

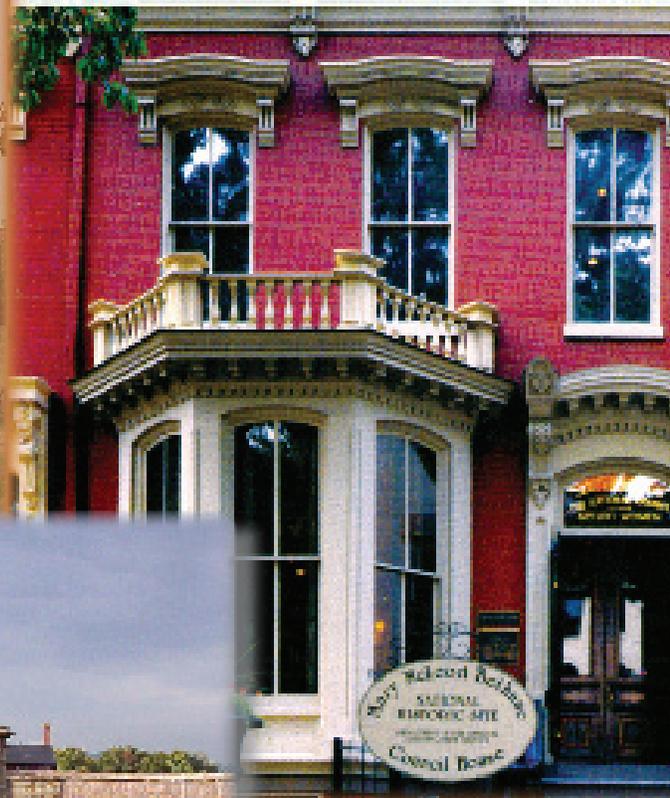
Beyond the Capital

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A Visitor's Guide to National Capital Parks-East

Summer 2009



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Dear Visitor

Welcome to your parks at National Capital Parks-East, where you will find something for everyone, whether your interest is in natural, cultural, historic or recreational opportunities. If you want to hike a trail and learn about the history of Washington, visit Fort Dupont and Fort Washington. Beautiful Greenbelt Park is an urban oasis in northern Prince George's County, Maryland where you can camp, ride your bike, explore acres of forests full of deer, beaver, and nature at its best.

Interested in flowers and reptiles? Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is a great place to relax, reflect, and explore the wetlands. Find out if the water lilies are in bloom, look for frogs and turtles, and all kinds of birds, and stroll along a boardwalk overlooking a marsh with a healthy eco-system. Picnicking is offered at Anacostia, Fort Washington and Greenbelt parks. You can volunteer to help with daily chores at Oxon Hill Farm, a working farm in nearby Maryland, where Virginia the cow lives along with chickens, horses, and sheep. This summer our parks are brimming with activities for the entire family. Your national parks wait - Enjoy!

Park Ranger Barbara Wadding
Fort Washington Park

Front Cover:
Clockwise: Oxon Cove Park, Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS, Piscataway Park, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
Center: Fort Washington Park: *NPS Photos*

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 almost 400 national parks found all across America?



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Park Ranger Kate Bucco leads visitors on a tour of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.

For Your Information

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 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.

Camping

The 174-site campground at Greenbelt Park is open all year. Sites are available for tents, recreational vehicles, and trailers up to 30 feet long. Restrooms, showers, picnic tables, water, and fire grates are provided. There are no electric hookups and camping is limited to 14 days. Overnight fees are dependant on the number of campers. For campground reservations, call 1-800-365-CAMP or 301-344-2929.

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
Local Weather	202-936-1212

Safety In Your National Parks

On the Road

- Buckle Up! Seat belts are required.
- Slow down at dawn and dusk.
- Watch out for pedestrians, other motorists, and animals on roadways.
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- Follow park speed limits.
- Be aware that traffic in parks can be very heavy so be patient.
- Always yield to emergency vehicles.
- Always keep watch for bicyclists, especially when turning, merging, changing lanes, or entering intersections.

Fortifications

- Climbing any part of the fortifications is unsafe and can damage them. Many historic surfaces are uneven and some areas can be slippery when wet. Please stay off earthworks and watch your children.

