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## Greenbelt Park

## News Release

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### **Two-Day Workshop during National Park Week on Greenbelt Park's Connection to Slavery in Prince George's County**

Greenbelt, MD - In honor of National Park Week, Greenbelt Park will offer a two-day workshop, April 22 and 23, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. Day-1 will include classroom lectures at the New Carrollton Public Library, located at 7417 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, MD. Day-2 will be a bus trip, departing from Greenbelt Park, located at 6565 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD. The workshop is FREE.

National Park Week, April 17-25, honors the people and organizations dedicated to accomplishing the Service's mission. National Park Week encourages everyone to enjoy the natural wonders found in National parks across this country and in the greater Washington area.

This workshop is designed for educators, historians, researchers, residences, business owners, and community leaders who teach or want to learn more about African American history. The group will focus on Greenbelt Park's connection to Prince George's County, Maryland's rich and broad association to the enslavement of African Americans.

The curriculum will include classroom lectures on Maryland's Antebellum Slavery, the Underground Railroad in Maryland, the Civil War, the Anacostia River's use in Historic Trade and Commerce, and Changing Trends in Maryland Research Facilities. Slavery in Prince George's County and the distinct untold story about Greenbelt Park and its greater community will be presented by leading local historians and academicians. The bus trip will include a tour of selected historic sites found in communities surrounding Greenbelt Park. The bus tour is limited to the first 23 people to reserve a space. To make reservations, please call (301) 344-3948 or email the program co-coordinator, Debbie Kirkley at [debbie\\_kirkley@nps.gov](mailto:debbie_kirkley@nps.gov)

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*Greenbelt Park is one of several park sites that make up National Capital Parks-East (NCP-East). NCP-East offers a wide array of historic, cultural, and recreational areas that are part of Washington, D.C. and its eastern environs. The park is comprised of over 8,000 acres of federal land, ranging from community parks and National Historic Sites to unique wetland ecosystems, meadows, and mature hardwood forests.*

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