



## 2009 Calendar of Events

*There is no permanent safety for any of us or for our institutions except in the enlightenment of the whole people, except in continuing to educate until people everywhere be too big to be little, too broad to be narrow, be too high to stoop to littleness and meanness.*

—Booker T. Washington



The Reconstructed Kitchen Cabin (Washington's Birthplace).  
Photo by William Tucker.

## Ranger Guided Tours

Ranger guided walking tours of the historic area and visitor center orientations are offered daily during the summer and on Saturdays and Sundays during the school year, as weather and staff availability permit. The tour times are 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. These tours generally last thirty minutes to one hour.

Reservations are not required for small family groups; however organized groups must make tour reservations in advance.

To reserve a date for a program, call the park at (540) 721-2094.

# Special Events

## National Junior Ranger Day

April 25, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Junior Ranger programs engage young people in age-appropriate activities that allow them to discover the significance of Booker T. Washington, introduce them to the National Park system and the mission of the National Park Service.

## Juneteenth Gospel Music Celebration

June 20, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Freedom is the focus of this celebration. The event includes a tour about the moment of emancipation for the slaves on the Burroughs plantation and music performances by local gospel groups.

## Living History Days

July 25 and August 22, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy costumed demonstrations of tasks that would have been performed on the mid-19th century farm such as blacksmithing, wool spinning, kitchen hearth cooking, quilting, and candle making.

## Harvest Time

October 10, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a family event for visitors of all ages that portrays life on a mid-19th century small slave holding tobacco plantation during the early fall "harvest time." Come explore the park's structures, gardens and grounds and experience the culture of subsistence and cash crop farming that Booker T. Washington would have been familiar with during his childhood in slavery on the Burroughs Plantation.

## An Old Virginia Christmas

December 5, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate a mid-19th century Christmas on the Burroughs plantation with lantern tours, entertainment, and refreshments.

## Hours

The park is open seven days a week, year round, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. Closed on Thanksgiving, December 25 and January 1.

Admission, parking, and all programs are free.