



HERITAGE AREA THEMES

Rivers, Roads, & Rails: Transportation traces the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad as it runs through late 1800s communities including Silver Spring and Gaithersburg. The C&O Canal's towpath and scenic byway both parallel the Potomac River, where you can hike, bike, paddle, and explore the ingenious aqueducts, locks, and culverts that were engineering marvels of their time.

Crossroads & Cultures: Home to Many Peoples tells the rich histories of Montgomery County's people, the most diverse in Maryland. These include the long-standing Quaker communities of Sandy Spring and Brookeville; the many early free Black communities represented by local churches, community buildings, and cemeteries; and immigrant groups from around the globe who have enriched the area's culture.

The Agricultural Reserve: Farms, Markets, Conservation, and Rural Life 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 Discoveries: Unique Stories of Local History, Culture, and Nature features the authentic sites that make Montgomery County unique, from historic houses to Civil War sites to parks, theatres, and historical societies.

EXPLORE THE HERITAGE AREA

Montgomery County's Heritage Area is full of rich history, scenic beauty, and vibrant culture at every turn. Whether you're planning a family farm outing, browsing a local museum or gallery, cruising the countryside, or enjoying a date night with wine and live music, you'll find something memorable here.

During Heritage Days, more than 30 museums, parks, and historic sites welcome visitors with free admission, guided tours, hands-on activities, music, art, food, and fun for all ages. It's the perfect time to explore these special places and discover even more along the way.

Take in the views as you travel Rustic Roads and Scenic Byways by car or bike. Pause for a picnic by the water, stay overnight in a historic lockhouse or cozy bed-and-breakfast, and pop into charming towns filled with innovative restaurants, wineries, distilleries, and farm markets. Around any bend, you might find a hidden gem — like a historic barn or a roadside stand bursting with local produce.

Find tours, itineraries, and lists of stops at our website.

- Transportation brochure and tour
- African American brochure and tour
- Rockville Underground Railroad tour
- Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Can't make it for Heritage Days?

- Most sites are open throughout the year—check our website for more details.
- Check out our Heritage Video Series on YouTube.

[HERITAGEMONTGOMERY.ORG](https://heritagemontgomery.org)



Sandy Spring Museum



Izaak Walton Cabin

VISIT OUR HERITAGE SITES

Up County West

See the historic **Poole House Museum**, Poolesville's oldest building, and then head across the street to the **Old Bank Museum** and its collection of Civil War artifacts, and to West Willard Road for live music on **Riverworks Art Center's** outdoor stage. After a stop at **Seneca Schoolhouse** on River Road, continue to the **C&O Canal National Historical Park** for a tour of **Edwards Ferry Lockhouse 25**.

Explore the area's African American history with music and genealogy at **St. Paul Community Church and Museum** and hands-on activities at **Button Farm Living History Center**. Nearby is the **Izaak Walton League of America's Conservation Farm**, which joins with **McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area** and **Seneca Creek State Park** to provide uninterrupted wildlife habitat and trails.

Up County Central

Celebrate the African American community of **Pratherstown** with reenactments, storytelling, crafts, and games, and then head to **Boyd's Negro School** for a look at a post-emancipation schoolhouse.

Discover life on a dairy farm at **King Barn Dairy MOOuseum** and meet llamas, bunnies, and other animal friends at **Star Gazing Farm Animal Sanctuary**. Don't miss **Grusendorf's 1855 Log Cabin** and experience Nepali heritage and cultural at the new **Nepal Education and Cultural Center**.

In Gaithersburg, explore the city's rich history at the **Gaithersburg Community Museum** and then stop by the **International Latitude Observatory**, one of just six in the world that helped chart the Earth's movements.

Up County East

Tour the 1832 stone barn at Sandy Spring's **Woodlawn Museum** and walk the **Underground Railroad Trail** to **Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House**. The nearby **Sandy Spring Slave Museum** offers family activities and tours, and the **Sandy Spring Museum** will host an a cappella group and puppet show.

Don't miss **Oakley Cabin's** new virtual reality experience and then explore the picturesque 1794 town of **Brookeville**. Hop aboard a trolley at the **National Capital Trolley Museum** and get hands-on at the **Agricultural History Farm Park**.

Rockville

Explore culture at the **Latvian Museum**, stop off at nearby **Montgomery History** for a tour with Civil War Dr. Stonestreet, and take a walking tour of African American history presented by **Peerless Rockville**.

