## 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 Adventures (<a href="https://blackwateradventuresmd.com/">https://blackwateradventuresmd.com/</a>), located at 2524 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, Maryland, 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 Adventures 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.

Ransome's Chesapeake Retreats (<a href="https://www.chesapeakeretreats.com/">https://www.chesapeakeretreats.com/</a>), 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 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.

Madison Nature Getaway, (<a href="https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/28245895">https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/28245895</a>) an Airbnb destination, offers a 10% discount to Friends of Blackwater members and military guests. We're located at 1111 Taylors Island Rd. in Madison, MD on 106 acres at Abend Hafen Tree Farm. We're just minutes away from Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park & Visitor Center, Cambridge, and two public boat ramps for access to the Chesapeake Bay. Come and hike our trails, relax by the pond, or enjoy bird watching, wildlife photography and fishing at our award winning Tree Farm. Bring your bikes, binoculars, and kayaks and explore Dorchester County! Our discount for a two night stay more than covers the cost of a FOB family membership! Find us on Airbnb.com or call Kathy at 443-477-1065.