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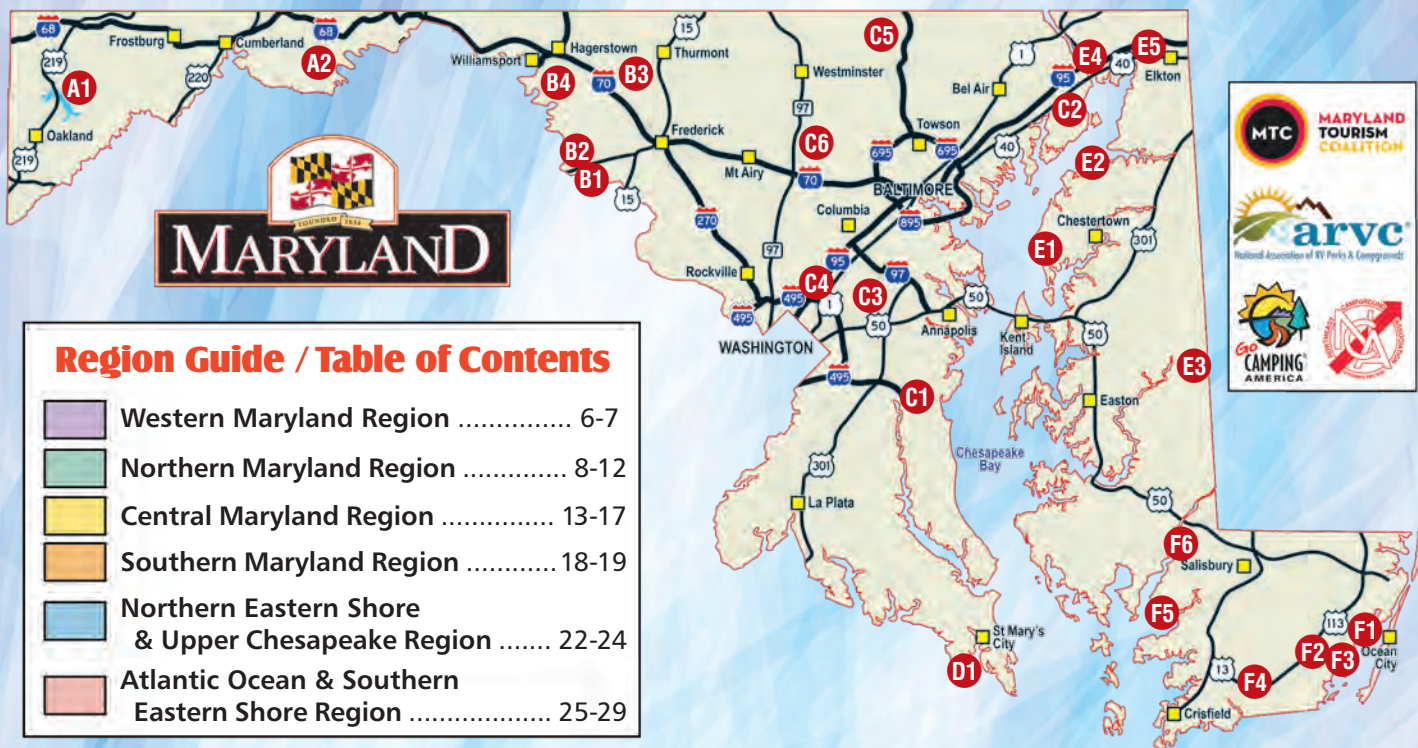


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## Camping on a presidential scale has its roots and history in Maryland!

As you anticipate your Maryland camping vacation in the summer of 2020, the Maryland Association of Campgrounds invites you to turn back the hands of time 99 years to the summer of 1921, when 10 days in Maryland defined camping



*Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Warren Harding, Harvey Firestone*

in that era. It was then that President Warren G. Harding joined industrialists Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone – a group of wealthy friends who referred to themselves as “The Vagabonds” – for a camping trip on a 200-acre farm along Licking Creek, in Washington County. Their campsite is commemorated today by a marker in what is now Camp Harding County Park, an interesting stop for history buffs.