Sun and Heat Protection

- Apply a broad spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours when outdoors, even on cloudy days.
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration

Hiking Precautions

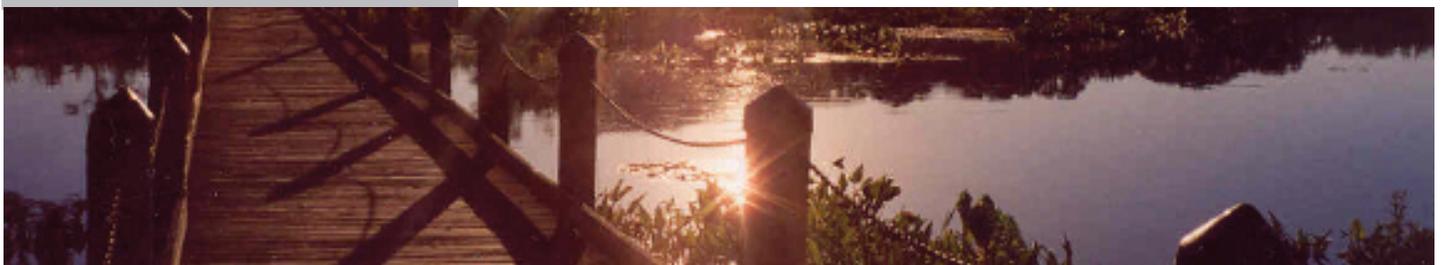
- Hiking off trails is unsafe, damages vegetation, causes erosion, and creates unsightly paths.
- Choose hiking trails suitable to your physical condition.
- If you plan to hike solo, give your intended route and length of trip to a park ranger or friend.
- Wear proper clothing. Hiking boots should be sturdy with good traction and ankle support and should be well broken in ahead of time.
- Bring bottled water.

Always Put Out Your Fires!

- Fires left unattended are dangerous. Be sure your fire is put out completely with water before leaving the area.

Flora and Fauna

- Poison Ivy can be found in many of the parks.
- White-tail deer carry ticks which can cause lyme disease, check yourself after walking the trails.
- Do not approach the wildlife.



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 Washington, D.C.'s largest and most important parks 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 am to 5 pm except January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

Contact Information

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

Capitol Hill Parks

When 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 greenspace 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
202-673-2402
www.nps.gov/cahi

Fort Circle Parks: Fort Dupont Park

Fort Dupont Park is the largest of the Fort Circle Parks. Here you will find earthwork fortifications used in the Civil War in defense of Washington, D.C.

Today, Fort Dupont Park is a heavily wooded, 400-acre site that protects an important sub-watershed of the Anacostia River and contains tennis and basketball courts, softball fields, and a community ice-rink. Its rolling wooded hills are an important visual element of the nation's capital and provides an attractive setting for community garden plots, frolicking children, and an annual summer concert series. There you will also find picnicking areas and hiking and biking trails. The park is open to the public daily, from dawn to dusk.

Contact Information

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

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 am to 5 pm Memorial Day through Labor Day and from 9 am to 4:30 pm 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

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

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 am to 4:30 pm 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

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

13551 Fort Washington Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744
301-763-4600
www.nps.gov/pisc

Sewall Belmont House and Museum

The Sewall-Belmont House and Museum is the site where suffrage leader Alice Paul and the women of the National Woman's Party led the fight for equal rights for women in the United States and throughout the world. The National Woman's Party was instrumental in gaining the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote.

Alice Paul, the author of the Equal Rights Amendment, lived and worked in the house for many years. The library, which contains an unparalleled collection of suffrage and equal rights artifacts and documents, is dedicated to the history of the party and the history of the suffrage and equal rights movements. Please call for tour availability.

Contact Information

144 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
202-546-1210
www.sewallbelmont.org

Parks of National Capital Parks-East

Frederick Douglass NHS

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

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

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

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Kenilworth 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. The visitor center is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm except January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

Kenilworth Marsh is a 77-acre freshwater tidal marsh that borders the Kenilworth 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

Langston Golf Course

Named for John Mercer Langston, an African American elected to Congress in 1888, Langston Golf Course offers an 18-hole course, driving range, and clubhouse.

The course opened in 1939, as a 9-hole facility when very limited golfing facilities were available to African Americans. Nine additional holes were constructed in the 1950s. Although the layout and landscape has evolved over time, Langston Golf Course was placed on the National Register of Historic Places for its efforts to provide equal access during the era of racial segregation. Historically, it was a pioneer in establishing African American golf clubs and professional golfers.

