HERITAGE DAYS 2022
JUNE 25 & 26 • 12 TO 4PM
JUNE IS MUSEUM MONTH
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This year marks the **23d annual Heritage Days weekend** — a countywide festival offering programs, activities, and tours appealing to visitors of all ages and interests.

With **over 30 free events** all around Montgomery County, Heritage Days Weekend, 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.

Enjoy Heritage Days Weekend and explore fascinating sites that help make Montgomery County great!
Montgomery County’s museums, art and cultural institutions, and historic sites beckon people to explore new cultures and topics through their carefully curated collections, interpretive narratives, and transcending exhibitions.

Some of the best trips include a day or even a weekend spent deep inside the halls of a museum or wandering a historic site. Visit Montgomery, in partnership with Heritage Montgomery, are encouraging residents and visitors to explore Montgomery County’s museums and historic treasures during the 1st Annual Museum Month in June 2022. This month-long celebration of Montgomery County’s vast variety of art, history and heritage, and cultural museums is sure to inspire and spark excitement for all ages.

During Museum Month, residents and visitors can download the official Museum Month Digital Passport to check-in to participating museums and heritage sites located throughout Montgomery County. Each check-in earns them an entry to win prizes including an Ultimate Weekend Getaway Package, worth over $1,000. Admission is charged at museum entry.
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 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.
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 website at 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!
Open with FREE admission and programs from Rockville to Hyattstown, Poolesville to Sandy Spring, and everywhere in between, enjoy over 30 parks, museums, and historic sites celebrating Montgomery County’s heritage.

Enjoy a Peerless Rockville walking tour of historic Rockville and stop off at nearby Montgomery History for a tour with Civil War doctor Stonestreet or spend the afternoon at the historic Hyattstown Mill enjoying the art show, music, and children’s activities. See the complete program listings on the reverse.

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 with food and friends.

Learn about the County’s African American history from tours at Sugarland, Warren and Button Farm. Take in a concert by the Jubilee Voices at Button Farm on Saturday afternoon. Explore the new Josiah Henson Museum and Park in North Bethesda featuring the remarkable story of Josiah Henson’s life as he journeyed from slavery to freedom.
In Poolesville, discover the history of this late 1700s National Register historic town. Stop in at the Poole House Museum and see the early general store, then head across the street to the Old Bank Building and it’s collection of period artifacts, and wind up at the Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road.

The Woodlawn Museum in Sandy Spring is the perfect gateway to exploring county heritage and history. Tour the newly restored 1832 stone barn and walk the Underground Railroad Trail to Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House.

Nearby, the Sandy Spring Slave Museum offers tours of their fascinating African American art and history collections. On Sunday, Sandy Spring Museum will feature a bluegrass band.

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.
SIX DAYS A WEEK

1. **Gaithersburg Community Museum**
   Gaithersburg Md.gov 301-258-6160
   9 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg
   The Museum will be open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. for drop in visitors. Come see the model train exhibit on Hobo Codes located in the Rail Diesel Car. On Sunday performer, Matthew Dodd, will be singing and telling stories of the American Hobo through the afternoon.

2. **Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory**
   Gaithersburg Md.gov 301-258-6160
   100 DeSellum Avenue, Gaithersburg
   The Observatory building will be open (weather permitting) on Saturday and staff will be there to answer questions. Saturday night there will be a Skywatching program from 7:30-9:30 p.m. to learn about telescopes and to view the night sky.

3. **Button Farm Living History Center**
   Buttonfarm.org 240-579-5112
   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, activities and performance for visitors of all ages.

4. **Boyds Negro School**
   BoydsHistory.org 301-943-8771
   19510 White Ground Road, Boyds
   This restored one-room building was the sole public school for African American children in the Boyds area from 1895-1936. Enjoy tours and activities.