Down County South

Visit Silver Spring's historic **B&O Railroad Station**, learn about archaeology with **Nature Forward**, and ride **Glen Echo Park's** carousel. Hear the story of Josiah Henson's journey from slavery to freedom at the **Josiah Henson Museum and Park**, and view a variety of documentary films at the **Docs in Progress** screening room. Both **Smithville's Rosenwald School** and **Harper Cabin** at **Brookside Nature Center** will also be open to provide a glimpse into the African American experience in Montgomery County.



Great Falls Tavern: Ephraim Vargo

ABOUT HERITAGE MONTGOMERY

The **26th Annual Heritage Days** is sponsored by Heritage Montgomery, one of thirteen certified Heritage Areas in the state of Maryland.

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

Heritage Montgomery At A Glance

- \$376 million in economic impact
- \$650,000 in grants made to county historic, cultural, and nature sites each year
- 5,327 jobs supported and sustained
- Support for 3 million heritage tourists in the county annually
- Sponsorship of Heritage Days and other events across the county
- Twice monthly email calendar of heritage events

Download a schedule of events and join our email list:
<https://heritagemontgomery.org/heritage-days>



ABOUT HERITAGE DAYS

Saturday, June 28
Sunday, June 29
12 p.m. – 4 p.m. each day

Heritage Days is a countywide festival weekend celebrating the historic, cultural, and outdoor recreation sites in Montgomery County, Maryland. Celebrating its 26th anniversary, this year's event will be held on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29 and features over 30 museums and parks.

Enjoy exhibits, demonstrations, live music, family-friendly activities, and sneak peeks inside some of the county's oldest historic sites, all for **FREE!**

Heritage Days highlights local arts and culture, as well as outdoor recreation, including biking, hiking, and walking tours. Immerse yourself in the stories of the Civil War, agriculture, local railroads and trolleys, African American communities, and so much more.

Visit HeritageMontgomery.org for a complete schedule of events.



Oakley Cabin



Heirloom Chickens



National Capital Trolley Museum

HERITAGE DAYS 2025
JUNE 28 & 29 • 12 to 4 P.M.

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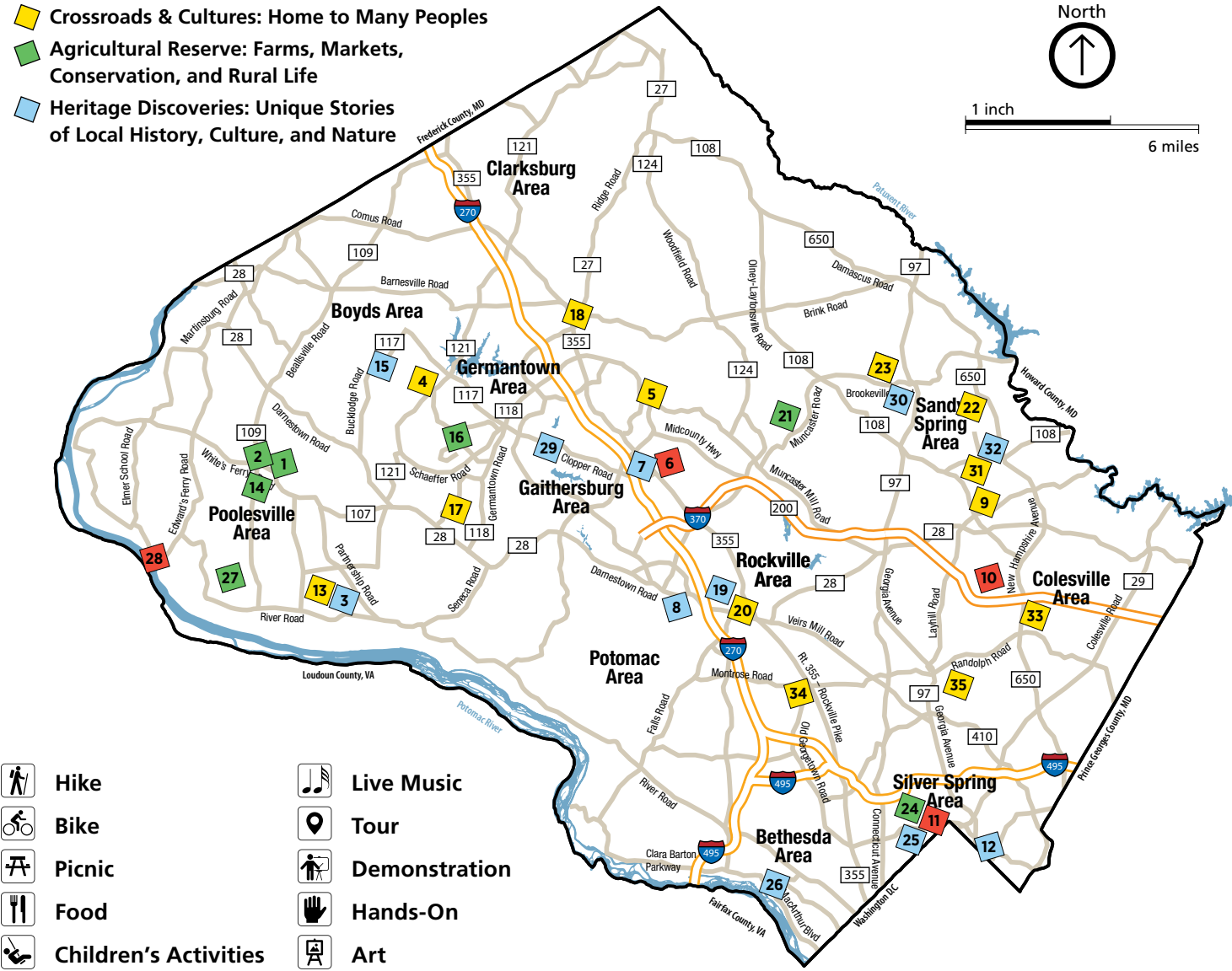
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- Rivers, Roads & Trail: Transportation

