

Frederick Douglass held a strong connection to Maryland, which was woven into the fabric of his identity. His homeland--Maryland's Eastern Shore--holds his bittersweet memories of his beginnings in slavery.

An extraordinary visionary, Douglass believed in his own self-worth and was determined to be free. He longed for autonomy and put into action a plan to attain it.

Learning to read opened a world of knowledge and sparked an intense desire for freedom. After he self-liberated from Baltimore in 1838, Douglass worked relentlessly to gain freedom for others through his eloquent speeches and writings. Douglass changed the world as he traveled; but for him, Maryland was home.

Discover Frederick Douglass in the places that shaped him. Follow in his footsteps with this driving tour that starts in his birth land on the Eastern Shore and takes you through Annapolis, Baltimore, and to Washington, D.C., to the places he lived, worked, traveled and where he is commemorated today. For a detailed listing of driving tour sites and itineraries, see VisitMaryland.org/FrederickDouglass.

Frederick Douglass, along with Harriet Tubman and other major figures of the Underground Railroad, have strong ties to Maryland. Learn how you can experience the Most Powerful Underground Railroad Storytelling Destination in the World at visitmaryland.org/UGRR.

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FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS – MARYLAND'S FREDERICK DOUGLASS DRIVING TOUR MAP

FROM HIS BELOVED BIRTHPLACE TO HIS SELF-LIBERATION AND TRIUMPHANT HOMECOMING, DISCOVER THE REAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS IN THE PLACES THAT SHAPED HIS CHARACTER.



"I AM AN EASTERN SHOREMAN, WITH ALL THAT NAME IMPLIES. EASTERN SHORE CORN AND EASTERN SHORE PORK GAVE ME MY MUSCLE. I LOVE MARYLAND AND THE EASTERN SHORE!"

--FREDERICK DOUGLASS, 1877



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DRIVING TOUR SITES:

1 EASTERN SHORE

Beloved Birthplace and Triumphant Homecoming

- Historical Society of Talbot County
- Frederick Douglass Statue at Talbot County Courthouse
- Former Site of Talbot County Jail
- Bethel A.M.E. Church
- Former Site of The Brick Hotel
- The Inn at Perry Cabin
- Mitchell House at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
- Former Home of William and Louisa Bruff
- Frederick Douglass Park-St. Michaels
- Former Site of Thomas Auld Home and Store
- Asbury United Methodist Church
- The Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe
- Frederick Douglass Civil War Trail Marker
- “Frederick Douglass Stitched In Time” Quilt Exhibition at the Bay Country Welcome Center
- St. Michaels Museum at St. Mary’s Square

2 ANNAPOLIS

Inspirational Orator

- Banneker-Douglass Museum
- Strike for Freedom: Slavery, Civil War and the Frederick Douglass Family
- Maryland State House

3 BALTIMORE

Empowerment and Self-Liberation

- National Great Blacks in Wax Museum
- Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture
- Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park
- Baltimore Civil War Museum-President Street Station
- Frederick Douglass Statue at Morgan State University
- Douglass Row in Fells Point

4 COLLEGE PARK

Maryland Roots and International Acclaim

- Frederick Douglass Square and Statue at University of Maryland College Park

5 NATIONAL HARBOR AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

Tireless Struggle for Inclusion

- The Frederick Douglass Statue at National Harbor
- Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
- National Museum of African American History and Culture

Many of these sites are along Maryland’s exciting collection of Scenic Byways. For more information on all of Maryland’s Scenic Byways, go to: VisitMaryland.org/byways

- 1 Star-Spangled Banner
- 2 Old Main Streets
- 3 Roots & Tides
- 4 Historic National Road
- 5 Falls Road
- 6 Horses & Hounds
- 7 Chesapeake & Ohio Canal
- 8 Chesapeake Country
- 9 Baltimore’s Historic Charles Street
- 10 Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad
- 11 Booth’s Escape



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