

# Visit Howard County *Maryland*

*It's "Preakness" time in Maryland, come spend the weekend with us in Howard County!*



*Pretty Hats, Gorgeous Horses and Delicious Wine !*



## **Black-eyed Susan Day 143rd Running of the Preakness Stakes! Wine in the Woods**

**2 night / 3 Day**

**Black-eyed Susan Day:** One of Pimlico Race Course's oldest stakes races, the Black-Eyed Susan first ran at Pimlico in 1919 as the Pimlico Oaks. The name was changed in 1952 to complement the Preakness and to acknowledge the Maryland state flower.

**The Preakness Stakes:** Takes place on the third Saturday of May at Pimlico Race Course located in Baltimore, Maryland. The annual running of The Preakness Stakes is an American institution. First contested in 1873, The Preakness Stakes is the "Middle Jewel" of Horse Racing's Triple Crown and one of Thoroughbred horse racing's most important Grade 1 stakes races. With Grammy Award winning artists performing at the renowned Preakness InfieldFest, "The People's Race...The People's Party" is recognized as one of the largest single-day sporting and social events in the United States.

**Wine in the Woods:** is one of Howard County's premiere events! The festival has been voted the Best Outdoor event by Columbia Magazine and awarded Best Annual Festival in Howard County by Howard Magazine for the past five years. It has become a tradition and a mainstay for the local community and beyond, becoming a sparkling tourist attraction that brings visitors from far and wide!

## **Day 1**

Let's start by delighting your taste buds with a traditional Southern "Derby" style breakfast! After breakfast, enter the "prettiest derby hat" contest to win some delightful prizes! Finish your morning by living it up with some well deserved girl-time oh and yes, gentlemen are welcome!

Arrive at Pimlico for Black-eyed Susan Day where you will enjoy an insider's perspective on racing during an escorted tour of the stable area. You never know who you may run into on the backside... trainers, owners, exercise riders, and jockeys can be found there! The barn area is one place you can count on an interesting story!

Enjoy the Hooves & Heels Fashion Event, grab lunch and take time to shop for Preakness souvenirs and explore the Pimlico Museum before heading back outside to watch the horse races.

Enjoy snacks and horse racing trivia as you travel into downtown Baltimore. While in Baltimore, we'll visit the Maryland Historical Society where you will view past treasures and learn about the history of Maryland Racing.

Finish your day at one of Maryland's most treasured Museums! Enjoy dinner at the Belair Mansion and be intrigued by the Belair Stable Museum and its over 200 year racing legacy!

## **Day 2**

Prepare yourself for the second leg of the Triple Crown Horse Race! Arrive at Pimlico for the 143rd Running of the Preakness Stakes, pick your favorite horse and enjoy a full day's racing schedule, appetizers and dinner!

## **Day 3**

Finish your weekend with a relaxing and well deserved day at the Wine in the Woods Festival! You will enjoy artisans, musicians, specialty foods & drinks, culinary demos and wine pairings! This is truly a remarkable and memorable festival and continues to be a premiere event for wine lovers everywhere!

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