5. **Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House**
   SandySpring.org 301-774-9792
   17715 Meeting House Road, Sandy Spring
   Welcome to one of the oldest active Quaker meetings in Maryland. Friends have been worshiping here since the early 1700s. Explore our; beautiful meetinghouse, constructed in 1817, the historic graveyard and continue down Meeting House Road to “THE” Sandy Spring. Light refreshments, cheerful company, and children’s activities provided!
**Woodlawn Museum**  
WoodlawnManor.org  301-929-5989  
16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring  
Exhibits in the restored 1832 barn highlight local agricultural, Quaker, and African American history. Open 10am-4pm.

**Hyattstown Mill**  
HyattstownMill.org  301-830-1142  
14920 Hyattstown Mill Road, Clarksburg  
An exhibition of artworks produced by regional artists and artisans displayed in the historic Hyattstown Mill along with musical performances provided by local musicians.

**John Poole House**  
HistoricMedley.org  301-477-0777  
This 1793 log cabin was built to serve as a general store and trading post; it is the oldest building in Poolesville. Docent led tours.

**Poolesville Museum**  
HistoricMedley.org  301-477-0777  
19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville  
This 100+ year old restored bank includes an ornate, early 1900s bank vault with decorative painting and a collection of local Civil War relics. Docent led tours.

**Seneca Schoolhouse Museum**  
HistoricMedley.org  301-477-0777  
16800 River Road, Poolesville  
Take a step-back-in-time at this restored 1880s one-room schoolhouse. Enjoy indoor and outdoor hands-on activities and toys provided by a period-costumed teacher.

**King Barn Dairy MOOseum**  
MOOseum.org  301-254-6575  
18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds  
Crafts, “milk” cow models, model training, dairy exhibits, live farm animals; balloon man making balloon animals for kids Saturday only noon-2pm. Model T milk truck on display, interactive map of Montgomery county dairy farm locations, and walking tour of farm road with family history.
Brookeville One Room Schoolhouse
Townofbrookvillemd.org  310-570-4465
10 North Street, Brookeville
Visit Brookeville’s newly refurbished one-room schoolhouse. Meet the town’s earliest Quaker residents and learn how their religious convictions shaped their views – against slavery and for women’s rights and opposed to war. Learn how the town became a safe haven for those fleeing the War of 1812.

Glen Echo Park
GlenEchoPark.org  301-634-2222
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo
Glen Echo Park, a vibrant arts and cultural center, will offer special Heritage Days programming on Saturday – A scavenger hunt around the park. Learn about the Park’s arts programs and history. At the end of the scavenger hunt, kids can create a drawing of what they imagine the Park could be in the future. Scavenger hunt cards can be submitted with your drawing for a special prize.

Smithville School and Education Center
www.iul1906.org/smithilleschool  301-879-3700
811 Randolph Road, Silver Spring
Visit the restored 1906 Rosenwald School and period schoolroom. Explore displays showing early African American schools in the county and listen to oral histories. Docent led tours of the site.

Woodend Nature Sanctuary
AnsHome.org  301-652-9188
8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase
A Natural Habitats Tour, wheelchair accessible begins at 9am and ends at 11:00am.
Woodend is an oasis of natural habitats in our rapidly urbanizing region. Learn about the bees and butterflies that visit our meadows, the frogs and salamanders that breed in our stream, and the many bird species that thrive at our Sanctuary.
16 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. Docent led tours. Storytelling, hands-on activities and games for children of all ages. Park at Mt. Zion Local Park, 5130 Brookeville Road. Shuttle provided.

17 Sandy Spring Slave Museum & Gallery
SlaveMuseum@yahoo.com
18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring
Tour the museum and grounds with exhibits and collections telling the stories of African American enslavement through history. Music, vendors, open house, food for purchase.

18 Seneca Store (formerly Poole’s Store)
HistoryInTheParks.org  301-563-7530
16315 Old River Road, Poolesville
Explore the oldest continuously general store in Montgomery County. Listen to music on the porch. Learn about the mill and recent archaeological discoveries. Hands-on activities for children. Food for purchase.

