YEAR-ROUND VISITS

Historic Madison House in Brookeville

Heritage Montgomery, one of thirteen certified heritage areas in the state of Maryland, is dedicated to the mission of preserving and promoting local history, culture, and distinctive natural areas, fostering stewardship and pride in our community.

Visit HeritageMontgomery.org to learn more about our organization and plan your next trip exploring the Montgomery County Heritage Area!

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The Impact of Maryland Heritage Areas

$19.8 million in State and local taxes generated
$4.45 return on investment for every dollar of State grant funds
3,146 jobs created
$7.78 leveraged by every dollar of State grant funds

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Rivers, Roads, & Rails: Transportation Trails

highlights the C&O Canal along the Potomac River and the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad that runs through communities dating back to the 1800s. Discover historic lockhouses and aqueducts along the canal towpath. Travel scenic byways and rustic roads to enjoy hiking, biking, canoeing, sightseeing, 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 and preservation groups, community buildings, and cemeteries.

The Agricultural Reserve: Farms, Markets & Scenic Byways

encompasses 93,000 acres of protected farmland – 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 scattered 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.

Enjoy Heritage Days weekend! We’ve put together some spots to visit throughout the county, some grouped by location, others by theme, so you can plan a whole weekend or just an afternoon experiencing authentic Montgomery history, culture, and nature!

- Downtown Rockville will be host to Montgomery History’s 75th anniversary festivities at the Beall-Dawson Museum and nearby at the Red Brick Courthouse, Peerless Rockville will offer Native American dancers and drummers with performances that highlight their local history. Then head over to the C&O Canal National Historical Park along the Potomac River and take a grand-opening tour of the newly restored Swain’s Lockhouse.
- If you like rails, gears, and gravity then the Transportation-theme sites are for you. Plan to visit the Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory, built in 1899 to measure the “wobble” of the Earth, and Black Rock and Thomas Mills to learn about the

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county’s important milling history. The National Capital Trolley Museum, Germantown Bank, King Barn Dairy MOOseum, and historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station each offer different facets of rail history to explore.

- The **Agricultural Reserve** is full of great things to do all weekend! Travel our Scenic Byways and Rustic Roads through beautiful farms and rolling hills, take a walk through the Soleado Lavender Farm, and stop by and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project. Visit the John Poole House and Old Town Hall Bank Museum in Poolesville. Then head over and park your car at White’s Ferry and take a ride across the Potomac River. Stop off for music at the historic St. Paul Community Church and tour the Warren Historic Site. Both are stops on our **African American Heritage** tour, as are Button Farm Living History Center, Boyd’s Negro School, and the Smithville School Museum, a 1920s Rosenwald school. Learn about the daily life of emancipated African American families in the 1880s at the Thomas Harper Cabin.

- The **Sandy Spring** area has something for everyone. The Sandy Spring Slave Museum will feature special programs and jazz band performances and Olney Theatre Center will offer tours throughout the afternoon. To learn more about local history visit the Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House, and Woodlawn Museum.

Heritage Days offers the perfect opportunity to pack a picnic and explore the Montgomery County heritage area! We hope these ideas inspire you to use the map on the reverse to plan your own heritage tour. Please note that not all sites are open both Saturday and Sunday – be sure to check ahead as you plan your route.
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

1. **National Capital Trolley Museum**  
   DCtrolley.org  
   301-384-6088  
   1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville  
   Celebrating the beginning of street car services in the nation's capital, the museum presents two special exhibits: Civil War Streetcars and Gilded Age Streetcars. Ride vintage trolley cars for two miles through Northwest Branch Park ($).

2. **White's Ferry**  
   Historic White's Ferry on Facebook  
   301-349-5200  
   24801 Whites Ferry Road, Dickerson  
   Site of an operating ferry since 1786, this unique cable ferry crosses the Potomac River every 20 minutes, weather permitting. Free ferry rides for those on foot.

3. **Boyd's Negro School**  
   BoydsHistory.org  
   19510 White Ground Road, Boyds  
   Tour this restored one-room structure that was the sole public school for African American children in the Boyds area from 1895-1936.

