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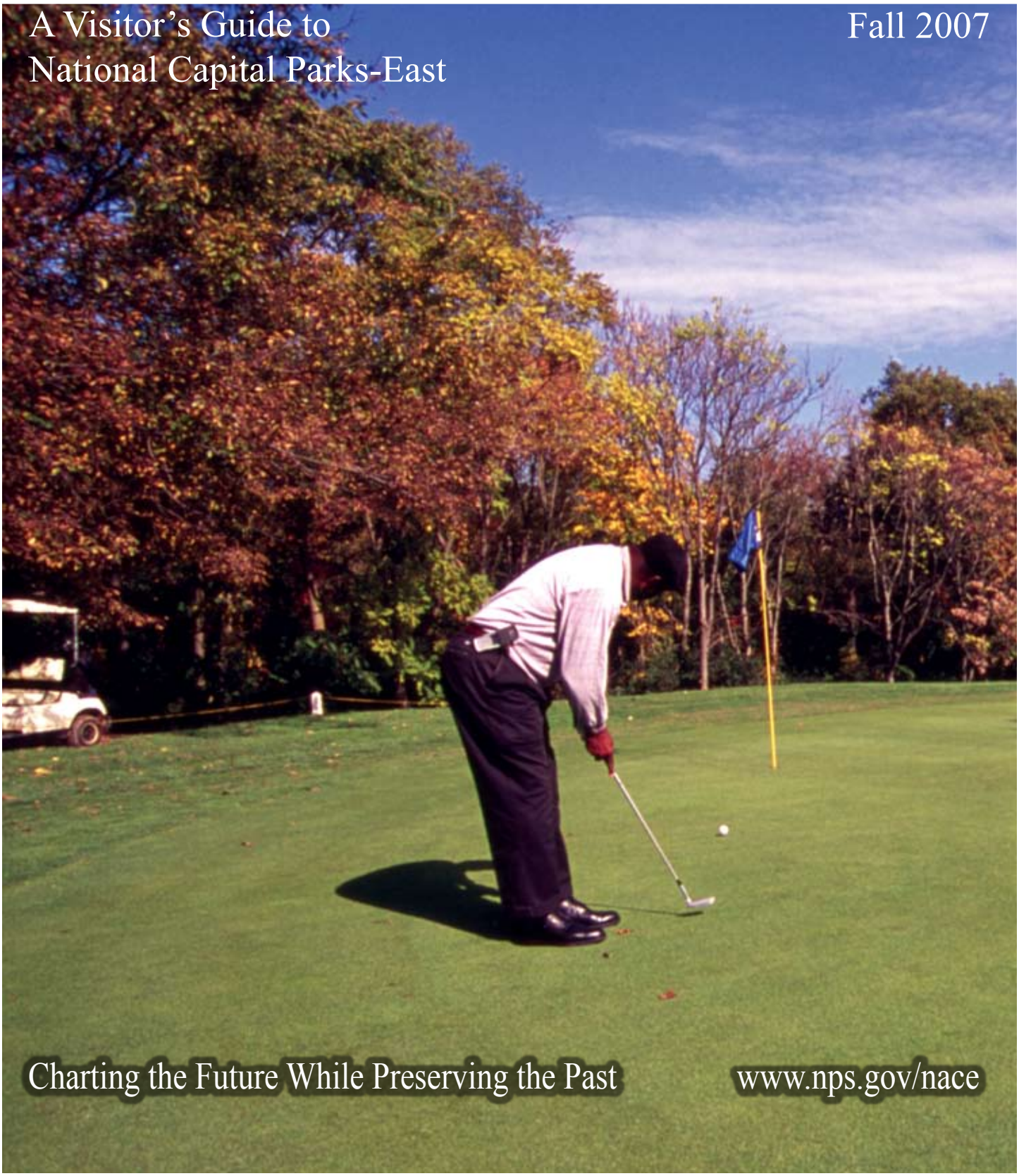

A Visitor's Guide to
National Capital Parks-East

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Dear Visitor:

You come to your national parks for the stories and natural beauty, for the trails and ball fields, to gather the family for a picnic, and to explore the deep meanings of our national heritage, but did you know National Capital Parks – East (NCP-East) has even more to offer? Perhaps you've always wanted to learn how to golf? Maybe you like to boat or skate. The concessionaires of NCP-East provide a variety of services you might not know about. You are invited to experience all the park has to offer by visiting one of our marinas, taking a break at a snack bar, riding an interpretive shuttle, or playing a round of golf on a historic course.

