

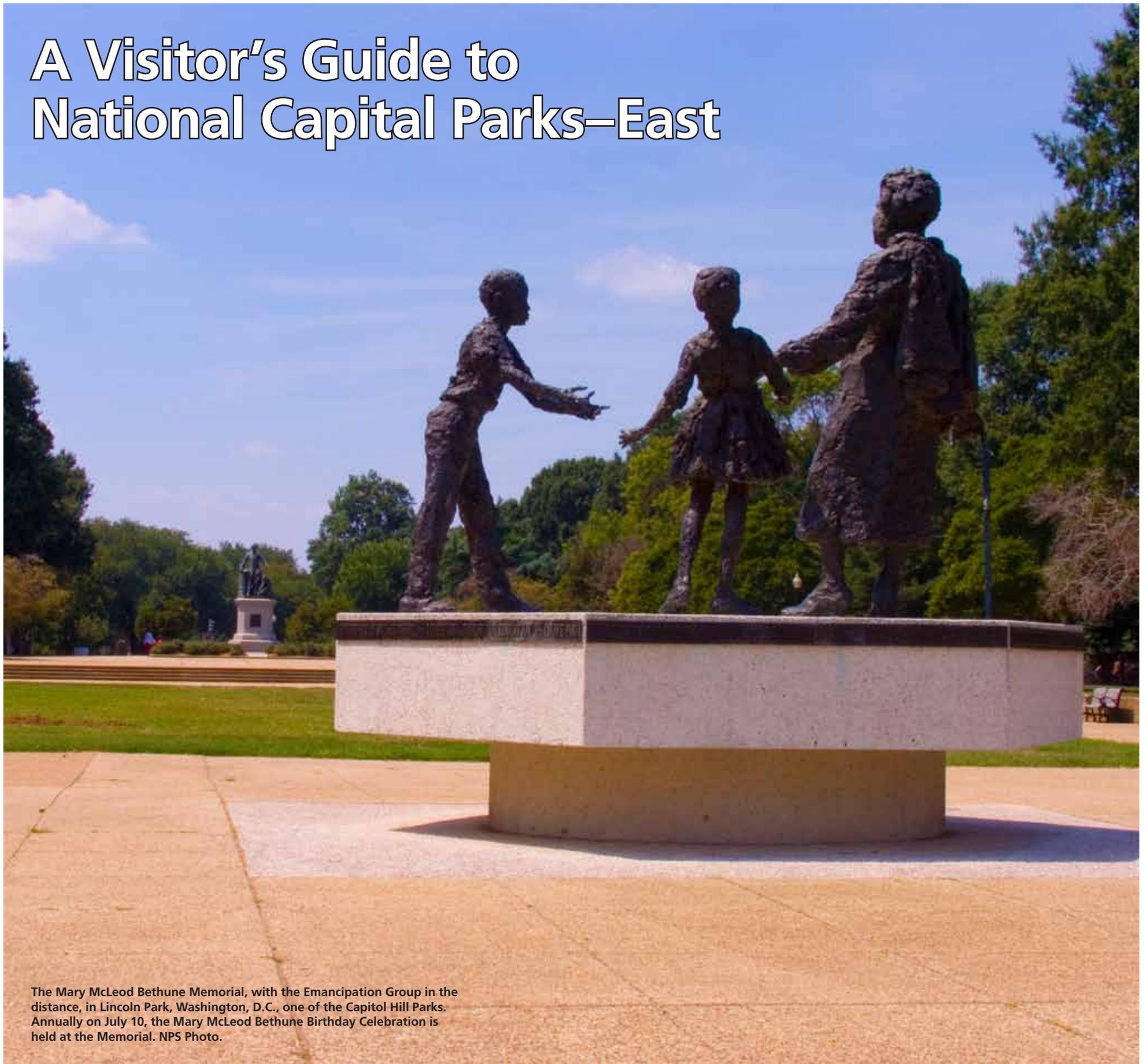


# Beyond the Capital

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## A Visitor's Guide to National Capital Parks–East



The Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial, with the Emancipation Group in the distance, in Lincoln Park, Washington, D.C., one of the Capitol Hill Parks. Annually on July 10, the Mary McLeod Bethune Birthday Celebration is held at the Memorial. NPS Photo.