Crossroads & Cultures: Home to Many Peoples

Agricultural Reserve: Farms, Markets, Conservation, and Rural Life

Heritage Discoveries: Unique Stories of Local History, Culture, and Nature



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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Old Town Hall Bank Museum
HistoricMedley.org
19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

301-407-0777

This century-old restored bank includes an ornate, early 1900s vault with decorative painting. For many years, it was the Poolesville Town Hall. Civil War artifacts and exhibits on display, docent-led tours. ☑

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John Poole House
HistoricMedley.org
19923 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

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. Features local life in the early 1800s. Events and activities, docent-led tours. ☑

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Seneca Schoolhouse Museum
HistoricMedley.org
16800 River Road, Poolesville

301-407-0777

Take a step back in time at this restored 1880s one-room country schoolhouse. Enjoy indoor and outdoor hands-on activities and toys provided by a period-costumed teacher. ☑☑

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Historic Boyds Negro School
BoydHistory.org
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. ☑☑☑☑

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Prathertown Community Development Corporation
Prathertown.org
Prathertown Road, Gaithersburg

301-258-1003

Saturday only: Learn more about the history of the African American community of Prathertown, with exhibits of historic artifacts, sample foods, reenacting, storytelling, throwback games, a walking/driving tour (weather permitting), historic audio clips, crafting, and a reading of poetry written by the late Rev. James E. Prather. **Sunday only:** Virtual webinar “History Makers from Prathertown,” 3 p.m., visit www.Prathertown.org to register. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Gaithersburg Community Museum
GaithersburgMD.gov
9 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg

301-258-6160

Located in the historic train depot, visitors can explore vintage rail cars, participate in an artifact scavenger hunt, and complete the Weekly Challenge. The museum also features exhibits on local history, transportation, and Gaithersburg’s transformation from a small agricultural town to a thriving city. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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International Latitude Observatory
GaithersburgMD.gov
100 DeSellum Avenue, Gaithersburg

301-258-6350

One of only six such facilities in the world, the Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory played a vital role in early 20th-century efforts to measure the Earth’s wobble on its axis. Today, visitors can explore the site and learn about the city’s surprising connection to global science and astronomy. ☑

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Latvian Museum
ALAUSA.org
400 Hurley Avenue, Rockville

240-825-5574

Tour the museum with a guide, dye eggs with natural dyes, watch cheese-making, admire hand-made mittens, inspect amber jewelry and textiles, enjoy an interesting book talk, and explore travel destinations in Latvia, along with surprises throughout! Children’s activities will be available. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Woodlawn Museum at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park
WoodlawnManor.org
16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring

301-929-5989

Explore the exhibits in the restored 1832 stone barn that highlight local agricultural, Quaker, and African American history. Open Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m.-4 p.m. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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National Capital Trolley Museum
DCTrolley.org
1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville

301-384-6352

Enjoy exhibits and presentations at our Visitor Center, then ride into D.C.’s past on a historic trolley. Experience for yourself the transit systems that built and served communities in the region. Open 12 p.m.-5 p.m. (*Free admission; \$5 per person for trolley rides.*) ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station
MontgomeryPreservation.org
8100 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

