

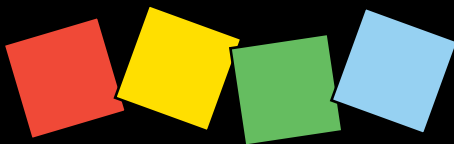
HISTORY • CULTURE • NATURE

# FREE EVENTS

HERITAGE  
DAYS 2023  
JUNE 24 & 25 • 12 TO 4PM



HERITAGE  
MONTGOMERY



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*Glen Echo Park*

## 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 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.

## HERITAGE TOURS

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!](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!



*Trolley Museum*



## HERITAGE SPOTLIGHTS

Open with **FREE** admission and programs from Rockville to 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 Izaak Walton League farm or Edwards Ferry Lockhouse. 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, Boyds Negro School, Smithville School, and Button Farm. 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 its collection of period artifacts, and wind up at the nearby Seneca Schoolhouse and Seneca Store 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. On Sunday, Sandy Spring Museum will feature a bluegrass band. Nearby, the Sandy Spring Slave Museum offers tours of their fascinating African American art and history collections.

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.

Don't forget to take some time to stop at our wonderful farm markets, shops, restaurants, breweries, and vineyards.



**SIGN UP** for our new Constant Contact newsletter to keep up with events year round, grant opportunities, and heritage area news:

[www.heritagemontgomery.org/about-us/join-our-newsletter/](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/about-us/join-our-newsletter/)

**CHECK OUT** our new video series featuring local museums and parks:  
[www.youtube.com/@HMHeritageMontgomery](https://www.youtube.com/@HMHeritageMontgomery)

## HERITAGE DAYS WEEKEND

This year marks the **24th 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.**

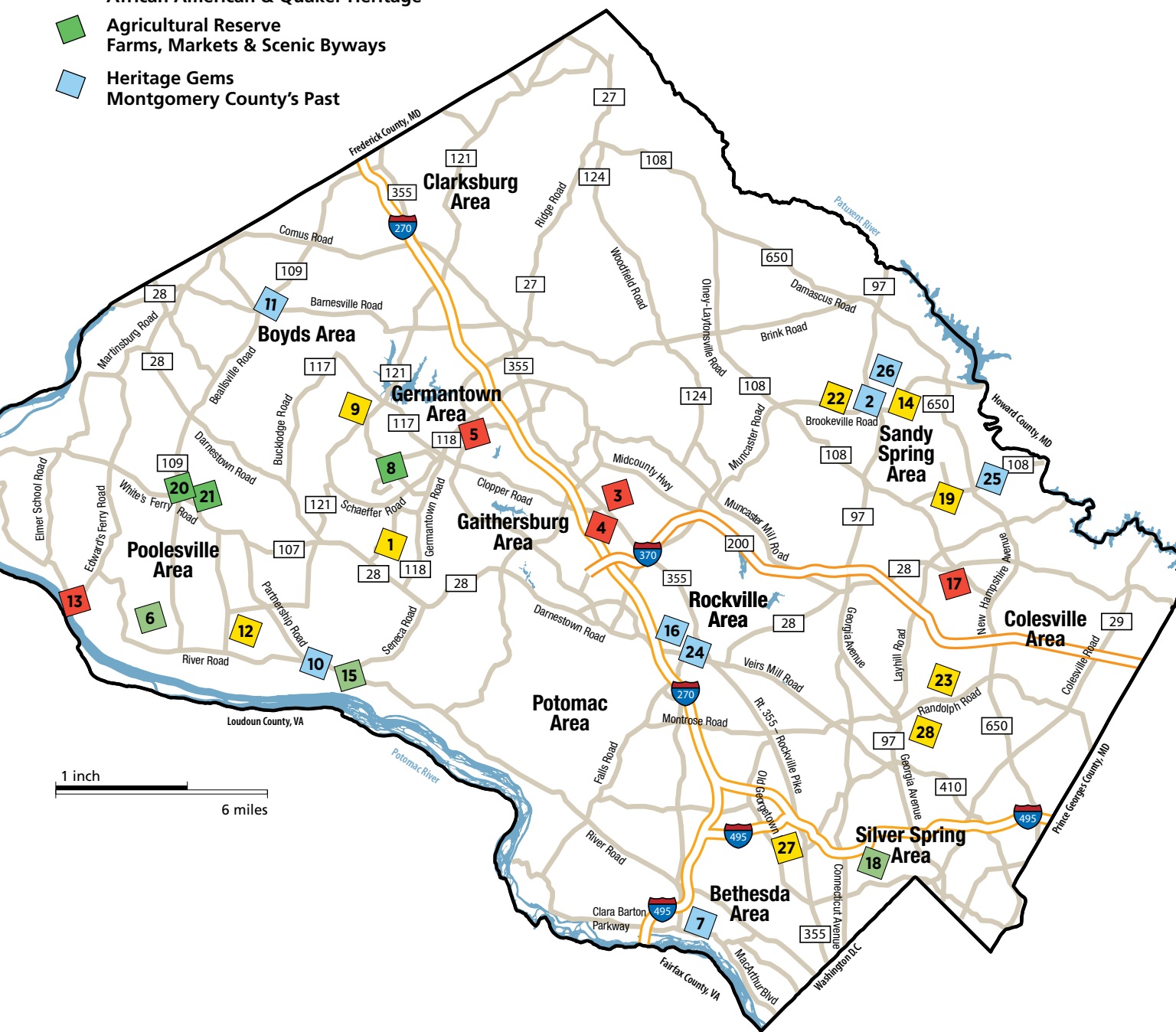
In addition to Civil War and agricultural history, the stories of local railroads and trolleys, African American communities, life along the C&O Canal, astronomy, and much more are featured.

