

The Ultimate Street Guide to Prince George's County

Introduction

Prince George's County, Maryland, is a vibrant and diverse community located just minutes from the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. With a rich history, a thriving economy, and a wealth of cultural attractions, Prince George's County is an ideal place to live, work, and raise a family.

This comprehensive guidebook provides everything you need to know about Prince George's County, from its major thoroughfares and landmarks to its hidden gems and local favorites. Whether you're a lifelong resident or a newcomer, this book will help you navigate the county with ease and discover all that it has to offer.

In Chapter 1, we'll introduce you to the county's major hubs, including Upper Marlboro, College Park, Greenbelt, Bowie, and Laurel. We'll also provide tips on getting around the county, whether you're driving, taking public transportation, or biking.

In Chapter 2, we'll explore the northern part of the county, including the cities of Upper Marlboro, College Park, Greenbelt, Bowie, and Laurel. We'll highlight each city's unique character and attractions, from the historic courthouse in Upper Marlboro to the vibrant arts scene in Bowie.

In Chapter 3, we'll venture into the southern part of the county, including the cities of Oxon Hill, Clinton, Fort Washington, Suitland, and Camp Springs. We'll explore the county's rich military history at Fort Washington, enjoy the waterfront views at National Harbor, and discover the hidden gems of Suitland and Camp Springs.

In Chapter 4, we'll unveil the eastern part of the county, including the cities of Largo, Mitchellville, Capitol Heights, District Heights, and Forestville. We'll visit the bustling Town Center at Largo, explore the serene neighborhoods of Mitchellville, and learn about the county's African American heritage in Capitol Heights.

Book Description

The Ultimate Street Guide to Prince George's County is your indispensable companion to navigating this vibrant and diverse Maryland county. Whether you're a lifelong resident or a newcomer, this comprehensive guidebook will help you discover all that Prince George's County has to offer.

Inside, you'll find detailed descriptions of the county's major thoroughfares, landmarks, and hidden gems. We'll take you on a tour of the county's thriving cities, from Upper Marlboro to Bowie, and introduce you to the unique character and attractions of each one.

We'll also provide essential information on getting around the county, whether you're driving, taking public transportation, or biking. Plus, we'll keep you up-to-date on road construction and closures, so you can always find the best route to your destination.

In addition to its comprehensive coverage of the county's roads and landmarks, **The Ultimate Street Guide to Prince George's County** also includes a wealth of other useful information, including:

- Detailed maps and visual guides
- Listings of essential services and amenities
- Profiles of local businesses and organizations
- A calendar of community events and festivals
- And much more!

Whether you're planning a day trip, a weekend getaway, or a move to Prince George's County, **The Ultimate Street Guide to Prince George's County** is the perfect companion. With its in-depth coverage and insider tips, this guidebook will help you make the most of your time in this vibrant and welcoming community.

Chapter 1: Navigating the Hub

Major thoroughfares and their landmarks

Prince George's County is home to a network of major thoroughfares that connect its cities and communities. These roads serve as important arteries for transportation and commerce, and they are also lined with a variety of landmarks and attractions. Here are some of the county's most important major thoroughfares:

- **US Route 1:** Also known as the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, US Route 1 is a major north-south highway that runs through the eastern part of Prince George's County. It connects the county to Baltimore, Maryland, to the north, and Washington, D.C., to the south. US Route 1 is lined with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial development, and it is also home to several landmarks, including the

University of Maryland, College Park, and the FedExField stadium.

- **Interstate 95:** Interstate 95 is a major north-south highway that runs through the western part of Prince George's County. It connects the county to New York City to the north and Richmond, Virginia, to the south. Interstate 95 is lined with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial development, and it is also home to several landmarks, including the National Harbor and the MGM National Harbor casino.
- **Interstate 495:** Also known as the Capital Beltway, Interstate 495 is a ring road that encircles the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. It passes through the northern and eastern parts of Prince George's County, and it connects the county to Virginia and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Interstate 495 is lined with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial

development, and it is also home to several landmarks, including the Six Flags America amusement park and the National Archives at College Park.

- **Maryland Route 5:** Maryland Route 5 is a major east-west highway that runs through the central part of Prince George's County. It connects the county to Annapolis, Maryland, to the east and Washington, D.C., to the west. Maryland Route 5 is lined with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial development, and it is also home to several landmarks, including the Six Flags America amusement park and the National Archives at College Park.
- **Maryland Route 4:** Maryland Route 4 is a major north-south highway that runs through the western part of Prince George's County. It connects the county to Southern Maryland to the south and Washington, D.C., to the north.

Maryland Route 4 is lined with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial development, and it is also home to several landmarks, including the National Harbor and the MGM National Harbor casino.

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Intersections and interchanges explained

Intersections and interchanges are essential components of any road network, and Prince George's County is no exception. In this chapter, we will provide an overview of the different types of intersections and interchanges you will encounter in the county, as well as some tips on how to navigate them safely and efficiently.

The most common type of intersection is a four-way intersection, where two roads cross at right angles. Four-way intersections can be controlled by traffic signals, stop signs, or yield signs. Traffic signals are the most common type of traffic control device, and they typically use a red, yellow, and green light system to control the flow of traffic. Stop signs require drivers to come to a complete stop before proceeding, while yield

signs require drivers to yield to oncoming traffic before proceeding.

Another common type of intersection is a roundabout. Roundabouts are circular intersections that allow traffic to flow in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts are often used to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, and they can be particularly effective at intersections with a high volume of traffic.

Interchanges are larger and more complex than intersections, and they are typically used to connect two or more highways. Interchanges can take a variety of forms, but the most common type is the cloverleaf interchange. Cloverleaf interchanges use a series of ramps to allow traffic to enter and exit the highway without having to stop.

Navigating intersections and interchanges can be challenging, but there are a few tips you can follow to make it easier. First, always be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to traffic signs and

signals. Second, be prepared to yield to other vehicles, and never enter an intersection unless you are sure it is safe to do so. Third, be patient and courteous, and always give other drivers the benefit of the doubt.

By following these tips, you can help to keep yourself and others safe on the roads of Prince George's County.

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Public transportation options

Prince George's County is well-served by public transportation, with a variety of options available to residents and visitors alike. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provides bus and rail service throughout the county, connecting it to the rest of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The Metrobus system operates an extensive network of bus routes throughout Prince George's County, serving all major cities and towns. Buses run frequently, and fares are affordable. The Metrobus system is a convenient way to get around the county, whether you're commuting to work, running errands, or exploring the many attractions that Prince George's County has to offer.

The Metrorail system operates six lines that serve Prince George's County: the Blue Line, the Green Line, the Orange Line, the Silver Line, the Yellow Line, and the MARC Penn Line. The Metrorail system is a fast and efficient way to get around the county, and it's also a great way to avoid traffic congestion.

In addition to WMATA, there are a number of other public transportation options available in Prince George's County. The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation operates a network of Ride On buses that serve the county's unincorporated areas. The City of Bowie operates its own bus system, and the City of Laurel operates its own shuttle service.

No matter where you're going in Prince George's County, there's a public transportation option that can get you there. With its extensive network of bus and rail lines, Prince George's County is a great place to live, work, and play without having to own a car.

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