

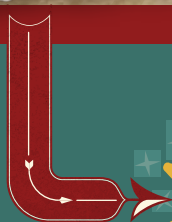
Welcome to WASHINGTON COUNTY Museum Ramble 2020

The Ramble, sponsored by the Washington County Association of Museums and Historical Sites and Visit Hagerstown-Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau, includes local museums and historic sites. Most of the participating museums are opening their doors free of charge and many have special surprises planned for the weekend.

The Museum Ramble is an opportunity to visit Washington County sites at a self-guided pace throughout the month of May.

Of Maryland's 300-plus museums, more than 10 percent are located in Washington County! The Museum Ramble makes the most of this by welcoming residents and visitors to the county's museums, many of which are private and typically open by appointment only. The Visitor Center is located at 6 N. Potomac Street in downtown Hagerstown.

“No matter what your interests are — fine arts, rural heritage, American history, black history, geology or trains — you’re sure to enjoy a ramble through this year’s selection of Washington County museums,” says Museum Association President Bill Knode. “We welcome visitors and residents to take a trip through our county and see some of our wonderful museums.””



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★ Museum Ramble

Maps and directions to participating sites will be available at the Visitor Welcome Center in downtown Hagerstown and online at museumramble.visithagerstown.com. The WCAMHS and the CVB, along with the design expertise of Icon Graphics, have put together this brochure and map specifically for this year's Ramble. We hope you will enjoy your May Museum Ramble!

Boonsboro

1 BOONSBOROUGH MUSEUM OF HISTORY

113 N. Main St., Boonsboro
(301) 432-6969 | www.boonsborohistoricalsociety.org

Come see a special display in what many call Washington County's most eclectic collection! Known as one of the best small museums in the U.S., with an historical collection that is second to none! Call for hours of operation.

2 BOONSBORO TROLLEY STATION MUSEUM

214 N. Main St., Boonsboro
(301) 432-5141 | www.boonsborohistoricalsociety.org

The original trolley station building, which served as the Boonsboro Trolley Station from 1902 to 1938, has been restored. In its heyday, the trolley ran from Frederick to Middletown, Myersville, Hagerstown, Thurmont, Williamsport, and Boonsboro, Md., and to Shady Grove, Pa. It is the last remaining trolley station in Washington County. Open every 4th Sunday of the month, May – October from 2 – 5 p.m. and by appointment.

3 BOWMAN HOUSE

323 N. Main St., Boonsboro
(301) 432-5889 | www.boonsborohistoricalsociety.org

Home to the Boonsboro Historical Society, it is typical of the log houses built in Western Md. during the first half of the 19th century. There are three interior brick chimneys and much more. John Bowman operated a redware pottery business at this location following the Civil War. There is also a wagon barn and a potter's shed onsite. The Bowman House Museum is open the 4th Sunday of each month from May to October from 2-5pm and by appointment by emailing us info@boonsborohistoricalsociety.org.

4 WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM

7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro
(240) 420-1714 | www.ruralheritagemuseum.org/

Welcome back to a time when the pace was a bit slower and life centered around the farm, family and community. At the Washington County Rural Heritage Museum, you will learn about our region's beginnings and history, and how our rural and agricultural heritage continues to play a role in Washington County today. Visit the museum buildings, village, farmstead and gardens. Open Sat. – Sun., 1 – 4 p.m. Free.

Clear Spring

5 WILSON COUNTRY STORE

14921 Rufus Wilson Rd., Clear Spring
(301) 582-4718

Wilson Country Store, built in the 1850s, stocks items that you do not frequently see these days. The store sells everything from seed potatoes to liniment salve, as well as an assortment of snacks. Open Wed. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 12 – 5 p.m.

Hagerstown

6 CHILDREN'S VILLAGE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

1546 Mount Aetna Road, Hagerstown
(301) 733-4443 | www.childrensvillagehgr.com

Saturday, May 16, 2020 - 10 am to 1 pm. Kids Alive Fest. Free – Open House. Held on the grounds of Children's Village, this event includes safety exhibits and demonstrations by local community first responders, games and family activities for the whole family. Food & drink for sale.

7 CITY PARK TRAIN HUB MUSEUM & STEAM ENGINE 202

525 Highland Way, Hagerstown City Park
(301) 739-8577 x 170 | www.hagerstownmd.org/310/City-Park-Train-Hub

Climb aboard caboose car, steam engine 202 of the Western Maryland Railway and discover the museum railroad collection. May 8 & 9 - free admission for the Museum Ramble. May 30 - Railroad Heritage Day \$5 adults, \$1 children. Pavilion, museum and Tommy 202 tractor ride available for rental parties.



8 MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER

501 Highland Way, Hagerstown City Park
(301) 797-2867 | www.valleyartassoc.com

The Georgian-style Mansion House was built in 1843 by Jonathan Heyser, son-in-law of city founder Jonathan Hager, of limestone clay baked bricks, dug from wetlands where City Park Lake is located today. The City of Hagerstown bought the property during the Great Depression to help create work for local citizens. The center has been the headquarters of the Valley Art Association since 1991. Visitors may view gallery exhibit and purchase works from over 20 local artists. Call for special exhibits, workshops, and classes. Open Fri. – Sat. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sun. 1 – 5 p.m.

9 JONATHAN HAGER HOUSE & MUSEUM

110 Key St., Hagerstown City Park
(301) 739-8577 x170 | www.hagerstownmd.org/309/Jonathan-Hager-House-Museum

Step into the past and explore the fully furnished and restored 18th century homestead of German-born city founder, Jonathan Hager. Visit the Hager House and see the new Mt. Aetna Revolutionary War cannon display and the original Little Heiskell. May 3 & 4, special exhibit German Smiths and Early American Industries, free admission. May 18, Write like a Colonial Craft Day, \$4, tour included with admission. Open Fri. & Sat., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tours on the hour. \$5/adults, \$3/seniors & students, \$2/children. Free admission May 1st & 2nd.

10 MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

401 Museum Dr., Hagerstown City Park
(301) 739-5727 | www.wcmfa.org

Visit the Museum of Fine Arts-Washington County ("The MFA") and experience the transformative power of art! The MFA aims to stimulate creativity, inspire ideas, and enable people to explore and grow through access to its dynamic art collections, active art-making, and social connectedness. Experience the museum's magnificent art collections, changing exhibitions, artist talks, special events, tours, arts and cultural festivals, studio art classes, art historical lectures, and performing arts. Enjoy fabulous special events: Amazing Tablescapes in October, The Treasure Sale in November, Art in Bloom in March, and Plein Air Painting in summer. Free Admission and Free Parking. Museum Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 10-4; Sunday 1-5. Closed Mondays

11 DISCOVERY STATION

101 W. Washington St., Hagerstown
(301) 790-0076 | www.discoverystation.org

Discovery Station is a hands-on museum that provides life-long learning experiences to thousands of children and families each year. We create an environment that stimulates curiosity for discovery, exploration, and further investigation through exhibits and programs that focus on STEAM principles. Open Tue. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Adults - \$7, Children age 6 – 17 - \$6, Children age 5 and under – free, Seniors (55 and over) - \$5, Active Military Families / ASTC members – free.



12 MILLER HOUSE MUSEUM

135 W. Washington St., