



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



Farm Concert



Ag. Farm Park

VISIT OUR HERITAGE SITES

Celebrate Montgomery County, Maryland's 250th birthday by visiting local heritage sites highlighting our rich and diverse history from 1776 to 2026!

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 Avenue 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 **McKees-Beshers Wildlife Management Area** and **Seneca Creek State Park** to provide uninterrupted wildlife habitat.

Up County Central

Celebrate the African American post-emancipation community of **Pratherstown**. Discover life on a dairy farm at **King Barn Dairy MOOseum**. Don't miss **Grusendorf's 1855 Log Cabin** at **Seneca Creek State Park** and then head to **Boyd's Negro School** for a look at one room schoolhouse education. In Gaithersburg, explore the city's rich history at the **Gaithersburg Community Museum**.

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 a Bluegrass Jam. Don't miss **Oakley Cabin's** new virtual reality experience and then explore 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 customs and culture at the **Latvian Museum**, stop off at nearby **Montgomery History** for a tour with Civil War Dr. Stonestreet, and visit nearby **Peerless Rockville** to see their new exhibit "Rockville 250: Our American Story".

Down County South

Visit Silver Spring's historic **B&O Railroad Station**, take a nature tour at **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**. 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.

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CELEBRATING MOCO'S 250th

FREE
EVENTS

HERITAGE
DAYS 2026
JUNE 27 & 28 • 12 to 4 P.M.



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HISTORY • CULTURE • NATURE

ABOUT HERITAGE DAYS

Saturday, June 27
Sunday, June 28
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 27th anniversary and Montgomery County's 250th birthday, this year's event will be held on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th and features more than 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](https://heritagemontgomery.org) for a complete schedule of events.



Oakley Cabin



MOOseum



SSSM Dancers

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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.

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



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Latvian Museum

ABOUT HERITAGE MONTGOMERY

The **27th 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.

