



## GUIDED BY NATURE

### ASSATEAGUE ISLAND

While in OC venture further south to the Assateague National Seashore Park. No visit to the OC area is complete without stopping at the Assateague Island Visitors Center where there's history galore! Afterwards, experience firsthand the ponies that have inhabited the island since the 1600's.

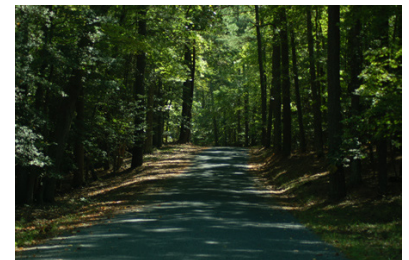


### NORTHSIDE PARK

Northside Park is Ocean City's largest and most popular park facility. The 58 acre complex boasts three lighted softball/baseball fields, a lighted soccer field, multipurpose field, a fishing lagoon, a foot bridge, concession stands, two playgrounds, picnic area, two piers, a gazebo, walking/jogging paths, and a large building with a 14,200 square foot gymnasium, kitchen, community room, conference room, patio, sitting areas, and a sports center annex with a 21,000 square foot multi-sport sports arena. Pack a lunch, grab your family, and enjoy some quality time at one of our lovely picnic sites.

### TRAILS BY LAND

Worcester county is a delight to explore. Numerous villages are interspersed among 13,000 acres of state forest, offering outstanding natural beauty and hidden treasures. As you travel the back roads, you will come across small villages with origins traceable to the early settlers and their enterprises. Worcester County nature trails are part of a regional greenway system connecting parks, forests, and beaches. Greenways provide habitat and passageways for wildlife, buffers for fragile waterways and outdoor recreation areas for people. These trails are easily accessible, and they are not generally difficult or exceptionally long. They are hiker-friendly for all ages. Check out the website: [visitworcester.org/index.php/site/pages\\_trails](http://visitworcester.org/index.php/site/pages_trails)



### BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Also known as the "Everglades of the North," this area was established as a refuge for migratory waterfowl in 1933. It's one of the chief wintering homes for birds using the Atlantic Flyway. You can see endangered or threatened species like the bald eagle or Delmarva fox squirrel from an observation tower.