

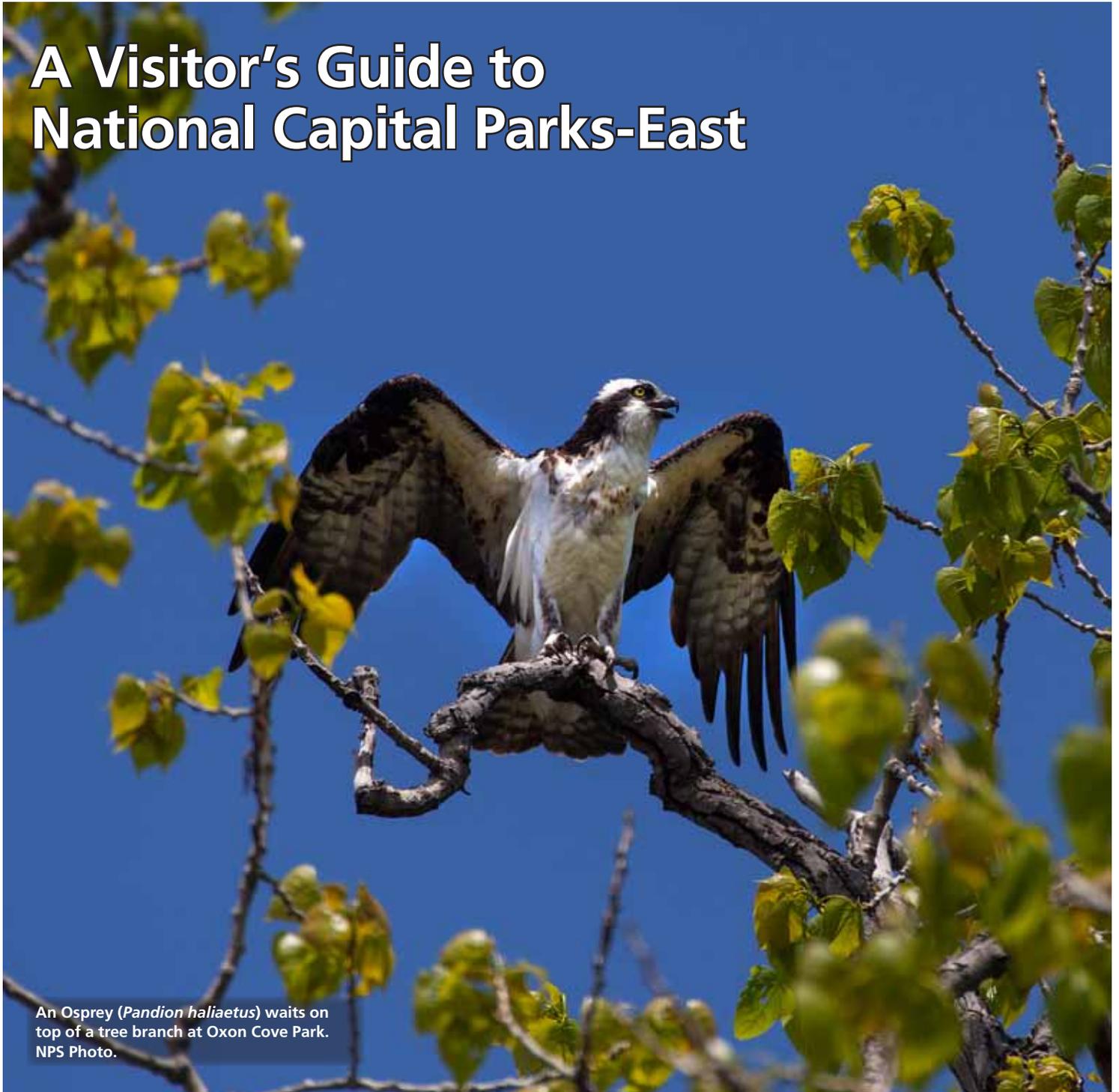


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An Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) waits on top of a tree branch at Oxon Cove Park. NPS Photo.



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Message from the Office of the Superintendent

Dear Visitor,

Effective March 1, 2013, National Capital Parks-East was required by "sequestration" (a series of automatic, across-the-board permanent spending cuts) to reduce its annual budget by five percent. The park must absorb that cut in the remaining seven months of this fiscal year that ends September 30. The federal law imposing sequestration requires that each park take this cut.

While we take the actions necessary to comply with sequestration, the parks remain open, welcoming visitors and continuing to protect the resources entrusted to our care. We encourage you to visit your National Park Service sites.

We hope that the programs offered throughout National Capital Parks-East may be of interest to you and your family. We offer a variety of activities, from the children's stories to concerts; from fitness to fishing; from wildflowers to walks. National Capital Parks-East is dedicated to provide you, with an informative, educational, and memorable experience during your visit.

Finally, we wish each of you a safe and healthy spring and summer. As you visit the parks, please be mindful of your surroundings at all times. Take the time to prepare for your trip so you, your family, and your friends have a great visit to your National Parks. Take care and we hope to see you real soon!

Thank you,

Gopaul Noojibail
Acting Superintendent



Gopaul Noojibail, Acting Superintendent. NPS Photo.

Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country.

Did you know that National Capital Parks-East is one of more than 400 National Park Service sites found all across America?

Become a Volunteer!

Do you want to give back to the park that gives you so much? Have you ever thought of volunteering your time and talents to the National Park Service (NPS)? Become a steward of the park by joining the VIP (**V**olunteers-**I**n-**P**arks) program at National Capital Parks-East (NACE).



Volunteers contribute not just to the mission of the NPS, but to the communities they serve. NACE VIP job opportunities are as diverse as the parks. VIPs welcome visitors to the parks, conduct guided tours, assist with special events, maintain trails, serve as campground hosts, work with computers, and much more.

NACE 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.

Contact the park at 202-690-5185 to find a coordinator near you or visit us at www.nps.gov/nace and click on the volunteer link.



A volunteer picks up trash at Ft. Mahan. NPS Photo.

Special Services

NACE makes every effort to provide access to all of our facilities and programs for the broadest possible range of visitors. From children and the elderly to those who are physically challenged, NACE strives to create inclusive opportunities for all people. For detailed information on special services, visitors should contact the park's Accessibility Coordinator at 202-690-5188.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
U.S. Park Police Dispatch	202-610-7500
Park Headquarters	202-690-5185
Frederick Douglass NHS Tours	877-444-6777 www.recreation.gov
Metro Rail/Bus	202-637-7000 www.wmata.com

For Your Information

Hiking and Camping

As you take in the park's beautiful scenery, think ahead, be prepared and stay safe.