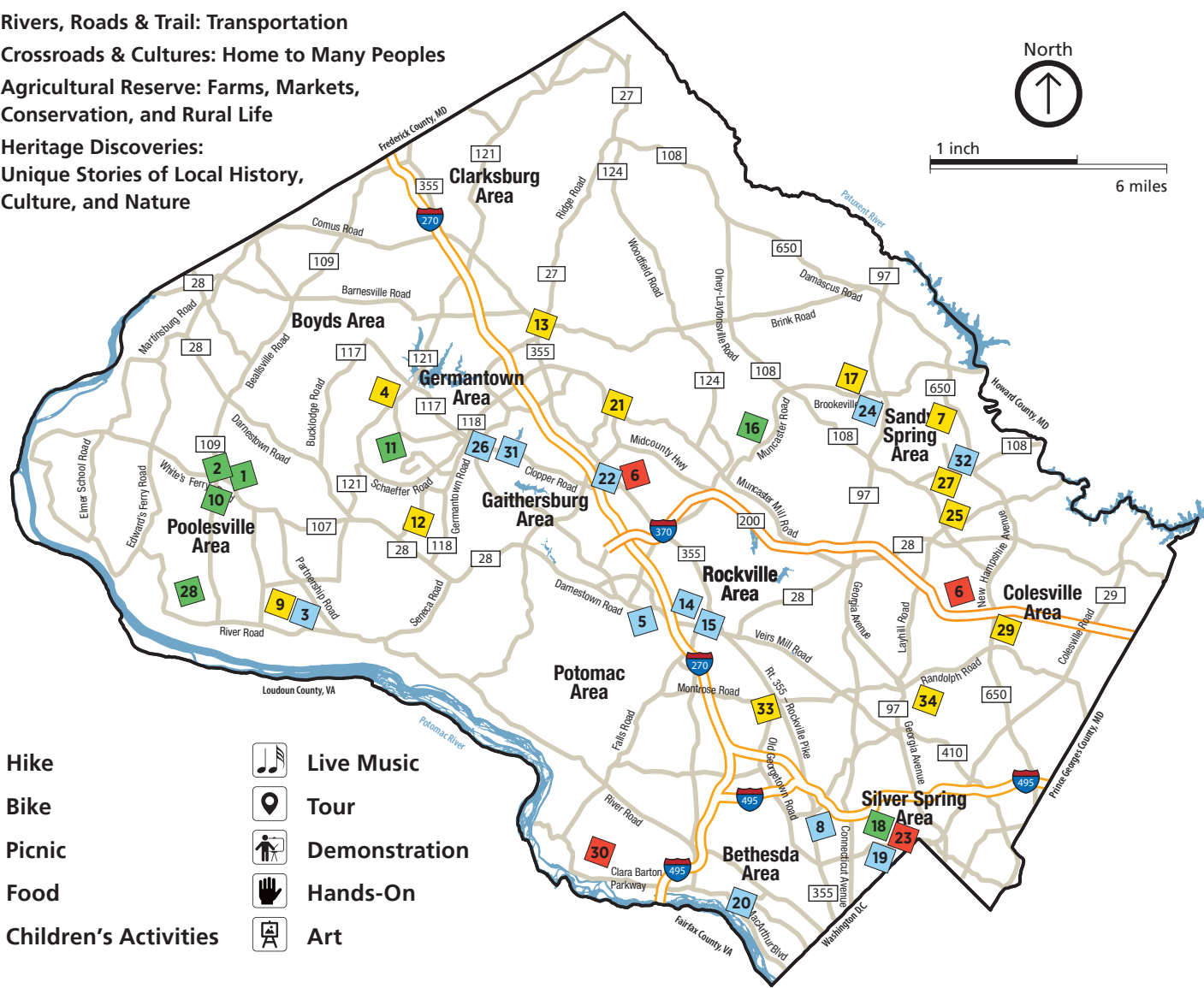
Heritage Montgomery At A Glance

- \$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

Learn more and make a gift: HeritageMontgomery.org

- Rivers, Roads & Trail: Transportation
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- Agricultural Reserve: Farms, Markets, Conservation, and Rural Life
- Heritage Discoveries: Unique Stories of Local History, Culture, and Nature

- Hike
- Bike
- Picnic
- Food
- Children's Activities
- Live Music
- Tour
- Demonstration
- Hands-On
- Art



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

1 Old Town Hall Bank Museum
HistoricMedley.org 301-407-0777
19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

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.

2 John Poole House
HistoricMedley.org 301-477-0777
19923 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

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.

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

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.

4 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.

5 Latvian Museum
ALAUUSA.org 240-825-5574
400 Hurley Avenue, Rockville

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.

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

Take a docent led tour of the museum to see streetcars that traveled the Washington, DC region from early 1900's to 1906 and others from around the world, artifacts and other memorabilia, silent movies, arts and crafts, and a model Chevy Chase streetcar line. Enjoy a trolley ride on our 2-mile demonstration railway. Please note, while admission to the museum will be free during this event, there will be a \$7 charge for the trolley ride.

7 Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery, Inc.
SandySpringSlaveMuseum.org 301-774-4066
18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring

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.

8 Bethesda Meeting House
BethesdaMeetingHouse.org 202-276-0158
9400 Rockville Pike, Bethesda

The Bethesda Meeting House Foundation, together with the Bethesda Historical Society, will offer guided tours of the historic 1850 Bethesda Meeting House, "the church that named Bethesda," and its adjacent 1849 parsonage. BMH is among the oldest surviving church buildings in Montgomery County. Come enjoy this beautiful, wooded 3-acre site and adjoining historic cemetery that is right inside the Beltway on historic Rockville Pike, minutes from downtown Bethesda.

SATURDAY ONLY

9 St. Paul Community Church and Museum
SugarlandProject.org 301-646-4692
MoCoGroundwater.org
14730 Sugarland Lane, Poolesville

There will be a tour of the museum, cemetery and Dorsey archeology site. Documents and artifacts will be available for descendants to view and there will be an opportunity for sharing family stories and histories. Light refreshments will also be available.

10 Riverworks Art Center
RiverworksArt.org 301-690-9337
17617 West Willard Road, Poolesville

Enjoy a Riverworks signature Community Roundtable Presentation with art, artists and historians exploring the C&O Canal and its impact on our heritage and community. After enjoy music from Riverworks' Reserve Wind Ensemble Community Band.

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

New interactive how to milk a cow exhibit; Crafts; Milking Cow Models; Model Trains; Dairy Exhibits: Interactive Map of Montgomery County dairy farm locations; Pictures of historic farms; Special activities: 10:30 - 12:30 Balloon Man making balloon animals for visitors; 10 am - 2 pm. Quilts, knitted and crocheted items on display and discussion by MoCo Association of Family & Community members. Damascus Brown Cow Creamery display and information.

12 Button Farm Living History Center
ButtonFarm.org 202-903-4140
16820 Black Rock Road, Germantown

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. Follow the new self-guided tour around the farm.

13 Nepal Education and Cultural Center
NECCUSA.org 240-751-6359
11650 Snowden Farm Parkway, Germantown

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.

14 Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine
MontgomeryHistory.org 301-340-2825
42 W. Middle Lane, Rockville

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.

15 Red Brick Courthouse
PeerlessRockville.org 301-762-0096
Courthouse Square, Rockville

Peerless Rockville's pictorial exhibit "Rockville 250: Our American Story" marks two and half centuries of the United States and Montgomery County, tracing American history as it happened in Rockville. Learn how Rockville grew with the nation, from its revolutionary days, through the antebellum era of slavery and fight for emancipation, into the mid-century baby boom with suburbanization, to become today's modern and diverse 21st century City.

16 Agricultural History Farm Park
HistoryInTheParks.org 301-670-4660
18400 Muncaster Road, DeWoods

Visit the farm park for a hands-on exploration of over 300 years of Montgomery County agricultural history. Living history demonstrations, children's activities, heritage gardens, and farm animals. Food available for purchase. Open 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

17 Oakley Cabin African American Museum and 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. Meet historical characters from the past. Enjoy storytelling, live music, hands-on activities, games and docent-led tours for children of all ages. Open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. EVENT PARKING: 19801 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD 20882. Free shuttle service provided throughout the day.

