

George Brooks House Bed & Breakfast

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Just at the NW end of St. Michaels, the George Brooks House sits on over 8 acres of land and has been designated an historic site by the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission. The house dates back to the civil war period as the center section was reportedly built by freed slaves for Captain Andrew C. Barkman. In 1900, George and Mamie Brooks bought the two-story frame house and in 1908 added the four-room Gothic Revival Victorian section facing Rt. 33. George built this addition when his sister died leaving 11 children without proper housing – and George and Mamie became parents to those 11 children. George Brooks prospered in the early part of the 20th century hauling farm produce to the packing plants and ice to the seafood industry. The house was reportedly the largest African-American owned residence in the area, and today represents one of the few restored African-American owned homes dating back over 100 years. Carefully restored and expanded, it now provides eight elegant guest bedrooms with private bathrooms, a large parlor, dining room, garden room, kitchen and covered brick patio for guests to enjoy. The George Brooks House was awarded the prestigious “Heritage Award” for best historic restoration in 2001 by the Talbot County Historic Society and the State Of Maryland “Preservation Award” for 2002. The grounds provide formal Victorian gardens, 20’ by 40’ swimming pool, large pergola for massage, and a large hot tub for guests to enjoy from late spring into the fall. See our WEB site www.GeorgeBrooksHouse.com for photographs and more information. We are one of the highest rated inns for St. Michaels by guests at TripAdvisor.com.

The main inn provides eight large guest bedrooms, five with gas fireplaces and two with 2-person whirlpool bath. All guest bedrooms have cable TV with DVD player and private bathrooms with tiled showers along with toilet, pedestal sink and Victorian era light fixture. The new poolside villas are 13’ by 20’ with wet bar and refrigerator, Dolby surround sound DVD with 25” TV, and a private patio garden with outdoor shower. Furnishings include a mahogany four-poster canopy bed (Queen or King) with dramatic Waverly comforter, Egyptian cotton sheets (340 tc), a bed bench facing the fireplace, two comfortable chairs, CD clock radio and other hand-carved mahogany furniture. The furniture and appointments are truly luxurious! The inn also provides DSL Internet connections via LinkSys wireless router. And each room has its own thermostat.

A full gourmet breakfast is served from 8 to 10 AM each in our dining room, garden room or out on the brick patio or poolside in warmer weather. Fresh fruit along with orange juice, coffee or tea and baked pastries are on the table or sideboard. We typically serve a baked egg casserole along with grilled potatoes and sausage, or stuffed French toast with bacon, or something similar. Or you can choose from several cereals with fresh strawberries or bananas or even toasted bagels with cream cheese. If you have any dietary restrictions or special requests, please let the innkeeper know.

Parking is provided along our circular driveway in front of the inn along Rolles Range Road or next to the garage or adjoining the driveway. We have new 7 speed Raleigh bikes for our guests to explore St. Michaels or the wonderful waterfront vistas in the area or to journey to Oxford via the Bellevue ferry (7 miles from the inn). We are five blocks from the new entrance to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum on Rt. 33 and about 8 blocks to the center of town. There are many fine restaurants and shops in St. Michaels, and we would be pleased to recommend one that would match up with your interests. Other activities in the area include the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, sailing on the famous Skipjacks, a cruise up the Miles River, fishing, golf, kayaking, horseback riding or a visit to Blackwater Wildlife Refuge (below Cambridge).

Many guests spend time at the inn sitting around the pool and hot tub or on the veranda in warmer weather (or parlor by the fire in the winter months). We have an extensive DVD movie library for in-room entertainment. We can also provide lunch or dinner food service for groups that book the entire inn for meetings, family reunions or wedding rehearsal dinners. Small weddings can be accommodated with several months' notice. A superb deep tissue body massage is available by prior arrangement.

The inn is smoke-free and designed for adults (rooms have only one King or Queen bed). The dramatic décor and room furnishings provide a romantic and unforgettable setting for those special events in our lives or a few day escape.

Check-In Time: 2 – 7 PM (please discuss early or late arrivals with innkeeper)

Check-Out time: 11 AM; **In-Room Full Body Massage - \$95 or \$115 for one hour**

Cancellation Policy: \$20 fee charged for cancellations or rescheduling with first night guaranteed for payment if you cancel within 10 days of your arrival date unless we can rebook your room to another party at the same rate

Rates: (one night lodging on Fri./Sat./Holidays with breakfast for two adults)

	Nov – April	May-Oct.	Mid-Week
Room 1 Queen fireplace facing Gardens	\$180	\$200	-\$30
Room 2 Queen fireplace facing trees	\$180	\$180	-\$30
Room 3 King fireplace & Jacuzzi	\$220	\$240	-\$30
Room 4 King fireplace overlooking Gardens	\$180	\$200	-\$30
Room 5 Queen fireplace facing trees	\$180	\$180	-\$30
Room 6 Queen with Double French Doors	\$150	\$200	-\$30
Room 7 Queen that opens to veranda	\$150	\$175	-\$30
Room 8 King Jacuzzi with high ceiling	\$200	\$240	-\$30
Poolside Villas (Queen or King)	\$170	\$260	-\$30

Add 10% for State sales tax (6%) and County room tax (4%)

Payment guaranteed via VISA or MasterCard Payment can be made by cash, check or Visa/MC Weekends from April through November generally require two-night minimum stay on weekends

Directions: From Annapolis and the Bay Bridge; take Rt. 50 to Easton (30 minutes) and take the Rt. 322 bypass to your right following the Easton airport. Follow the signs to St. Michaels by turning right onto Rt. 33 after less than 2 miles on the Easton bypass, then 9 miles on Rt. 33 into St. Michaels. After clearing the town of St. Michaels, we are 4/10 mile on your left past the Inn at Perry Cabin to your right – the first left turn after the ball fields on your left. Turn left onto Rolles Range Road and you will immediately see the Yellow and White George Brooks House to your right. Go past our sign and enter the driveway near the garage (be careful of the drainage ditch along the road). You can park along the driveway, next to the garage or past the trees before the driveway re-enters Rolles Range Road. Enter the inn via the door facing the driveway and approach the visitor counter on your left past the parlor fireplace. From Philadelphia and New Jersey, take the exit on I95 at Newark, DE for Rt. 896 that connects to Rt. 301 in Maryland. Proceed south on Rt. 301, and turn left on Rt. 213 near Centerville, which connects over to Rt. 50. Turn left on Rt. 50 and proceed toward Easton.