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# 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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# Congratulations, Superintendent Alex Romero!



As of July 18, 2010, Alex Romero will assume his new role as Superintendent of National Capital Parks–East! Superintendent Alex Romero is a 19-year veteran of the National Park Service, with 15 years of supervisory/management experience in both the Northeast and National Capital Regions. Superintendent Romero has served in positions of progressively increasing responsibility ranging Public Health Sanitarian to District Manager of Breezy Point

District at Gateway National Recreation Area, to Assistant Superintendent at Prince William Forest Park, to his current position, serving since late 2004 as the Deputy Superintendent of National Capital Parks–East. He also successfully completed a 120 day detail as Acting Superintendent at National Capital Parks–East, December 2009–March 2010.

Congratulations to Alex, the park employees, volunteers, and partners as National Capital Parks–East transitions to new leadership!

# 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 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.

## 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.

# 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 live in the same places as the ticks which can cause Lyme disease, check yourself after walking the trails.
- Do not approach the wildlife.



Not all the fun things happening at the various units of National Capital Parks–East are planned special events. Pictured is an impromptu ball game in Anacostia Park.

## 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.wamata.com
Local Weather	202-936-1212

## Become a Volunteer!

Please consider being a VIP and join in with the other National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks that serve our community across the country.



National Capital Parks–East is one of Washington, D.C.’s largest multi-recreation parks. It is rich in history, communities, and culture. It has many crown jewels of the NPS and has more than 1,200 acres to share. It includes, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, Oxon Cove Park, Greenbelt Park, Fort Washington Park, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, and many more.

Anyone can sign up to be a volunteer and help care for these special places. As a volunteer, you preserve the special legacy that surrounds our special places. By volunteering with us you help to keep our resources safe and help us connect with diverse audiences for future generations.

As a VIP you will work side by side with other National Park Service staff and volunteers.

Contact us today and have a great park experience!

# 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](http://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 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  
202-673-2402  
[www.nps.gov/cahi](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

13511 Fort Washington Road  
Fort Washington, MD 20744  
301-763-4600  
[www.nps.gov/pisc](http://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](http://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.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.golfdc.com)

## 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 Godwin 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, DC, was Dr. Woodson's home from 1922 until his death in 1950. He directed the operations of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and pursued his own studies of African American history from there.

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

### Contact Information

1318 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-673-2402  
[www.nps.gov/cawo](http://www.nps.gov/cawo)

## Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Enjoy the scenic entryway into our Nation's Capital.

Opened in 1954, the parkway is a 29-mile scenic highway that connects Baltimore, Maryland with Washington, D.C.

The parkway is a part of four parkways that welcome visitors and integrate a design to convey to citizens the importance of the capital city.

The NPS manages the parkway from the D.C. boundary to Fort Meade, Maryland.

### Contact Information

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

## Suitland Parkway

Suitland Parkway begins at the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge (South Capitol Street Bridge) in D.C., and extends 9.35 miles to Andrews Air Force Base. The Maryland portion of the parkway is under the jurisdiction of National Capital Parks-East.

The Parkway was constructed during the early months of World War II to serve as a rapid transit road between Camp Springs (now Andrews Air Force Base) in Prince George's County, Maryland, to Bolling Field Air Force Base, and ultimately the Pentagon and downtown Washington, D.C.

Today the Parkway is used by visitors and commuters approaching the nation's capital from the east. Government officials, military personnel, and foreign dignitaries who fly into and out of Andrews Air Force Base frequently use the Parkway. The Parkway corridor is often the first image 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](http://www.nps.gov/nace)

## Shepherd Parkway

Shepherd Parkway is a segment of what is now Interstate 295 in Southwest Washington, D.C., bordering Bolling Air Force Base. It is also known as part of the Anacostia Freeway.

