

EXPLORE THE HERITAGE AREA

The Montgomery County Heritage Area is rich with culture and history at every turn. Whether you are planning a farm outing for the family, a day browsing an art gallery or history museum, a road trip through the countryside, or a date night with wine and music, you will find it here.

Keep your eyes open as you journey through the Heritage Area—the scenic beauty of the rolling hills may inspire a photo stop and a chance to explore hidden gems inside our many parks. Around any bend, you may find a historic barn or a farm stand selling locally grown produce.

As you travel our Rustic Roads and Scenic Byways by car or bike, pause for a picnic along one of the county's waterways or a stay in a historic lockhouse or bed and breakfast. Be sure to visit our quaint towns and innovative restaurants, wineries, distilleries, and breweries who are keeping the farm-to-table traditions of our ancestors alive.

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.

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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 Scenic Byway parallels 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.



VISIT OUR HERITAGE SITES

Up County: West

See the early general store at the **John Poole House**, period artifacts at the **Old Bank Museum**, and live music on **Riverworks Art Center's** outdoor stage. After a stop at the **Seneca Schoolhouse Museum** on River Road, continue to the **C&O Canal National Historical Park** for a tour of **Pennyfield Lockhouse 22**.

Music and genealogy at **St. Paul Community Church and Museum** and hands-on activities at **Button Farm Living History Center** interpret African American history. 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

Learn the story of Josiah Henson's journey from slavery to freedom at the **Josiah Henson Museum and Park** and visit **Boyd's Negro School** for a look at post-emancipation education.

Discover life on a dairy farm at **King Barn Dairy MOOuseum** and participate in a scavenger hunt at **Gaithersburg Community Museum**. **Historic Germantown Bank** is hosting a model train demonstration; while in town, see **Grusendorf's 1855 Log Cabin** and experience Nepali heritage and cultural at the new **Nepal Education and Cultural Center**.

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

Rockville

Enjoy the **Latvian Museum** and stop off at nearby **Montgomery History** for a tour with Civil War Dr. Stonestreet. Take a **self-guided walking tour of African American history** with an online guide from the **Heritage Montgomery** website.

Down County

Visit Silver Spring's **B&O Railroad Station**, take a nature walk with **Nature Forward**, and ride **Glen Echo Park's** carousel. 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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ABOUT HERITAGE DAYS

Saturday, June 29
Sunday, June 30
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 25th anniversary, this year's event will be held on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 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.

Explore the Heritage Area by region, theme, or trail for a fun-filled day of discovery.

Visit HeritageMontgomery.org for itineraries, tours, and a complete schedule of events.



HERITAGE DAYS 2024
JUNE 29 & 30 • 12 TO 4PM

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.

Visit HeritageMontgomery.org for a complete schedule of events.

