

## CALVERT CLIFFS FOSSIL LOCALITIES

The following fossil localities are currently (September, 2012) open to the public. All restrict collecting to beach flotsam and jetsam or cliff blocks fallen on the beach. **DO NOT CLIMB OR DIG IN THE CLIFFS WITHOUT PERMISSION!** Localities are listed north to south.

1. Bayside Park (know to locals as Brownee's Beach), Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County, Maryland. Maryland Route 4 south to Maryland Route 260 east (left) "TO CHESAPEAKE BEACH". From Route 260 turn right onto Maryland Route 261 south. Drive about 1.1 to 1.2 miles south to parking lot on east side of road at bottom of hill. Do not park on shoulders of road. Walk east about 200 yards to beach. Admission charge \$10.00 adult Memorial Day through Labor Day, resident and age discounts, free rest of year. Calvert Formation, small shark teeth common in gravel, some shelled invertebrates. Phone: (301) 855-8398 or (410) 257-2230.

2. Breezy Point beach, Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County, Maryland. Maryland Route 4 south to Maryland Route 260 east (left) "TO CHESAPEAKE BEACH". Turn right onto Maryland Route 261 south for five miles. Turn left (east) onto Breezy Point Road (green road sign, "BREEZY POINT). One mile to BREEZY POINT BEACH AND CAMPGROUND, operated by Calvert County Department of Parks and Recreation. Open May 1 to October 31. Bathing beach, \$10.00 adults, \$4.00 age 3-11, various discounts. Calvert Formation, small shark teeth common in gravel. Phone: (410) 535-1600 x 2225; (301) 855-1243 x 2225.

3. Matoaka Cottages, PO Box 124, St. Leonard, Calvert County, Maryland. Maryland Route 4 to Calvert Beach Road east; continue on Calvert Beach Road after going around circle, left on dirt road marked with sign to "Matoaka Cottages" (1.3 miles from Route 4 to Matoaka turnoff). Day use, \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children under 12; cottages and camping also available. Choptank Formation, good variety of mollusks and other invertebrates, fair for shark teeth and bone. Run by Larry Smith. Phone: (410) 586-0269.

4. Flag Ponds Nature Park, Lusby, Calvert County, Maryland. Maryland Routes 4 to sign for "Flag Ponds Nature Park" (east). Admission: \$4.00 per car, Calvert County resident (\$6.00 non-resident). \$15.00 annual pass available, Calvert County resident (\$20.00, non-resident); inquire about educational group rates. About one-half mile hike to beach. Choptank Formation, moderate variety of invertebrates and shark teeth. Cliffs covered by vegetation; natural history enthusiasts will enjoy trails. Limited admission policy from late fall to early spring. Phone: (410) 586-1477.

5. Calvert Cliffs State Park, Lusby, Calvert County, Maryland. Maryland Route 4 to sign for "Calvert Cliffs State Park" (east). Admission: \$5.00 per car in state, \$7.00 out of state, hours vary with the seasons. Choptank Formation (two mile hike to beach); fossils are limited in numbers and kinds, collecting limited to section of beach NOT below cliffs.