

West Wicomico Heritage Ride (2011)

Ride 50

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Historic Sites noted in italics. Information on these sites on attached sheet.

Mileage begins at the Pemberton Hall parking lot.

- 0.0 Pemberton Hall Parking Lot –Pemberton Hall**
- 0.6 Left onto Pemberton Drive**
- 0.7 Immediate Right onto Crooked Oak Lane**
0.7 Crooked Oak Lane and Mulberry Landing
- 1.9 Cross Nanticoke Road (Rt. 349)**
- 3.3 Right onto Rockawalkin Road**
- 4.5 Left onto Levin Dashiell Road**
6.6 Enter the town of Hebron
- 6.7 Angle left onto Chestnut Street**
- 7.0 Left on Quantico Road**
7.5 St. Giles historic home on right
- 11.0 Enter historic town of Quantico*
- 11.2 Rest Stop at Quantico United Methodist Church**
Quantico Church dates to 1784
- 11.3 Disharoon Store on right*
- 11.4 Crawford-Collier house*
James Jones house
Disharoon House
- 11.5 St. Philip's Episcopal Church and Disharoon House on left*
- 11.6 Twin Chimney house on right*
- 12.6 Right on Nanticoke Road (Rt.349)**
- 15.8 Right on royal Oak Road**
- 20.0 Right on Wetipquin Road**
- 22.0 Right on Tyaskin Church Road**
22.0-22.4 The Community of Tyaskin
- 22.4 Left on Tyaskin Road**
- 22.8 Angle right onto Tyaskin-Nanticoke Road**
- 23.3 Right on Nanticoke Road (Rt. 349)**
- 23.4 Right into Cedar Hill Park**
- 23.8 Right at Stop Sign**
- 23.0 Cedar Hill Park rest stop.**
Cedar Hill Park
When leaving, return to stop sign.
- 24.2 Left at stop sign, returning o Nanticoke Road (Rt. 349)**

- 24.7 Right on Nanticoke Road (Rt. 349)**
- 26.7 Left on Oak Grove Church Road**
- 27.1 Left on Texas Road**
- 28.5 Right on Bivalve Lodge Road**
- 28.6 *West Side Community Center on right*
- 29.2 Left on Jesterville Road**
- 29.9 Right on Nanticoke Road (Rt. 349)**
- 31.4 Right on Capitola Road (Rt. 352)**
- 33.4 Right on Clara Road**
- 34.3 Left on Mezick Road**
- 35.9 Right on Whitehaven Road**
- 36.1 *Whitehaven Village*
- 36.2 Angle right onto Church Street**
Whitehaven Schoolhouse rest stop
When leaving Schoolhouse, turn right down Church Street
- 36.3 *Whitehaven United Methodist Church on right (1892)*
- 36.4 Left on River Street**
- 36.5 Left on Whitehaven Road**
- 36.5 *Whitehaven Hotel and Whitehaven Ferry*
- 44.4 Right on Nanticoke road (Rt. 349)**
- 44.8 Right on Pemberton Drive**
- 46.7 *Upper Ferry Road. The Upper Ferry crossing of the Wicomico River is approximately 0.3 mi on your right on Upper Ferry Road*
- 48.2 *Rockawalkin Creek and Cottingham's Creek Indian Reservation*
- 49.2 *Patrick's Landing on river to the right*
- 50.1 Right into Pemberton Park—Pemberton Hall**
- 50.2 End of ride in Pemberton Park parking lot**

Emergencies: Call 911 Ride Headquarters: (410) 430-0018

**Rest Stop Personnel and Sag Support Personnel in Vehicles are available
for assistance**

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Notable Features you will Pass

- 1. Pemberton Park and Pemberton Hall-** Pemberton Hall was built in 1741 by Col. Isaac Handy, a prominent man on the Maryland colony. The property has been included on the National Register of Historic Places, and is well worth visiting upon returning from your bike trip. Admission and a tour are included in your registration.