The parkway is under the jurisdiction of National Capital Parks-East.

### Contact Information

1900 Anacostia Drive, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
202-472-3884  
[www.nps.gov/nace](http://www.nps.gov/nace)

# Events

## Recurring



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIKE RACES

Greenbelt Park—Holly Picnic Area  
Wednesdays, May to August  
6 pm to 8:30 pm  
301-344-3944  
No fee for spectators  
All Ages

The Mount Airy and College Park Practice Bicycle Races occur Wednesday nights from May to August.

The bike participants meet in the Holly Picnic Area so all spectators can park in the Park Headquarters, the Sweetgum Picnic Area, or the Dogwood parking area.

Please obey all road marshals for your safety as well as the bike racers.

All racers are registered through the Mount Airy or College Park Bicycle stores. To participate, please contact the bicycle clubs.



### INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

Greenbelt Park—Sweetgum Picnic Area  
Every First Saturday of Every Month  
11 am to 2 pm  
301-344-3944  
All Ages

Please help Greenbelt Park remove invasive plants. This is a easy, safe way to

get involved and help the local environment. Participants should bring gloves, tick repellent, and water and meet at the Sweetgum Picnic area at 11 am.

People of all ages, backgrounds, and interests are invited to spend a fun day outdoors while learning the differences between native and non-native plants and help to preserve the health and native wildlife of this natural area.

### PRINCE GEORGES RUNNING CLUB SATURDAY MORNING RUN

Every Saturday  
8 am to 10 am  
Greenbelt Park—Sweetgum Picnic Area

The Prince George's County Running Club meets every Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area. Whether you are just starting or have been running for awhile, join your fellow runners every Saturday morning for fitness, encouragement, and fellowship.

Prince George's Running Club  
P.O. Box 877  
Greenbelt, MD 20768  
(301) 982-2457

### FRIENDS OF STILL CREEK MEETING

Greenbelt Park—Ranger Station  
First Monday of Each Month, February through November  
7 pm to 9 pm

The Friends of Still Creek invite you to discover Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek Watershed. We have many opportunities for people who want to make a difference.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Bill Duncan at 301-345-6515

## July



Dorothy Irene Height and Mary McLeod Bethune

### MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: REMEMBERING HER ELDEST DAUGHTER, DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT, 1912-2010

Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial —  
Lincoln Park, 13th and East Capitol Streets, NE, Washington, DC  
Saturday, July 10  
10 am to 3 pm  
202-673-2402  
All Ages

Join us for this annual event celebrating the birthday of Mary McLeod Bethune. We are celebrating her 135th birthday. We are also remembering Dorothy Irene Height, who passed away this year. Dr. Height was instrumental in creating the Bethune Memorial and getting it installed at Lincoln Park. It was the first monument on public land to either an African American or a woman. For additional information, contact the site.

### ARTILLERY FIRING DEMONSTRATION

Fort Washington Park—Old Fort  
Sunday, July 11  
1 pm to 3 pm  
301-763-4600  
All Ages

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, 2:00, and 3:00.

### SHHHHHHHHHH! HIKE

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center  
Sunday, July 11  
12 noon  
301-839-1176  
All Ages

The best way to find out what really happens in nature is to be alone, still, and quiet. We won't speak during this one-mile walk. Be prepared to sit on the ground for 15 to 20 minutes. Please meet at the Oxon Cove Visitor Center.



### LOTUS WATER LILY FESTIVAL

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens  
Saturday, July 17  
11 am to 2 pm  
202-426-6905  
All Ages

This beautiful annual event features workshops on gardening, Asian Lotus crafts, dances, puppet shows, displays and special tours. Contact the park closer to the date of the event for additional information on the photo contest, a confirmed schedule of events and specific highlights.

