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HERITAGE DAYS 2015

JUNE 27 & 28 • 12 TO 4PM
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& YEAR-ROUND HERITAGE SITE LIST

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YEAR-ROUND HERITAGE SITE GUIDE

ANNUAL SITE LIST

Hang on to this guide and use this 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.

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

HERITAGE DAYS WEEKEND

For 17 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 35 sites all around Montgomery County open with free admission for Heritage Days Weekend, it is the perfect time to pack a picnic lunch and 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.

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





HERITAGE AREA THEMES

 **Transportation Trails** highlights the C&O Canal along the Potomac River and the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad running through significant late-1800s communities, including Silver Spring and Gaithersburg. Extraordinary engineering feats are on view all along the Canal – in particular, the 1833 Monocacy Aqueduct near Dickerson – and outdoor recreation opportunities abound.

 Montgomery County's rich **African American Heritage** is represented across the heritage area. Sandy Spring, a long-established Quaker community, was home to one of the earliest free black communities in the country. Many homes in the area are believed to have been part of the Underground Railroad network aiding runaway slaves in the 1800s. Throughout the county, turn-of-the-century churches pay tribute to the dedication and strength of their founding families.

 The **Agricultural Reserve** covers 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. The town of Poolesville, a farming center since the 1700s, anchors the area.

 **Heritage Gems**, scattered throughout the heritage area, represent the unique stories of history, culture, and nature found in Montgomery County, from historic houses to Civil War sites to parks and theatres.

Opportunities for fun and adventure abound in the Montgomery County Heritage Area year round!

Hiking and paddling along the C&O Canal, biking through the Agricultural Reserve (with a stop at one of the many farmers markets along the way), discovering African American and Quaker history dating back before the Civil War, or just finding a picturesque spot to picnic with your family – you'll find all this and more here in Montgomery County.

Keep an eye on HeritageMontgomery.org! Our website will be getting a new look in the coming months, with more information and a user-friendly design.

Let Heritage Montgomery be your first stop for planning your year-round exploration of local history, culture, and nature!





HERITAGE DAYS HUBS

BOYDS

Stop by the one-room Boyds Negro School, in use from 1895-1936; enjoy a wealth of fun family activities at the Victorian-era Boyd-Maughlin House; milk a replica cow, see a Model T milk delivery truck, and hear about local dairying history at the King Barn Dairy MOOseum – all open Sat. & Sun. Replica model planes fly overhead all day at the DC Radio Control Club (Sat.).

C&O CANAL

The C&O Canal offers paddling, hiking, and biking opportunities all along the Potomac River, from Glen Echo to Poolesville. Take in local history at the Poolesville Museum and John Poole House (Sat. & Sun.). Head down to Seneca Aqueduct & Riley's Lockhouse (Sat. & Sun.) for a tour with a local historian. Help dedicate Sugarloaf Regional Trail's new Native American Trail with performances by the Piscataway Conoy Tribe at the Monocacy Aqueduct in Dickerson (Sat.).