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ABOUT HERITAGE MONTGOMERY

The **25th 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

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FREE EVENTS

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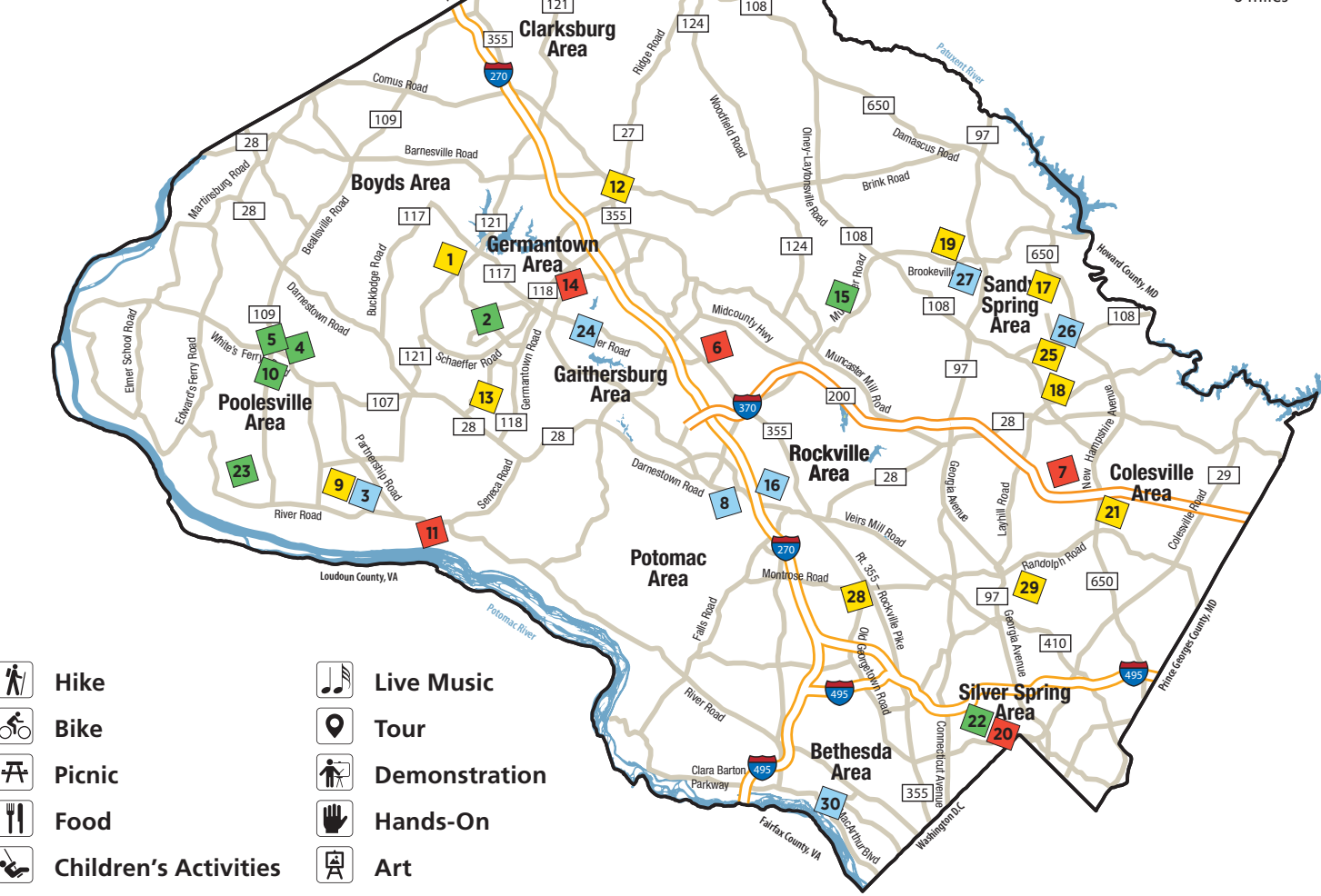
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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- 1 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.
- 2 King Barn Dairy MOOseum**
MOOseum.org
18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds
Crafts, dairy exhibits, and interactive map of Montgomery County dairy farm locations. **Saturday only:** Antique quilt turning and coverlets 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Balloon man 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 1919 Ford Model T Milk Truck. **Sunday only:** Butter churning; "The Cow and Climate Change" presentation 1 p.m.; James & Macie King Farm presentation 2:30 p.m.
- 3 Seneca Schoolhouse Museum**
HistoricMedley.org
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.
- 4 Old Town Hall Bank Museum**
HistoricMedley.org
19933 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville
This century-old restored bank includes an ornate, early 1900s bank vault with decorative painting. For many years, it was the Poolesville Town Hall. Docent-led tours.
- 5 John Poole House**
HistoricMedley.org
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. Docent-led tours.
- 6 City of Gaithersburg Community Museum**
GaithersburgMd.gov
9 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg
Located in the historic train depot, the Museum will be open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Visitors can explore our historic rail cars, complete an artifact scavenger hunt, and try their hand at our Weekly Challenge activity.
- 7 National Capital Trolley Museum**
DCTrolley.org
1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville
Enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum, learn the history of trolleys in the development of the DC region, see the collection of streetcars in Streetcar Hall, and take a trolley ride through parkland on the demonstration railway (Free admission; \$5 per person for trolley rides.)

- 8 Latvian Museum**
ALAUUSA.org
400 Hurley Avenue, Rockville
The Latvian Museum showcases centuries of Latvian history and culture. Take living history tours with guides who have lived through some of these historic times. There will be exhibits, activities for children and programs throughout the day. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. both days.

SATURDAY ONLY

- 9 St. Paul Community Church and Museum**
SugarlandProject.org
14730 Sugarland Lane, Poolesville
Tours of the church, cemetery, and archaeology site; opportunities for genealogy research; refreshments; and music.
- 10 Riverworks Art Center**
RiverworksArt.org
17617 West Willard Avenue, Poolesville
Enjoy art featuring, inspired by, and made from the Ag Reserve, along with music performed by Ag Reserve musicians on the grounds of a 1830s church.
- 11 Pennyfield Lockhouse 22**
CanalQuarters.org
End of Pennyfield Lock Road, Potomac
Take a tour of historic Lockhouse 22 (also called Pennyfield), one of seven 1830s-era lockhouses rehabilitated by the C&O Canal Trust as part of the award-winning overnight interpretive Canal Quarters program. Learn about the work and daily lives of the lockkeepers and how you can sleep on a rope bed, cook over a fire, and wake up to the sounds of nature along the canal.
- 12 Nepal Education and Cultural Center**
NECCUSA.org
11650 Snowden Farm Parkway, Germantown
Visit the Nepal Education and Cultural Center's new home, formerly a dairy farm. See historical photos of farm life and learn more about NECC's mission to practice and preserve Nepali heritage and culture with a variety of community outreach activities.
- 13 Button Farm Living History Center**
ButtonFarm.org
16820 Black Rock Road, Germantown
Experience plantation life and the Underground Railroad. Tour our museum garden, heritage breed animals, newly restored barn and enslaved cemetery. Hands-on history, new exhibits, and gift shop for guests of all ages.



