

# Sweet Season



## Bakeries and treat shops to sweeten a February weekend on the Eastern Shore

### BAKED GOODS & COFFEE

#### Bay Country Bakery **Cambridge**

Doughnuts are far from the only thing on the menu at this iconic bake shop along Route 50 – house-baked breads, breakfast sandwiches, pastries and even wedding cakes also draw locals and travelers alike. But the hard-to-miss pink doughnut painted on the building and the wide variety of flavors have made them a must-order item.

<https://baycountrybakery.com>

#### Black Water Bakery **Cambridge**

Beyond its full pastry case, this bakery café also offers a very full menu of breakfast, brunch and lunch items – there’s even a menu for four-legged friends – along with mimosas, Bloody Marys, cocktails and coffee drinks.

<https://www.black-water-bakery.com>

#### Dessert First **Grasonville**

With its bay views, this dockside café offering cakes, ice cream and other desserts is a favorite warm weather stop for local residents returning on the Cross Island Trail, or waiting for a table at the adjacent Harris Crab House (hence the name). But the vast array of coffee and tea drinks – the whimsical holiday menu featured items like Buddy the Elf Latte, Frosty’s Frozen White Hot Chocolate, and Polar Espresso – and cozy interior make it a popular escape from the cold.

<https://www.dessertfirsthch.com>

#### Evergrain Bread Company **Chestertown**

The rotating selection of fresh-baked breads has a starring role on the menu, but don’t overlook the house-made pastries and sweets, coffee, tea and specialty drinks, and special-order cakes.

<https://www.evergrainbreadco.com>

#### Figgs Ordinary **Chestertown**

This gluten-free café features homemade pastries and tea and coffee drinks, along with freshly made breakfast and lunch items, all made with locally sourced ingredients.

<https://www.figgsordinary.com>

#### Gluten Free Bakery Girl **St. Michaels**

With a rotating variety of flavors in its pastry case, including gingerbread loaf, maple bourbon pecan tart, and dark chocolate buckeye brownies, there’s something appealing for even those who aren’t gluten-free.

<https://glutenfreebakerygirl.com>

#### Josef’s Sweets **Easton**

Cheesecake fans, this is your place. The menu offers full-sized cheesecakes and two-bite minis, but the real showstoppers are the towering cheesecake cupcakes in a variety of flavors.

<https://www.josefssweetsbygregoryjames.com>

#### Sprout **Easton, St. Michaels**

This grab-and-go café that features house-made meals with local, organic ingredients also offers an array of organic baked goods, including breads, cakes, sweet treats and special-diet offerings. An order ahead Valentine’s weekend meal for two features braised beef tacos and “boozy chocolate cherry truffles.”

<https://www.eatsprout.com>

#### The Bagery **Easton**

All things bagel, made in house with organic ingredients and lots of TLC. Also on offer: soups, sandwiches, salads and a variety of coffee drinks.

<https://bagery.com>

#### The Blue Crab **St. Michael’s**

This homey cottage café features pastries and hot breakfast items, plus an array of coffee, tea and other hot drinks.

<https://the-blue-crab-shop.square.site>

### ICE CREAM

#### Bonheur Pie and Ice Cream **Easton**

Have a tea-lover in your life? This elegant shop offers afternoon tea on Fridays, along with house-baked seasonal pies, and special ice cream flavors like peanut butter & jelly and blood peach sorbet.

<https://bonheureaston.com>



#### Scottish Highland Creamery/Oxford Social Café **Oxford**

The handcrafted ice cream brings locals from miles around on warm days, but the creamery is open year-round for those who need their regular ice cream fix. The adjacent Oxford Social Café, with locally baked treats and coffee and espresso drinks, offers a warm and enticing escape from the cold.

<https://scottishhighlandcreamery.com>

<https://oxfordsocialcafe.com>

#### Storm and Daughters Ice Cream **Easton**

This whimsical family-owned shop features 48 flavors and waffle “wednesdaes.”

<http://www.stormanddaughters.com>

#### Sugar Doodles Sweet Shop **Chester, Centreville**

This eye-catching shop serves local favorite Vanderwende Farm Fresh Ice Cream, as well as acai bowls, bubble waffles and other treats.

<https://www.facebook.com/SugarDoodlesSweetShop/>

### CHOCOLATIERS

#### Chesapeake Chocolates **Stevensville**

You can create a crab bushel basket of their handmade chocolates, including chocolate crabs and other nautical-themed treats, along with traditional favorites.

<https://www.chesapeakechocolates.com>

#### Oh My Chocolate **Stevensville**

Handcrafted chocolates, dipped apples, custom party favors, and edible cups of cookie dough are on the menu here.

<https://www.ohmychocolate.com>