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# HERITAGE DAYS 2016

JUNE 25 & 26 • 12 TO 4PM



& YEAR-ROUND HERITAGE SITE LIST

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## HERITAGE DAYS WEEKEND

For 18 years, the last weekend in June has meant it is time for **Heritage Days!** This countywide festival has something to appeal to visitors of all ages and interests.

With over 30 sites all around Montgomery County open with **FREE** admission for Heritage Days Weekend, it is the perfect time to explore local history, culture, and nature. Sites are open from noon to 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

In addition to Civil War and agricultural history, the stories of local railroads and trolleys, African American communities, life along the C&O Canal, astronomy, and much more are featured.

Heritage Days also highlights local arts & culture as well as outdoor recreation, including biking, hiking, and walking tours. Many venues offer musical entertainment, activities and crafts for children, and refreshments.

This is a rain or shine event. For any scheduling changes, check [HeritageMontgomery.org](http://HeritageMontgomery.org) or the Heritage Montgomery page on Facebook.

Enjoy Heritage Days Weekend and explore fascinating sites that help make Montgomery County great!

Hang on to this guide and use the list of heritage sites in Montgomery County to plan your visits, year-round!

Most locations are regularly open to the public, although their hours may vary from those listed for Heritage Days Weekend. Please check with each site – visit their website or call – to confirm their hours of operation and any admission charges throughout the year. Contact information for each site is listed on the map page, on the reverse side of this brochure.

For an up-to-date listing of special events and programs at heritage sites throughout the year, visit the Calendar page of Heritage Montgomery's new website – [HeritageMontgomery.org!](http://HeritageMontgomery.org)

We hope Heritage Days Weekend is just the beginning of your exploration of Montgomery County's heritage area!







## HERITAGE AREA THEMES

**Rivers, Roads, & Rails: Transportation Trails** highlights the C&O Canal along the Potomac River and the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad running through late-1800s communities, including Silver Spring and Gaithersburg. Extraordinary engineering feats are on view all along the Canal. Travel scenic byways and historic roads to enjoy outdoor recreation including hiking, biking, canoeing, and more!

**Crossroads & Cultures: African American & Quaker Heritage** represents Montgomery County's many rich and diverse cultural histories. These include the long-standing Quaker communities of Sandy Spring and Brookeville and the many early free black communities represented by local churches, community buildings, and cemeteries.

**The Agricultural Reserve: Farms, Markets, & Scenic Byways** encompasses the 93,000 acres of protected farmland in the western part of the county – one of the most successful countryside preservation programs in the U.S. The “Ag Reserve” showcases beautiful vistas, winding country roads, historic buildings, pick-your-own farms, and farmers markets.

**Heritage Gems: Montgomery County's Past** features sites throughout the heritage area representing the unique stories of history, culture, and nature found in Montgomery County, from historic houses to Civil War sites to parks, theatres, and historical societies.

Opportunities for fun and adventure abound in the Montgomery County Heritage Area! Let Heritage Montgomery be your first stop for planning year-round exploration of local history, culture, and nature!

Hiking and paddling along the C&O Canal, biking through the Agricultural Reserve, shopping local at the many farmers markets (check our website for one near you), discovering African American and Quaker history dating back before the Civil War, or just finding a picturesque spot to picnic with your family – these are just a few of the activities you can enjoy here!

Please check out our new website at [HeritageMontgomery.org](http://HeritageMontgomery.org)! You'll find everything you need to plan your heritage area outings, including a detailed, interactive Heritage Site guide, calendar of events, guides to local trails and parks, farmers markets and other amenities, special activities for families with children, and more!





## HERITAGE SPOTLIGHTS

Open with FREE admission from Rockville to Clarksburg, Poolesville to Sandy Spring, and everywhere in between, enjoy over 30 parks, museums, and historic sites celebrating Montgomery County's heritage.

You can take a hard-hat tour of Swains Lockhouse and see the canal mules, enjoy a Peerless Rockville walking tour of historic Rockville, or stop by Whites Ferry and take a ferry ride across the Potomac (free for foot traffic). Visit the engineering marvel of Monocacy Aqueduct, the backdrop for Native American Piscataway Conoy tribal dancers and drummers or spend the afternoon at the historic Hyattstown Mill enjoying the art show, music, and children's activities. See the complete program listing on the reverse.

This year, in response to your suggestions, many locations are especially welcoming picnickers and bicyclists. Cyclists can enjoy our rustic roads and scenic byways as they peddle from site to site and picnickers can plan a relaxed afternoon in one spot, taking in nature and maybe some music, along with food and friends.