- Check the weather forecast before heading outdoors for a hike. It is not safe to hike when thunderstorms or heavy snowfall is expected. Immediately seek shelter if hazardous weather approaches.
- Carry drinking water. Don't drink from streams, springs, or lakes without first properly treating the water.
- Observe wildlife from a safe distance. Don't try to get too close to wild animals.
- Stay on the trail—if you leave it, you may get lost.
- To help prevent food poisoning keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Don't store perishable foods in a hot car.
- Clean all surfaces and utensils that come into contact with raw meat or meat juices before reusing them.
- Wash hands frequently when preparing food, and before serving and eating.
- Keep children away from grills and lighter fluid, and keep grills away from flammable materials.
- Be aware of tiny deer ticks that carry Lyme disease and know which symptoms to watch out for. When in a potentially infested area, apply insect repellent, wear light colored long sleeved-shirts, pants, and socks.
- Only build a fire in designated grills or fire rings.
- When extinguishing a campfire, let it die down then break-up the coals or logs, spread the pieces, and soak them with water.

Park Regulations

To help protect park resources and ensure an enjoyable visit for everyone, please follow park rules and posted regulations.

- Pets are welcome in all areas of National Capital Parks-East (NACE), except at Oxon Cove Park. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under control at all times.
- Discharging firearms anywhere on NACE lands is unlawful.
- Please dispose of your garbage and other refuse in trash containers or take it with you when you leave.
- For your safety while hiking, stay on the established trails and watch your footing at all times.
- Prevent damage to resources by bicycling on paved roads and designated bike trails only.

Parks of National Capital Parks-East

Anacostia Park

Anacostia Park presently spans over 1,200 acres stretching the length of the Anacostia River from the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge north approximately five miles to the District/Maryland line. It includes Langston Golf Course and River Terrace and it is one of the largest and most important parks in Washington, D.C., with diverse recreational opportunities, natural areas, and historic sites.

This multi-use recreation park, with shoreline access, skating pavilion, ball fields, basketball and tennis courts, and picnic areas attracts people from throughout the city and across the nation. The shorelines also provide opportunities for river access, fishing, birding, and just relaxing!

The park is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

Contact Information

1900 Anacostia Drive SE
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202-472-3884
www.nps.gov/anac

Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens

Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens is the only National Park Service site devoted to the cultivation of flowering aquatic plants. It is a 12-acre sanctuary that features serene ponds, flowering water lilies and lotus, as well as many species of birds and wildlife.

Park will open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Labor Day. The park is closed Thanksgiving, December 25 and January 1.

Kenilworth Marsh is a 77-acre freshwater tidal marsh that borders the Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens. The marsh includes 32 acres of marsh restored in the 1990s to provide habitat for a wide array of native wildlife and wetland plants. A boardwalk and trail from the Aquatic Gardens provide visitors access to various marsh zones and the Anacostia River.

Contact Information

1550 Anacostia Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20019
202-426-6905
www.nps.gov/keaq

Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Enjoy our scenic gateway into the Nation's Capital! Opened in 1954, the parkway is a 29-mile scenic park highway that connects Baltimore, Maryland to Washington, D.C. The "parkway concept" involves preserving a wide, scenic, mostly natural corridor along a limited-access divided roadway, following the "lay of the land" allowing the visitor to experience the local topography and natural scenery, undistracted by billboards, traffic signals, and adjacent dense development.

The Baltimore-Washington Parkway is one of four parkways that provide scenic access between major points in the National Capital Region. The National Park Service manages this parkway from Fort Meade south to the Nation's Capital.

Contact Information

Baltimore Washington Parkway
c/o Greenbelt Park
6565 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
202-619-7105: U.S. Park Police
301-344-3948: Parkway Maintenance
www.nps.gov/bawa

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS

Nestled in the heart of the Logan Circle Historic District in Washington, D.C., is the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. Bethune founded the National Council of Negro Women and the site served as its national headquarters from 1943 to 1966.

The National Archives for Black Women's History, housed at the site, has materials pertaining to black women and their organizations and contains extensive correspondence, photographs, and memorabilia related to the National Council of Negro Women.

The site is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. The park is closed January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

Contact Information

1318 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
202-673-2402
www.nps.gov/mamc

Capitol Hill Parks

When Pierre Charles L'Enfant submitted his design for the national capital of Washington in 1790, a system of grand avenues, public buildings, and grounds dominated the overall plan. Many of the parks, medians, circles, and squares of Capitol Hill evolved from this plan and its subsequent modification in 1901 by the McMillan Commission.

The Capitol Hill Parks, located between 2nd Streets NE and SE and the Anacostia River, provide elegant and open green space within the city of Washington for relaxation, aesthetic enjoyment, and historic commemoration.

Included in this group are: Lincoln, Folger, Stanton, and Marion Parks; Maryland Avenue Triangles; Pennsylvania Avenue Medians, Squares and Triangles, including Seward Square; Potomac Avenue Metro Station; Twining Square, and other inner city green spaces.

Contact Information

1318 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
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www.nps.gov/cahi

Oxon Cove Park/ Oxon Hill Farm

Located in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Maryland, Oxon Cove Park features the 63-acre Oxon Hill Farm, a working historic farm. Visitors can explore the early 19th-century farm house (Mount Welby) and other historic barns, stables, and outbuildings. Animals, crops, orchards, and gardens are also found on the farm site. The park's 485 acres provide recreational opportunities for hiking, biking, and picnicking, and are an excellent resource for environmental studies and wildlife observing.

The farm is open to the public daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25. Reservations are required for special programs, education offerings, and popular activities such as milking cows, gathering eggs, and wagon rides.

Contact Information

6411 Oxon Hill Road
Oxon Hill, MD 20745
301-839-1176
www.nps.gov/oxhi

Carter G. Woodson Home NHS

Imagine a world in which people like you have no written history, or that which has been written is incomplete or distorted. Before Dr. Carter G. Woodson (1875–1950) began his work, there was very little information, and much of that stereotypical misinformation, about the lives and history of Americans of African descent.

The Carter G. Woodson Home at 1538 9th Street NW, in Washington, D.C., was Dr. Woodson's home from 1922 until 1950. From there, he directed the operations of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and pursued his own studies of African American history.

The home was acquired by the National Park Service in 2005. The planning process is underway to restore the home and renovate the adjacent buildings into a visitor and research center. The site is closed to the public.

Contact Information

1318 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
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www.nps.gov/cawo

Piscataway Park

Situated along the Potomac River in Maryland, Piscataway Park was created to preserve the historic views from Mount Vernon, home to President George Washington, to Fort Washington. Piscataway Park is a natural area and is home to bald eagles, beavers, fox, osprey, and many other species. The forested coves and tidal marshes located along the Piscataway Park shoreline are a great place for exploring by canoe. Piscataway Park is a beautiful place for picnicking and fishing. National Colonial Farm, located in the park, is an outdoor living history museum founded by the Accokeek Foundation. The park offers a public fishing pier, two boardwalks over freshwater tidal wetlands, and a variety of nature trails.

The park is open from dawn to dusk.