# Events



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT FORT DUPONT

Fort Dupont Park

Saturdays – July 17, 24, 31,

August 7, 14, & 21

7:30 pm

(Note new starting time for show)

202-426-7723

For All

Free Admission

Join us outdoors under the stars at the Fort Dupont summer concerts starring national and local artists. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends and continue this Washington, DC tradition at your national park. You don't want to miss this! It's free!

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Oxon Cove Park – Farm's parking lot

Saturdays, July 17

9 am to 12 noon

301-839-1176

All Ages

Join volunteers and Future Farmers of America in five week segments on Saturdays of cleanups at the Potomac River, our valuable resource. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear sturdy shoes and work clothes and bring lots of energy.

## POST REVOLUTIONARY SLAVERY ALONG THE TIDEWATER

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center

Sunday, July 18

12 noon

301-839-1176

Ages 9 and up

Come out to the park and discover this chapter in American slavery history. The park ranger will discuss and compare the Artisan slavery found in the cities with the agricultural slavery found on the farms and plantations of the area.



## BE A JUNIOR RANGER!

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center

Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July

22

9 am to 12:30 pm each day

301-839-1176

Ages: 9 to 13

Reservations required

Are you between the ages of 9 and 13? Are you interested in nature, history, and national parks? If so, Oxon Cove Park's Junior Ranger Camp has a spot reserved for you. Join us for this educational and fun 4-day camp where we will learn, explore, and protect your national park. Bring your lunch each day, wear comfortable shoes, and dress for the weather.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT FORT DUPONT

Saturday – July 24, 7:30 pm

202-426-7723

For All

Free Admission

Artists:

ROY AYERS

Brian Lenair



## CIVIL WAR TOUR

Fort Foote Park – Fort Foote Road, Fort

Washington, Maryland

Saturday, June 27

2 pm

301-763-4600

All Ages

During the Civil War, 68 forts were constructed to protect Washington from Confederate attacks. Today, 18 of these forts preserved by the National Park Service still exist. Fort Foote is one of them. Come learn about the lives of soldiers who protected the capital and the historic earthwork forts of the Civil War.

## A NATURE "WHO DONNIT"

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center

Sunday, July 25

12 noon

301-839-1176

Ages 5 and up

Finding out about animals is like being a detective. You guess what has happened by looking at the clues the suspect has left behind. Join us for a one-mile walk along the Woodlot Trail as we discover evidence of what nature's own have left for us to see.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT FORT DUPONT

Saturday – July 31, 7:30 pm

202-426-7723

For All

Free Admission

Artists:

WPFW Night w/ HAROLD MELVIN'S BLUE NOTES

Uotown Philly Fantasy

H.A.L.O.

# August



## FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Frederick Douglass NHS

Sunday, August 1

1pm to 4pm

202-426-5961

All Ages

Activities for the whole family. It's free!

## NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T

Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center

Sunday, August 1

12 noon

301-839-1176

All Ages

Some animals want to be seen, and others don't. Find out how color helps them to survive by walking a "Un-Nature Trail" and experimenting with protective coloration. Meet in front of the Oxon Cove Visitor Center.

## ARTILLERY FIRING DEMONSTRATION

Fort Washington Park—Old Fort

Sunday, August 1

1 pm to 3 pm

301-763-4600

All Ages

Ever wonder how Civil War cannons were fired? The Fort Washington

# Events

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, 2:00, and 3:00.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT FORT DUPONT

*Saturday – August 7, 7:30 pm*  
202-426-7723  
For All  
Free Admission

Sugarfoot's OHIO PLAYERS  
Clones of Funk

## THE WAR OF 1812 AND THE BURNING OF WASHINGTON

*Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center*  
*Sunday, August 8*  
12 noon  
301-839-1176  
Ages 9 and up

Come join the park ranger at Oxon Cove and explore the reasons into how the War of 1812 broke out between the United States and Great Britain. Listen and discuss how the attack on Washington affected residents of the area by reading through the first hand journal writings of Mrs. Mary Welby DeButts.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT FORT DUPONT