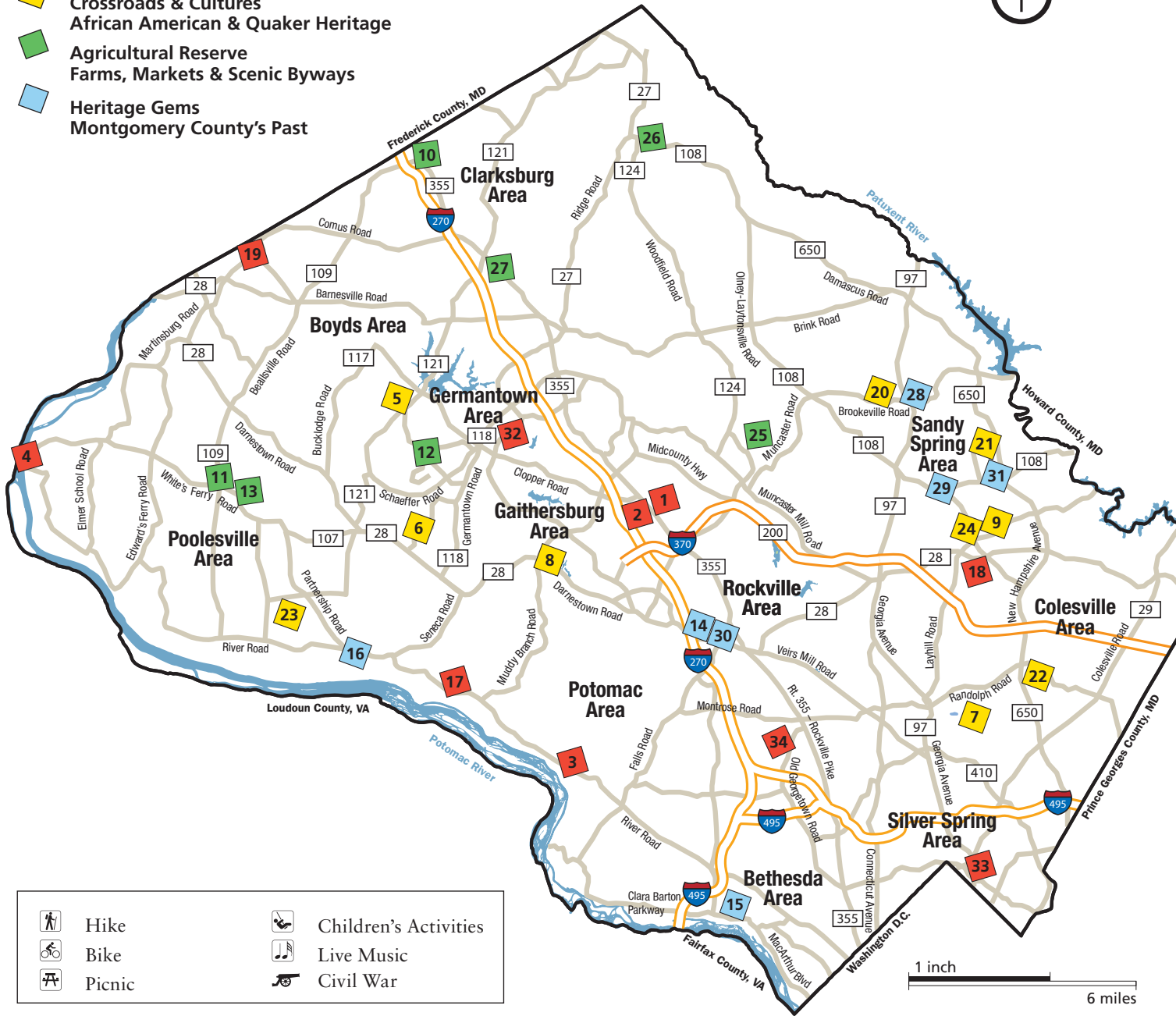
The new Woodlawn Stone Barn Visitor Center in Sandy Spring is the perfect gateway to exploring county heritage and history. The newly restored 1832 stone barn anchors this early 1800s plantation that includes a manor house and outbuildings. Underground Railroad Experience Trail hikes leave from the Visitor Center and explore the inspirational journeys of escaping slaves making their way to freedom.

Nearby, the Sandy Spring Slave Museum offers tours of their fascinating African American art and history collections – and catch a showing of our *Community Cornerstones* video on historic local African American communities.

Just up the road, stop by Oakley Cabin to enjoy live music, children's games, and tours of the historic cabin. Then head over to Brookeville, stroll the streets of the picturesque 1794 Quaker village and learn about archaeological discoveries in the town.