Langston's Pro Shop and snack bar are open from dawn to dusk year-round. The driving range is open from 9 am to 5 pm daily, except December 25.

Contact Information

26th & Benning Road, NE
Washington, DC 20019
202-397-8638
www.golfdc.com

Activities at your fingertips

	Anacostia Park	Fort Dupont Park	Fort Washington Park	Frederick Douglass NHS	Greenbelt Park	Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens	Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS	Oxon Cove Park	Piscataway Park
Biking	●	●	●		●			●	●
Birding	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Camping					●				
Education Programs	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hiking	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Live Music		●							
On-Site Parking	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Picnicking	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Ranger-led programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sports Fields	●		●		●				
Visitor Center			●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Events

May

The Aliens Have Landed!

*Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area
11 am, Saturday, May 2
301-344-3944*

Ages 8 to Adult

Make a difference and help preserve Greenbelt Park's native plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity as we pull non-native plants and help preserve Greenbelt Park for future generations. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and work gloves.



Calling all Citizens to Join the Union Army

*Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
11 am, Sunday, May 3
301-763-4600*

All Ages

Come out to Historic Fort Washington and Join the Union Army. Marching and musket drills will be the order of the day followed by a firing demonstration of the muzzle-loading musket at noon.

Artillery Firing Demonstration

*Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
1 pm to 3 pm, Sunday, May 3
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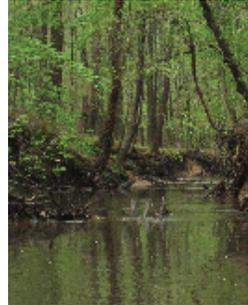
All Ages

Ever wonder how Civil War cannons were fired? The Fort Washington Guard dressed in period uniforms will demonstrate how a 6-pounder field gun was used during the muzzle-loading era of American Artillery.

Friends of Still Creek

*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
7 pm to 9 pm, Monday, May 4
Contact Bill Duncan at 301-345-6515*

Ages 16 to adult
Are you a creek lover? The Friends of Still Creek invite you to explore the Still Creek Watershed in Greenbelt Park. Meet at the ranger station.



Music at Harmony Hall

*Harmony Hall Mansion
2 pm, Saturday, May 10
301-763-4600*

All Ages

Enjoy an afternoon of music on the grounds of historic Harmony Hall Mansion. The Concert Band of America will present a free concert. The first floor of the mansion will be open for viewing. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Please remember that no glass containers or alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises.

Meet the Beaver

*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
2 pm, Sunday, May 17
301-344-3944*

All Ages

Join a park ranger to explore the habitat of the Beaver.



Sheep Shearing

*Oxon Cove - Visitor Barn
10 am to Noon, Friday, May 22
301-839-1176*

All Ages

Watch the Oxon Hill Farm flock of sheep get their annual haircut and learn how wool goes from sheep to sweater.

Memorial Day Commemoration

*Logan Circle Park at 13th and Logan Circle, NW
Noon to 3 pm, Monday, May 25
202-673-2402*

All Ages

Join the National Park Service, the Illinois State Society, and the Logan Circle Community Association for a tribute to Memorial Day founder John A. Logan, and to honor Mary McLeod Bethune for her efforts to ensure equality in the armed services. A concert will be performed by the D.C. Youth Orchestra. The program will also pay tribute to Dr. Martha Putney, who served as a commissioned army officer in the 1940s. Guest speaker will be Dr. Regina Akers, U.S. Navy Archives. The program will conclude with the laying of a wreath at the statue of John A. Logan.

Celebrate the Bi-Centennial of Abraham Lincoln

*Frederick Douglass NHS – Lawn in front of the Douglass Home
11 am to 12:30 pm, Saturday, May 30
202-426-5961*

All Ages

In celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the Bach Children's Chorus of Rochester, New York will perform 19th Century music on the front steps of Cedar Hill, Frederick Douglass' last residence. Music will include several selections from one of Douglass' hymn books. Renowned reenactor Kevin McIlvaine will deliver a speech that Douglass gave at the dedication of Lincoln's Statue, April 14, 1876, at Lincoln Park in Washington, D.C.



Frederick Douglass reenactor, Kevin McIlvaine

Weekly Events on the Farm at Oxon Cove Park

Group reservations required, 301-839-1176

Meet the Dairy Cow

11:30 am, Sundays through Saturdays, May through August

All Ages

Watch the park ranger demonstrate milking the cow and learn fun cow facts, proper milking techniques, and much, more.