Concessionaires are valued partners who play a vital role in helping the National Park Service carry out its mission. They operate a service on our behalf for the enjoyment of visitors. No matter what you like to do, NCP-East and our partners are here to help you enjoy your national parks.

Wanda L. Washington
Concession Management Specialist

# 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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# For Your Information

**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 camground reservations, call 1-800-365-CAMP or 301-344-2929.

**Special Services**
NCP-East 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, NCP-East strives to create inclusive opportunities for all people. For detailed information on special services, visitors should contact the park Accessibility Coordinator at 202-690-5188.

**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 NCP-East, 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 NCP-East lands is unlawful.
- Please dispose of your garbage and other refuse in park-provided 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.

**Road Construction**
Due to ongoing construction at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and the Indian Head Highway interchange of I-95, visitors to Fort Washington Park and Oxon Cove Park may encounter traffic detours or changes in ramp alignments serving these sites. Please drive carefully. For construction and detour updates, contact park staff at 301-763-4600 for Fort Washington Park or 301-839-1176 for Oxon Cove Park.

| Important Phone Numbers | |
|---|---|
| Emergencies | 911 |
| U.S.Park Police Communications Center | 202-619-7105 |
| Park Headquarters | 202-690-5185 |
| Local Weather | 202-936-1212 |
| Metro Rail and Bus | 202-637-7000 |
| Frederick Douglass NHS Tours | 877-444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov |

# Safety In Your National Parks

**On the Road**

- Buckle Up! Seat belts are required by law.
- 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.

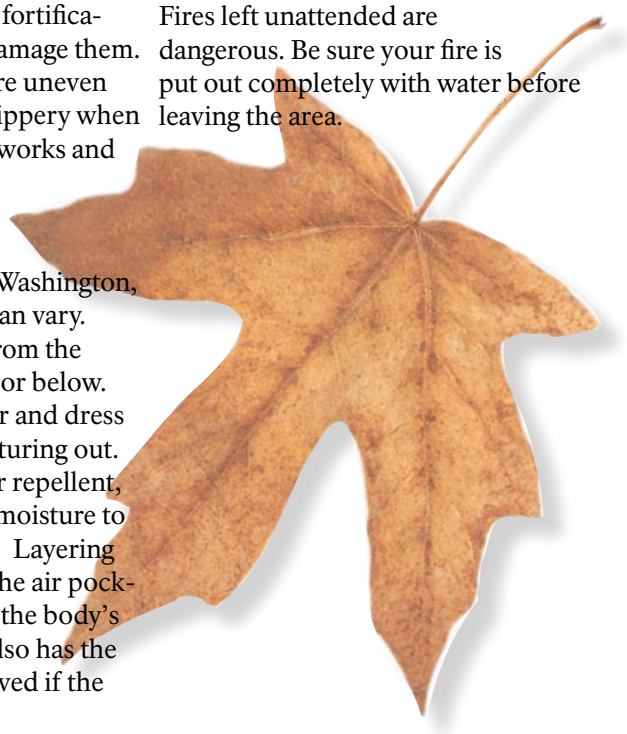
**Fortifications**
Climbing any part of the fortifications is unsafe and can damage them. Many historic surfaces are uneven and some areas can be slippery when wet. Please stay off earthworks and watch your children.

**Fall Safety Tips**
Fall temperatures in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area can vary. The weather can range from the 60 degrees to 20 degrees or below. Please check the weather and dress appropriately before venturing out. Clothing should be water repellent, and capable of allowing moisture to evaporate from the body. Layering clothing is advisable, as the air pockets between fabrics hold the body's heat. Layered clothing also has the advantage of being removed if the temperature rises.