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Montgomery County's Past





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|  | Hike   |  | Children's Activities |
|  | Bike   |  | Live Music            |
|  | Picnic |  | Civil War             |

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY





- 1 Gaithersburg Community Museum**  
GaithersburgMd.gov/About-Gaithersburg  
9 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg 301-258-6160  
*Saturday: Open at 10am and Sunday: Open at noon*

Explore an 1884 railroad complex featuring a 1918 steam locomotive and caboose, train station, and museum located in the Freight House. Child-friendly, interactive local history exhibits and hands-on learning centers. Old-time, traditional music by Claude & Erica and The Martin Family String Band, 1:30 and 3pm.    





- 2 International Latitude Observatory**  
GaithersburgMD.gov/About-Gaithersburg  
100 DeSellum Avenue, Gaithersburg 301-258-6350

This restored 1899 observatory is one of six built around the world to determine the “wobble of the earth.” Solar observations (weather permitting) and a compass-making project. Saturday: Guided tours of monuments & geodetic markers, David Doyle, retired, Coast & Geodetic Survey, 12:30 and 2:30pm; learn about the building and its restoration, Bryan Blundell, Architectural Preservation Specialist, 1-3pm; Story Tapestries, tales of the stars, Ariana Ross, 3pm. Sunday: Bryan Blundell, 1-3pm; Story Tapestries, 1:30pm; and a visit from “Edwin Smith,” the first observer, 3pm.  

- 3 Swains Lockhouse on the C&O Canal**  
CanalTrust.org/Swains 301-651-7578  
Lockhouse 21, end of Swains Lock Road, Potomac



This unique engineering marvel along the C&O Canal is both a lift-lock and an aqueduct. Interpretive tours of the Seneca Aqueduct and Lock by historian Dr. Karen Gray. Sunday only: guided tours of Riley’s Lockhouse, noon-4pm.    

- 4 Whites Ferry**  
24801 Whites Ferry Road, Poolesville  
301-349-5200




Site of an operating ferry since 1786, this unique cable ferry crosses the Potomac River every 20 minutes. Free ferry rides for those on foot.    

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- 5 Boyds Negro School**  
BoydsHistory.org 301-943-8771  
19510 White Ground Road, Boyds

This restored one-room structure was the sole public school for African American children in the Boyds area from 1895-1936. Watch the Boyds Negro School: Historic Lives video. Children’s activities include calligraphy, button necklace craft, marbles, and horseshoes.  



- 6 Button Farm Living History Center**  
ButtonFarm.org 301-916-7090  
16820 Black Rock Road, Germantown

See examples of plantation life in 1850s Maryland including heritage breed animals, heirloom garden, newly restored 19th-century buildings, and slave cemetery. Historical demonstrations and activities for visitors of all ages.   






- 7 Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center**  
HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373  
1400 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton  
*Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday: 1-5pm*

This 1880s homestead features a chestnut log cabin with period furnishings. Learn about the daily life of newly emancipated African American families. Guided tours, hands-on activities for families.    

- 8 Pleasant View Historical Site**  
11810 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg  
301-330-9828

Saturday: Celebrate the traditional Junefest Festival including historic displays, guest speaker, music, food, and games for all ages at this African American heritage site featuring an historic church, school, and cemetery. Sunday: visit the school and cemetery.  

- 9 Woodlawn Visitor Center**  
HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373  
16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring  
(Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park)  
*Open at 10am*

Stop by the new visitor center in this restored 1832 stone barn. Exhibits highlight local agricultural, Quaker, and African American history. Guided tours, hands-on activities for families, games for children.     

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- 10 Hyattstown Mill**  
 HyattstownMill.org 301-830-1142  
 14920 Hyattstown Mill Road, Clarksburg  
 Open at 10am

See the new “Dwellings” art exhibit in the gallery of the historic mill; crafts for children. Art demonstrations and crafts for children. Saturday: Artists’ reception, 2-4pm; live bluegrass & country swing music by Tumbleweeds, 3pm. Sunday: Live guitar music by Jim Wagner.



- 11 John Poole House**  
 HistoricMedley.org 301-477-0777  
 19923 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

This 1793 log cabin was built to serve as a general store and trading post; it is the oldest building in Poolesville. Civil War artifacts, children’s crafts, and refreshments.

