

# The Delmarva Peninsula and Surrounding Areas

## *a reference map*



The Delmarva Peninsula is comprised of the following counties:

**Delaware**-New Castle, Kent and Sussex

**Maryland**-Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester.

**Virginia**-Accomack and Northampton

**Mean Elevation:** The Mean Elevation of the state of Delaware is 60 feet above sea level.

**Major Rivers:** Delaware River, Mispillion River, Nanticoke River.

### **The Land**

Delaware shares the Delmarva Peninsula with parts of Maryland and Virginia. Delaware's small size doesn't leave much room for major or varied land forms and most of the state lies on a low, flat coastal plain. In general, Delaware slopes down from a piedmont plateau in the north to a near sea level coastal plain in the east and south. Delaware is situated such that it is part of two major land regions; the Atlantic Coastal Plain and the Piedmont.

**Atlantic Coastal Plain:** The Atlantic Plain runs over 2,200 miles from Cape Cod along the eastern seaboard of the United States and around the Gulf of Mexico to the Mexico border. Except for a small area in the north, most of Delaware's land area is part of the Atlantic Coastal Plain. This land is flat and not very high. It rarely reaches more than 80 feet above sea level. The southern boundary of Delaware is swampland; 30,000 acres of swamp!

**Piedmont:** The Piedmont stretches from New Jersey south to Alabama. Crossing the northern edge of Delaware, the Piedmont is about 10 miles wide at its widest point within the state. The Piedmont is marked by rolling hills. The highest point in Delaware, located near Ebright Road, is located in the Piedmont region.