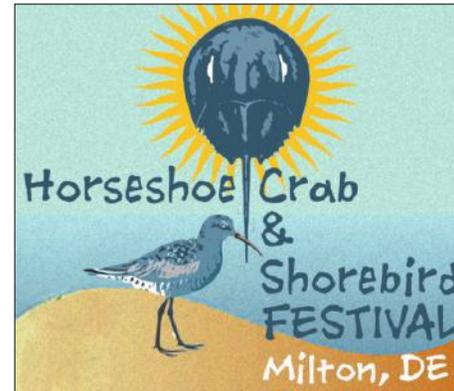
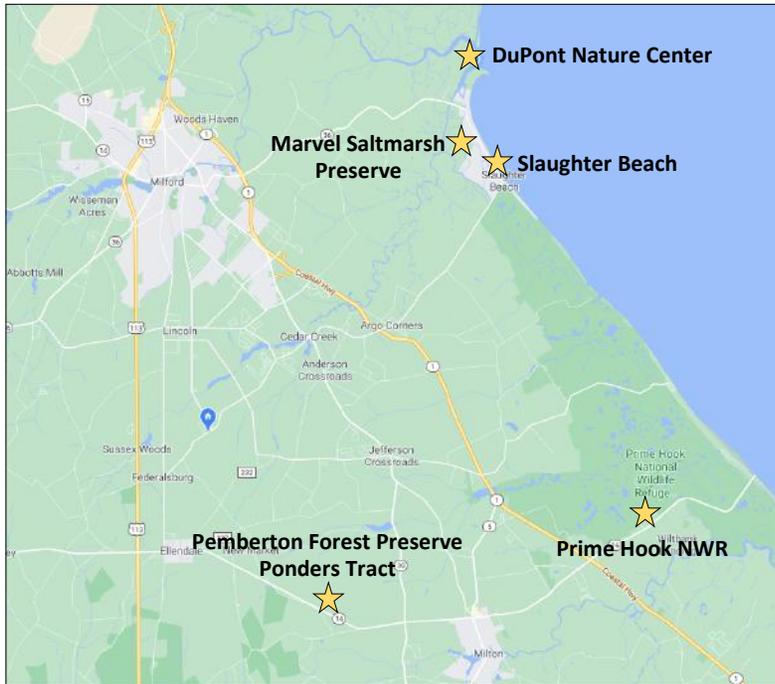


Thank you for participating in the 2021 Coastal Adventure Passport! Completed passports can be dropped off at The Mercantile (109 Union St., Milton), at the Milton Horseshoe Crab & Shorebird Festival on June 19, or scanned and emailed to chamber@historicismilton.com.

Passports must be submitted by July 31.

Prize winners will be announced at the beginning of August, 2021.



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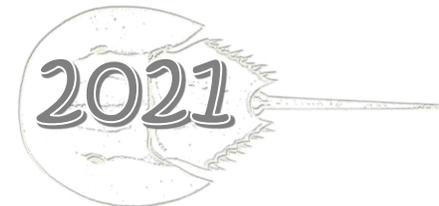
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Your coastal adventure is about to begin! This passport contains FIVE locations to visit as you explore some of Delaware's amazing natural resources and habitats. You may visit the locations in any order. All locations are wheelchair accessible.

There is a question to answer at each location—don't forget to write in your answer to complete your passport! Once you've visited a site and answered the question, check off the box and choose your next adventure!

We encourage photos and selfies at each passport site. Use **#MiltonHSCFest** and post your photos on social media to share!



Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge: Dike Trail

11978 Turtle Pond Rd., Milton

*The Dike Trail is a .5 mile one-way gravel trail across from the headquarters office.

Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is a 10,144 acre refuge established under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act to provide sanctuary for migratory birds. The refuge provides important forest, field and marsh habitat along the Delaware Bay. *Take a walk along the Dike Trail and observe the saltmarsh from the observation platform. Look for a wayside exhibit to answer the question below.*

Question: At the beginning of the 20th century, why did people hunt great egrets? _____



DuPont Nature Center at the Mispillion Harbor Reserve

2992 Lighthouse Rd., Milford

The Mispillion Harbor has excellent habitat for spawning horseshoe crabs. The water is shallow and warms up quickly in the spring, the jetty protects the harbor and allows for calmer waters, and the gently sloping sandy beaches are perfect for horseshoe crabs to lay their eggs. DNREC's DuPont Nature Center is a great place to learn more about horseshoe crabs, shorebirds and the Delaware Bay!

Question: How many species of horseshoe crabs are there in the world? _____



Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve

Marvel Drive, Slaughter Beach

*Parking is at Marvel Drive, boardwalk is across the street.

The 109 acre Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve was donated in 1989 to the Delaware Nature Society by the Marvel family of Milford. It is home to a large diversity of animals including crabs, shrimp, snails, insects, mammals and birds. *Take a walk on the boardwalk to explore the saltmarsh! Look for a wayside exhibit to answer the question below.*

Question: Each May, Delaware Bay marshes and beaches serve as a critical stopover for many species of _____ and other waterbirds, including Red Knots, Ruddy Turnstones and Laughing Gulls.



Slaughter Beach

359 Bay Ave., Slaughter Beach

*Parking and beach access at Memorial Fire Company

The town of Slaughter Beach takes conservation seriously and among its many preservation accolades, has been identified as a horseshoe crab sanctuary. *Take a walk along the beach and observe the horseshoe crabs spawning along this important Delaware Bay beach.*

Question: How many horseshoe crabs did you see? _____



Pemberton Forest Preserve: Ponders Tract

Milton Ellendale Hwy. (Rte. 16), Milton

*Entrance is on Route 16 approx. 1.15 miles east of Holly Tree Road or 1.8 miles west of Route 30

The 908 acre Pemberton Forest Preserve is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. Once an area dedicated to timber production, the Conservancy has been working to restore the natural coastal hardwood forest. There are several trails throughout the Ponders Tract. *Take a walk on the Pemberton Loop trail and look for the habitat restoration wayside to answer the question below.*

Question: In 2005 The Nature Conservancy partnered with the DE Div. of Fish & Wildlife's Landowner Incentive Program to restore portions of the Pemberton Forest Preserve to a mixed _____ forest.