Contact Information

13511 Fort Washington Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744
301-763-4600
www.nps.gov/pisc

Parks of National Capital Parks-East

Civil War Defenses of Washington

To protect the District of Columbia from Confederate assault during the Civil War, a complex system of field fortifications was built on ridges and terraces encircling the outer edges of the Federal city. The section of the Fort Circle Parks now under the jurisdiction of National Capital Parks-East extends southward from Bladensburg Road in Northeast Washington, through the segment of the city which lies east of the Anacostia River, and to Fort Foote in Prince George's County, Maryland. It includes Forts Mahan, Chaplin, Dupont, Davis, Stanton, Carroll, Greble, and Foote, Battery Ricketts, and various land parcels, including Shepherd Parkway, which connect these sites.

Contact Information

1900 Anacostia Drive SE
Washington, DC 20020
202-690-5185
www.nps.gov/cwdw

Shepherd Parkway

Shepherd Parkway is actually not a roadway, but a "corridor park" encompassing a forested ridge line overlooking the Potomac River in southeast Washington, D.C. It forms the forested backdrop along the eastern side of Interstate 295, and also contains multiple historical Civil War defenses sites within its predominantly wooded, natural scenery. It contributes greatly to the "greenness" of our Capital City, as well as to our oxygen supply!

Shepherd Parkway is managed as a natural area by National Capital Parks-East.

Contact Information

1900 Anacostia Drive SE
Washington, DC 20020
202-472-3884
www.nps.gov/nace

Fort Washington Park

Fort Washington Park is a 19th-century fortification that was built to defend the nation's capital from naval attacks. It remained active through 1946.

Tours of the fort are available daily. Picnicking areas, river views and access, extensive woodlands, and hiking trails are also available.

Fort Washington Park hosts a number of special events annually including Civil War artillery firing demonstrations and living history programs.

The fort is closed on Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1. The grounds are open from sunrise to sunset and the fort and visitor center are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Labor Day through Memorial Day. An entrance fee is charged from April through October.

Contact Information

1355 Fort Washington Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744
301-763-4600
www.nps.gov/fowa

Suitland Parkway

Suitland Parkway extends from Joint Base Andrews in Camp Springs, Maryland to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge (South Capitol Street) in Washington, D.C. It is the scenic "gateway" that countless visiting dignitaries, royalty, world leaders, and Presidents have traveled on their route into the Nation's Capital.

Originally built as a wartime access road to Andrews Air Force Base, the parkway was redeveloped in the 1950s into the scenic, forested park roadway that it is today. It is one of four scenic parkways in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, providing an aesthetic access to important destination points. The portion within Maryland is managed by the National Park Service.

Today, the parkway is extensively used by thousands of visitors to the Nation's Capital arriving from the east. Notably, the parkway is often the first image that foreign heads of state get of the United States.

Contact Information

1900 Anacostia Drive SE
Washington, DC 20020
202-472-3884
www.nps.gov/nace

Frederick Douglass NHS

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site houses an impressive collection of original furnishing and artifacts from Frederick Douglass.

Visitors learn about the life of Frederick Douglass through exhibits, a film in the park's visitor center, and ranger-led tours of the home. Reservations are required for groups of more than 10, maximum of 60 persons per group. Groups of 10 or less are strongly encouraged to make reservations. Tickets are available on-site the day of the tour on a first-come, first-served basis.

The site is open to the public daily, except January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

For further information, please call 1-877-444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov. Tours are free; however, reservations require a service charge of \$1.50 per person. School groups pay a flat service fee of \$5.00 per reservation.

Contact Information

1411 W Street SE
Washington, DC 20020
202-426-5961
www.nps.gov/frdo

Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park is a natural oasis situated just 12 miles from Washington, D.C., and 23 miles from Baltimore, Maryland. The park's 1,100 acres of oak, maple, sweetgum, and old pine are a retreat from the pressures of city life and a forested refuge for native plants and animals.

A wide range of recreational opportunities and educational programs are available year-round, including facilities for picnicking, camping, backpacking, biking, bird watching, hiking, and wildlife viewing.

The park is open daily from dawn to dusk. The ranger station is open year-round from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., except January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

Contact Information

6565 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-344-3948
www.nps.gov/gree



Early morning sunrise in the fog at Oxon Hill Farm. NPS Photo.

Park Partners & Cooperating Associations

Accokeek Foundation

The Accokeek Foundation operates the National Colonial Farm, located in Piscataway Park. The farm was established by the foundation in 1958 to educate people about farm life. It is a recreation of a middle class farm dating back to 1775. Demonstrations depict the life of a typical family during colonial times. Visitors will find a circa 1780 farm dwelling, an 18th-century tobacco farm, a smokehouse, a public fishing pier and a riverside path with a beautiful view of Mount Vernon, the former home of President George Washington. The Ecosystem Farm offers educational opportunities through the Center for Land-Based Training.

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Alice Ferguson Foundation

The Alice Ferguson Foundation is a key environmental educational organization on the Potomac River in Piscataway Park. As a leader of watershed stewardship, it models innovative practices, outreach, partnerships, programs, and events that are replicated globally. Through its award-winning program for school children at Hard Bargain Farm and the Bridging the Watershed program, students are guided to conduct investigations of the local environment, including wetlands, farmlands and meadows while expanding their personal connection to the natural world.

Each year, more than 10,000 students from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area come to Hard Bargain Farm for day or overnight education field trips, the Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup and the Annual Spring Farm Festival.

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Aquatic Resources Education Center

The Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC) is located in Anacostia Park adjacent to the Anacostia Skating Pavilion. The Center is cooperative partnership between the District of Columbia's Fisheries and Wildlife Division, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service.

Visitors and students learn about the ecology, conservation and biology of local aquatic and fisheries resources through workshops, presentations, and interactive displays. These activities and programs also serve to educate the local community on the need for awareness and protection of these fragile resources.

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www.doh.dc.gov/doh/cwp

Earth Conservation Corps

The Earth Conservation Corps (ECC) is a non-profit youth development and environmental service organization located on the Anacostia River. ECC provides underprivileged young people with hands-on life skills, education, career, and environmental training with an overall goal to facilitate the restoration of the Anacostia River and its surrounding communities.

Since 1992, ECC has recruited and trained over 18,000 young people in an effort to reclaim the Anacostia River. In 2002, ECC was awarded a grant to construct the first three demonstration sites of the Riverwalk Trail: Henson Park, the Old Capital Pump House, and a trail beneath the 11th Street Bridge. ECC is a valuable partner to the National Park Service, assisting in the clean up, beautification, and restoration of several park sites.

Contact Information

First Street & Potomac Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20003
202-554-1960
www.ecc1.org

Eastern National

Eastern National is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit "cooperating association," that supports National Capital Parks-East and other National Park Service sites. Eastern National assists the educational and interpretive mission of the National Park Service primarily by procuring, distributing, and selling educational material in retail outlets located in national parks. Eastern National also assists by providing supplemental funding for land and artifact acquisitions, special events, educational and interpretive programs, and research grants. Since its incorporation in 1948, Eastern National has donated over \$100 million to the National Park Service, in the form of direct donations and grants.

Eastern National bookstores can be found in National Capital Parks-East at Frederick Douglass NHS, Fort Washington Park, Oxon Cove Park, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, and Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS.

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www.eparks.com

Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region

Living Classrooms Foundation strengthens communities and inspires young people to achieve their potential through hands-on education and job training, using urban, natural, and maritime resources as "living classrooms."