- 12 King Barn Dairy MOOseum**  
 MOOseum.org 301-254-6575  
 18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds

Learn about the history and technology of dairying. See a Ford Model T milk delivery truck, wooden milk wagon, model railroad, and life-sized model cows. Visit the playroom, make crafts, or “milk” a model cow. Watch Montgomery Countryside Alliance’s *Growing Legacy*, a documentary on the Agricultural Reserve. Saturday: Toddler Story Time, 11am; Balloon Man will make balloon figures for kids, 12-2 pm; “kid contests,” 2-3pm. Sunday: Talk with a local farm family, 12-4pm; Music Time for Tots with Miss Regina, 12-1pm; Toddler Story Time, 1pm; “kid contests,” 1-2pm; and butter churning, 2-3pm.

- 13 Poolesville Museum**  
 HistoricMedley.org 301-477-0777  
 19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

This 100+ year-old restored bank includes an ornate, early 20th-century bank vault with decorative painting. The documentaries *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County during the Civil War* and *Growing Legacy*, about the Agricultural Reserve, will be shown.

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- 14 Beall-Dawson House**  
 MontgomeryHistory.org 301-340-2825  
 103 W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville

Saturday: Learn about local life in the 1800s, tour the Beall-Dawson House and visit “Dr. Stonestreet,” Civil War Union Army surgeon and local doctor in the Stonestreet Museum of 19th-Century Medicine. Special programs & activities on genealogy research; games, book sale, and live music. Sunday: Tours of the house and medical museum.

- 15 Glen Echo Park**  
 GlenEchoPark.org 301-634-2222  
 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo


Stop by the historic Spanish ballroom and view new videos about Glen Echo’s amusement park and early arts eras; craft activities for kids. Enjoy activities throughout the park, including rides on the historic carousel (\$). Park is open sunrise to sunset.

- 16 Seneca Schoolhouse Museum**  
 HistoricMedley.org 301-477-0777  
 16800 River Road, Poolesville


Take a “step-back-in-time” in this restored 1880s one-room schoolhouse. Class will be in session with a period-costumed teacher. Classroom activities, games, and refreshments.

## SATURDAY ONLY


- 17 Blockhouse Point Civil War Experience**  
 HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373  
 15000 River Road, Potomac

See the remains of an 1862 Civil War outpost camp and blockhouse used to guard the Potomac River crossing from Confederate attack. Two-mile guided hikes on an easy to moderate natural surface trail at 12, 1 & 2pm. Park at Callithea Horse Farm across from Signal Tree Lane. 


- 18 National Capital Trolley Museum**  
 DCTrolley.org 301-384-6088  
 1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville  
*Open until 5pm*

Docent-led tours of the Street Car Hall, *Streetcars Go to the Movies* video, and a model of the Rock Creek Railway. "Civil War Streetcars" exhibit explores the introduction of street railways in the Nation's Capital. Ride vintage streetcars for two miles through Northwest Branch Park (\$). 


- 19 Monocacy Aqueduct on the C&O Canal**  
 SugarloafRegionalTrails.org 301-972-8983  
 Mouth of Monocacy Road, Dickerson

The Piscataway Conoy Tribe will perform traditional Native American dances and talk about their heritage. Tribe members will be in full ceremonial regalia with authentic musical instruments. 

- 20 Oakley Cabin African American Museum & Park**  
 HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373  
 3610 Brookeville Road, Olney

Tour the restored log cabin, home to African American tenant families during the late 1800s. Storytellers, guided tours, hands-on activities for families, games for children, and live music. Park at Longwood Local Park, 19300 Georgia Ave. Shuttle provided. 

- 21 Sandy Spring Slave Museum**  
 SandySpringSlaveMuseum.org  
 SlaveMuseum@yahoo.com  
 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring  
*Open at 11am*


Tour the cross-section model of a slave clipper ship, Arts Pavilion, and slave log cabin. View art and artifacts in the Great Hall. Movie screenings of *Community Cornerstones: African American Communities in Montgomery County* will be shown at 12, 1, 2, & 3pm. 

## SATURDAY ONLY


- 22 Smithville School Museum and Education Center**  
 811 E. Randolph Road, Silver Spring 301-879-3700

Tour the restored historic Rosenwald school, built in the 1920s for African American children. Activities include a film about the building and presentations on the history of the school and its current use.


- 23 St. Paul Community Church**  
 SugarlandEthnoHistoryProject.org 301-717-9304  
 14730 Sugarland Lane, Poolesville

Tour the 1893 church and cemetery; exhibits, artifacts and historical documents. Presentation on Sugarland's founding families, 12:45pm. First-person interpretation of "Nettie Branison-Johnson," a turn-of-the-century African American midwife, 1:30pm, followed by a gospel concert featuring Deacon and the Boys. 

- 24 Underground Railroad Experience Trail**  
 HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373  
 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring  
 (Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park)

Join "conductors" on guided hikes along a simulated Underground Railroad trail. The 2-mile natural surface trail winds through fields, woods, and across streams to the historic Sandy Spring. Learn techniques used by freedom seekers to elude pursuers. The 90-minute hikes begin at 9, 9:30, 10, & 10:30am. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. 