**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.



# Points of Interest

## 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 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 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 subwatershed 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 9:00 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

## 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 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It 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 8:00 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

## Piscataway Park

Situated along the Potomac River in Maryland, **PISTCATAWAY 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 dusk to dawn.

**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

## 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 Aquatic Gardens' Annual Waterlily and Asian Cultural Festival in July, the peak of the blooming season, attracts thousands of visitors. The visitor center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● |
| Picknicking | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● |
| Ranger - led Programs | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Sports Fields | ● | | ● | | ● | | | | |
| Visitor Center | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

**Buzzard Point Marina** – Enjoy this small urban marina: amenities include wet/dry slips, vending machines, restrooms with showers, limited parking for patrons only, a picnic area, and pump-out station.

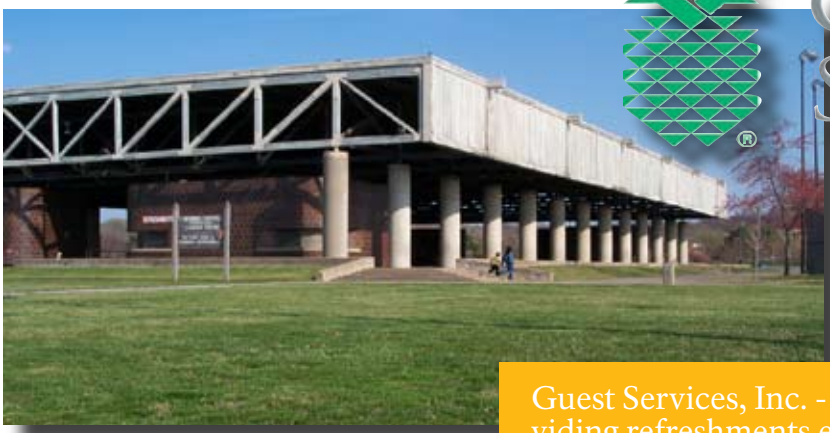
Fall/Winter Hours of Operation (November 1 - March 31)
Mondays and Tuesdays - Closed
Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
(Open Tuesdays in October)

Site Information:
Ed Cohn, Marina Manager
(202) 488-8400
Located @ V & Half Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

**James Creek Marina** – First constructed in 1913 as the Corinthian Yacht Club, the National Park Service began operations under the name Ft. McNair Yacht Basin in 1964. The name was changed to James Creek Marina in 1988. The marina has 297 wet slips, transient docks, a fuel dock, restrooms with showers, ample parking and a picnic area.

Winter/Fall Hours of Operation (September 15 - April 14)
Dock Office: Monday – Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - Closed

Contact Information
Greg Smith, Marina Manager
(202) 554-8844
www.jamescreek.com
Located @ 200 V Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024



GUEST SERVICES

Guest Services, Inc. - **Anacostia Pavilion Snack Bar** – Providing refreshments each summer, this kiosk is located in one of the best outside skating rinks in the city.

Contact Information:
Stacey Turner, GSI site manager
(202) 575-0306
www.guestservices.com
Located @ 1900 Anacostia Drive, SE
Washington, DC 20020

**Tourmobile Sightseeing** – Traveling tour of various sites within National Capital Parks – East and the National Mall and Memorial Parks, including Cedar Hill, the newly restored home of former slave Frederick Douglass.

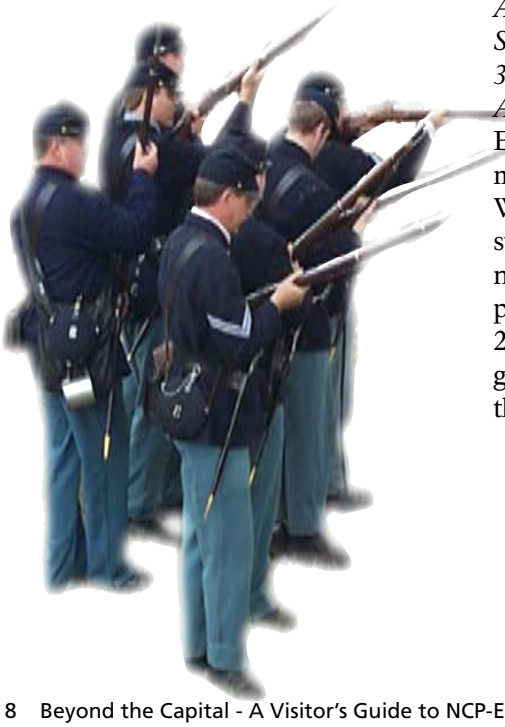
Contact Information:
(202) 554-5100
www.tourmobile.com
Offices located @1000 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20024