Living Classrooms Foundation is a Baltimore-Washington based non-profit educational organization, founded in 1985 in Baltimore, and serving the National Capital Region since 2001.

Our maritime heritage programs create opportunities for employment training. Our education programs use our environmental and maritime resources as living learning laboratories. Our employability programs create stronger communities that are better prepared to exercise environmental stewardship.

Contact Information

515 M Street SE, Suite 222
Washington, DC 20003
202-488-0627
www.livingclassroomsdc.org

Student Conservation Association

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) provides high school students, college students, and others with meaningful conservation service internships and volunteer opportunities in our national parks. Students enjoy adventure, gain experience, and make a difference. SCA has made an invaluable contribution to the beautification and conservation of the parks in National Capital Parks-East.

Contact Information

www.thesca.org

Articles

Expanded Ecosystem Tour Introduces 4th Graders to the Natural Landscape at Piscataway Park

By Anjela Barnes, Accokeek Foundation

Last December, 4th grade students from Forest Elementary School located in Fort Washington, Maryland, visited the National Colonial Farm at Piscataway Park for an exploration of the site's natural ecosystems. The Pumpkin Ash Trail tour, which encourages looking and listening to nature; was added to the K–12 education programs offered last year. Information about the National Park Foundation's "Ticket to Ride" grant program which provides transportation funding was sent to the Accokeek Foundation by National Capital Parks-East. As a result of the grant funds, the students and their teachers were invited as a partner school to participate in the new tour. "Fort Washington Forest Elementary has been coming to the site for years," said Mary Alice Bonomo, Manager of Education for the Accokeek Foundation. "But recently, limited funding for transportation has prevented them from taking field trips to the park. This spring, because of the grant, they were able to return a second time this school season to participate in another tour." At the end of the tour, which takes students through three different ecosystems along the Pumpkin Ash Trail; forested woodland, wetland, and farm; the students were introduced to the site's unofficial mascot, a rescued box turtle named, "Edgar", and each were asked to write a Haiku about their experience.



4th Grader's Haiku writings expressing their experience are posted for viewing at Colonial Farm. Accokeek Foundation Photo.



The unofficial mascot, a rescued box turtle named "Edgar", is well studied by students. Accokeek Foundation Photo.

Fort Washington Park Civil War Era Living History Program

By Sidney Wade, Volunteer in the Park (VIP)

Fort Washington Park continues its long tradition of providing living history programs, primarily through dedicated volunteers. The volunteers represent the presence of Company D, 1st Artillery, U.S. Army which was stationed at the fort shortly after the start of the Civil War. Most members have extensive knowledge of this period of history and many have served as living history volunteers at the fort for over 20 years. Wearing authentic period uniforms and using reproduction weapons, they help "bring alive" the history and life of the enlisted men and officers garrisoned at the fort during the mid-19th century.

The most exciting aspect for visitors is the live fire demonstrations of muzzle-loading rifles and cannon. They see the team work involved in using these weapons, and are educated on the significance of such features as smooth-bore versus rifled weapons. Visitors can see and examine the tools and weapons used by the artillerymen and are given the opportunity to learn and ask questions.

During the months of April through October, the company normally drills the first Sunday of each month, and provides weapons demonstrations at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. The company also provides assistance to Fort Ward during its open house days, and participated in the Sesquicentennial events at Antietam National Battlefield in September 2012.



Cannon at Fort Washington Park. NPS Photo.

Events

Recurring Programs

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE COUNCIL HOUSE TOURS

Daily
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
202-673-2402

Visitors can tour the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House. Please contact the site for tour details.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOME TOURS

Daily
202-426-5961

Ranger-led tours are the only way to see the inside of the Frederick Douglass house. Tours are ticketed and there are a limited number of tickets available for each tour. Tour tickets are available by reservation or on a first-come, first-served walk-in basis. Visitors are strongly encouraged to make a reservation to guarantee their place on the tour. Tours last approximately 30 minutes. Visitors are encouraged to arrive at least 20 minutes early to pick up tickets at the visitor center and use restrooms.

HISTORIC FORT TOUR

Fort Washington Park—Old Fort
Every Weekend
2:00 p.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Join a park ranger at the drawbridge as they guide you through this 19th century masonry fort. Learn what took place here during the War of 1812 while looking down river at Mount Vernon

or up river into our Nation's Capital. See why this fort has stood the test of time all the way through WWII.

GREENBELT PARK CAMPGROUND A SCOUT LOOP CAMPGROUND

There is a six-person limit to each campsite. All scout troops are required to call 301-344-3948 and reserve space in the campground. Scouts must have a tour permit and proof of insurance. Reservations are taken over the phone. All campground rules are in effect for the A Loop.

SUMMER CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS IN GREENBELT PARK

Campfire programs are coming to the Greenbelt Park campground for summer 2013. Please check the Greenbelt web site at www.nps.gov/gree for the latest up-to-date program information.

RANGER FIT CHALLENGE

Anacostia Park—Pavilion
Every Thursday
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
202-472-3884
All ages (children under 18, parental consent is required)
RSVP Required

Come out and get moving with Anacostia Park rangers and get Ranger Fit! Exercise along the Anacostia River Walk Trail with agility ladders, hurdles, jump ropes, steps and much more. Contact Ranger Wayne Phillips to RSVP.

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

Greenbelt Park—Sweetgum Picnic Area

Saturdays: May 4; June 1; July 6; and August 3
11:00 a.m.
301-344-3944
Ages 8–Adults
Free of charge

Join a hands-on nature preservation activity as we pull non-native plants and help preserve Greenbelt Park for future generations.

NO FOOD NO ARMY

Fort Washington Park—Old Fort
Sundays: May 5; June 2; July 7; and August 4
11:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Come experience the Civil War through the belly. This program, led by Ranger Trey and some of our Civil War volunteers, will demonstrate how the soldiers of Fort Washington prepared their food and what they ate from day to day during the Civil War.

ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION

Fort Washington Park—Old Fort
Sundays: May 5; June 2; July 7; and August 4
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Ever wonder how Civil War cannons were fired? The Fort Washington Guard, in period uniforms will demonstrate and explain the procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American artillery. The park has two artillery pieces, a 6-pound field gun, and a 12-pound mountain howitzer. Firings will be at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

LIFE AS A SOLDIER IN THE CIVIL WAR (2 LOCATIONS)

Fort Washington Park:
Saturday, May 11; Sunday, June 23; Sunday, July 14; and Saturday, August 10
Fort Foote Park
(Located at 8901 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, Maryland):
Sunday, May 26; Saturday, July 13; Sunday, July 28; and Saturday, August 31
11:00 a.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

As the National Park Service celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, take an in-depth look at the life of a Civil War soldier at Fort Washington and Fort Foote. Gain a better understanding of what it was really like to be a soldier in the Civil War, whether fighting for the Union or the Confederacy through this hands-on program.