- 14 Historic Germantown Bank**
GermantownMDHistory.org
19330 Mateny Hill Road, Germantown
Walking tours of Old Germantown, an early 20th 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. Family-friendly model train demonstration by Maryland TTrak.

- 15 Agricultural History Farm Park**
HistoryInTheParks.org
18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood
Visit the farm park for a hands-on exploration of over 300 years of Montgomery County agricultural history. Costumed historians, children's activities, heritage gardens, and farm animals.

- 16 Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine**
MontgomeryHistory.org
42 W. Middle Lane, Rockville
Visit the Stonestreet Museum to discover the incredible changes in medical science that took place during the 1800s. Dr. Stonestreet himself will be on hand to tell the story of his life and guide visitors through the museum. Hands-on activities will be available for kids.

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

- Explore educational opportunities and lively traditions with local Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Family-themed activities include a petting zoo, African drumming, a game truck with thrilling games and challenges, and an open house to discover more about what the Museum has to offer.

- 18 Woodlawn Museum at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park**
WoodlawnManor.org
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.

- 19 Oakley Cabin African American Museum & Park**
HistoryInTheParks.org
3610 Brookeville Road, Olney
Tour the restored log cabin, home to African American tenant families during the late 1800s. Docent-led tours, storytelling, live music, hands-on activities, and games for children of all ages.

- 20 Silver Spring Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Station**
MontgomeryPreservation.org
8100 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring
Metro train spotting, train table play area, HO scale model train display, programs, and pop-up displays. Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- 21 Smithville School Museum and Education Center**
iul1906.org
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. Hear a recorded oral history. Board members will be on site providing background on the Smithville School as well as the property's renovation and restoration processes.

- 22 Woodend Nature Sanctuary/Nature Forward**
NatureForward.org
8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase
Join Nature Forward staff and volunteers for a walk around Woodend Nature Sanctuary. Discuss the work we do to help restore and protect the area for high quality habitat for local flora and fauna. This walk will be outdoors so please dress accordingly. Sign up using this form: <https://Forms.office.com/t/iTddizMBxp>

SUNDAY ONLY

- 23 B-CC Izaak Walton League's Conservation Farm**
Bccivla.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, and living history on our 623-acre farm. Food available.

- 24 Grusendorf Log House**
dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/Seneca/History-Seneca.aspx
11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg
See inside the last surviving log house from the original Germantown settlement. Built in 1855, the structure was moved to its present location in Seneca Creek State Park to save it from demolition.

- 25 Quakers Sandy Spring Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**
SandySpring.org
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!

- 26 Sandy Spring Museum**
SandySpringMuseum.org
17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring
Sandy Spring Museum has two exciting opportunities to engage with regional cultural heritage. From 1-3 p.m., meet some of our resident artists during Open Studio hours. The museum is home to a variety of artists that practice different mediums including pottery, jewelry, enamel, and textile arts. From 2-4 p.m., bring an instrument or just your fondness for music to a Bluegrass Jam. This gathering of local musicians will have your toes tapping to traditional Americana.

- 27 Brookville Academy**
TownofBrookeville.org
5 High Street, Brookeville
Visit the Brookeville Academy (circa 1810) and learn about the town's historic buildings, the famous people who stayed there, and life in the early 1800s. Walking tours of this "U.S. Capital for a Day" will be available.

- 28 Josiah Henson Museum & Park**
JosiahHenson.org
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.

- 29 Harper Cabin at Brookside Nature Center**
HistoryInTheParks.org
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 and tours. Open 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

- 30 Glen Echo Park**
GlenEchoPark.org
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo
In the summer of 1960, brave protestors brought about the end of segregation at the privately-owned Glen Echo Amusement Park. View clips from the upcoming documentary film "Ain't No Back to A Merry-Go-Round," which tells the story of those protests. Also offered are arts & crafts projects; musical performances by I&I Riddim and Washington Revels' Heritage Voices; National Park Service ranger-led tours and a civil rights photo exhibit; and free carousel rides.

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