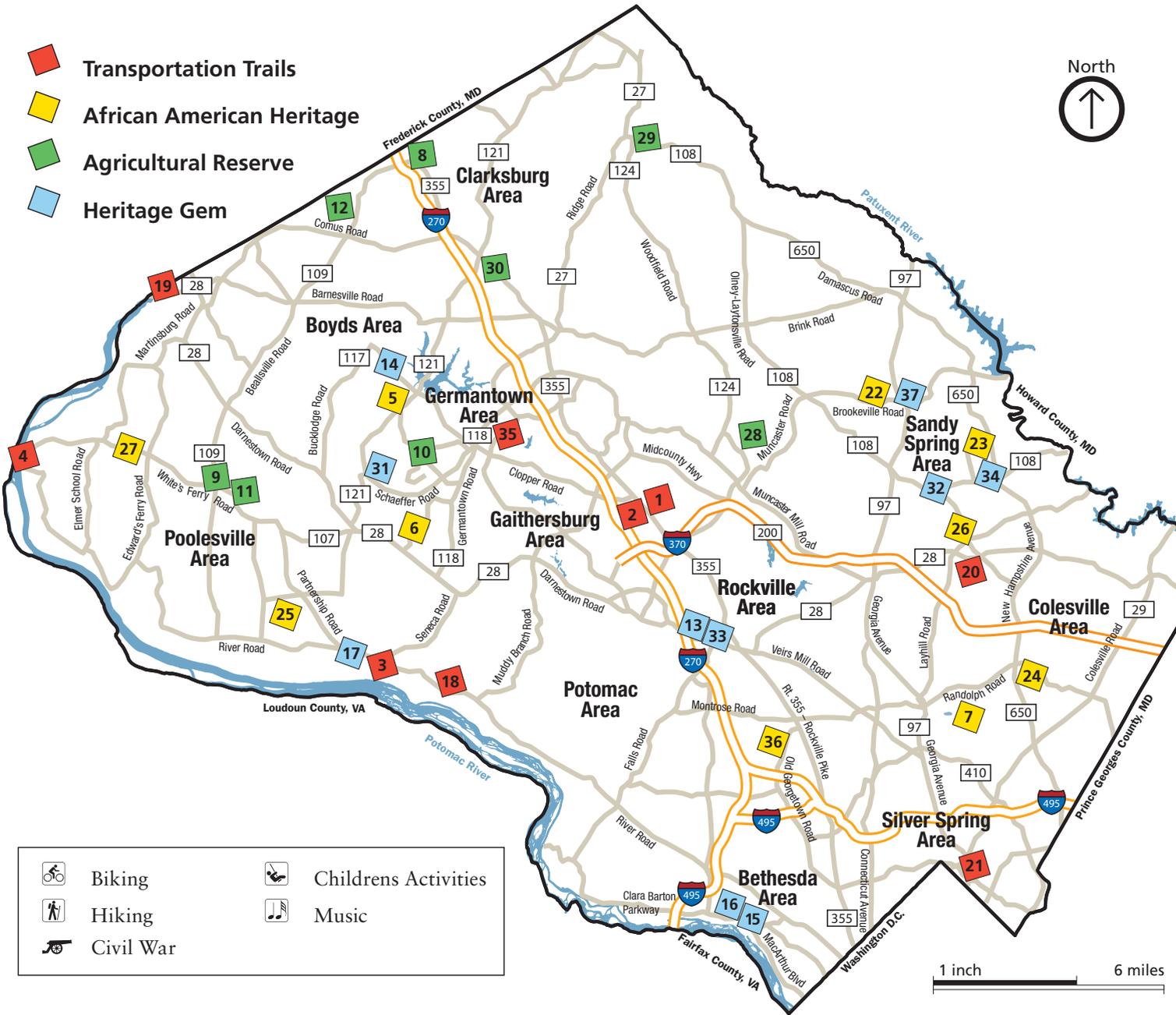
ROCKVILLE

Bike to Courthouse Square in downtown Rockville (Sat.) for a 10am bike tour of historic Rockville, or join a walking tour at 11am or 1pm. Help celebrate the 200th birthday of the Beall-Dawson House with special activities for all ages (Sat.). Visit the nearby Josiah Henson Park (N. Bethesda) where Rev. Henson was enslaved from 1795-1830. His autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin (Sun.). You'll find lots of great lunch options in Rockville Town Center.

SANDY SPRING

Spend the day in Sandy Spring on Saturday, starting with the Underground Railroad Experience Hike at Woodlawn Manor. Follow up with a visit to Sandy Spring Slave Museum, with its rich stories of African American history and culture and Sandy Spring Museum's Folk Festival celebrating local art, music, dance, and food.

- Transportation Trails
- African American Heritage
- Agricultural Reserve
- Heritage Gem



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| | Biking | | Childrens Activities |
| | Hiking | | Music |
| | Civil War | | |

Please use this 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.

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

History Park, an 1884 railroad complex, features a 1918 steam locomotive and caboose, train station, and museum. Child-friendly, interactive exhibits and special activities on RR track safety. Music at 1:30pm.  

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

Explore this restored 1899 observatory, one of six built around the world to determine the “wobble of the earth.” Solar observations (weather permitting), entertainment, and children’s activities. 

- 3 Seneca Aqueduct and Riley’s Lockhouse**
CandOCanal.org
13025 Riley’s Lock Road, Poolesville
Open at 10am

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

Located a short distance from Whites Ford, where Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart’s cavalry crossed during the Civil War, this unique cable ferry crosses the Potomac River every 20 minutes. Free ferry rides for those on foot.   

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

This 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 an heirloom garden, heritage breed animals, restored period buildings, and slave cemetery. Demonstrations, petting zoo, and Underground Railroad passport activities for visitors of all ages. 