DISCOVERING ARLINGTON HOUSE

Arlington House: the Robert E. Lee Memorial
Wednesdays: May 15; June 12; July 17; and August 14
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
202-426-7723
Ages 5 and Above
Free of charge

Join rangers from Fort Dupont Park, one of the Civil War Defenses of Washington, as they present talks at the Arlington House located in Arlington, Virginia. These talks will explain the strategic importance of the Arlington House during the Civil War.

CHORES ON THE FARM

Oxon Cove Park

Events

Saturdays: May 18; July 20; and August 10

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All Ages

Reservations Required

Free of charge

Come and help a ranger with the daily animal chores at Oxon Hill Farm. Call the park to reserve your spot.

READING RANGER

Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station near the campground

Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 7 at 11:00 a.m.

301-344-3944

Ages 5–12

RSVP Required

Join a park ranger to read, *The Raft*, and explore a young child's journey into nature.

MARSHALL HALL: A GRAVE TALK

Piscataway Park—Marshall Hall Sundays: May 19; June 16; July 21; and August 18

11:00 a.m.–Noon

301-763-4600

Ages 10 and Above

Free of charge

Come learn about the history of Marshall Hall through the Marshall's who still reside there. The grave talk will dig deep into the Marshall family history and the multiple uses of the land, from tobacco fields to amusement park.

JOURNEY BACK TO WASHINGTON, DC CIVIL WAR BIKE TOUR

Fort Dupont Park—Activity Center

Saturdays: May 25; June 29;

July 27; and August 31

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

202-426-7723

Ages 5 and Above

Free

RSVP Required

Take a journey back to Washington, DC during the time of the Civil War on a bike tour. This mountain bike tour will journey along the Civil War Defenses of Washington Hiker-Biker Trail.

LIGHTHOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Fort Washington Park—Lighthouse

Saturdays: May 25; July 20; and August 17

10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

301-763-4600

All Ages

Free of charge

The Fort Washington Bell Tower/Lighthouse will open to allow the public to view the base of the lighthouse. Climbing of the tower is not permitted.

IT'S ALIVE!!

Piscataway Park—Boardwalk

Saturdays: May 25 and August 31

10:00 a.m.

301-763-4600

All Ages

Free of charge

Do you know what the term living shoreline means? Let our ranger take you on a walk while teaching you what makes Piscataway Park shoreline living. This middle Potomac shoreline protects great views and diverse aquatic life, as well as wildlife. Bring water for this long walk on the new boardwalk.

GARDEN TOURS

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Every Weekend: Saturday, May 25 through Sunday,

September 1

10:00 a.m.

202-426-6905

Free of Charge

Join a park ranger led tour along the pool edges of this 12 acre sanctuary featuring exotic water lilies, wetland plants, and animals: from turtles to snakes, fingernail-sized frogs to bullfrog boomers, as well as insects, mosquito fish, and muskrats. Migratory birds rest here, while ducks paddle and red-winged blackbirds nest in the thickets. Come on out and explore it all!

LET'S GET ROLLING

Anacostia Park—Skating Pavilion Saturday, June 1 through Sunday, September 1

Weekdays: 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Weekends: 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

202-472-3873

Free of Charge

Come on out to the Anacostia Skating Pavilion and get your skate on! Don't have any skates? It's fine. We have them for you to borrow. We also play music to keep you rolling along. So bring the kids, the young adults, or just yourself and get rolling today!

SUMMER DAYS FARM TOURS

National Colonial Farm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays: June 25–27; July 16–18;

and July 30–August 1

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

301-282-2113 x. 28

All Ages

This program is provided by the Accokeek Foundation, a partner of the National Park Service.

\$5.00 per youth; camps RSVP

Required

Spend your summer days on an 18th century farm! Youth of all ages will enjoy this interactive and fun, self-guided tour while they "Give Ben a Break" with his

farm chores. Costumed interpreters will instruct on how, in the colonial days, a child living on a farm would grind corn for baking, card wool for clothing, search the fields for hornworms, and play colonial games. This is an excellent opportunity for your groups and camp leaders, as well as families seeking an outdoor field trip to keep your minds and bodies active this summer! Plan your visit between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. allowing approximately 1.5 hours to complete the colonial farm activities. Picnicking facilities are available for you to enjoy your brown-bagged lunches. Contact MaryAlice Bonomo at education@accokeek.org, or call to schedule your tour.

May

WILDFLOWERS OR WEEDS

Fort Washington Park—First parking lot on the right

Saturday, May 4

10:00 a.m.–Noon

301-763-4600

All Ages

Free of charge

Join a park ranger to see how many different herbaceous plants are found carpeting the forest floor. Bring a hand lens and your favorite wildflower guide for field identification. This walk will traverse moderate terrain looking at flora and fauna within the park. Please bring water.

LOST... BUT FOUND, SAFE AND SOUND

Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station Sunday, May 5

11:00 a.m.

301-344-3944

Events

Ages 5–12

RSVP to Ranger Robin

Free of charge

Join the ranger to learn life-saving lessons on how to stay safe while hiking and on outings.

FRIENDS OF STILL CREEK MEETING

*Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station
Monday, May 6*

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

301-345-6515

Ages 16 and up

The Friends of Still Creek invite you to a meeting regarding the protection, restoration, and maintenance of the streams in and around Greenbelt Park. Contact Bill Duncan at the number listed for additional information.

MEET THE ARTIST: JEREMY POLLARD DEMONSTRATES HIS CARTOONING TECHNIQUES

*Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Barn
Saturday, May 11*

12:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

301-839-1176

All Ages

Free of charge

Drop in and meet Jeremy Pollard, Oxon Cove Park's very own resident artist, and see samples of his many creative talents, including the new life-size farm mural he created in the Visitor Barn. Jeremy (also known as a hard-working member of the park's maintenance staff!) will demonstrate how he creates cartoons. You can try it too! Meet in the Visitor Barn.

CHILDREN'S DAY (FROLICKING ON THE FARM: A SPRING FARM DAY)

*National Colonial Farm
Saturday, May 11*

11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

301-283-2113

All Ages

This program is provided by the Accokeek Foundation, a partner of the National Park Service.

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Members of the Accokeek

Foundation are free

Step back into a spring day in 1770. The National Colonial Farm's Annual Children's Day event is a popular family event that allows visitors to experience history and culture, while spending the day in a scenic park. Bring your picnic lunches and be a part of history and farm life. Help the Bolton family with their daily chores: spinning, butter churning, washing clothes, gardening, and cooking. Visit the farm animals, watch a cooking demonstration, participate in a kid-friendly archaeological dig, play colonial games, and enjoy a musical performance by the Irish Jam Session.

HIP-HIP HOORAY FOR THE MOM'S OF FORT WASHINGTON PARK!

Fort Washington Park—Visitor Center

Sunday, May 12

11:00 a.m.–Noon

301-763-4600

Ages 0–11, and those young at heart

Free of charge

Celebrate Fort Washington Park's animal moms and their babies with a puppet show. Finger puppets will be provided for audience participation and joyful songs will be sung!