301-495-4915

Enjoy real train spotting, toy train play set, permanent model train display, kids programs, and pop-up displays for adults. **Saturday only:** “Purple Line: The New East-West Light Rail Connecting Communities” 12 p.m.-2 p.m.; Independent Dudes in Operation Top Secret (Idiot’s) T-Trak N-Gauge Modular Rail Display 12 p.m.-4 p.m. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Historic Takoma
historictakoma.org
7328 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park

301-270-2831

Visit our headquarters in a restored 1923 storefront that houses our archives, maps, displays, and reference books about the history of Takoma Park and Takoma DC. Historians will share how Takoma Park has evolved from an 1880s railroad suburb to today’s vibrant community. Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. both days. **Sunday only:** A guided walking tour of “Old Takoma” (beginning at 4 p.m. at Metro Station) exploring the streetscape in the Historic District. ☑

SATURDAY ONLY

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St. Paul Community Church and Museum
SugarlandProject.org
MoCoGroundwater.org
14730 Sugarland Lane, Poolesville

301-646-4692

Tours of the historic African American community church/museum, cemetery, and archeology site; opportunities for genealogy research and refreshments. The Montgomery Countryside Alliance will be here with interactive demonstrations to bring science to life, demonstrating how water moves underground, how contamination happens, and what we can do to ensure safe, clean water for our communities. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Riverworks Art Center
RiverworksArt.org
17617 West Willard Road, Poolesville

301-690-9337

Performance by the Riverworks Wind Ensemble and a showcase of Artist-in-Residency Marcie Wolf-Hubbard highlighting historic buildings in Poolesville and the Ag Reserve. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Star Gazing Farm Animal Sanctuary
www.StarGazingFarm.org
16760 Whites Store Road, Boyds

301-674-5716

Visit the friendly sanctuary animals – meet the llamas, pot-bellied pigs, bunnies, birds, and more! Tours of the farm, crafts activities for both young and old, educational talks, and refreshments. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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King Barn Dairy MOOseum
MOOseum.org
18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds

301-254-6575

Crafts, dairy exhibits including the new “How to Milk a Cow,” interactive map of Montgomery County dairy farm locations; 1919 Ford Model T Milk Truck; Butter churning; Balloon man 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Presentations: Cows and Climate Change at 11 a.m.; Local History Talk on Irvington Farm/Rockville’s King Farm neighborhood at 1p.m. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Button Farm Living History Center
ButtonFarm.org
16820 Black Rock Road, Germantown

202-903-4140

Celebrate African American history. Experience our heirloom garden, heritage breed animals, event pavilion, and slave cemetery. Hands-on history activities for visitors of all ages depicting plantation life and the Underground Railroad in Maryland. Local author Susan Cooke Soderberg will give a keynote on her new book *My Name Is Not Tom: The Life of the Reverend Josiah Henson*. The Germantown Historical Society will present exhibits on local history and culture. Refreshments will be available. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Nepal Education and Cultural Center
NECCUSA.org
11650 Snowden Farm Parkway, Germantown

240-751-6359

Founded by Nepali immigrants, NECC offers programs in heritage, education, wellness, and Eastern spiritual traditions. Explore the historic farmhouse, barn, stone hut, and henhouse; enjoy exhibits of historical photos and artifacts; and experience how NECC is transforming this former farm into a vibrant community space. ☑

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Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine
MontgomeryHistory.org
42 W. Middle Lane, Rockville

301-340-2825

Have you ever wondered what it would’ve been like to receive medical care during the Civil War? To be operated on before the germ theory was discovered? To know the nearest doctor was four hours away by horse and buggy? Such was life in Montgomery County 150 years ago. Join Dr. Stonestreet, Rockville’s 19th century country doctor, as he shares these tales and much more. ☑☑

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Red Brick Courthouse
PeerlessRockville.org
29 Courthouse Square, Rockville

301-762-0096

Peerless Rockville explores the legacy of Black residences and businesses that once thrived along N. Washington Street and Middle Lane from the late 19th century onwards. This lecture and walking tour will highlight lost landmarks, businesses, and homes, then guide you through the present-day landscape where they once stood. Tours at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. ☑

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Agricultural History Farm Park
HistoryInTheParks.org
18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood

301-670-4660

Visit the farm park for a hands-on exploration of over 300 years of Montgomery County agricultural history. Walk scenic trails, and discover historic barns, farm buildings, and a fully furnished farmhouse. Enjoy costumed historians, children’s activities, heritage gardens, and farm animals. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery, Inc.
SandySpringSlaveMuseum.org
18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring

301-774-4066

Explore African American history and culture through powerful exhibits on slavery, civil rights, and community heritage. View the museum’s African art collection and experience a reconstructed log cabin, African hut, and slave ship replica. ☑