- 7 Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center**
HistoryintheParks.org 301-650-4373
1400 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton
Saturday: 9am-5pm and 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, including raising chickens and grinding grain.

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

See the new “Clay” art exhibit in the gallery of the historic Mill. Pottery demonstrations, crafts for children. Saturday only: Artists’ reception, 2-4pm; live music by “Shortbread.” Saturday evening “blues & more” concert at 7:30pm with Anthony Sloan & Alan Gramley on guitar and Tito Cantero on harmonica.   

- 9 John Poole House and General Store**
HistoricMedley.org 301-407-0777
19923 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

This 1793 log cabin, the oldest building in Poolesville, was the town’s General Store and Trading Post. Civil War artifacts, children’s crafts, and refreshments.  

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

Learn about the history of dairying. Exhibits include a Ford Model T milk delivery truck, wooden milk wagon, model railroad, and life-sized model cows; playroom & crafts. Saturday only: Balloon Man makes hats for children (noon-2 pm); live farm animals. Sunday only: Miss Regina’s music activity (1-2pm) for children ages 1-4. 

11 **Poolesville Bank Building**
HistoricMedley.org 301-407-0777
19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

This restored 1910 bank includes an ornate bank vault with decorative painting. See exhibits on Poolesville history and the documentary, *Growing Legacy*, about the Agricultural Reserve.

12 **Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard**
SMVWinery.com 301-605-0130
18125 Comus Road, Dickerson

The 85-acre vineyard and winery abutting the scenic Sugarloaf Mountain, a Registered National Landmark, includes a restored red barn, silo, and windmill. Fermentation and barrel rooms tours at 12:30 pm. Live music, 2-5pm. Wine tastings (\$). 🎵🎸

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

Saturday: Celebrate the 200th birthday of Beall-Dawson House with tours, activities, and games for all ages; visit “Dr. Stonestreet,” Civil War Union Army surgeon and local doctor in the Stonestreet Museum of 19th-Century Medicine. Sunday: Tours of the House and Medical Museum. 🚗🗺️

14 **Boyd-Maughlin House**
15215 Barnesville Road, Boyds 240-486-3974

Historic house and garden tour offered by curators in Victorian dress. Fun family activities include fishing with bamboo poles, country crafts, and period games including horseshoes, croquet, hopscotch, checkers, marbles and jacks. Player piano & live period music. 🎵🎸

15 **Clara Barton National Historic Site**
NPS.gov/CLBA 301-324-1410
5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo

Visit the home of the founder of the American Red Cross and the Civil War’s “Angel of the Battlefield” who rode with the Union Army giving aid to the wounded. The historic collection is currently off view, but informative tours are available Saturday at 11am, noon, 2, & 3pm; Sunday, on the hour, 1-4pm. 🚗🚲🦽

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

Saturday, noon-4pm: Stop by the “video station” and record your personal story of visiting Glen Echo Park through the years; children’s crafts; exhibits & videos on the historic Carousel and Ballroom; Carousel tour, 10:30-11:30am. Carousel rides until 6pm both days (\$). Park open sunrise to sunset. 🚲🦽🗺️

17 **Seneca Schoolhouse Museum**
HistoricMedley.org 301-407-0777
16800 River Road, Poolesville

Take a “step-back-in-time” in this 1800s one-room schoolhouse. Class will be in session with a period-costumed teacher. Classroom activities, games, and refreshments. 🚲🦽🗺️

SATURDAY ONLY

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

See the remains of an 1862 Civil War 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 noon, 1 & 2pm. Park at Callithea Horse Farm across from Signal Tree Lane. 🦽🚗

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

The Piscataway Conoy Tribe will dedicate Sugarloaf Regional Trails’ new Native American Trail. Tribe members in ceremonial regalia will perform traditional dances and talk about their heritage. Take a short field hike to learn about uses of native plants. Archaeologist Dr. Virginia Busby will discuss the area’s history and found artifacts. 🚲🦽

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

Tours of the Street Car Hall, *Streetcars Go to the Movies* video, and a model of the Rock Creek Railway. “Civil War Horsecars” explores the introduction of street railways in the Nation’s Capital. Ride vintage streetcars for two miles through Northwest Branch Park (\$) 🚗

21 Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station
MontgomeryPreservation.org/BOStation.html
8100 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring 301-384-2536
Open at 10am

A festival of model trains of all gauges and designs at this historic rail station. Thomas the Tank Engine, a Riverdale HO model railroad, rail video, and children’s activities. Refreshments. 🚗

22 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 in the late 1800s. Traditional African and African American stories told by members of the Griots’ Circle of Maryland, 1-3pm. String band folk music throughout the day. Park at Longwood Local Park, 19300 Georgia Ave. Shuttle provided. 🚗 🎵 🗺

23 Sandy Spring Slave Museum
SandySpringSlaveMuseum.org
18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring
SlaveMuseum@yahoo.com

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, Maryland* will be shown at 1, 2, & 3pm. 🚗

24 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.