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Harmony Hall Mansion

Sundays: May 12 and July 21

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

301-763-4600

Ages 18 and Above

Free of charge

Reservations Required

Take a step back in time to a property that had it all; tobacco, canals, ports, industry, and a thriving social status. Walk the grounds and see why Harmony Hall had so much appeal.

FROM SHEEP TO SWEATER: SHEEP SHEARING AT OXON HILL

Oxon Cove Park

Wednesday, May 15

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All Ages

Reservations Required

Free of charge

Come and watch our flock of sheep get their annual haircuts. We will also learn how shorn wool turns into a warm and cozy sweater.

OUR BEST "FOOTE" FORWARD

Fort Foote Park

Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m.–Noon

301-763-4600

All Ages

Free of charge

Have the leaves emerged yet? If the answer is yes, we need to put our best foot forward and start identifying them. If not, we need to figure out when they will emerge and look for signs of their arrival. This walk will traverse moderate terrain. Please bring water.

CHILDREN'S STORIES

*Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station
Saturday, May 18*

Noon

301-344-3948

Ages 6–8

Free of charge

Join a park ranger in reading nature stories introducing life cycles of animals and their habitats.

READING STORIES WITH RANGER STEPH: FABULOUS FARM FEET

*Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Barn
Monday, May 20*

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 0–5, and accompanying adults

Free of charge

Put your right foot in, put your right foot out, put your OTHER right foot in; and shake it all about! Whether you have two feet or four, you will get them moving at Oxon Hill Farm. Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, compare your little piggies to the hooves of our horses, the webbed feet of our goose, and the claws of our chickens. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL EGG MONTH

Oxon Cove Park

Monday, May 26

10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

301-839-1177

All Ages

Free of charge

May is designated National Egg month. To celebrate, we are presenting an "eggstra" special Chicken and Egg program. We will play a variety of "eggciting"

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games, make our own chicken food for feeding our flock of chickens, and we will collect our hen's beautiful, nutritious, and protein-packed eggs. Don't forget to eat your eggs for breakfast!

THE ARCHITECTURAL MARVELS OF FORT WASHINGTON

Fort Washington Park—Old Fort
Monday, May 27
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Drawbridge, Sallie port, counterscarp gallery? Discover the amazing masonry features of Fort Washington's structure and its similarities to a medieval castle.

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WAR OF 1812 TALK AND TOUR

Fort Washington Park—Visitor Center
Saturday, June 1
11:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

The British are coming! The British are coming! No wait, they are here! What would you do if an invading foreign army and navy arrived at your door step? Run? Hide? Stand and fight? Find out how the soldiers of Fort Washington answered these questions and why.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Greenbelt Park—Sweetgum Picnic Area
Saturday, June 1
8:30 a.m.–Noon
301-982-9681

RSVP Required
Ages 10 and up
Free of charge

Come help make a difference and help maintain one of the trails in the park.

DUPONT KALORAMA MUSEUM CONSORTIUM (DKMC) "WALK WEEKEND"

Various Locations
Saturday, June 1
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 2
1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
202-673-2404
All Ages
Free of charges

The DKMC "Walk Weekend" is an annual event established in 1983 to promote "off-the-mall" museums and their neighborhoods. The Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS, one of the eight museums within the DKMC, invites the public to come, visit, and learn about this historic site's connection to civil rights through fun-filled activities. Interpretive tours of the historic first headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women will be given throughout this annual open house event. Contact us for a complete schedule of all Walk Weekend events. Sponsored by the Dupont Kalorama Museums Consortium.

READING RANGER/CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Greenbelt Park—Campfire Circle
Located in the B Loop
Sunday, June 2
11:00 a.m.
301-344-3944
Ages 7–12
RSVP to Ranger Robin
Free of charge

Join a reading ranger at the campfire circle for *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss. We will discover why Dr. Seuss, speaking through his character, *The Lorax*, has given us an ecological warning against mindless progress and the danger it poses to the earth's natural beauty.

WAR OF 1812 VICTORIES

Fort Washington Park—Visitor Center
Saturday, June 8
11:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Perry, Porter, Cochrane, and Cockburn are a few of the commanding American and British officers that fought in the Potomac River Theater of the War of 1812. Learn about their victories and defeats and why they never did give up their ships.

PARK BINGO!

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Barn
Sunday, June 9
1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
301-839-1176
Ages 5–12 and accompanying adults
Free of charge

Five in a row... Bingo! Take a ranger-led walk around Oxon Cove Park and use your observation skills to help you fill in a park bingo card. Meet in the Visitor Barn.

FLAG DAY TALK

Fort Washington—Old Fort
Saturday, June 15
11:00 a.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Come join a park ranger in a talk about the history of the flags of the United States.

JUNETEENTH: THE HISTORY OF EMANCIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Oxon Cove Park
Sunday, June 15
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
301-839-1176
All Ages
Free of charge

Juneteenth, Freedom Day, and Emancipation Day. What does each of these events have in common? They are all days set aside to celebrate the official ending of the institution of chattel slavery in America. Meet a ranger for a presentation on emancipation in the United States and the history and significance of "Juneteenth." Call the park today to reserve your spot!

WHAT'S THAT, HABITAT?

Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station
Saturday, June 15
11:00 a.m.
301-344-3948 or 44
Ages 6–8
Free of charge

Meet Ranger Debbie to learn and identify the basic needs of food, water, and shelter for the wildlife in the park.

LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE

Oxon Cove Park
Sundays: June 16 and 30
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
301-839-1176
All Ages
Free of charge

June is a great month to get the kids outside for some exercise and to expose them to the

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natural world around them. We will take a wagon ride to Oxon Cove and then take an “unstructured” walk along one of the natural areas of the park. The walk will be about a quarter of a mile. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. This program is limited to 20 participants.

READING STORIES WITH RANGER STEPH: HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PURPLE COW?

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Barn
Monday, June 17
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
301-839-1176
Ages 0–5, and accompanying adults
Free of charge

Red barn, blue sky, yellow hay, green grass, brown horses, white sheep, orange carrots. . . You'll see every color of the rainbow at Oxon Hill Farm. Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, take a closer look at colors with Ranger Steph. Meet in the Visitor Barn.

LEADERSHIP SALUTE: BOAT DOCK OPENING

Saturday, June 22
11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
This program is provided by the Accokeek Foundation, a partner of the National Park Service.

The Accokeek Foundation's annual Leadership Salute celebrates those who have shown strong support for the foundation; recognizes leadership on key principles that advance our mission; acknowledges dedicated public service; and raises support for the foundation's programming for children and families.

The 2013 Leadership Salute is a community fund-raising event celebrating the Potomac River and community leaders who have shown support for the newly rebuilt boat dock and river access project. This fun-for-all event will include many family-oriented activities like fishing, kayaking, food demonstrations, musical performances, guided Riverview Trail walks, and an open barn to introduce you to the heritage breed farm animals.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information call 301-283-2113 x. 20 or e-mail: bbarnes@accokeek.org.

WHAT'S BUGGIN' YOU?