- 2. Crooked Oak Lane-** This road was originally called “Rolling Road”. It extended down past Pemberton Hall to a wharf called “Mulberry Landing”. Goods coming in or to be shipped out were often packaged in round barrels and “rolled” along the road to and from the wharf and the boats tied up there. The original dock was owned by Isaac Handy and is the oldest documented wharf of its kind in the United States. The timbers were cut in 1746 and have lasted to the present time because of their being underwater. These timbers are now only visible from Pemberton when the leaves are off the trees and at low tide.

- 3. Hebron-** The town was begun in 1890 because of the railroad that ran through it.

- 4. St. Giles-** This home on land bounded on the southwest by the Rewastico Road, is one of the best preserved historic homes in Wicomico county. John Harris constructed the simple Federal style dwelling around 1820. “Crazy Aunt Nancy” lost her mind and was kept in the attic in the summer and in the upstairs closed, now a bathroom in winter around the 1830’s.

- 5. Quantico-** The town took its name from the creek, which in the language of Indians meant “dancing place”.

- 6. Quantico United Methodist Church-** The church dates to 1784.

- 7. Disharoon Store-** This old store is located on the right. Behind the old store is a little white building which was the post office in the mid 1800’s.

- 8. Crawford-Collier House-** This house is the only brick dwelling in Quantico. The walls are covered with stucco. It dates to the late 18th century.
- 9. James Jones House-** Built about 1830, it is a white Federal style frame dwelling. It is set back from the street in a neat yard with large trees and boxwoods.
- 10. Disharoon House-** This is a bungalow style dwelling constructed in the 1890's. The vertical boards and the curved molding around the front gable give the house a gingerbread effect.
- 11. St. Philip's Episcopal Church-** This church is a small, frame cruciform chapel with a small square vestibule and a belfry in the southwest corner.
- 12. The Twin Chimney House-** This is a yellow house that was built perpendicular to the road, although there is an entrance on the street gable. It is a two-story frame structure on a brick foundation with two tall brick chimneys.
- 13. Tyaskin-** From 1830 until 1920, steamships came from Baltimore to a pier on the Nanticoke River here in Tyaskin to pick up wild ducks, Canada Geese, crabs and strawberries.
- 14. Cedar Hill Park** was built on the top of a 20 foot high Indian oyster shell mound dating from 300-400 years ago. The Indians smoked the oysters.
- 15. West Side Community Center-** This building was originally built and owned by residents of the community. Now it is owned and run by Wicomico County and is used for multiple purposes.

- 16. Whitehaven-** The village traces its origins to the ferry that crosses the Wicomico River at this site. The name is derived from a town in England located on the Irish Sea from which came many of the ancestors of the original inhabitants. The town was essentially a late 19th century village and shipbuilding center for many years. The entire community of Whitehaven is listed as a National Register Historic District.
- 17. The Whitehaven Schoolhouse** is a one-room schoolhouse dating from 1886. Presently there is an arts display and museum inside highlighting the local community. This site is a rest stop on the Bike Tour.
- 18. Whitehaven United Methodist Church-** This parish was established in 1891. The present building dates to 1892. It lost part of its steeple and bell tower in hurricane Hazel in 1956.
- 19. The Whitehaven Ferry** has been in continuous operation since 1693 or earlier. It is one of the oldest continuously operating free-of-charge ferries in the United States.
- 20. The Whitehaven Hotel** is a Victorian hostelry and has now been restored and is operated as a bed and breakfast. It is one of four hotels on the old stage route between Vienna and Princess Anne.
- 21. Upper Ferry-**This ferry was originally called “Handy’s Ferry” and dates from the 18th century. It is one of the two cable ferries in Wicomico County and one of the oldest in the United States still in continuous use.
- 22. Cottingham’s Creek Indian Reservation on Rockawalkin Creek-** Along Rockawalkin Creek in this area an Indian Reservation was established in 1690. It was called Cottingham’s Creek Indian Reservation. Between 70% and 90% of the local Indians had already died of smallpox before the white men arrived in this area.
- 23. Patrick’s Landing-** This is the site of another 18th century wharf no longer existing.

