

HISTORIC 
ST. MARY'S CITY

State House of 1676

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- The State House of 1676 is a *reconstruction*, which means that the building is not an original structure.
- Researchers used historical evidence to reconstruct the State House as it might have looked in 1676.
- I may go inside the State House if I want to.



Inside the State House

- The State House is darker and quieter than the outdoors.
- The door to enter the State House is short, so I may have to duck to enter the building.



Inside the State House

- There are two rooms on the first floor.
- This room is the entryway.
- Here, there is a plaque on the wall with information about the history of the State House.
- I may read the plaque to learn more about the State House if I want to!



The Assembly Room

- The other main room is the Assembly Room.
- This space looks like a courtroom!
- Maryland colonists would have gathered here to hold trials and conduct business.



Audio Recording

- There is a speaker located next to the doorway in the Assembly Room.
- There is a button on the top of the speaker that will turn on a voice recording.
- I may press the button to hear about the history of the State House if I want to.



Going Upstairs

- I may go up the stairs in the entryway to visit the second floor of the State House.
- The stairs may creak as I walk up to the second floor.
- I will be careful and hold the railing when I walk up the stairs.



The Second Floor

- There is another speaker located next to the doorway.
- I may press the button on the top of the speaker to hear more about the history of the State House and the functions of the second floor rooms if I want to.



The Council Chamber Room

- One of the rooms on the second floor is the Council Chamber Room.
- This is where the Governor and members of the Maryland Assembly would meet!
- I may explore the Council Chamber Room if I want to.



The Secretary's Office

- This room is the Secretary's Office.
- This is where the colonists' records would have been kept.
- There is a display on the wall that shows how records provide clues about the lives of early colonists.
- I may explore the Secretary's Office if I want to.



Outside the State House

- I may see the pillory and the stocks.
- The pillory and the stocks were used to hold prisoners.
- Visitors might stop here to try out the pillory and the stocks and take silly pictures.
- I may try out the pillory and the stocks if I want to!



Places to Rest

- There are benches inside the Assembly Room where I may sit and rest.



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- There are many benches and tables on the second floor where I may sit and rest.



Places to Rest

- There are picnic tables in the shade outside the State House.
- I may rest here and look at the water.

