

Choptank River Heritage Center

Turn of the Century Steamboat Warehouse

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The Choptank River Heritage Center (CRHC) is located along the banks of the upper Choptank River in West Denton. CRHC is housed in a turn of the century steamboat warehouse at the restored Joppa Wharf, and is one of only two remaining riverfront warehouses in Maryland and one of the last surviving such structures in the Chesapeake Bay region.



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Tours and Programs

West Denton was once a major commerce and transportation hub which included wharves, granaries, a flour roller mill, a shirt factory, canneries, maritime warehousing and related agricultural/maritime industries. In this extraordinary setting, CRHC is in a unique position to tell the story of the heritage of this commercial and cultural trade mecca, the Choptank River and their impact to the rest of the Chesapeake Bay region.

Visitors to the center can tour the Joppa Steamboat Wharf Museum to visit its permanent exhibits, pick up a copy of the Choptank & Tuckahoe River Guide to do 15 self-guided themed paddle and kayak river trips, and take advantage of the many events and educational programs planned throughout the year.

Our Home

In May 2003, the Choptank River Heritage Center officially opened its doors in its new home at the Joppa Steamboat Wharf Terminal. The terminal and its surrounding buildings and property bring visitors back in time to the 1883 Maryland Steamboat's Denton Wharf. Highlights of the facility include a passenger waiting room, steamship agent's office, several outbuildings which house exhibits and river outfitters, and a 1,200 sq. ft. upper wharf dedicated to transient and excursions vessels.

Join Us

To arrange a tour or join us as a volunteer, please contact us at 410-479-4950 or www.riverheritage.org

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