

BREWERIES

Whether or not Ben Franklin was correctly quoted as saying that “Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy”, you will find several farm-based breweries in Montgomery County that full-heartedly believe in the sentiment!

Modern-day beer enthusiasts can credit their favorite beverage to the experimentation of interested drinkers from thousands of years ago. The world’s oldest-known barley beer dates from 3400 B.C. and was identified from remnants in archaeological artifacts excavated in Iran. Since then, researchers have worked to uncover the role of beer in ancient cultures; from its use as payment to workers constructing the pyramids in Egypt to its inclusion in dozens of drinking vessels buried with King Midas in Turkey. For millennia, different cultures have experimented with the process of extracting sugars from various combinations of grains and fermenting them with wild or domesticated yeasts. For a more in-depth guide through the fascinating history of beer, read the Smithsonian’s article, [“The Beer Archaeologist”](#).

Today, brewers in Montgomery County and Maryland as a whole continue this storied tradition, producing beers that reflect seasonal preferences as well as the availability of locally sourced ingredients. These efforts are gaining popularity among residents of Maryland; in 2016, the Maryland Bureau of Revenue Estimates reported that the craft beer industry in Maryland had an overall economic impact of \$637.6 million and supported or created 6,541 jobs. In Montgomery County, we are excited to share this driving tour of our first four breweries that are open for business and look forward to adding more as they finish the conceptual and development stages! Cheers!



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SELF-DRIVING TOUR

From Olney:

1. Take Olney-Laytonsville Rd (MD-108) northwest approximately 2.5 miles.
2. [Lone Oak Farm Brewing Company](#) is located on your left at 5000 Olney-Laytonsville Rd.
3. Leave Lone Oak by turning right onto MD-108, drive 500 ft, and turn left onto Zion Rd.
4. Continue straight on Zion Rd (0.6 miles).
5. Turn right onto Brookeville Rd (2.2 miles).
6. Turn left onto MD-97/Georgia Ave (0.7 miles) to 20315 Georgia Ave.
7. Turn right onto Bordly Dr.
8. [Brookeville Beer Farm](#) will be on your right.
9. Leave Brookeville Beer Farm by turning left on Bordly Dr and turn right on Georgia Ave (2.3 miles).
10. Turn left onto MD-650 N/Damascus Rd (0.6 miles).
11. Turn left onto Sundown Rd (0.9 miles).
12. [Elder Pine Brewing & Blending](#) is located on your left at 4200 Sundown Rd.
13. Leave Elder Pine by turning right on Sundown Rd (0.4 miles).
14. Turn left onto Howard Chapel Rd (0.2 miles).
15. Turn left onto MD-650 N/Damascus Rd (0.4 miles).
16. [Waredaca Brewing Company](#) is located on the right at 4017 Damascus Rd.
17. Leave Waredaca by turning right on Damascus Rd (8.1 miles).
18. Turn right onto Woodfield Rd (0.9 miles).
19. Turn right onto MD-27 N/Ridge Rd (1.3 miles).
20. Turn left onto MD-80 W/Kempton Rd (1.1 miles).
21. [Stone Silo Brewery](#) is located on your left at 28800 Kempton Rd.
22. Leave Stone Silo by turning left onto MD-80 W (3.4 miles).
23. Turn left onto MD-75 S/Green Valley Rd (4.8 miles).
24. Turn left onto MD-355 S/Frederick Rd (0.6 miles).
25. Turn right into Old Hundred Rd (5.8 miles).
26. Turn right onto Barnesville Rd (500 ft).
27. Turn left onto Beallsville Rd (3.6 miles).
28. Turn left onto MD-28 E/Darnestown Road (1 mile)
29. Turn right onto Jerusalem Rd (0.3 miles).
30. [Landmade Farm Brewery](#) is located on your left at 19120 Jerusalem Rd Poolesville.

*Entire Route is approximately a 1h 10min drive (39 miles) without stops.