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!



-  Rivers, Roads & Rails  
Transportation Trails
-  Crossroads & Cultures  
African American & Quaker Heritage
-  Agricultural Reserve  
Farms, Markets & Scenic Byways
-  Heritage Gems  
Montgomery County's Past



## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- 1 Button Farm Living History Center**  
info@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 cemeteries. Demonstrations, activities and performance for visitors of all ages.

- 2 Brookville Academy**  
TownofBrookeville.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. Walking tours of this "U.S. Capital for a Day" will be available.

- 3 City of Gaithersburg Community Museum**  
GaithersburgMd.gov 301-258-6160  
9 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg

Located in the historic train depot, the Museum will be open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. for drop in visitors and local musicians playing old time folk music and railroad songs will be featured.

- 4 International Latitude Museum**  
GaithersburgMd.gov 301-258-6160  
100 DeSellum Avenue, Gaithersburg

In 1899 the Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory was built as part of an international project to measure the earth's wobble on its polar axis and is located in Observatory Park.

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

Walking tours of Old Germantown, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century agricultural railroad town, and tours of the 1922 Germantown Community Bank, future site of the Museum of Banking History, with exhibits on Germantown's history, famous baseball pitcher Walter Johnson, the Civil War in Germantown, the Great Depression and the Metropolitan Branch Railroad.

- 6 B-CC Izaak Walton League**  
Bcciwla.org  
20601 Izzak Walton Way, Poolesville

Family friendly activities celebrating B-CC chapter history, conservation efforts and appreciation of our local ecology. Programs for children of all ages and a variety of family activities on our 623 acre farm.

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

The Washington Revels, will present a Juneteenth Celebration as our 2023 Diverse Voices event. The Festival of Freedom at Glen Echo Park on June 25 will be the closing event of a week-long Juneteenth celebration and will feature live performances, children's activities, a special documentary preview, and a commemorative ceremony honoring the alliance of Howard University students and local residents who were instrumental in desegregating Glen Echo Amusement Park in 1960. (NOTE: We will only have Heritage Days special programming on Sunday, June 25, but the Park will be open on June 24.)

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

Crafts; Milking Cow Models; Model Trains; Dairy Exhibits; Interactive Map of Montgomery County dairy farm locations; Pictures of historic farms; Saturday only special events: Antique Quilt Turning by local quilter and antique quilter collector Nancy Willett at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm in honor of farmer and quilter Macie King; Balloon Man making animals or figures from balloons noon – 2 pm; View 1919 Ford Model T Milk Truck; Sunday only special: Butter churning; "The Cow and Climate Change" presentation by Professor Emeritus Robert Peters at 1 pm; Walking Tour of James & Macie King Farm road with discussion about the family at 2:30 pm.

- 9 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.

- 10 Seneca Schoolhouse Museum**  
HistoricMedley.org 301-407-0777  
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.

- 11 Barnesville Town Hall**  
BarnesvilleMD.org 240-489-3036  
18001 Barnesville Road, Barnesville  
Barnesville history exhibit.

**12 St. Paul Community Church and Cemetery**  
 SugarlandEthnoHistoryProject.org 301-646-4692  
 14730 Sugarland Lane, Poolesville

Video presentation of community history, tour of church/museum, tour of archaeology site. Book/archaeology modules.