18 Woodend Nature Sanctuary/Nature Forward
NatureForward.org 301-450-1429
8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase

Guided walk around the historic mansion of Nature Forward's headquarters, Woodend Nature Sanctuary, to learn about the history of the land and how this history has shaped the landscape. A particular focus will be the trees surrounding the mansion, including some champion trees. Led by Habitat Manager Bradley Simpson, who is featured in the documentary, "Growing into Greatness: Maryland's Champion Trees."

19 Docs in Progress
DocsInProgress.org 301-789-2797
8590 Second Avenue, Silver Spring

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. An activity in conjunction with our Village Reels, intergenerational program and will research an appropriate screening/program.

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

Our 2026 event season theme is "The Power of Place." For Heritage Days we will offer our visitors a Park History Scavenger Hunt that will take them to important historic places within Glen Echo Park. Learn about the Park's history in a fun way by following clues that help you explore and discover the Park's civil rights history, amusement park days, and more. Follow all the clues for a prize! We will also offer FREE carousel rides all day on our historic 1921 Dentzel carousel.

21 Prathertown Community Development Corporation
Prathertown.org 301-258-1003
Prathertown Road, Gaithersburg

Learn more about the history of the African American community of Prathertown, with exhibits of historic artifacts, sample foods, re-enacting, storytelling, throwback games, a walking/driving tour (weather permitting), historic audio clips, and crafting.

22 Gaithersburg Community Museum
GaithersburgMD.gov 301-258-6160
9 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg

The Gaithersburg Community Museum will have a variety of activities to celebrate the Country and the County's 250th Anniversary. Musician Ray Owen will perform his program "Hats Off to America" at 1:00 and 3:00.

23 Historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station
MontgomeryPreservation.org 301-495-4915
8100 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

Special Events: 11:00 am: Dedication of Silver Spring B&O Station Historical Marker. 12:30 pm: Storyteller Jane Dorfman shares folk tales, fairy tales, and personal stories with audiences of all ages. Ongoing Activities: train spotting and waving at the engineers, a model layout, a toy train play set, photos and memorabilia of the railroad's glory days and historic Silver Spring, and more!

24 Brookville Academy
TownofBrookeville.org 301-570-4465
5 High Street, Brookeville

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.

25 Woodlawn Museum at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park
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 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

26 Historic Germantown Bank
GermantownMDhistory.org 301-814-5048
19330 Mateny Hill Road, Germantown

The newly renovated historic 1922 Germantown Bank will feature exhibits highlighting the business of banking and the history of Germantown. There will also be a surprise exhibit, as well as guided walking tours of the historic district of Germantown.

27 Quakers Sandy Spring Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
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 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!

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

Outdoor Adventures: Try archery and air rifles, cast a line at the Small Pond, tour our 1800s log cabin, or join a guided birdwatching walk. Hands-On Exhibits: Learn about local ecosystems with displays on butterflies, Save Our Streams, deer, bear, turkey, farm life, mammals—and our new Bat Station, complete with skeletal specimens and habitat displays. Living History & Archaeology: Watch colonial life demonstrations and participate in both mock and real archaeological digs near the log cabin. Fly-Tying & Activities: See fly-tying in action or join in at our interactive activity table. Cookout: We serve hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks.

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

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.

SUNDAY ONLY

30 Canal Quarters Lockhouse 6
CanalQuarters.org 240-202-2625
6100 Clara Barton Parkway Bethesda

The C&O Canal Trust is pleased to open Lockhouse 6 to tours in celebration of Heritage Montgomery Days. Please join us for a brief overview of Canal and Lockhouse history, followed by a self-guided tour of the interior of this unique, 200 year-old historic structure! Located just off the Clara Barton Parkway on the C&O Canal Towpath, this is also a perfect time and place for a walk or bike ride.

31 Grusendorf Log House
Facebook.com/foscsp/ 301-924-2127
11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg

Open House at the last surviving structure of early Germantown, built in 1855. Moved to its current location in the 1980's to save it from destruction, this is an excellent introduction to how a farm family from Germany lived during the 19th century. Try your hand at an old time craft, churn some butter and learn about life without electricity, phones or indoor plumbing.

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

On the fourth Sunday of each month, Sandy Spring Museum hosts the Sandy Spring Bluegrass Jam from 2 - 4pm. Bring your instrument and join the jam, or just pull up a chair and enjoy the music. All ages and skill levels—no matter if you are new to bluegrass or a seasoned pro—are welcomed to join! The SSBJ is hosted by volunteer coordinators John Hartge, Bruce Evans (The Fire Hazards), and Ben Kepler (multi-instrumentalist/singer and music teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools).

33 Josiah Henson Museum and 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 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. Open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

34 Thomas Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center
HistoryInTheParks.org 301-962-1480
1400 Glenallen Avenue, Wheaton

Tour the restored, post-Civil War log cabin from an 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.

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