*Henry Ford fishing*

Camping at that time was not the rustic experience that one might imagine. Similarly to how wealthy industrialists gravitated toward exclusive destinations such as Newport, Palm Springs and Jekyll Island, living in private

mansions that they referred to as “cottages,” the concept of “roughing it” has always been somewhat subjective. The caravan might include 100 vehicles, built by Ford and running on Firestone tires. President Harding’s entourage alone numbered over 40 people, including Secret Service agents and 10 White House photographers. It is thanks to those photographers that we have historical photos such as these to document the event.

Although there was an extensive staff of cooks, drivers and other staff members, Harding still found time to chop wood and to ride along Licking Creek on the six horses that Firestone had shipped in from Ohio. They all found time to read the daily newspapers, dress in their suits and bowties, discuss world events, dine family-style around a huge lazy susan that seated 20 people, and take the spontaneous naps that had always been part of Edison’s daily routine.

Back in 1921, most Americans associated camping with sleeping in tents during the Great War or people who were homeless. These early experiences created a new awareness of the adventures that awaited in the great outdoors,



*Dining at the lazy susan*

where Maryland played a pivotal role. In fact, camping became so widely embraced by the public, that the outings by The Vagabonds ended in 1924 due to the crowds of onlookers that followed.



*Aspen Lodge at Camp David, 1961*

Despite the end of those early outings, Maryland continued its role of hosting presidential outdoor retreats with the opening of what was first known as Hi-Catoctin in the wooded hills of Catoctin Mountain Park near

Thurmont. Renamed Shangri-La by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, then renamed Camp David by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Camp David plays a pivotal role in allowing our presidents and invited world leaders to get away to the great outdoors of Maryland.



*Maryland camping today*

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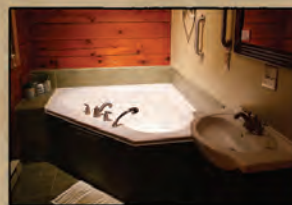
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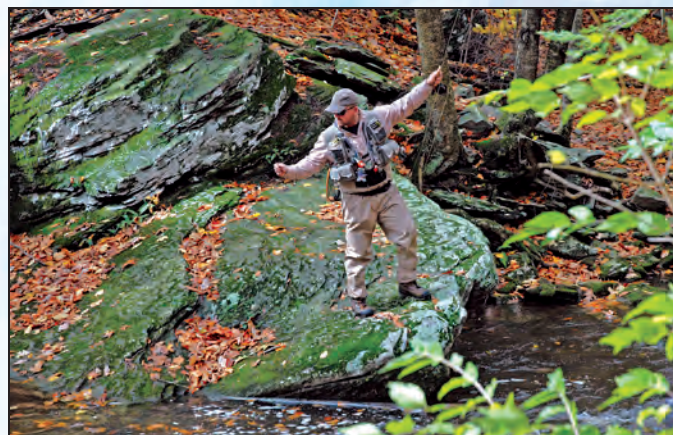
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**C&D Canal Museum:** Operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers, illustrates the canal history and operations. (410) 885-5622

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**Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum:** Presents the history, culture, and maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay. (410) 745-2916

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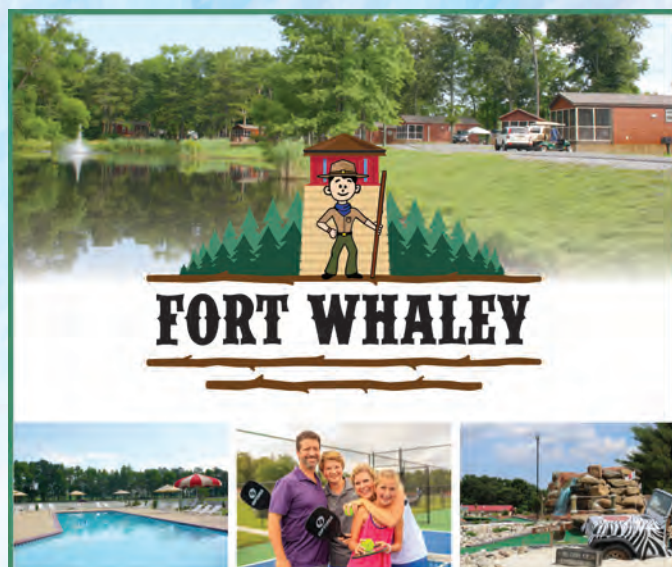
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