

Nanticoke River



**Captain John Smith
Chesapeake National
Historic Trail**



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From its headwaters in Seaford, Delaware, the Nanticoke flows southwest to the bay. The river shares a name with the Nanticoke tribe. Now located in Delaware, the tribe once lived along the western shore of Maryland. Where the Chicone Creek meets the Nanticoke River in Vienna, Maryland, the Nanticoke town Kuskarawaok once stood. The Nanticoke met John Smith at Kuskarawaok in early June, 1608. Today, rare species like the Eastern tiger salamander and Delmarva fox squirrel make their home in the Nanticoke's forests and swamps.