*Saturday – August 14, 7:30 pm*  
202-426-7723  
For All  
Free Admission

Artists:  
MIDNIGHT STARR  
Be'la Dona

## NATURAL ART

*Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center*  
*Sunday, August 15*  
12 noon  
301-839-1176  
All Ages

Come and be inventive as we sit down and do something artistic with nature's wonders. Have you ever made a leaf print? Nature is truly awesome! Go on a discovery walk and see what's out there that is so artistic and create your own master piece. Come even if you aren't artistic! Nature has already done the hard part. Meet at the Oxon Cove Visitor Center.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT FORT DUPONT

*Saturday – August 14, 7:30 pm*  
202-426-7723  
For All  
Free Admission

Artists:  
SOS BAND  
Kinda Blu



## CIVIL WAR TOUR

*Fort Foote Park – Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, Maryland*  
*Saturday, August 22*  
2 pm  
301-763-4600  
All Ages

During the Civil War, 68 forts were constructed to protect Washington from Confederate attacks. Today, 18 of these forts preserved by the National Park Service still exist. Fort Foote is one of them. Come learn about the lives of soldiers who protected the capital and

the historic earthwork forts of the Civil War.

## SHHHHHHHHHH! HIKE

*Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center*  
*Sunday, August 22*  
12 noon  
301-839-1176  
All Ages

The best way to find out what really happens in nature is to be alone, still, and quiet. We won't speak on this one-mile walk. Be prepared to sit on the ground for 15 to 20 minutes. Please meet at the Oxon Cove Visitor Center.

## FEET IN THE STREET

*Fort Dupont Park*  
*Saturday, August 28*  
9 am to 3 pm  
202-426-7723  
All Ages

Calling all walkers, runners, skaters, and bikers! We're closing the street to all motorized vehicles for the day. No cars. No traffic. Just fun for all! The park road will be yours for 6 hours as you take to the street! Attend healthy food workshops, assist with invasive plant removal, tour the community gardens, explore and learn something new on a guided nature walk. You can do your own thing while the park roads are free from motorized traffic. See you there!

## INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION COMES TO THE FARM

*Oxon Cove Park—Visitor Center*  
*Sunday, August 29*  
12 noon  
301-839-1176  
Ages 9 and up

Join a the park ranger in exploring and gaining understanding of Colonial farming and how it transitioned to plantation or large scale farming during the Industrial Revolution. The park ranger will introduce you and your family to some of the key inventions which allowed this remarkable period of American history to occur. We will take

time to explore the farm museum and examine inventions that transformed the landscape to include: Iron Plow, Cyrus McCormick Mechanical Reaper, Fulton Steam Ship and other important inventions of the Industrial Revolution.

# September

## FORT WASHINGTON PARK PUPPET SHOW

*Fort Washington Park—Picnic Reservation Area*  
*Saturday, September 4, 2010*  
2 pm to 3:30 pm  
All Ages

Come picnic with the puppets of Fort Washington Park and learn about the animals that live in the park.



## ARTILLERY FIRING DEMONSTRATION

*Fort Washington Park—Old Fort*  
*Sunday, September 5*  
1 pm to 3 pm  
301-763-4600  
All Ages

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, 2:00, and 3:00.

# Events

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

*Fort Washington—Lighthouse*

*Saturday, September 25*

*9 am to 12 noon*

*301-763-4600*

*Ages 8 and older*

Help protect the nation's river, the Potomac. A river clean up will be held to help remove the trash from the banks of the Potomac River. So grab your boots and gloves and join us at the lighthouse. A limited supply of gloves will be available.



## LABOR OF LOVE TOUR

*Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens Visitor Center.*

*Monday, September 8*

*9 am*

*202-426-6905*

*No charge.*

*All Ages*

A last look at the gardens Walter Shaw and Helen Fowler created out of love for their water flowers. Call Kate Bucco 202-426-6905 for more information.

