14 Modern Mercantile
A ever changing selection of items from midcentury through the nineties including vinyl records, jewelry, art, furniture, home decor.
201 Tilghman St. ~ 610-952-7849

15 The Scottish Highland Creamery
Hand-crafted, gourmet ice cream and sorbets made daily on site, gelato style, with fresh ingredients. Come taste a bit of Italy with Scottish flair! An Eastern Shore favorite! Behind Capsize by the boat ramp.
314 Tilghman St. ~ 410-924-6298
scottishhighlandcreamery.com

16 Treasure Chest Gift Shop
Art gallery and gift shop on the main street featuring locally made sea glass jewelry, pottery, mosaics, painted furniture, Oxford memorabilia, soaps and lotions, T-shirts, notecards, artwork, postcards and much more!!
111 S. Morris St. ~ 410-924-8817
treasurechestoxford@gmail.com
treasurechestoxford.com

26 Oxford Vintage & Trade
Offering a curated collection of antique and vintage items with a flair for Maryland's Eastern Shore. We carry nautical items, home décor, china, linens, dinnerware, jewelry, art, books, and vinyl records.
202 Banks St. ~ 610-952-7849
facebook.com/oxfordvintage.trade

ATTRACTIONS

17 John Wesley Preservation Society and Museum
The John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church served as an important house of worship for black and white parishioners prior to the Civil War. The church was sold to black members in 1877 and the adjacent Cook Shop was built in the 1940's. We encourage you to visit this remarkable treasure of Oxford history.
4957 Evergreen Rd ~ johnwesleychurch.org

18 Oxford Bellevue Ferry
America's oldest privately owned ferry shuttles back and forth across the Tred Avon River each day from 9 am until sunset (call for exact times). The ferry carries nine (9) cars, numerous motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians on each trip. RV's, trucks and trailers also accommodated. Operates April through November. (Mailing address: 27456 Oxford Rd., Oxford, MD)
101 E. Strand in Oxford, or 5536 Bellevue Rd. in Bellevue
410-745-9023 obferry@aol.com ~ oxfordferry.com

19 Oxford Community Center
OCC provides residents and visitors alike a year-round schedule of educational, social, cultural, and recreational programs and events. It is a mid-shore treasure enriching lives since 1928. Visitor information and maps available.
200 Oxford Rd., PO Box 308 ~ 410-226-5904 ~ oxfordcc.org

20 Oxford Museum & Gift Shop
Showcasing the more than 325 years of Oxford, MD history. Exhibits are exclusively devoted to its people, their way of life, and their contributions.
101 S. Morris St. (across from Town Park) ~ 410-226-0191
oxfordmuseummd.org

21 Tred Avon Players (TAP)
A non-profit theater group, organized in 1982, presenting entertaining plays and musicals in the Oxford Community Center (OCC).
Reservations: 410-226-0061
facebook.com/TredAvonPlayers

22 The Waters Edge Museum
Telling the story of life on the Eastern Shore for people of color and seeking to empower young people to find their place in history.
101 Mill St. ~ watersedgemuseum.org

MARITIME

23 Campbell's Bachelor Point Yacht Co. & Yacht Sales
At the mouth of the Tred Avon River, this 80-slip marina (with two floating docks) has a pool and picnic area. The boatyard offers full-service maintenance, varnish, repowers and repairs. Travel lift and dry storage available. Certified Cummins dealer. Wi-Fi available. Yacht sales office on the premises.
26106A Bachelor Harbor Drive, PO Box 410 ~ 410-226-5592
mbickford@campbellsboatyards.com
campbellsboatyards.com

24 Campbell's Boatyard @ Jack's Pt.
On Town Creek, this full service 56-slip boatyard offers boat repair, varnish work, maintenance and repowers, slip rentals (with two floating docks), haul-outs and dry storage. Yamaha certified dealer. Wi-Fi available.
106 Richardson St., PO Box 410 ~ 410-226-5105
dfrey@campbellsboatyards.com ~ campbellsboatyards.com

25 Campbell's Town Creek Boatyard
At the head of Town Creek, this 40-slip boatyard offers dockage—with the Jack's Point shop doing the boat repairs and maintenance, in addition to haul-outs and dry storage. The shop at Town Creek specializes in custom boat building. Wi-Fi available.
109 Myrtle Ave, PO Box 410 ~ 410-226-0213
scampbell@campbellsboatyards.com
campbellsboatyards.com