Chicken Program

11 am, Saturdays through Thursdays

All Ages

Find out why chickens are important to life on the farm. Gather eggs, feed the chickens, and help with the chores in the barn.

Wagon Ride

1:30 pm, Saturdays through Thursdays

11 am, Fridays

All Ages

Take a scenic ride through the park to find out more about the natural and cultural wonders of the lesser explored areas of Oxon Cove Park.

The Park's Past, An Invitation to Learn the Story of Oxon Cove Park

1 pm to 3 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays

All Ages

Explore the park's past and find out interesting stories about the farm's history when it was known as Mt. Welby, Godding Croft, and Oxon Hill Farm.



June

Dupont-Kalorama Museum Walk Weekend

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
- Visitor Center

10 am to 4 pm, Saturday, June 6

1 pm to 5 pm, Sunday, June 7

202-673-2402

All Ages

Join the National Park Service to celebrate your local museums "off the National Mall." Events include, tours, exhibits, hands-on activities, and music. Take the red line Metro to Dupont Circle where visitors can obtain the two day itinerary and bottled water from a kiosk. Free shuttle service from site to site.

Join the Army of the Plant Weeders!

Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area

9:30 am, Saturday, June 6

301-344-3944

Ages 8 to Adult

Make a difference and help preserve Greenbelt Park's native plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity as we pull non-native plants and help preserve Greenbelt Park for future generations. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and work gloves.

National Trails Day

Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area

8:30 am to 12 pm, Saturday, June 6

RSVP to REI at 301-982-9681

Ages 10 to Adult

Come out and help maintain the trails in Greenbelt Park. We will collect trash along Still Creek and remove invasive plants in the park. Children can join a nature walk along the Azalea Trail at 11:30 am. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and work gloves.

Events

Calling all Citizens to Join the Union Army!

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
11 am, Sunday, June 7
301-763-4600

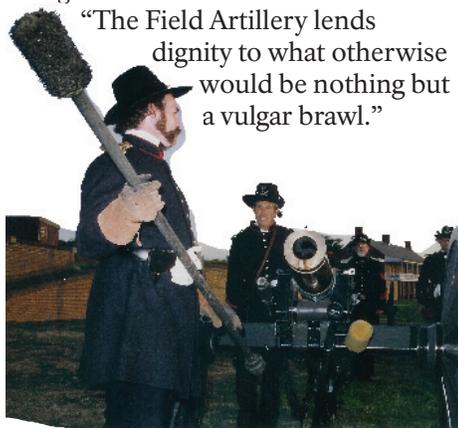
All Ages

Come out to Historic Fort Washington and Join the Union Army. Marching soldiers and musket drills will be the order of the day followed by a firing demonstration of the muzzle-loading musket at noon.

Civil War Artillery Demonstrations

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
1 pm, 2 pm, and, 3 pm, Sunday, June 7
301-763-4600

All Ages



“The Field Artillery lends dignity to what otherwise would be nothing but a vulgar brawl.”

Volunteers in Civil War period uniforms will demonstrate and explain the procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American artillery.

Historical Farm Equipment

Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn
11 am to 12:30 pm, Sunday, June 14
301-839-1176

All Ages

Take a walking tour and discover how technology used in farm equipment has progressed from horsepower to machine power! Meet the park ranger at the windmill.



Get Involved!

Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn
9 am to 2 pm, Saturday, June 20
301-839-1176

All Ages

Join other volunteers in cleaning up the shores of the Potomac River at Oxon Cove Park. Wear sturdy shoes and work clothes. Volunteer hours donated for this event can earn you community service credits.

Frederick Douglass Family Festival

Frederick Douglass NHS – Grounds
1 pm to 3 pm, Sunday, June 21
202-426-5961

All Ages

Join park rangers for an afternoon of fun playing games Frederick Douglass and his family played at Cedar Hill, including crafts and activities. Bring the entire family out to discover interesting facts about Frederick Douglass and family life at the historic mansion. Refreshments will be available for purchase and visitors may bring a picnic lunch. Please remember that alcoholic beverages and glass containers are not permitted on the premises.



July

The Aliens Have Landed!

Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area
11 am, Saturday, July 4
301-344-3944

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Artillery Demonstration

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
11 am to 3 pm, Sunday, July 5
301-763-4600

All Ages

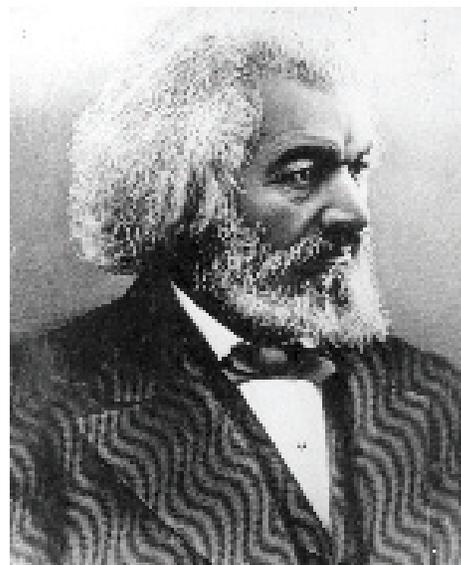
“The shot heard round the world.” This statement marks the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The Fort Washington Guard, in recognition of Independence Day, will fire 13 shots for the original 13 colonies that formed the United States of America. The Fort Washington Guard represents the Union Army of the Civil War.

What Did Frederick Douglass Say About the Fourth of July?

Frederick Douglass NHS – Front lawn
1 pm, Sunday, July 5
202-426-5961

All Ages

On July 5th 1852, Frederick Douglass delivered a stirring speech about the failure of the Declaration of Independence to live up to the promise of ensuring freedom for African Americans. Reenactor Kevin McIlvaine, as Frederick Douglass, will deliver that speech and offer insights into its message. The program is presented in conjunction with the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum. Visitors to the program will be invited to the museum following the program to view their new exhibit, “Jubilee: African American Celebration.”



Events

Independence Day Concert
Fort Washington – Visitor Center
7 pm, Sunday, July 5
301-763-4600

All Ages

Come out and bring the entire family to enjoy a patriotic concert featuring the Montgomery Village Community Band and the Fort Washington Community Chorus. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Please remember that glass containers and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises.



Mary McLeod Bethune 134th Birthday Commemoration
Lincoln Park – 11th and East Capitol Streets, N.E.

6 pm, Friday, July 10
202-673-2402

All Ages

This year's program will commemorate Mary McLeod Bethune's birthday and the 35th Anniversary of the dedication of the Bethune Statue in Lincoln Park. Dr. Dorothy I. Height will be the guest speaker. The program will include greetings from National Park Service officials, local dignitaries, musical selections, and a wreath-laying at the base of the Bethune Statue.



Fort Dupont Summer Theater Concert Series

Free shows are Saturdays, July 18 through August 22 at 8:00 pm. Check our website after May 30, 2009 for the schedule of performers. www.nps.gov/fodu



Please do not bring: glass containers, illegal substances, or weapons of any kind. Charcoal grills may only be used in designated picnic areas. No tents or lit candles allowed in the audience area. Vending, cameras, camcorders, and any other recording devices are also prohibited. Please respect our neighbors by NOT parking to obstruct private driveways.

Events

August

Recruits Wanted!

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
11 am, Sunday, August 2
301-763-4600

All Ages

President Lincoln called for recruits to join the Union Army. Report to Fort Washington! Instruction on marching and drills on the use of the musket will be provided by the Fort Washington Guard. At noon, the Guard will demonstrate the Springfield Rifle-Musket.

Artillery Firing Demonstration

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
1 pm to 3 pm, Sunday, August 2
301-763-4600

All Ages

Ever wonder how Civil War cannons were fired? The Fort Washington Guard in period uniforms will demonstrate how with a 6-pounder field gun that was used during the muzzle-loading era of American Artillery.



Meet the Beaver

Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
2 pm, Sunday, August, 23
301-344-3944

All Ages

Join a park ranger to explore the habitat of the Beaver.



15-inch Rodman Cannon, mounted at Fort Foote Park

The Aliens Have Landed!

Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area
11 am, Saturday, August 1
301-344-3944

Ages 8 to Adult

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Junior Ranger Program

Oxon Cove Park-Visitor Barn

9 am to Noon

July 13 through 16

301-839-1176

Ages 9-13

Join us this summer and become part of the elite group of Oxon Cove Park Junior Rangers by completing the four day program. The program is packed full of fun and educational activities. Talk to a Park Ranger today to find out more and reserve your space.



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