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### **Calvert County, Md., Encouraging Visitation During National Tourism Week, May 9 – 17**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 6, 2009** – Tourists nationwide will celebrate the joy of travel from May 9 – 17, 2009, during National Tourism Week. In Calvert County, residents and visitors are invited to learn more about attractions, events and activities by first exploring the county's two visitor information centers.

Visitor Center staff will be on hand to provide free travel kits, useful information and advice on places to visit and things to do in Calvert County.

Locally, tourism is a vital part of the county's overall economy as well as a key economic engine. In fiscal year 2008, 408,595 people visited 14 key visitor sites throughout the county, which represents an increase of 13.5 percent over fiscal year 2007. Tourism expenditures also increased in Calvert County by 2.0 percent from 2006 to 2007. Tourism expenditure figures include resident outbound spending and visitor spending on accommodations, food and beverage, shopping, transportation and entertainment.

Calvert County provides extensive outdoor activities through its 143 miles of shoreline and over 4,600 acres of parks and open space. Probably best known for its attractive location on the Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County has excellent recreational opportunities for boating, sailing, charter-boat fishing, swimming, crabbing, canoeing, biking, camping, golfing and fossil hunting. Miles of Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River shoreline make Calvert County an ideal destination for enjoying the great outdoors.

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the county and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.*