

RoadTrip

Get Spooked From Maryland to Delaware



Get scared witless at **Frightland**, an annual attraction with a spooky silo, haunted woods, a barn of horror and more.

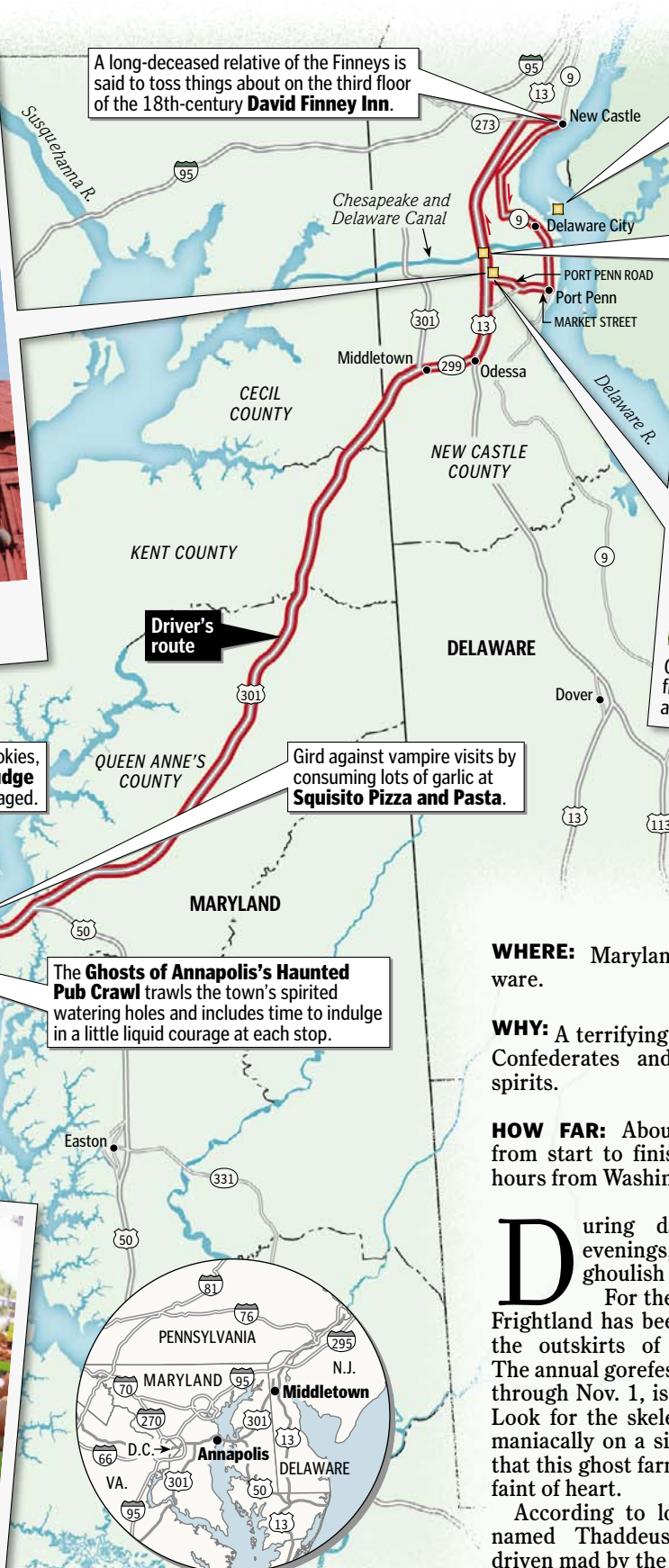
A long-deceased relative of the Finneys is said to toss things about on the third floor of the 18th-century **David Finney Inn**.

In the 1860s, about 3,000 Confederate prisoners perished at Pea Patch Island's **Fort Delaware**. Some — such as the drummer boy who tried to escape the grounds in a coffin and ended up buried alive — are said to return regularly.

Linger long on the **Old Scott Run Bridge** and you may hear the ghost of Jacob, who, as the story goes, is a drowned former slave who plays the fiddle.



Calm your nerves at Frightland's **Fall Fest**, a kid-friendly event replete with kitschy carnival rides and hay and pumpkin decor.



Driver's route

Get your treats (fudge, cookies, brittle) at **Uncle Bob's Fudge Kitchen**. Tricking discouraged.

Gird against vampire visits by consuming lots of garlic at **Squisito Pizza and Pasta**.

The **Ghosts of Annapolis's Haunted Pub Crawl** trawls the town's spirited watering holes and includes time to indulge in a little liquid courage at each stop.

Bush masks are so last October. Update your repertoire at **Halloween Adventure**, which stocks 10,000 costumes.



In the fall, **Gary's Garden Mart** rolls out the orange carpet for scarecrow stuffing and pumpkin painting.



WHERE: Maryland and Delaware.

WHY: A terrifying town, creepy Confederates and ale-swilling spirits.

HOW FAR: About 100 miles from start to finish, and three hours from Washington.

During dark October evenings, Delaware's ghoulish side emerges. For the past decade, Frightland has been erected on the outskirts of Middletown. The annual gorefest, which runs through Nov. 1, is easy to spot: Look for the skeleton grinning maniacally on a silo, a warning that this ghost farm isn't for the faint of heart.

According to lore, a doctor named Thaddeus Idalia was driven mad by the suicide of his

daughter and wrought unspeakable horrors on unsuspecting patients in the basement of his country manor. You'll encounter the cursed victims on your tour through the now-decrepit house.

It's claimed that visitors who stop among the once-quiet cornfields, forgotten asylum and ghost town of Redemption face evildoing from Frightland residents that makes Jason's wrath look meek. Double-dare you to go.

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