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***Free Museums, Walking Tours; Tax-Free Shopping and Dining***

## **VACATION 'ON THE CHEAP' THIS YEAR IN DELAWARE'S CAPITAL REGION**

DOVER, DE – Are you concerned about giving your family a vacation this summer that won't break the bank? Then you should consider Delaware's Capital Region as a great place to spend a few days. Not only is the Capital Region within 40 minute's drive from the Delaware beaches, it offers several free museums and historic sites, tax-free shopping and dining, and what's more, we're only two hours from Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, and only an hour south of Philadelphia.

"We're hearing a lot of concerns from families who are wondering whether a vacation is actually in their summer plans this year," said Cynthia S. Small, Executive Director of the Kent County Delaware Convention and Visitors Bureau, the organization responsible for marketing Delaware's Capital Region. "We consider ourselves 'less than a tank-full away' for many residents residing in the Mid-Atlantic Region, plus you can't beat 'free' when it comes to museums, historic walking tours and other no or low-cost things to do," she added.

The following is a sampling of the 20+ free or low-cost attractions in Delaware's Capital Region:

- *Air Mobility Command Museum* – More than two dozen aircraft including a beautifully restored B-17 sitting next to a C-47. Theater with free aircraft movies, flight simulators and all the aviation history you ever wanted to know. [www.amcmuseum.org](http://www.amcmuseum.org).
- Delaware State House Museum – Recently reopened after a two-year extensive renovation and one of the country's oldest state houses located on Dover's historic The Green. Excellent life size portrait of George Washington is worth the visit. [www.history.delaware.gov](http://www.history.delaware.gov).
- *Delaware State Police Museum* – If you love antique cars, motorcycles and crime scenes, you'll love this museum! Interprets State Police history since its 1923 inception. [www.state.de.us/dsp/museum](http://www.state.de.us/dsp/museum).
- *Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge* – A small visitor's fee, but well worth the price if you love birding and the great outdoors. The Refuge offers 16,000 acres of pristine coastal marshlands – a painter's paradise. [www.bombayhook,fws.gov](http://www.bombayhook,fws.gov).
- *Killens Pond State Park and Waterpark* – Boat rentals and ramp, camping, trails, nature center, water park, disc golf, fishing and family fun. [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com).
- *Special Events* – The area offers several special events with free admission such as the African American Festival on June 28 and the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, [www.doverfourthofjuly.com](http://www.doverfourthofjuly.com).

There are other attractions that charge a fee, but could be worth considering, including kayaking tours, open cockpit biplane tours, hot air balloon rides and performances at the Schwartz Center for the Arts. Added attractions might include a ride down Delaware's newest scenic byway, Route 9 east of Dover, or meandering through the Amish countryside west of Dover.

More information on free or inexpensive family fun opportunities in Delaware's Capital Region this summer, visit [www.visitdover.com](http://www.visitdover.com).

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