19 Germantown Bank Museum
info@ GermantownMdHistory.org  301-814-5048
19330 Mateny Hill Road, Germantown

20 National Capital Trolley Museum
DCTrolley.org  301-384-6088
1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville
Take docent led tour of the museum to see streetcars that traveled the Washington, DC region in the mid-1900’s, artifacts, and other memorabilia, silent movies, and a model Chevy Chase streetcar line. Enjoy a trolley ride ($) on our 2-mile demonstration railway, open noon-5pm.
22. **Grusendorf Cabin at Seneca Creek State Park**
   ShelbySmith@Maryland.gov  301-324-2127
   11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg
   Open house at the last surviving home from the earliest Germantown settlement. Old-time crafts, local stories about farm life in the 1800s and the Civil War, and self-guided walking tour.

23. **Peerless Rockville**
   PeerlessRockville.org  301-762-0096
   29 Courthouse Square, Rockville
   Join us at the Historic Red Brick Courthouse for a visit to our exhibit Forging Freedom: Endurance, Escape, and Rockville’s Underground Railroad. Enjoy a tour of the 1891 Historic Courtroom every hour on the hour or embark on a short self-guided tour of several nearby historic sites and local public art.

24. **Montgomery History**
   MontgomeryHistory.org  301-340-2825
   103 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville
   Join us for a visit with Dr. Stonestreet! Learn how a country doctor treated patients and advances in medical sciences in the late 1800s. Participate in hands-on history activities for kids.

25. **Warren Historic Site**
   Warrenhistoricsite.weebly.com  301-972-7263
   22625 Whites Ferry Road, Dickerson
   Tours of the African American historic site, photo displays and written history of site.

26. **St. Paul Community Church**
   Sugarlandproject.org  301-717-9304
   14730 Sugarland Lane, Poolesville
   Video presentation of community history, tour of church/museum, tour of archaeology site. Sugarland history and archaeology talks.

27. **Clarksburg Two Room Schoolhouse**
   ClarksburgMdHistory.org  249-418-0859
   13530 Redgrave Place, Clarksburg
   Come see the historic 1909 Clarksburg two-room schoolhouse. Enjoy historical displays, crafts and activities for kids.
Sites will follow Montgomery County COVID protocols in effect for Heritage Days events.

28 Sandy Spring Museum
SandySpringMuseum.org 301-774-0022
17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring
View Sandy Spring history exhibits & “Space,” a temporary exhibit in which artists explore topics related to emotional and physical space. Featured program at 2 pm: Sandy Spring Bluegrass Jam. You are invited to bring your instrument and join the jam! Watchers and listeners are welcome too. Open to all ages and skill levels.

29 Josiah Henson Museum & Park
JosiahHenson.org 301-765-8796
11410 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda
Tour the Josiah Henson Museum. Learn about the extraordinary life of Rev. Josiah Henson, formerly enslaved on the Riley plantation in Montgomery County, whose autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe’s fictional novel, Uncle Tom’s Cabin. Park across the street at Wall Local Park / Kennedy-Shriver Aquatic Center, 5900 Executive Blvd. Open 10am-4pm.

30 Howard Chapel at Patuxent State Park
TravisWatts@Maryland.gov 301-924-2127
23222 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville
Join a Park Ranger on a 3-mile, round-trip guided hike to the site of the historic African American Howard Chapel Cemetery, a historic African American burial ground. Learn about the Howard Family and their journey from enslavement to self-emancipation and community leadership. The guided hike will depart at 1pm at the Park Nature Center. The natural trail is not wheelchair or stroller friendly, however friendly leashed dogs are welcome.
Celebrate Montgomery County’s extensive collection of art, cultural and heritage museums all month long during Museum Month in June!

Use the Museum Month digital passport to create your own self-guided road trip experience and check-in at each location for a chance to win the Ultimate Weekend Getaway - valued at $1,000!

Scan to download the Visit MoCo Adventure Planner App to access the Museum Month Passport.

VisitMontgomery.com/Museums
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 an annual economic impact of over $376 million in Montgomery county, MD. In addition to state grants, $25,000 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!

For Heritage Days updates check in at HeritageMontgomery.org

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