## October Events

**Want to Learn The Technique of Canning?**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*October 1 to November 30*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Find out how to preserve fresh produce and the benefits of canning in this seasonal exhibit.

**Saturday Morning Wagon Rides**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.*
*October 1 through October 31*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Come out and take a scenic wagon ride through the park and learn about the environment and stories of the park.

**An Evening Tour of Fort Washington**
*Fort Washington Park – Old Fort*
*6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*
*Saturday, October 6*
*301-763-4600*
*All ages*
Tour Fort Washington by lantern light, led by the Fort Washington Guard. Tours depart from the visitor center every half hour. The last tour leaves at 8:00 pm.



**Forest Scavenger Hunt**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*1:00 p.m.to 2:00 p.m.*
*Saturday, October 6*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Come learn about some of the common trees found in our mid-atlantic region. We will take a short hike to discover these trees for ourselves on the Woodlot Trail. Meet at the Visitor Barn and dress for the weather

**Invasive Plant Removal**
*Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area*
*11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 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. Bring insect repellant. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and bring work gloves.

**Civil War Firing Demonstrations**
*Fort Washington Park – Old Fort*
*12:00 noon – Musket Demonstrations*
*1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Artillery Demonstrations*
*Sunday, October 7*
*301-763-4600*
*All ages*
Ever wonder how to fire a Civil War musket and cannon? Join the Fort Washington Guard as they demonstrate how to load a musket at 12:00 noon and how to load and fire the park's field cannons at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Come out and join the guard for this final demonstration of the year.

**Apple Cider Days**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
*Sunday, October 7*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Crank up the cider press and make apple cider the 19th century way. *Sorry no tasting.*

**Special Spiders – The Farmer's Friend**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
*Saturday, October 13*
*301-839-1176*
*Geared towards ages 9-12, but all are welcome*
Join us for a fun and educational look at spiders. Program includes stories and games, concludes with a walk exploring the world of spiders.

**Fire Prevention Month – Reading Ranger**
*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station*
*2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 14*
*301-344-3944*
*Ages 5 - 10*
Discover the true story of Smokey Bear.

**Potomac River Clean-Up**
*Oxon Cove Park –Visitor Barn*
*9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*
*Saturday, October 20*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages - Children must be accompanied by an adult.*
Help us keep our park beautiful and safe for the various wildlife who call the river their home. Join us for a day along the river to clean up trash and recyclables. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers. Call to register for this event.

**Pumpkins – The Special Squash**
Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn
*12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.*
*Saturday, October 27*
*301-839-1176*
*All (geared towards ages 5-12)*
We will tell stories, sing songs, and read poems to discover how the pumpkin became a symbol of the fall season.

## November Events

**Want To Learn The Technique of Canning?**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*November 1 to November 30*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Find out how to preserve fresh produce and the benefits of canning in this seasonal exhibit.

**Women's Writing Workshop**
*Mary McLeod Bethune Council House, NHS*
*1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.*
*Thursdays in November*
*202-673-2402*
*All Ages*
Join the National Park Service along with the American Poetry Museum (APM) in an uplifting program on the power of poetry and writing. Explore the impact that words and the therapy that pen and paper can produce. Under the direction of APM Coordinator, Latanya Simpson, these workshops give a new meaning to healing and motivation.

