

# Chesapeake Beach Explorer

## Saturday, April 2, 2022

Following up on last year's DCONRHS virtual presentation, we will explore the history and Right of Way (R.O.W.) of the **Chesapeake Beach Railway** in person! **Using your own car**, on April 2 (rain date April 9) we'll start this full day tour at 9:45 AM with a visit to the **Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum** in Chesapeake Beach, MD for a docent led tour focusing on the history of this railroad, including historic photographs and the **operating model railroad layout**. **Chesapeake Beach** was a resort town back in the 1920's and 30's and the railway provided access for tourists as well as for "sportsmen" to hunt at **Jug Bay**.



Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, collection of Kevin Tankersley

Following lunch at nearby establishments including the Rod and Reel (next door to the museum, lunch not included) we will make our way to the site of the **Pindell Station and Freight House** for a docent-led site tour. The station is long gone but the freight house ruins as well as some of the nearby residences still exist. Using large scale historic photographs, we will set the scene to the 1920's.

**PER PERSON PRICES:** Includes guided tours as described, admission charges and parking fees.

**DCNRHS Members: \$39 / Nonmembers: \$49**

### CONDITIONS

Next, we'll make our way to the **Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary** to walk that portion of the R.O.W. contained within the sanctuary. The parking at this site is included in the trip cost. Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary contains the R.O.W. leading from the site of the **Pindell Freight House** to the site of the **Patuxent River turntable bridge** (yes, the pivot is still in the middle of the river) as well as an astonishing variety of wildlife. Bring your binoculars for a view of the turntable pivot as well as the many birds (bald eagles and ospreys a definite possibility) and other wildlife. A park ranger will lead the R.O.W. tour with a focus on the railroad history. The walk on the trail to the **Patuxent River** from the parking lot is approximately 1.5 miles roundtrip, very flat but not paved and can be muddy.

1. No refund or credit after March 15, 2022, other than by operator's cancellation of the trip or reselling of the space. Reservations are not transferable and may not be resold without the consent of DCONRHS.
2. The Washington DC Chapter NRHS makes every effort to accommodate the physically challenged; please discuss your needs with the DCONRHS reservations agent. The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum is a historic building, and some areas may not be accessible. Trails to be used on this tour in the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary are gently sloped, unpaved gravel trails, except for the extended last segment hike which traverses steep steps. Tour participants must be able to stand for duration of the tour segments and walk to the various locations. DCONRHS requires those physically challenged individuals requiring special assistance to be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them.
3. In case of significant inclement weather, this tour will be postponed to a rain date one week later on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the same times. Tour participants will be notified by telephone by 8:00AM on April 2, 2022 if the tour is postponed.
4. Participants should wear appropriate footwear for walking on the trails on this tour.
5. No transportation to / from Chesapeake Beach and between the locations on the tour is provided; participants must make their own way to the starting point and in between the several locations on the tour.
6. The General Conditions for tours, trips, excursions and events as published on the DCONRHS web site ([www.dcnrhs.org](http://www.dcnrhs.org)) apply. By making a reservation, participants agree to be bound by both the General and these specific Conditions.

### COVID-19 TOUR INFORMATION:

DCNRHS looks forward to welcoming participants to this tour. As the pandemic is still with us, we've adopted measures to safeguard the health of our tour participants. Here is a rundown of what to expect when traveling with DCONRHS:

On our return from the Patuxent River bridge site at approximately 4 pm, there will be the option of a self-guided walk to the nearby **beaver ponds** or for an additional three-mile hike on the rest of **the R.O.W. back to Pindell Freight House** (this trail is not as easy and requires climbing steep staircases where trestles are missing).

1. **Tour Requirements:** DCONRHS complies with all local and host facility requirements and follows CDC guidance in the operation of its tours in relation to COVID-19. Tour participants will be required to follow all requirements as provided by DCONRHS, the tour operator.
2. **Mask Requirement:** All tour participants and DCONRHS volunteers are required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth when in any indoor space during the tour except when consuming food and beverages. By making a reservation, you acknowledge that you will comply with this requirement.
3. **Personal Responsibility/Risk:** We ask that you please take personal responsibility for your well-being by taking appropriate precautions (physical distancing, mask wearing, hand washing/ sanitizing, etc.) prior to and during your tour. If you are ill, please do not participate in the tour. While DCONRHS is taking additional special precautions consistent with CDC guidance for this tour, all risks cannot be eliminated. In choosing to participate, you voluntarily assume all risks related to any potential exposure to COVID-19 and agree to hold DCONRHS harmless from any and all claims.

DCNRHS may alter these requirements as conditions change; tour participants will be notified of significant changes.

To learn about the Chesapeake Beach Railway before going on this tour, be sure to view the 2021 program on the DCONRHS Youtube Channel here: <https://youtu.be/PyCFtwjmxAA>.

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April 2, 2022 (rain date: April 9, 2022)

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# \_\_\_\_\_ DCONRHS Member(s) at \$ 39 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Nonmember(s) at \$ 49 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ALL PARTICIPANT NAMES (Required) / DCONRHS Member No.

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