## FLOWER BASKETS

*Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens Visitor Center*

*Saturday, September 18*

*10 am*

*202-426-6905*

*No charge*

A one hour demonstration on starting and finishing a flower round basket. Call Kate Bucco 202-426-6905 for more information.

## PUBLIC LANDS DAY WITH THE FRIENDS OF KENILWORTH AQUATIC GARDENS

*Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens — Maintenance Yard*

*Saturday, September 25*

*9 am*

*202-426-6906*

*All Ages*

Spend three hours helping park staff get ready for winter at the gardens. Contact Doug Rowley 202-426-6906 for information.

# Anacostia River-walk Trail through Kenilworth Park.

Washington D.C.---The National Park Service (NPS), National Capital Parks-East, in collaboration with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), is proposing to construct a portion of the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail through Kenilworth Park. The proposed section of trail is located east of the Anacostia River in the northeast section of the District and extends into Maryland along the Anacostia River, connecting to the existing MD-NCPC trail from historic Bladensburg Waterfront. This trail would link with other sections of the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, as well as the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Bladensburg Waterfront trail, and points beyond. The proposed trail is a key component of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI), which is the Framework Plan for revitalizing the District's waterfront areas. The AWI is the product of the commitment made by twenty Federal and local agencies to cooperatively develop a vision for the waterfront.

In 2004, NPS completed an Environmental Assessment that analyzed all three sections of the proposed Anacostia Riverwalk Trail. Since 2004, the proposed trails for sections one and two have moved forward. The alignment of this third section of the trail has since been revised, offering an additional trail alignment option. The proposed alignment is the result of an effort to provide a better visitor experience by reducing trail alignments on city streets and directing more of the trail through parkland.



# Events

## Anacostia Watershed Youth Ambassador Program

The Anacostia Watershed Youth Ambassador Program is an education and public outreach program designed to raise awareness about watershed issues in the Anacostia Watershed. This is a partnership with the National Park Service, Bank of America, the National Park Foundation, Earth Conservation Corps and Alice Ferguson Foundation. Through this program, youth are placed in watershed management areas in Washington D.C. to serve their local communities. By putting youth in the position to educate their communities about the environmental issues of the Anacostia Watershed, they being educated and taking ownership of their neighborhood. This exercise of social justice and resource stewardship will help contribute to the character building of the youth involved.

There are three main objectives to the program. The first objective of the program is to reach out to neighboring communities around the Anacostia Watershed to share information on environmental issues and advise them on what they can do at their homes and in their communities to reduce their impact on the environment and to protect the Anacostia Watershed. The second objective is to educate participants about factors that adversely impact the Anacostia River Watershed and the environment. Lastly, the third objective is to provide a life changing experience or behavior change with participants engaged in the outreach program.

The service project will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010. 250 youth from around the country who are participating in the Bank of America Youth Leadership Program will be coming to Washington D.C. for the event. The day will consist of learning activities, motivational speakers and reflection. We will have ten high school Anacostia Watershed Ambassadors who will be managed by two college interns and a Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT). These students will be engaging in peer education and the preliminary work for the service project. The TRT will be overseeing all the students as well as working on the Anacostia Watershed curriculum. The structure of this program allows for local youth to peer-educate youth from across the nation and engage in a dialogue concerning their generation's role in natural resource conservation and environmental protection.