**Predator vs. Prey**
*Oxon Cove Park - Visitor Barn*
*1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
*Saturday, November 3*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
An educational hour to determine who eats whom. We will use examples of animals found in the park to demonstrate the food chain and camouflage techniques. Meet at the Visitor Barn.

**Invasive Plant Removal**
*Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area*
*11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 3*
*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. Bring insect repellant. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and bring work gloves.

## WEEKLY EVENTS DOWN ON THE FARM

**Moovelous Milk**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*10:00 a.m., Mondays*
*Grades: Pre-K to K*
Learn about the importance of dairy products, watch the park ranger milk the cow, and churn milk to butter in this fun educational program. *Group reservations required.*

**Meet the Dairy Cow**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*10:00 a.m., Sundays and 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays*
*All ages*
Help the park ranger milk the cow while learning about cows and dairy products. *Group reservations required.*

**Chicken Program**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*11:00 a.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, and Sundays*
*All ages*
Gather white, brown, and blue-green eggs. Why are some eggs colored? Why are chickens so important on a farm? Find out the answers and much more. *Group reservations required.*

**Wagon Ride**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*1:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, and Sundays*
*All ages*
Take a scenic ride through the park and learn about the environment and the park's history. *Group reservations required.*

**Animal Life on the Farm**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*10:00 a.m., Tuesdays*
*Grades: Pre-K to 1st*
This curriculum based program introduces children to farm animals and farm life. Program includes loan of a teacher's kit to be used in the classroom. *Group reservations required.*

**Exploring the Past at Oxon Cove Park**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*10:00 a.m., Wednesdays*
*Grades: K - 6*
Students will discover what life was like on a southern Maryland plantation , Mount Welby, duing the early 1900s. Teachers can choose from 14 activities based on the themes of immigration, slavery , and the War of 1812. Costumed characters and a wagon ride make this field trip fun as well as, educational. *Completion of pre-site and post-site activities are required. Group reservations required.*

**Amazing Compost!**
*Oxon Cover Park - Visitor Barn*
*12:30pm - 1:30pm.*
*Sunday, November 4*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Join the park ranger and learn how to start a compost pile now that will create rich fertilizer for your summer garden, as well as reduce waste in our landfills.

**Story Telling Time**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
*Saturday, November 10*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Winter is coming and it's time to slow down work and spend the time sharing stories. Come and sit for a spell and listen to farm stories.

**Historical Farm Equipment**
**Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn**
*1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
*Sunday, November 11*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Did you ever wonder what a strange looking piece of equipment was used for? Take a walking tour and learn how technology has changed from horse to machine power.

**Lights Out on Bunny Brothers**
**Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn**
*1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
*Saturday, November 17*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Children of all ages will enjoy this show about energy and environmental conservation.

**Meet the Beaver**
*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station*
*2:00 p.m.*
*Sunday, November 18*
*RSVP at 301-344-3944*
*Ages 5 to adult*
Why do beavers slap the water with their tales? Join a park ranger as we learn about beavers.