**13 Edwards Ferry Lockhouse 25**  
 CanalTrust.org 240-202-2625  
 End of Edwards Ferry Road, Poolesville

Lockhouse 25 at Edwards Ferry is one of seven rehabilitated 1830s-era lockhouses in the C&O Canal Trust's award-winning Canal Quarters interpretive program. Take a guided tour of the lockhouse and learn about life at Edwards Ferry during the industrious heydays of the C&O Canal and its front-row seat in the Civil War.

**14 Sandy Spring Slave Museum & African Art Gallery**  
 SandySpringSlaveMuseum.org 301-774-4066  
 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring

Music, Open House, museum tours, food and craft vendors for purchase.

**15 Seneca Store**  
 Seneca Store (formerly Poole's Store) 301-563-7530  
 HistoryInTheParks.org  
 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.

**16 Stonestreet Museum of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine**  
 MontgomeryHistory.org 301-340-2825

Join Dr. Stonestreet at the Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine as he share his experience serving with the Union Army during the Civil War. Learn how medicine was made in the 1800s.

**17 National Capital Trolley Museum**  
 DCTrolley.org 301-384-6352  
 1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville

In addition to normal operating procedures, including tours of the museum and historic trolley rides, NCTM will provide Montgomery County-focused family activities like crafts and a scavenger hunt with prizes.

**18 Woodend Nature Sanctuary/Nature Forward**  
 Natureforward.org 301-652-9188  
 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase

Natural Habitats Tour of Woodend Nature Sanctuary woodlands, meadows and stream area. We will meet outside the historic mansion at 10a.m.

**19 Woodlawn Museum**  
 WoodlawnManor.org 301-929-5989  
 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring

Explore the exhibits in the restored 1832 stone barn that highlight local agricultural, Quaker, and African American history. Open 10am-4pm.

**20 Old Town Hall Bank Museum**  
 HistoricMedley.org 301-407-0777  
 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.

**21 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.

**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 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.

**23 Smithville School Museum and Education Center**  
 iul1906.org 301-879-3700  
 811 Randolph Road, Silver Spring

The Smithville School Museum and Education Center will be set up with desks and chairs to replicate the period it was in operation. We will have displays documenting education and showing other Rosenwald and Colored schools in Montgomery County. Additionally, a recorded oral history will play during the event. Our Board members will be on site providing background on the Smithville School as well as the process underwent to renovate and restore the property and buildings.

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

Join Peerless Rockville for a walking tour of Courthouse Square Park in Rockville and take in the lovely and historic environment enveloping the historic 1891 Red Brick Courthouse, the oldest extant courthouse in Montgomery County. The tour will unlock the stories, art and symbolism of the square including its central fountain and numerous other historic markers and monuments. These monumental reminders tell stories of the past. The tour will meet at the fountain and last about 45 minutes.

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

Live bluegrass jam for listening or participating. Bring an instrument or just yourselves. Singing and dancing is also encouraged.

**26 Quakers Sandy Spring Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
Sandyspring.org 301-774-9792

Welcome to one of the oldest active Quaker meetings in Maryland. Friends have been worshipping here since the early 1700s. Visit and explore our beautiful 1817 Meetinghouse, hear stories from our historic graveyard and continue with a hike down Meeting House Road to “THE” Sandy Spring, the flowing waters that gave the community its name. Light refreshments, cheerful company, and children’s activities provided!

**27 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.

**28 Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center**  
1400 Glenallen Avenue, Wheaton, MD  
montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/brookside-nature-center/

Tour the restored, post-Civil War log cabin from an African American community of Jonesville. Explore the Harper family history through hands-on activities and tours.

## COUNTY-WIDE CELEBRATION

OF THE

**150th Anniversary of the**

**Metropolitan Branch of B & O Railroad**

Tours, exhibits, performances, lectures at various sites  
throughout Montgomery County throughout spring & summer

**2023**

Excursion Train on Memorial Day, May 29

Now the MARC Brunswick Line, the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad, after the first train made its way from Washington D.C. to Point of Rocks on May 25, 1873, changed the face of Montgomery County -- bringing it into the industrial age with steam powered mills and factories located next to the tracks -- transforming agriculture from marketing wheat and corn to producing perishables such as milk, peaches and apples. Railroad suburbs started sprouting upwards from the District line. Villages next to the tracks turned into cities, and sleepy country towns turned into summer resorts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EXCURSION TRAIN TICKETS  
AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS GO TO:  
<https://montgomerypreservation.org>



Montgomery Preservation, Inc.



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

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For Heritage Days updates check in at [HeritageMontgomery.org](http://HeritageMontgomery.org)

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