## 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

*11:30 pm, Saturdays through Thursdays  
11 am Fridays  
All Ages*

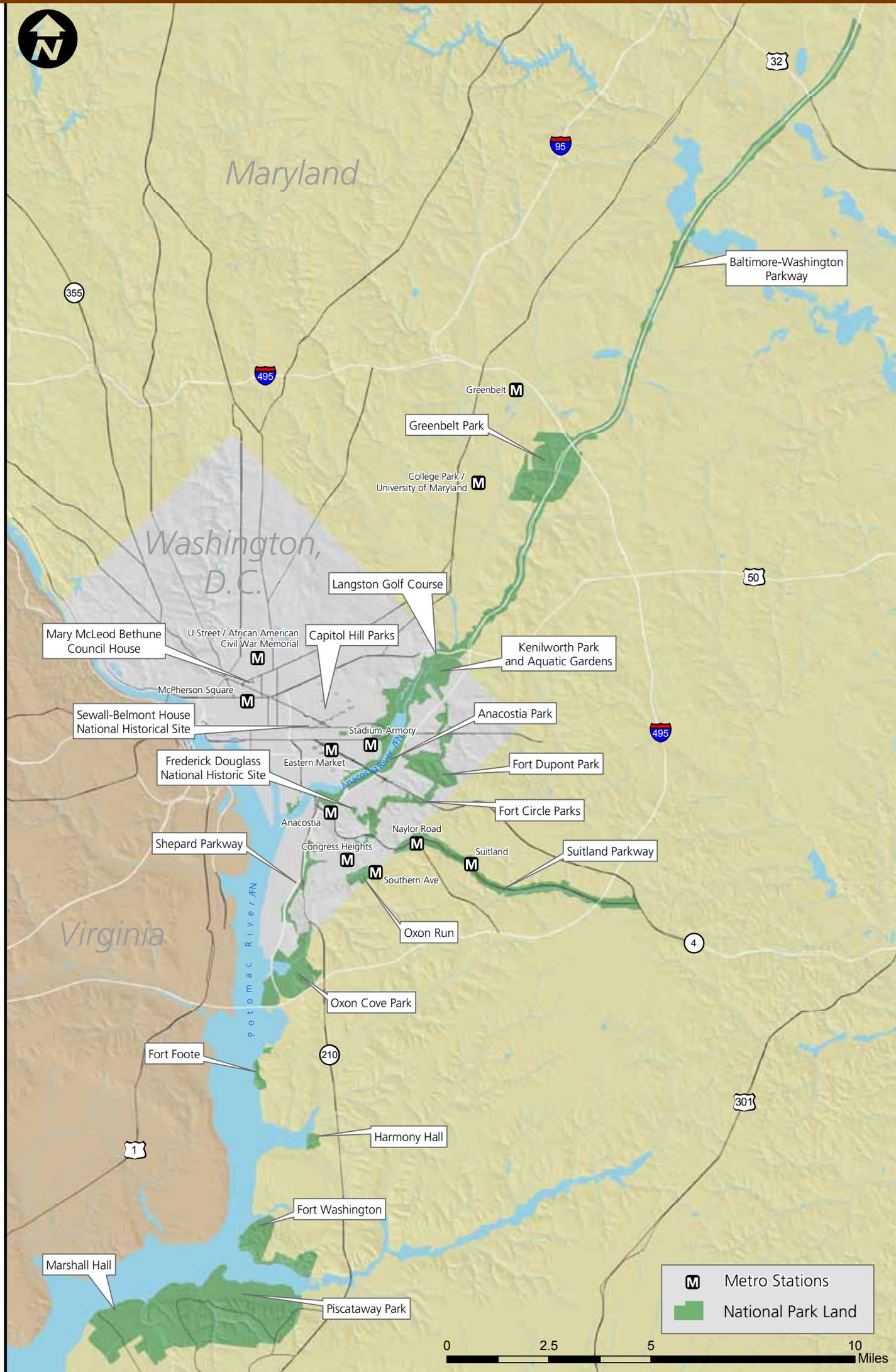
Take a scenic ride through the park to find out more about the natural and cultural wonders of the lesser explored areas of Oxon Cove Park.

### 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.

# Park Map





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# Activities at Your Fingertips

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Biking	*	*	*		*			*	*
Birding	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*
Camping					*				
Education Programs	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hiking	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*
Live Music		*							
On-Site Parking	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*
Picnicking	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*
Ranger-led Programs	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sports Fields	*		*		*				
Visitor Center			*	*	*	*	*	*	*