

Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail

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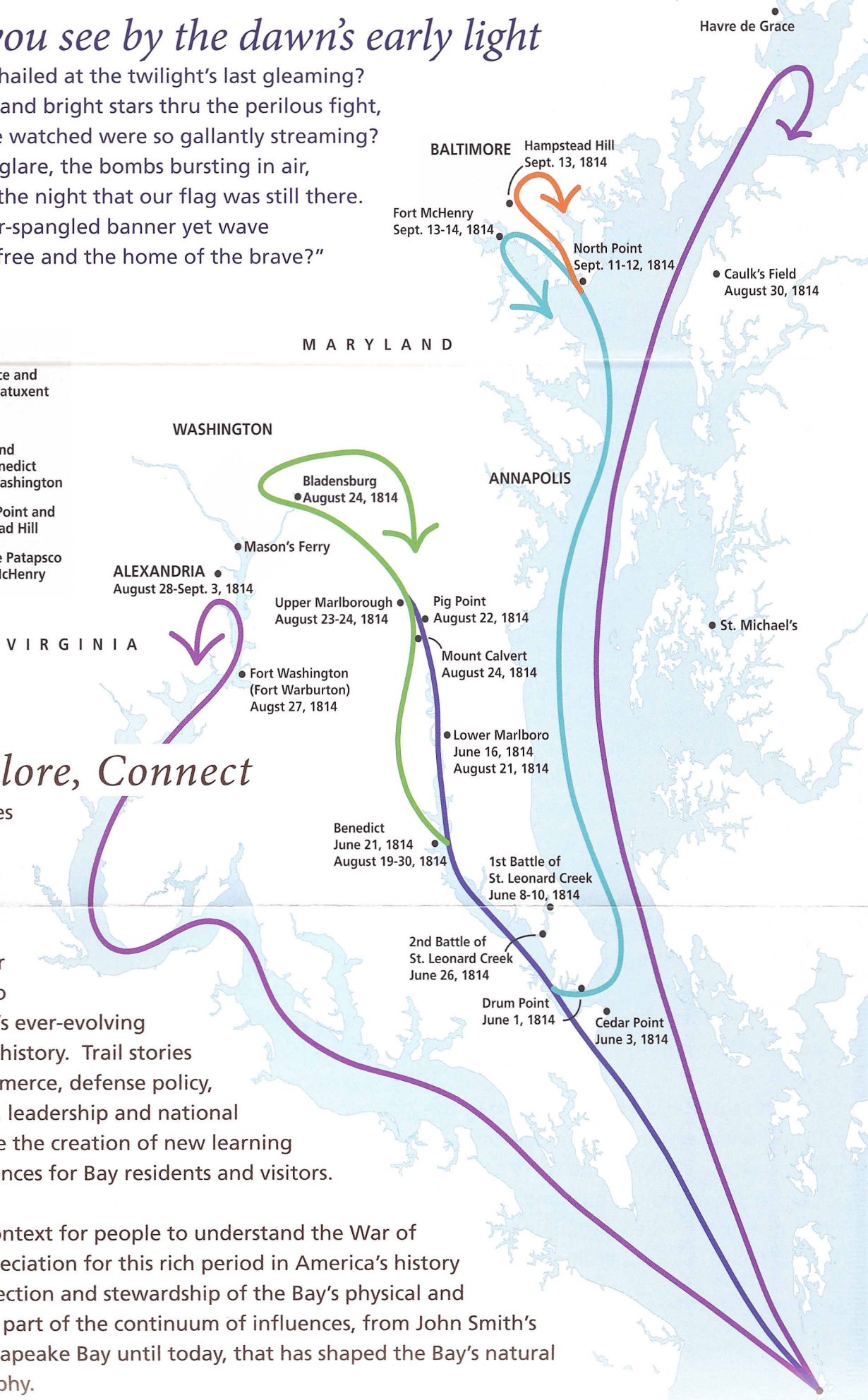


“Oh say can you see by the dawn’s early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?”

LEGEND

- British Water Advance and Withdrawal on the Patuxent
- Diversionary Feints
- British Land March and Withdrawal from Benedict to Bladensburg to Washington
- The Battle of North Point and Defense of Hampstead Hill
- The Approach up the Patapsco and Defense of Ft. McHenry



Learn, Explore, Connect

At hundreds of places throughout the Chesapeake Bay, the Trail will explore the causes, events, and outcomes of the War of 1812 in relation to the magnificent Bay’s ever-evolving natural and cultural history. Trail stories -- of patriotism, commerce, defense policy, civilian roles, slavery, leadership and national identity -- will inspire the creation of new learning and outdoor experiences for Bay residents and visitors.

Providing a broad context for people to understand the War of 1812 can foster appreciation for this rich period in America’s history and encourage protection and stewardship of the Bay’s physical and historical landscape, part of the continuum of influences, from John Smith’s voyages up the Chesapeake Bay until today, that has shaped the Bay’s natural and cultural geography.