Holly Ridge Farm
Experience Horses Up Close & Personal
Purnell Crossing Rd, Willards, MD 21874
Holly Ridge Farm Equestrian Center LLC is a certified Horse Discovery Center for the State of Maryland which invites visitors of all ages to experience horses up close and personal. Trail rides, lessons or horsemanship are offered. Reservations Only - 410-835-2596

Want to ride your own horse:
- Ocean City Beach Nov - Mar: 410-289-8221
  Those wishing to ride their own horse on the Ocean City beach must complete an application. Applications can be obtained from the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall at 301 Baltimore Avenue or online at www.oceancitymd.gov.
- Pocomoke River State Park: Public Access Riding Trails 3461 Worcester Hwy Snow Hill, MD 21863 410-632-2566 Miles of well-maintained trails dedicated for horseback riding in the Pocomoke River State Park. There are also three specified parking areas suitable for horse trailer parking.
- Assateague State Park and National Seashore 7206 National Seashore Lane Berlin, MD 21811 410-641-1441 Horseback riding is allowed along the beach in the Over Sand Vehicle (OSV) zone October - May. There are also Camping Sites Available off season.

What to take a trail ride or lesson on a horse:
- Holly Ridge Equestrian Center, LLC 410-835-2596 36009 Purnell Crossing Road Willards, MD 21874 Horse lover’s paradise. Guided horseback riding on scenic trails. Visit farm country just minutes from Ocean City. Track past tranquil waters of the Pocomoke River. Custom lessons, seasonal beach rides, clinics. Reservations only. Open year-round. Call for hours. Pony rides available by reservation.

Pocomoke River State Park
Public Access Riding Trails
3461 Worcester Hwy, Snow Hill, MD 21863
This beautiful preserve spans both sides of the Pocomoke River from Snow Hill to Pocomoke City. With the area’s unique combination of swamp and upland, the park is a favorite of campers who can bring their horses, as well as bikers, hikers, bird watchers and fishermen.

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Where can you ride horses on the Historic Horse Trails?

Wicomico Hunt Club
Center for Eastern Shore Fox Chasing
7446 Queponco Road, Newark, MD 21841
Fox-chasing has engaged adventurous Marylanders since 1650. Today, the Wicomico Masters of Foxhounds welcome visitors to join in their activities or just to come and watch one of Maryland’s oldest traditions.
It is all about the Horse. Historic Horse Trails are Worcester County’s first Outdoor Museum. Our horse trails date back to early 1700’s. From the wild horses of Assateague Island National Seashore to Native American trails, horse lovers are invited to explore this Outdoor Museum and historic heritage trails. Whether by foot, bicycle, boat, kayak or car, visitors can ramble and roam along our historically rich coastline. Discover places and stories about horses that impacted our lives in the past and now. Want more of a thrill? Ride horseback and see the Outdoor Museum from between the horse’s ears on your own horse or through a licensed stable. However you choose to explore the Historic Horse Trails you will find a host of stories and sights for every horse lover to discover.

Horses Worked on the Colonial Plantation

The Rackliffe House

Built in the 1740’s, this beautifully restored estate overlooking Sinnosxupentz Bay and Assateague Island is open for guided tours on a seasonal basis. Horses were listed in early inventories and used for transportation and work force. The house is located one-half mile from the Assateague Visitor Center.

Horses Transported Peaches

Harrison Orchards

As early as the late 1600’s in the Town of Berlin, the horse was a valuable asset of the plantation owner and was used for hauling produce to shipping points and hauling products and supplies back to plantations and farms. Without horses for transportation, the Town of Berlin would not have evolved into the self-sustaining and successful community it is today.

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2208 N Main St, Berlin, MD 21811

The Rackliffe House

Horses Transported Guests; Home of the Town Livery Stable

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Maryland’s Eastern Shore. In 1920, the Nurseries were the largest in the world. Horses were the earliest transportation used in the orchards to haul baskets of fruit as they were picked and were paramount to the early success of Harrison’s Nurseries.

The Atlantic Hotel

Horses Helped Evolve the Town

Main St, Berlin, MD 21811

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The Atlantic Hotel

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2 N Main St, Berlin, MD 21811

The historic Atlantic Hotel, built in 1895 and recently restored, housed a livery stable in the rear of the hotel where people could rent horses and carriages to travel to Ocean City or throughout the countryside. The hotel had a horse-drawn bus which met the train on a daily basis.

Union Station

The Train Station Museum

A Stage Coach Stop & Equine Transport Center

N. Main St. and Harrison Ave, Berlin, MD 21811

The train station was of significant note as it was used to transport horses in and out of Riddle Farm as well as used by travelers to Ocean City who traveled to Berlin and then by horse and carriage to Ocean City. A horse-drawn bus from the hotel met the train daily. Shipments of peaches and produce were sent from the station to surrounding cities.

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum

Horses Vital for Early Rescue Efforts

813 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842

The Union Station Museum was initially tasked with keeping watch over the coast for shipwrecks and other maritime events. Horses were used on the beaches to assist in rescue efforts as well as to haul fish nets to aid in the early fishing industry.

Glen Riddle Farm

Home of Racing Legends Man O’War and War Admiral

11501 Maid at Arms Ln, Berlin, MD 21811

Glen Riddle Farms was home to legendary race horses. Man O’War and War Admiral in the 1920’s and 30’s. The history of the farm, the building and the great race horses are displayed prominently throughout the building which is now home to Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse and a 36 hole championship golf facility.

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum

Historic Horse Displays

208 N Main St, Berlin, MD 21811

Built in 1832, the restored home depicts life in and around the Berlin Community. One room is totally dedicated to the history of Riddle Farm’s famous horses as well as stories of the contributions to society and the economy made by horses throughout the developing years of this coastal community.

Harness Racing by the Sea

Ocean Downs Harness Racing

Originally opened in 1949, Ocean Downs expanded in 2011 with its adjoining casino. While there are no horses permanently stabled at the site, they come to compete each day that races are scheduled. The original stables built in 1949 are no longer used, but are a part of The Ocean Downs heritage. Ocean Downs is now celebrating their 70th year anniversary of Harness Racing.