26 DiMillo's on the Chesapeake East
Located at the former Hinckley yard, on the south end of Town Creek, a full-service marina with over 50 slips, public laundry facility, swimming pool, service department and heated storage. We're also the Northern Chesapeake Bay's exclusive dealers for Sabre Yachts, Back Cove Yachts, and Limestone Boats, and brokers for all brands of pre-owned power and sailing yachts.
202 Banks St., P.O. Box 129 ~ 410-226-0100 ~ Dimillosyachtsales.com

27 Cutts and Case Shipyard
Design, Build, Restore, Maintain
306 Tilghman St., PO Box 9 ~ 410-226-5416 ~ cuttsandcase.com

28 Safe Harbor Oxford
Stunning poolside views of the Tred Avon River complement warm personalized service and small-town charm at Safe Harbor Oxford. The marina's complement of upscale amenities, expert marine service, and close-knit community create a truly boater-friendly setting.
402 E. Strand ~ 410-226-5101 ~ [Fuel & Dockmaster 410-226-5450](http://Fuel&Dockmaster410-226-5450)
shmarinas.com/locations/safe-harbor-oxford

Tred Avon Yacht Club
TAYCers take pride in welcoming sailors and hope that our weather and waters cooperate to make your visit one to remember.
100 W. Strand / 410-226-5269 / TAYC.com

Ship Shape, LLC
410-463-1425 ~ shipshapeox@comcast.net

JP & Associates - Marine Surveyors
(410) 726-3453

Marine Minute
Keeping boaters informed and engaged in issues, articles, and profiles related to the marine industry. Marine Minute offers daily news flashes through Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.
443-220-4339 / theminuteminute.com

SERVICES

29 Bay Vanguard Bank
104 Factory St., PO Box 309 ~ 410-226-0200
Fax: 410-226-0303

30 Benson & Mangold Real Estate
27999 Oxford Rd. ~ 410-822-1415
info@bensonandmangold.com
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Ray Stevens of Benson & Mangold Real Estate
220 N. Morris St., PO Box 208 ~ 410-310-6060
info@bensonandmangold.com

Atlantic Financial
A boutique financial services firm.
443-249-3311 ~ Atlanticfinancialgroup.com

Caronna Collections Estate Sales
208 East Pier St., Suite M6 ~ 443-521-5014
caronnacollections.com

Tidewater Times
Established in 1952, the specialized monthly magazine appeals to the tourist, the prospective land buyer, and anyone for whom the Eastern Shore has a special allure.
410-714-9389 ~ info@tidewatertimes.com

31 CaseWorks
Originally a boat building yard, two buildings have full HVAC and six different spaces that can accommodate any variety of office, shop, studio, and/or storage plus two garages ideal for antique/exotic boats/automobiles. With ample RV/boat storage outside, high speed Wi-Fi, shared lunch area and restroom facilities, both businesses and hobbyists will find the space they need.
210 E Pier St ~ (410) 226-1073 ~ caseworks.bz

32 Quality Automotive Service
201 Oxford Rd. ~ 410-226-5700

Wilson Mowing (Lawn Service)
4585 Old Trappe Rd., Trappe, MD ~ 410-476-7804
wilsonmowing@gmail.com

Catherine Bitter Interiors
Residential interior and exterior design services.
102-B Bonfield Ave., PO Box 279 ~ 410-226-0541
catherine@catherinebitter.com

22 Preservation Green, PLLC
Architectural and landscape design, project administration, and installation supervision.
101 Mill St. ~ 917-374-0704 ~ preservationgreen.com

Bay Cookie Company
Beautiful homemade designer cookies.
baycookieco.com

Oxford Day Committee
Volunteers creating an annual family-centered day of parades and activities.
PO Box 4 ~ 410-336-3400 ~ oxfordday.org

Oxford Garden Club
Promoting the knowledge of gardening and flower design.
PO box 674 ~ oxfordmdgc.org

Oxford Fire Company Auxiliary
Dedicated volunteers fund-raising for the all-volunteer fire department.
PO Box 512 ~ facebook.com/oxfirecoauxiliary

Oxford Library
An independent all volunteer Library. Since 1939.
103 Market St. ~ 410-226-5362 ~ Oxfordmd.net

33 Electric Car Charging Stations
2 locations in Oxford. Free.
Oxford Rd, by the tennis court & The Strand, behind the Robert Morris Inn.

34 US Post Office
101 Wilson St., 410-226-5629



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