## December Events

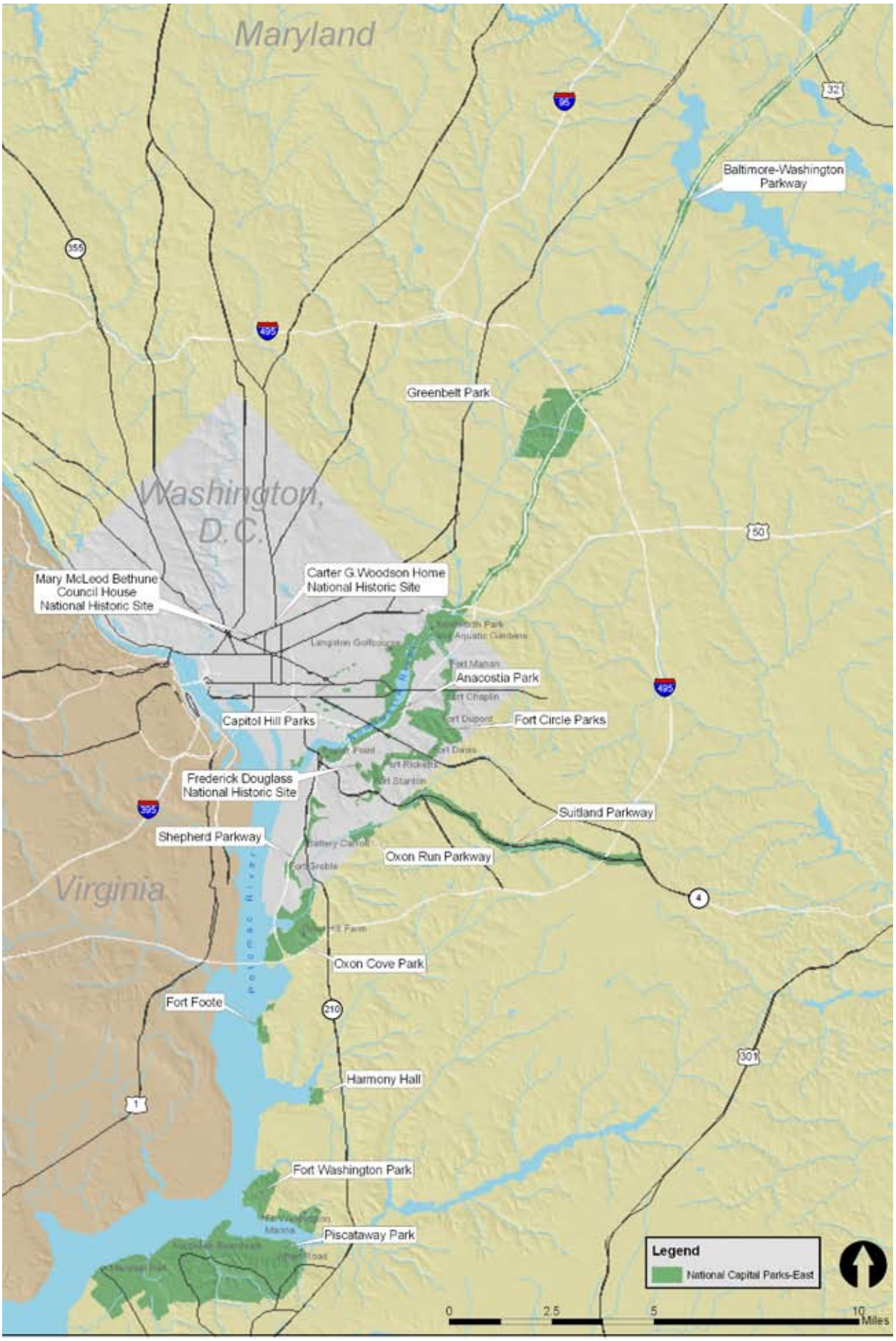
**Invasive Plant Removal**
*Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area*
*11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 1*
*301-344-3944*
*Ages 8 and up*
Make a difference and help preserve Greenbelt Park's native plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity as we pull non-native plants and help preserve Greenbelt Park for future generations. Bring insect repellant. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and bring work gloves.

**Annual Oratorical Contest**
*Frederick Douglass National Historic Site – Visitor Center*
*10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*
*daily December 3 – December 7*
*202-426-5961*
*Grades 1 through 12*
Hear the best and brightest in action! Join youth from across the nation for this annual contest featuring, elementary, junior high, and high school students.

**Cultural Holiday Festival**
*Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn*
*12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.*
*Sunday, December 9*
*301-839-1176*
*All ages*
Explore the history of Oxon Cove Park as we celebrate the holiday season with a tribute to the many cultures that lived on the property overtime. There will be music, storytelling, wagon rides, and much, much more.

**Winter Walk**
*Greenbelt Park – Sweetgum Picnic Area*
*11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 9*
*RSVP at 301-344-3944*
*All ages*
Join a park ranger to discover the park in the winter.

**Carter G. Woodson 132nd Birthday Commemoration**
*202-673-2402*
*All ages*
Join the National Park Service and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH) to commemorate the 132nd Anniversary of the birth of Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Contact the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS for more information on this program.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Fort Circle Parks
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
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