4. **Button Farm Living History Center**  
   ButtonFarm.org  
   202-903-4140  
   16820 Black Rock Road, Germantown  
   Plantation life in 1850s Maryland is depicted with an heirloom garden, heritage breed animals, restored 19th-century buildings, and slave cemetery. Demonstrations and activities for visitors of all ages.

5. **Thomas Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center**  
   HistoryintheParks.org  
   301-962-1480  
   1400 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton  
   Saturday: 11am-4pm; Sunday: 1-4pm  
   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.

6. **Woodlawn Museum**  
   WoodlawnManor.org  
   301-929-5989  
   16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring  
   Explore the restored 1832 stone barn at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park. Exhibits highlight local agricultural, Quaker, and African American history.

7. **Hyattstown Mill**  
   HyattstownMill.org  
   301-830-1142  
   14920 Hyattstown Mill Road, Clarksburg  
   Celebrating Hyattstown Mill Arts Project’s 20 years of service to the cultural community, the gallery hosts the art exhibition: Sugarloaf Revisited. Live music and children's craft activities.

8. **Izaak Walton League Conservation Farm**  
   Bcciwla.org  
   20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville  
   Family-friendly activities celebrating B-CC Chapter history, conservation efforts, and appreciation of local ecology. Programs for children of all ages: forestry, fishing, archery, archaeology, wildlife, and tractor pull.

9. **John Poole House**  
   HistoricMedley.org  
   301-407-0777  
   19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville  
   Exhibits and activities at this 1793 log cabin, built to serve as a general store and trading post, feature local life in the early 1800s.

10. **Old Town Hall Bank Museum**  
    HistoricMedley.org  
    301-407-0777  
    19923 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville  
    This 100+ year-old restored bank includes an ornate, early 20th-century vault with decorative painting; Civil War artifacts on exhibit.

11. **Rocklands Farm Winery**  
    RocklandsFarmMd.com  
    301-825-8075  
    14531 Montevideo Road, Poolesville  
    Open 11am-6pm  
    Visit this family friendly winery and market practicing holistic farming on an expansive property. Adults may tour the vineyard and winery (1pm, Sat.). Wine tasting ($) in the historic bank barn tasting room.

12. **Soleado Lavender Farm**  
    SoleadoLavender.com  
    301-922-5964  
    23611 W. Harris Road, Dickerson  
    Enjoy lavender season on this scenic, family-owned farm growing several varieties of French and English lavender. A talk on lavender cultivation, artisan vendors, lavender plants and products ($), and lavender lemonade! Wine tasting ($) in the historic bank barn tasting room.

13. **Beall-Dawson Museum**  
    MontgomeryHistory.org  
    301-340-2825  
    103 W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville  
    Local history activities and programs for all ages including performances, talks, and hands-on activities. Tours of the historic house museum and Stonestreet Museum of 19th-Century Medicine.

14. **Brookeville Academy**  
    TownofBrookevilleMD.org  
    301-570-4465  
    5 High Street, Brookeville  
    Walking tours highlighting archaeology projects at local mill ruins leave from the academy where an exhibit of artifacts will also be on display.
15 **Sculpture Garden at Alden Farms**
AldenFarms.net 301-367-3879
19215 Beallsville Road, Beallsville
Open 10am to 5pm
Visit this sculpture garden and gallery open for wandering and browsing.

16 **Seneca Schoolhouse Museum**
HistoricMedley.org
16800 River Road, Poolesville
An 1880s school day will be reenacted with a costumed school teacher leading lessons and games of the period.

**SATURDAY ONLY**

17 **Gaithersburg Community Museum**
GaithersburgMd.gov 301-258-6160 or 6350
9 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg
Open at 10am
Located in an 1884 railroad complex, the museum offers hands-on exhibits and activities. Play in the museum’s caboose and watch trains go by; enjoy the nearby interactive splash fountain. Heritage music by Ray Owens throughout the day.