Piscataway Park—Accokeek Creek Boardwalk
Saturday, June 29
10:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Trek out onto the boardwalk in search of evidence of different insects that live around us. To understand more about these little critters, we plan to scope out homes, favorite munching grounds, and different life stages. Please bring water.

LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL

Fort Washington Park—Visitor Center
Saturday, June 29
3:00 p.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Join us for a talk on the changes in the small arms ignition system from the War of 1812 to the Civil War.

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FORT WASHINGTON TOUR

Fort Washington Park—Old Fort
Thursday, July 4
2:00 p.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Join a park ranger inside the fort and learn about its great history.

FORGOTTEN CONFLICTS OF THE WAR OF 1812

Fort Washington Park—Visitor Center
Saturday, July 6
11:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

The War of 1812, little remembered, gave the United States some of its finest military moments, such as Admiral Perry's victory in Lake Erie and General Jackson's win in New Orleans. It also saw America's failures during the invasion of Canada and the burning of the White House. Learn about these and other stories of this forgotten conflict.

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE 138TH BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION

Lincoln Park
Wednesday, July 10
6:00 p.m.
202-673-2404
All Ages
Free of charge

Join the National Park Service and the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., to commemorate the 138th Anniversary of the birth of Mary McLeod

Bethune, as well as the 39th Anniversary of the dedication of the Bethune Memorial Statue in Lincoln Park. The statue was the first monument honoring a woman in a public park in the nation's capital. The program will include musical selections and appearances from local dignitaries. The program will conclude with a wreath-laying ceremony in Lincoln Park on East Capital Street at 13th Street NE, Washington, DC.

LET'S GIVE A HOOT

Fort Washington Park—Picnic Area D
Sunday, July 13
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
301-763-4600
Ages 6–10
Free of charge

Join Ranger Trey for a children's story about owls. We will explore the different types of owls of the area, play owl bingo, and dissect an owl pellet to learn about what owls eat.

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR NAME

Fort Foote Park
Saturday, July 13
10:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Why do we name things? Over the years, the naming of plants and animals has become a very important process. What are the benefits or draw backs to making sure everything has a name? Let's explore this parcel of land identifying the plants and animals as we go. This walk will traverse moderate terrain. Please bring water.

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ANNUAL LOTUS AND LILY FESTIVAL

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
Saturday, July 13
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
202-426-6905
Free of Charge

Enjoy Mother Nature's beautiful display of exotic water lilies, wildlife, activities, and tours and so much more at the Annual Lotus and Lily Festival at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, the only national park devoted to water-loving plants. Bring your family out for a day of exploring and enjoying it all.

SUMMER WONDERS

Greenbelt Park Ranger Station
Saturday, July 13
10:30 a.m.
301-344-3944
Ages 8–Adult
Free of charge

Join Ranger Debbie to discuss and learn the wonders of summer in the park.

READING STORIES WITH RANGER STEPH: STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Barn
Monday, July 14
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
301-839-1176
Ages 0–5, and accompanying adults
Free of charge

Hold your horses! Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, meet Oxon Hill Farm's Belgian draft horses and learn about the role of "horsepower" on the farm. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

MEET THE BEAVER

Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station
Sunday, July 14
2:00 p.m.
301-344-3944
Ages 5–Adult
Free of charge
RSVP Required

Join a park ranger as we learn about beavers. They are nocturnal and chewing on wood helps to keep their teeth strong. Come on out and learn more about this critter.

BUTTER UP!

Oxon Cove Park—Mount Welby
Monday, July 15
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
301-839-1176
All Ages
Free of charge

Visit Mount Welby, the 19th century home of the Debutts, and learn how the women-folk during this time churned milk into butter. We will also take a look at some of the favorite recipes of Mrs. Debutts and see how this delicious dairy product was more than a spread for biscuits.

MEET DR. DEBUTTS

Oxon Cove Park—Mount Welby
Monday, July 15
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
301-839-1176
All Ages
Free of charge

Take a tour of the Mount Welby home, step back in time, and strike up a conversation with Dr. Debutts, portrayed by a living history interpreter. Dr. Samuel Debutts was the owner of the Mount Welby plantation during the early years of the 19th century. Meet at the Mount Welby house and don't forget your 19th century manners! This program

will be on-going between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Harmony Hall Mansion
Sunday, July 21
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
301-763-4600
Ages 18 and above
Free of charge
Reservations Required

Take a step back in time to a property that had it all; tobacco, canals, ports, industry, and a thriving social status. Walk the grounds and see why Harmony Hall had so much appeal.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF ACCOKEEK

Piscataway Park—Accokeek Creek Boardwalk
Saturday, July 27
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Let's make like turtles and bask in the sunlight while we enjoy the sights and sounds of the beautiful Accokeek Creek Boardwalk with Park Guide Bambi.

"TALK IN TRASH" WITH SASHA THE SPIDER

Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station
Saturday, July 27
11:00 a.m.
301-344-3944
Ages 7–12
Free of charge

Want to become a puppeteer? "Talk in Trash" is a play which helps children learn about the animals that live in Greenbelt Park and how they have easily adapted to an urban lifestyle. Come and join us as a puppeteer to educate those interested in learning about the park.

JUNIOR RANGER CAMP

Fort Washington Park
Monday, July 29—Friday,
August 2
9:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
Ages 7–11
Free of charge
Reservations Required

This camp will be an educational experience for any child. During this week-long camp, we will certainly Explore, Learn, and Protect. For more information, please check out our web site at www.nps.gov/fowa.

JUNIOR RANGER CAMP

Oxon Cove Park
Monday, July 29—Thursday,
August 1
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
301-839-1176
Ages 7–12
Free of charge

Learn about the National Park Service, especially National Capital Parks-East and Oxon Cove Park. Enjoy crafts, games, and other learning activities, both inside and out. Take the Junior Ranger Pledge and earn a badge. The camp is free; bring a lunch, a water bottle, and a snack. Call or stop by to register. Enrollment is limited; first come, first served.

August

TRASH UNDER FOOTE

Fort Foote Park—Parking Lot
Saturday, August 3
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
301-763-4600
Ages 10–Adult
Free of charge

Park Guide Bambi Sears will talk about the ways trash impacts the beauty of Fort Foote Park as she

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leads a cleanup. Bring gloves. Trash bags will be provided.

OUR MYSTERIOUS PAST

Fort Washington Park—Visitor Center
Saturday, August 3
10:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Explore the lifestyles of Native Americans and pre-history (fossils) that lived in the area of Fort Washington and the Potomac River before today. Join us to uncover secrets and unearth the mysteries of our past. We will search for evidence related to them addressing whom they were and how they lived. This walk will traverse moderate terrain. Please bring water.

LEARN TO DRAW SIMPLE FARM ANIMALS

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Barn
Sunday, August 4
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
301-839-1176
Ages 4–12 and accompanying adults
Free of charge

Grab a pencil and some paper and learn some basic methods for drawing farm animals. No experience necessary! Meet in the Visitor Barn.

