

## Membership Benefits Expanded

Now your Friends of Blackwater membership is an even greater bargain! In addition to the discounts you currently receive, the following have been added:

**Blackwater Paddle and Pedal Adventures** (<http://www.blackwaterpaddleandpedal.com>), located at the intersection of Bucktown and Greenbrier Roads, is very generously offering a 10% discount on the rental of their kayaks, canoes and bicycles. There is no better way to see the magnificence of the Refuge than by soundlessly gliding through the waters of the Blackwater and Little Blackwater Rivers or by quietly pedaling through the back roads of South Dorchester County. Those of you who have not availed yourselves of these pleasures are in for a real treat! Blackwater P&P, located at 4303 Bucktown Road, offers drop-off and pick-up service as well as guided tours. You can reserve your rental equipment by calling 410-901-9255. You must show your current membership card to obtain your discount.

**The Island Grille** ([taylorisigrille@aol.com](mailto:taylorisigrille@aol.com)), located at 514 Taylors Island Road on Taylors Island, is offering a 10% discount on meals -- bar charges are excluded -- to current members (card must be presented prior to the meal). The Grille offers casual waterfront dining Monday through Saturday and is a Taste of Cambridge award winner for both their crab salad and cream of crab with asparagus soup. Holli and Lisa accept reservations and recommend that you call ahead for your table on Friday and Saturday nights (410-228-9094).

**Madison Bay Restaurant and Bar** ([madisonbayrandr@aol.com](mailto:madisonbayrandr@aol.com)) a family restaurant, is joining in offering benefits to FOB members. Located at 4814 Madison Canning House Road (off Route 16) in Madison, Madison Bay offers a raw bar, is on the waterfront and is also a winner of the Taste of Cambridge competition for their crab dip. Kitty and Dawn are pleased to offer a 10% discount on meals -- bar excluded -- and feature Karaoke entertainment to a full house every Friday night (410-228-1108, closed Tuesdays.) Again, you must show your current membership card to obtain your discount.

**Ransome's Chesapeake Retreats** (<http://www.chesapeake retreats.com>), a wonderful 250-acre waterfront vacation rental estate located in Golden Hill (6 miles south of the Refuge), has a special offer of a 10% discount to members of the Friends of Blackwater. This is applied to your next group function, family reunion or vacation, corporate retreat, wedding, or your kayak/canoe/photography and/or bird watching club getaways. Contact Percy Ransome at 888-988-5754 or email him at [percy.res@gmail.com](mailto:percy.res@gmail.com) to find out how you and your group can experience these unbelievable facilities which sleep up to 35 people. (Larger groups can be accommodated at combined satellite locations.) Here you can enjoy a tennis court, hot tub, boat dock and ramp, bass pond, walking trails and a "fun center" with pool and ping pong tables and a 30x30 meeting room.

**Cambridge House B&B** (<http://www.cambridgehousebandb.com/>), located in the historic district of Cambridge, Maryland, this 1847 sea captain's manor has six large guest rooms, each with a private bath, and uniquely decorated with period-style furnishings. After a restful night's sleep, enjoy a delicious full breakfast overlooking the lily pond.