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Oakley Cabin African American Museum and Park
HistoryInTheParks.org
3610 Brookeville Road, Olney

301-650-4373

Tour the restored log cabin, home to African American tenant families during the late 1800s. Meet historical characters from the past. Enjoy storytelling, live music, hands-on activities, games, and docent-led tours for children of all ages. Learn about the cabin’s history through a new augmented reality experience. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Woodend Nature Sanctuary/Nature Forward
NatureForward.org
8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase

301-450-1429

Uncover the past with a naturalist as you explore fascinating archaeology discoveries from Woodend and get hands-on with real findings in our fun, accessible Nature Play Space. Park near the Nature Play Space parking area by the Jones Mill Road entrance. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Docs in Progress
DocsInProgress.org
8590 Second Avenue, Silver Spring

301-789-2797

Docs in Progress offers a place for documentary filmmakers to engage with each other and the public to transform the way people view the world through their film work. Join us in our downtown Silver Spring screening room to view local films with a heritage slant. ☑

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Glen Echo Park
GlenEchoPark.org
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo

301-634-2222

In 1960, brave protestors ended segregation at the privately-owned Glen Echo Amusement Park. Award-winning filmmaker Ilana Trachtman’s documentary *Ain’t No Back to a Merry-Go-Round* will show 3 times; one screening includes a Q&A with two protestors. Also: NPS ranger-led Park History Tour, civil rights photo exhibit, and free rides on our historic 1921 Dentzel carousel. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

SUNDAY ONLY

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B-CC Izaak Walton League’s Conservation Farm
Bcciwla.org
20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville

Family-friendly activities celebrating local history as well as B-CC chapter history, conservation efforts, and appreciation of our local ecology. Programs for children of all ages and a variety of family activities including archery, fishing, air rifles, archeology, colonial living, hunting dog demonstration, and living history on our 623-acre farm. Food available. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Edwards Ferry Lockhouse 25
CanalQuarters.org
End of Edwards Ferry Rd, Poolesville

240-202-2625

Take a tour of historic Lockhouse 25 at Edwards Ferry, one of seven 1830s-era lockhouses restored by the C&O Canal Trust as part of the overnight Canal Quarters program. Learn about the work and daily lives of the lockkeepers who kept the barges running. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Grusendorf Log House
Facebook.com/foscsp/
11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg

301-924-2127

See how a Montgomery County farm family lived in the 1850s. This log house, built in 1855, was the last surviving structure from the original Germantown settlement. Moved to its present location in the 1990s, it is rarely open to the public. ☑

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Brookville Academy
TownofBrookeville.org
5 High Street, Brookeville

301-570-4465

Visit the Brookeville Academy (circa 1810) and learn about the town’s historic buildings, their role during the War of 1812 (when the town became known as the U.S. Capital for a Day), and life in this early 1800s Quaker town. Walking tours of town will be offered, weather permitting. ☑

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Quakers Sandy Spring Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
SandySpring.org
17715 Meeting House Road, Sandy Spring

301-774-9792

One of the oldest active Quaker meetings in Maryland, active since the early 1700s. Explore our beautiful 1817 Meetinghouse, hear stories from the historic graveyard, and hike down Meeting House Road to the Sandy Spring, the flowing waters that named the community. Light refreshments and children’s activities provided. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Sandy Spring Museum
SandySpringMuseum.org
17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring

301-774-0022

The Sandy Spring Museum will be presenting a concert from a capella group In Process, an African American women’s music collective with a decades-long history rooted in the Black Arts movement. Artist Schroeder Chery will present a puppet show “Civil Rights Children’s Crusade.” 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Please register on the museum website. ☑☑

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Smithville School Museum and Education Center
iul1906.org
811 East Randolph Road, Silver Spring

301-879-3700

See the Smithville School set up with desks and chairs to replicate the period it was in operation. Learn about education and the other Rosenwald and “Colored” schools in Montgomery County, as well as the property’s renovation and restoration processes. ☑

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Josiah Henson Museum and Park
JosiahHenson.org
11410 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda

301-765-8790

Tour the Josiah Henson Museum. Learn about the extraordinary life of Rev. Josiah Henson, formerly enslaved on the Riley plantation in Rockville, 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. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

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Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center
HistoryInTheParks.org
1400 Glenallen Avenue, Wheaton

301-962-1480

Tour the restored, post-Civil War log cabin from the African American community of Jonesville. Explore the Harper family history through hands-on activities, live music, and tours. Open 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Located next to Brookside Nature Center. ☑☑☑☑☑☑

ALL SITES ARE OPEN 12 P.M.–4 P.M. ON THEIR DESIGNATED DAY(S) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.