- 25 Agricultural History Farm Park**  
 HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373  
 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood

Tour the turn-of-the-20th-century Magruder-Bussard farmstead. Guided tours, old-fashioned farm demonstrations, hands-on activities for families, games for children, and live music. 

- 26 Damascus Heritage Museum**  
 DHSM.org 301-253-3361  
 9701 Main Street, Damascus

See the "Treasures of Damascus" exhibit as well as a restored horse-drawn school "bus" from the early 1900s.



## SATURDAY ONLY

**27** **Historic Clarksburg**  
Clarksburg Historical Society on Facebook  
301-916-3899  
23425 Spire Street, Clarksburg

Visit a historic 1909 church and National Historic Register two-room schoolhouse. Activities include local history exhibits, cemetery tour, classic cars, children's games & activities, moon bounce, music, and more. Free trolley rides from the church to the schoolhouse. Refreshments for sale.



**28** **Brookeville Academy**  
TownofBrookevilleMD.org 301-570-4465  
5 High Street, Brookeville

Visit the Brookeville Academy (circa 1810) and learn about the town's history and life in the early 1800s. Exhibit of artifacts uncovered by archaeologists at the Madison House and Thomas Mill site. Walking tours of this "U.S. Capital for a Day" highlighting Brookeville during the War of 1812.

**29** **Olney Theatre Center**  
OlneyTheatre.org 301-924-3400  
2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney

Tours of this 5-acre theatrical arts campus dating back to 1939, on the hour from noon to 3pm.

**30** **Red Brick Courthouse**  
PeerlessRockville.org 301-762-0096  
29 Courthouse Square, Rockville

Open house at the Red Brick Courthouse to launch the new heritage map of Rockville, hands-on collections. Early Rockville Walking Tour leaves from the courthouse at 11am and 1pm.

**31** **Sandy Spring Museum**  
SandySpringMuseum.org 301-774-0022  
17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring

The Sandy Spring Folklife Festival celebrates the diversity of cultural traditions in the Sandy Spring community through live music and dance performances, arts, conversation, oral history, and foodways.

## SUNDAY ONLY

**32** **Germantown Bank**  
GermantownMDHistory.org 301-972-2707  
19320 Mateny Hill Road, Germantown

Visit this 1922 bank, with a walk-in vault and period safe deposit boxes; exhibits on local history. Guided walking tours of Historic Germantown, a railroad town dating to the 1880s.

**33** **Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station**  
MontgomeryPreservation.org 301-495-4915  
8100 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

Open House featuring trains and model trains inside and out; HO scale working model train displays by Riverdale & Rockville Model Railroaders Clubs. Children's play area, family-friendly activities, refreshments, and more at this restored 1945 train station. Silver Spring Historical Society's 2-hour **Bike/Picnic Tour of Historic Silver Spring**: meet here at 10am; participants provide their own bikes, helmets, and lunches.

**34** **Josiah Henson Park**  
HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373  
11420 Old Georgetown Road, N. Bethesda

Tour the historic Riley farm where Rev. Josiah Henson was enslaved from 1795 to 1830. Henson's autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin. Tours on the half hour, 12-3pm. Explore an archaeology dig, make a set of marbles. "Lyrical Rhythms: Celebrating the Life of Father Henson" spoken word poetry event for all ages, 4-5pm. Refreshments. Park at Shriver Aquatic Center, 5900 Executive Blvd.

**Please use the map and list of heritage sites to plan your visits year round. Remember that admission is free for Heritage Days, but may be charged at other times.**

**Heritage Montgomery** is one of thirteen certified Heritage Areas in the state of Maryland – areas where “public and private partners make commitments to preserving historical, cultural and natural resources for sustainable economic development through heritage tourism.”

Heritage Montgomery is dedicated to the mission of preserving and promoting local history, culture, and distinctive natural areas, and fostering a sense of stewardship and pride in our community.

As a non-profit organization sustained primarily through State and county grant funding, Heritage Montgomery has brought over \$2 million in State grants to county organizations. In addition, \$20,000 in “Mini Grant” funding is awarded to local nonprofits and government entities each year.

Visit [HeritageMontgomery.org](http://HeritageMontgomery.org) to learn more about our organization and plan your next daytrip exploring the Montgomery County Heritage Area!

For Heritage Days updates before and during the weekend, check in at [HeritageMontgomery.org](http://HeritageMontgomery.org) and follow Heritage Montgomery on Facebook.

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