

Local ROAD TRIP Ideas

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Looking for a fun road trip close to home? Here are suggestions:

Annapolis, MD- Enjoy the naval lifestyle in Maryland's capital city. There are always beautiful sailboats coasting up and down the Chesapeake Bay, from little daysailers to massive yachts. Take a river cruise to see the city from the water. Stroll the grounds or take a tour of the United States Naval Academy. Not into the nautical? Annapolis offers many quaint shops and fine dining.

From Pax River: 90 min



Ellicott City, MD- This 250 year old former Quaker mill town offers so much for the modern family. This town, a member of the National Register of Historic Places of Historic Places, has buildings dating back to the 1700's and 1800's. Home to the

B&O Railroad Museum, the oldest surviving train station in America, and other historic places like the Colored School, and Thomas Isaac log cabin. Interested in the paranormal? Ellicott City has that too! Marked by two devastating floods in its history, there is no end to the stories of those from beyond the grave.

From Pax River: 2 hours

St. Michaels, MD- Long associated with the Chesapeake Bay, this small town has become the spot for celebrity vacations, resorts, and yacht tours within the last 30 years. Tourists can enjoy the quaint streets dotted with galleries and bistros. Enjoy local cuisine while marveling at the picturesque views. Looking for something more active? Rent a bike and bike 14 flat miles to Tilghman Island, or take the family for a hike along several trails. Intrigued by the sea? Take a narrated tour of a 70 foot skipjack, or visit a real working boat-yard.

From Pax River: 2 hours 30 min



Dover, DE- Dover has something for everyone. Famous for race cars, race horses, and politics, there is always something going on in the city. Visitors can take tours of the Legislative Hall and see the lawmakers in action. Take in a race at Dover

Downs Casino and watch the live harness races. Visit First State Heritage Park, a "park without boundaries," which links eight attractions from the Old State House to the Biggs Museum of American Art.

From Pax River: 3 hours

Harpers Ferry, WV- This small town combines the outdoorsy folks common along the Appalachian Trail, and the more urbane who live in small towns. Lower Harpers Ferry, where the Shenandoah River meets the Potomac, is flocked with National Parks activities. Upper Harpers Ferry has cuter boutiques and adorable shops. If you are looking for a short day hike or a place to hop onto the Appalachian Trail, this is the place to beat.

From Pax River: 2 hours 30 min



Charlottesville, VA- Home of the University of Virginia, this is more than just a college town. Down town offers shopping and dining. Tour the college grounds and take a picnic lunch to enjoy the hidden gems that are the small gardens about the campus. Take the family to Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson. Spend the afternoon enjoying samplings from local vineyards.

From Pax River: 3 hours 15 min



Gettysburg, PA- This town offers more than Civil War history. The culinary business has taken off. Take a tour with Savor Gettysburg, take the new Savory Sweets Tour. There are many wine rooms for wine tastings for adults. Really interested in the Civil War? Gettysburg offers Segway and horseback tours of the battlefields. Visit the newly renovated Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitors Center to see the famous cyclorama painting.

From Pax River: 3 hours

Winchester, Va- Home of many Civil War land marks and museums, as well as the birth place of Patsy Cline, this quaint town in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley offers a step back in time. Take the kids for a day learning about life as a Civil War Soldier, visit Rocking S Ranch for a scenic horseback trail ride, and finish the day at the drive in theater, one of the last of its kind in the United States.

From Pax River: 3 hours



Luray, VA- Want to get away from the beach? No problem. Head on over to Luray. Beat the heat by taking a tour of infamous Luray Caverns, marketed as a "Geological Thrill Ride." Luray is a great home base for exploring Shenandoah National Park and its dozens of trails. Whether it'd be a leg stretch in the spring, or to see the vibrant foliage in the fall, you really can't beat Luray.

From Pax River: 3 hours

Ocean City, MD- Longing for a day at the beach? Pack up the family car for a long time tradition. Spend the weekend at Ocean City. Hit the boardwalk and enjoy burgers, fries, and ice cream. Go to the amusement park. Sit down for a feast of Old Bay-steamed blue crabs. Get out on the sand and frolic in the waves of the Atlantic. Looking for a day away from the beach? Take in a show at the new performing arts center, sample some of the craft breweries, or take in a round of golf. Take a boat over to Assateague Island to see the wild ponies.

From Pax River: 4 hours



Cape May, NJ- The oldest seaside resort in the country, Cape May offers many attractions. Take a tour of the lighthouse which provides breathtaking panoramic views, even at night. Take a "full moon tour" to see the breathtaking wonder of the moon over the Atlantic Ocean. Walk the streets of this old town to see Victorian homes dolled up in all their glory. Check with The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities to see what activities they have planned. Some may include harbor safaris, treasure hunts, and tours of World War II Lookout Towers.

From Pax River: 5 hours

Canaan Valley, WV- Known in the region for its great skiing, Canaan Valley is considered a winter destination. Due to its location and altitude, the area gets hammered with upwards of 150 inches of snow a year. The steep inclines and deep snow provide for fast, smooth rides down the mountain. But Canaan Valley doesn't just cater to its wintertime guests. The area provides ample room for mountain biking, hiking, golfing, and trout fishing. The small town of Thomas, about 15 miles away, provides shopping and eating, as well as a hub for local artists.

From Pax River: 4 hours 30 min