SUMMER TRAIL WALK

Greenbelt Park—Dogwood Trail
Saturday, August 10
11:00 a.m.
301-344-3948
Ages 10–Adult
Free of charge

Join Ranger Debbie in getting healthy by walking on the nature trail during the summer season.

DOE THE DEER

Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station
Sunday, August 18
11:00 a.m.
301-344-3944
Ages 5–Adult
Free of charge
RSVP to Ranger Robin

Join a park ranger as we discuss the environmental adaptation of these mammals of Greenbelt Park. Learn about their characteristics, range, habitat, diet and more.

READING STORIES WITH RANGER STEPH: TREMENDOUS TRACTORS

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Barn
Monday, August 19
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
301-839-1176
Ages 0–5 and accompanying adults
Free of charge

Vrroom-vrroom! That's the sound of a tractor at work! Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, come to Oxon Hill Farm and learn how a farmer's tractor helps plow fields, harvest crops, remove snow, cut grass, and pull heavy loads. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

ESCAPE THE HEAT

Fort Washington Park—First parking lot on the right
Saturday, August 24
10:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

Escape the heat of the sun by hiking in the shade of the different trees covering the slopes of Fort Washington Park. Learn the names of the different species

that are providing for us. This walk will traverse moderate terrain. Please bring water.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORT FOOTE

Fort Foote Park
Saturday, August 24
2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
301-763-4600
All Ages
Free of charge

On August 20, 1863, the newly constructed Fort Foote was honored with a visit from President Lincoln. We will pay tribute to this seldom-heard history of one of the Civil War Defenses of Washington. Come learn about the stunning career of Andrew Hull Foote, Fort Foote's namesake.

THE COURT MARTIAL OF CAPTAIN SAMUEL DYSON

Fort Washington Park—Visitor Center
Sunday, August 25
11:00 a.m.–Noon
301-763-4600
Ages 10–Adult
Free of charge

It was August 27, 1814, and Washington, DC was burning, the British fleet was on the Potomac River near Mount Vernon. Captain Samuel Dyson ordered his 50-man garrison at Fort Washington to blow up its 3,000 lb. of black powder. He was court-martialed soon after for his decision. What led Captain Dyson to take such drastic action? What would you have done if you were in charge? Park Guide Bambi Sears will discuss the details and reasons for Captain Dyson's decision to blow up the fort. After the facts are discussed, she will call for a

vote from the audience. Bring your debating skills. The discussion will be lively.

A STAR-SPANGLED SUMMER: THE WAR OF 1812 COMES TO MOUNT WELBY

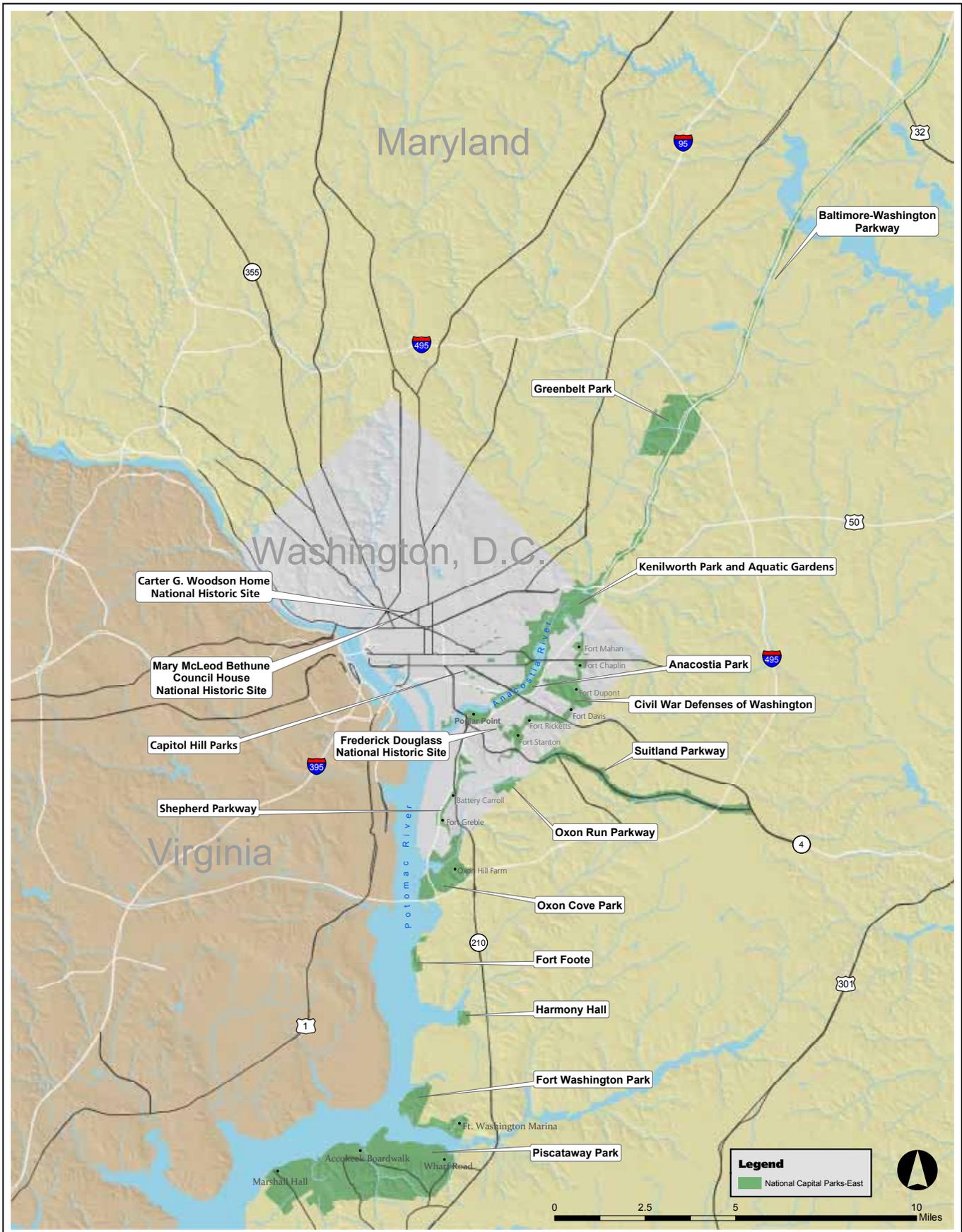
Oxon Cove Park
Sunday, August 25
12:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
301-839-1176
All Ages
Reservations Required
Free of charge

What was it like to live on the Mount Welby Farm during the summer of 1814? Of course, it would all depend on who you were...and your place in society. Step back in time as park rangers dressed in period costumes portray those whose lives were changed by the events that led to the surrender of the city of Alexandria and the burning of Washington. Through dramatic vignettes, you will meet an enslaved woman, a landowner and her son, a British naval officer, a citizen soldier, and American troops stationed on the Mount Welby hillside. This program is one hour long. There will be two programs presented. Please call in advance for exact times. We will walk for about a quarter of a mile, so make sure to wear comfortable shoes. Space is limited. Please call ahead to make your reservation.



A father helps his son draw a landscape at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. NPS Photo.

Map





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