

**CAM 2015 - Thomas Stone**

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N 38° 31.731 W 077° 02.204

UTM: 18S E 322463 N 4266460

Difficulty: ★☆☆☆☆

Size:  (Regular)

Terrain: ★☆☆☆☆

Log Counts:  3 Post Reviewer Note  1 Submit for Review**Short Description****Long Description**

This is one of ten caches placed for the 2015 Cache Across Maryland. Each location was picked specifically to give cachers a taste of the state and show you its beauty. By combining all ten, you'll be able to see why **Maryland is truly "America in Miniature"**. We hope you enjoy them!



Thomas Stone (1743-1787) was a farmer, lawyer, and American patriot. He was born near Port Tobacco in Charles County, Maryland in 1743. Thomas was admitted to the bar in 1764 and set up practice in Frederick, MD. By 1774, he was a member of the Charles County Committee of Correspondence which communicated with the other colonies. Thomas served in the Second Continental Congress from 1775-1778. And while he initially was opposed to war and favored reconciliation with the British, he became the youngest of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was active in forming the provisional government of Maryland, and served in the State Senate from 1777-1787. Thomas briefly served in the Congress of Confederation in 1784. He died in 1787 and is buried in a family cemetery that is part of the National Historic Site.



Thomas purchased a plantation of 442 acres in Charles County in 1770. The first owner named the plantation Haberdevventure which loosely translates to "dwelling place in or of the winds." He built the house on the property and by the time Thomas died, the plantation had grown to 1077 acres. The Stone

family owned the property until it was sold in 1936. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1971. A fire in 1977 severely damaged the central section of the house. The property was authorized as a National Historic Site in 1978 and 322 acres were purchased by the National Park Service in 1981. The house was restored at that time but was not opened to the public until 1997. It is one of only four national parks that include the home of a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The park is open seasonally Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 to 4:00 with no admission fee. Visitors are requested to sign in at the Visitor Center where a film is available for viewing. In addition, guided tours of the house are available. Visitors may also enter the park on days that it is closed and walk the roads and trails on the grounds.



Other geocaches at the Thomas Stone NHS include the CJS - Thomas Stone National Park Historic Site, [GC2F41B](#) and SSB - Thomas Stone National Park Historic Site, [GC22AM7](#).

Watch your step as you approach GZ - old fence wire can trip you up!

With the extremely cold temperatures in the months before CAM 2015, the pipes froze in the nearby Visitor Center. A temporary potty will be on-site in the event the Visitor Center is not open. Please try to stop by and see the exhibits - you might even recognize someone inside!



Additional Hints

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Additional Waypoints

Decryption Key [[Decrypt](#)]

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N|O|P|Q|R|S|T|U|V|W|X|Y|Z

PrefixLookupName

Coordinate

☐ **P** P1 P1 [Parking when park is open](#) (Parking Area) N 38° 31.814 W 077° 02.148

Note: Parking when park is open

☐ **P** P2 P2 [Parking when park is closed \(don't block gate\)](#) (Parking Area) N 38° 31.966 W 077° 02.141

Note: Walking the grounds during daylight is allowed, even if gate is closed. Please do not block gate!

☐ TH TH [Trailhead](#) (Trailhead) N 38° 31.798 W 077° 02.147

Note:

Attributes

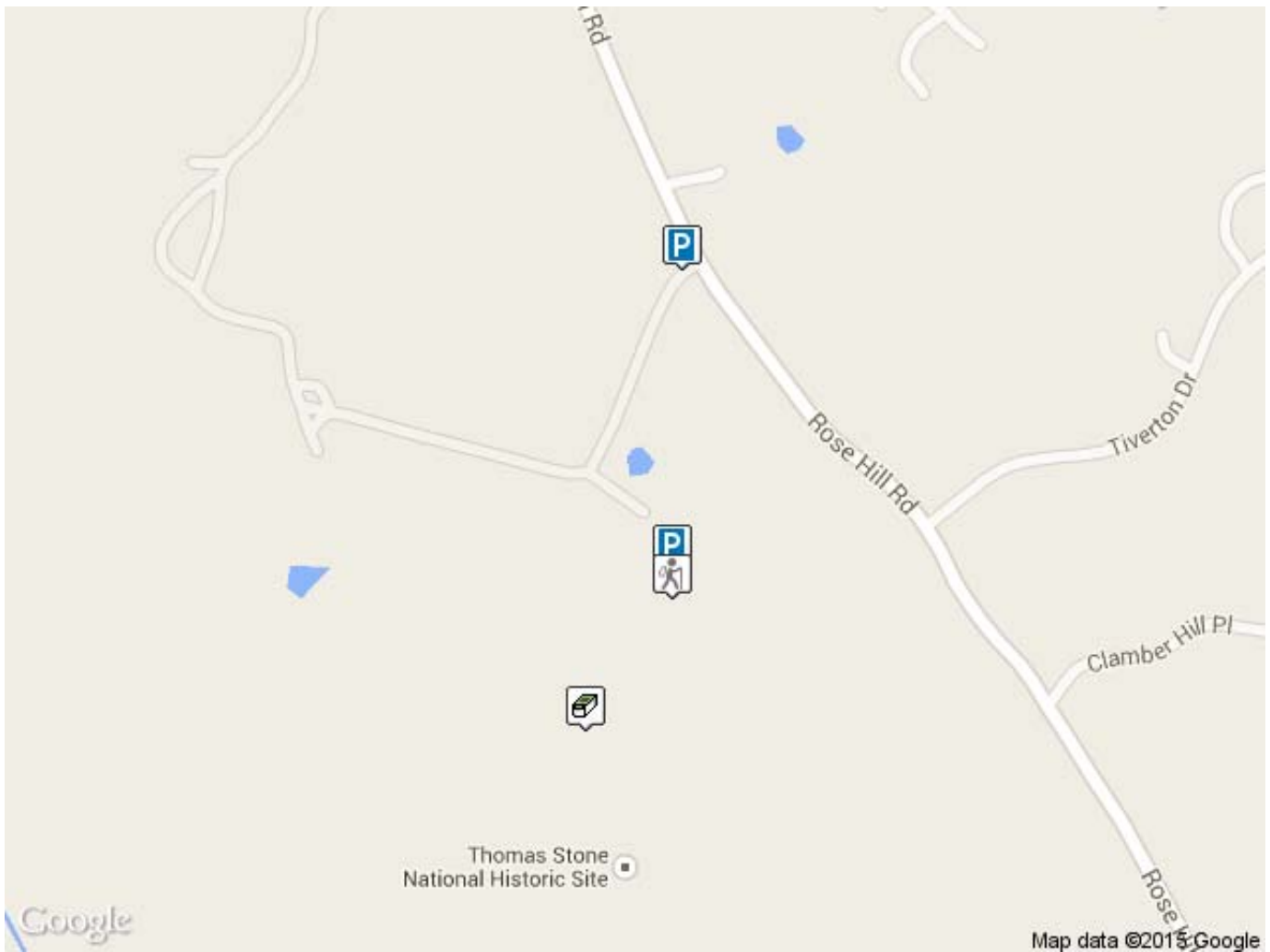


[What are Attributes?](#)

not recommended at night, not 24-7, available in winter, recommended for tourists, restrooms available, parking available, takes less than 1 hour, kid friendly, hike shorter than 1km, picnic tables available, dogs allowed

Overview Map

[[640x480](#) | [320x240](#)]



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