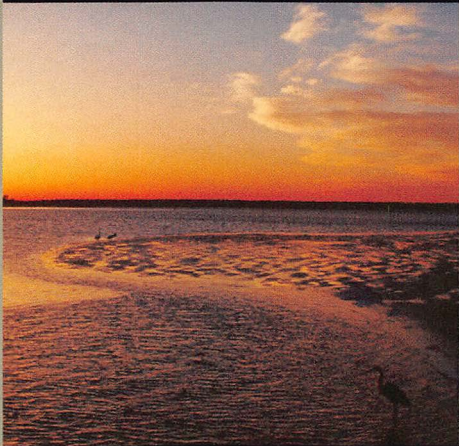


Shoreline



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The Chesapeake Bay's shoreline is longer than the entire west coast of the United States. Sandy beaches and tidal mud flats are found along the shore. These are great places to see animals like crabs, sandpipers, jellyfish, brown pelicans, and ospreys. Life also thrives below the surface of the mud and sand. Worms, clams, and microscopic animals live there. Oyster reefs, where hundreds of oysters grow together in a large formation, were once found in great numbers along the shore. Imagine walking along the beach and picking up oysters at low tide!