25 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 at 12:45pm. First-person interpretation of “Nettie Branison-Johnson,” a turn-of-the-century midwife, at 2pm, followed by a gospel concert. Diabetes and hypertension screening available. 🎵

26 Underground Railroad Experience Trail Hikes
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 2-hour hikes begin at 9, 9:30, & 10am. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. 🚶 🗺

27 Warren Historic Site
WarrenHistoricSite.weebly.com 301-580-5783
22625 Whites Ferry Road, Dickerson

This unique African American site dates back to the 1860s with the church and original one-room schoolhouse still in use. View exhibits and photographs of the site, descendants, and community as well as restoration plans for the Loving Charity Hall. Site tours and refreshments.

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

Tour the turn-of-the-century Magruder-Bussard farmstead. Old-fashioned farming demonstrations and games for children. String band folk music throughout the day and refreshments. 🎵 🗺

29 Damascus Heritage Museum
DHSM.org
9701 Main Street, Damascus 301-253-3361
Open until 5pm

Learn about town history and how the town, streets, and buildings got their names. “Then and Now” exhibit features historical artifacts and photographs of Damascus and the surrounding area.

SUNDAY ONLY

30 Historic Clarksburg
 Clarksburg Historical Society on facebook
 23425 Spire Street, Clarksburg 301-972-3571
 Learn about the historic churches of Clarksburg. Displays of newly acquired artifacts, strolling musicians, children's activities. Vote in a photography contest; contribute to the town time capsule. Refreshments for sale. 🎵 🗺️

31 DC Radio Control Club
 DC-RC.org 301-717-1980
 16200 Schaeffer Road, Boyds
 Come to the Walt Good Flying Field in South Germantown Park and see model aircraft of all types flying overhead throughout the day. Fun for all ages. 🗺️

32 Olney Theatre Center
 OlneyTheatre.org 301-924-3400
 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney
 Open 1-6pm
 Tours of this 5-acre theatrical arts campus dating back to 1939, on the hour from 1-4pm. At 5pm, "Musicals from Stage to Film and Back Again" will look at the history of musical comedy on both stage and film, featuring excerpts from *Gypsy* and *Dolls*, *On the Town*, and *Chicago*. 🎵

33 Red Brick Courthouse
 PeerlessRockville.org
 29 Courthouse Square, Rockville 301-762-0096
 Open at 10am
 At 10am, leave from the Red Brick Courthouse for a 1½-hour guided bicycle tour of Rockville. (Bring your bike, helmet, and water.) Guided walking tours of the Courthouse Square Historic District at 11am & 1pm. 🚲

34 Sandy Spring Museum
 SandySpringMuseum.org
 17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring 301-774-0022
 Open 10am - 5pm
 The Sandy Spring Folk Life Festival (noon -4pm) celebrates the stories, art, music, dance, and food traditions of this multicultural community. 🎵 🗺️

35 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. See the exhibit, *Germantown History* and enjoy railroad songs of the '20s & '30s led by "Banjo Man" Frank Cassel. Guided walking tours of Historic Germantown, a railroad town dating to the 1880s. 🎵

36 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*. Explore an archaeology dig; make a set of marbles. Tours on the half hour, noon-3pm. Park at Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, 5900 Executive Blvd. 🗺️

37 Brookeville Academy
 TownofBrookevilleMD.org 301-570-4465
 5 High Street, Brookeville
 Guides in period attire will talk about life in the early 1800s. Exhibit of artifacts uncovered by archaeologists at the Madison House. Sit at the Academy's desks for a penmanship lesson. Half-hour walking tours of this "U.S. Capital for a Day" highlighting Brookeville during the War of 1812 at 2 & 3pm. Refreshments.

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 to learn more about our organization and plan your next daytrip exploring the Montgomery County Heritage Area!

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