18 **Germantown Bank**
GermantownMDHistory.org 301-972-2707
19330 Mateny Hill Rd., Germantown
Visit the 1922 bank building with original walk-in steel vault and safe deposit boxes. Walking tours of this early-1900s agricultural railroad town. Exhibits on Germantown history, the Civil War, Great Depression, and baseball great Walter “Big Train” Johnson. Music by a “hobo busker.”

19 **Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station**
MontgomeryPreservation.org 301-495-4915
8100 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring
Open at 10am
Stop by this 1945 restored railroad station featuring HO scale model railroad display, train table play area, Metro train spotting under the canopy. N scale modelers Independent Dudes in Operation Top Secret (I.D.I.O.T.S.) will pay a visit.

20 **Swains Lockhouse 21**
CanalTrust.org 301-745-8888
10700 Swains Lock Road, Potomac
Tour the newly rehabilitated Swains Lockhouse, soon to be available for overnight stays through the C&O Canal Trust’s Canal Quarters program. Learn about canal life in the 1910s and enjoy a walk or bike ride on the towpath.

21 **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. Shake, rattle and roll through the afternoon with Arts on a Roll; hands-on activities, music, and historic games, 1-4pm. Park at Mount Zion Park, 5130 Brookeville Road. Shuttle provided.

22 **Sandy Spring Meeting House**
SandySpring.org 301-774-9792
17715 Meeting House Road, Sandy Spring
Visit the 1817 meeting house and discuss Quaker history in Montgomery County; the historic graveyard will also be open to visitors.

23 **Sandy Spring Slave Museum**
SandySpringSlaveMuseum.org
18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring
Open 11am to 6pm
View African and African American art and artifacts; a clipper ship cross section, log cabin, and African hut arts pavilion. Karlton Jackson African American jazz band; Auntie Africa story teller; videos featuring stories of local African Americans and their communities.

24 **Smithville School Museum and Education Center**
811 E. Randolph Rd., Silver Spring 301-879-3700
This restored Rosenwald school was built in the 1920s for African American children. See a film about its history, talk with former students, and learn about its current use.

25 **St. Paul Community Church**
SugarlandProject.org 301-717-9304
14730 Sugarland Lane, Poolesville 301-646-4692
Tour the 1893 church, cemetery, and mini museum at this African American heritage site; history of Sugarland slide presentation, storytelling, Light of Faith choir gospel concert.

26 **Warren Historic Site**
WarrenHistoricSite.weebly.com 301-972-7263
22625 Whites Ferry Road, Dickerson
This unique African American site dates to the 1860s with the church and original one-room schoolhouse still in use. Learn about the history of this community and the renovated Loving Charity Hall (1914).
**SUNDAY ONLY**

33. **Black Rock Mill**  
DNR.Maryland.gov/PublicLands/Pages/Central/Seneca.aspx  
301-924-2127  
16500 Black Rock Road, Darnestown  
Open house for the new exhibits at the remains of an 1815 grain-grinding mill. Rangers will lead 15-minute walking tours leaving on the half hour.

34. **Glen Echo Park**  
GlenEchoPark.org  
301-634-2222  
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo  
Activities featuring the park’s Civil Rights history. Live blues music; clips from the upcoming film, *There Ain’t No Back to a Merry Go Round*, featuring interviews with 1960s protesters advocating for desegregation of the former privately-owned amusement park, now arts center.

35. **Sandy Spring Museum**  
SandySpringMuseum.org  
301-774-0022  
17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring  
This community museum will host two exhibits: Colored Folks: We Come in All Shades and an exhibit of student artwork from St. John’s Episcopal School.
This year marks the 22nd annual Heritage Days – a countywide festival offering programs and activities appealing to visitors of all ages and interests.

With over 40 free events all around Montgomery County, Heritage Days is the perfect time to explore local history, culture, and nature.

Sites are open from 12 noon to 4 pm unless otherwise indicated.

For Heritage Days updates before and during the weekend, check in at HeritageMontgomery.org and follow Heritage Montgomery on Facebook.

Celebrate Heritage Days and discover fascinating sites and stories throughout Montgomery County!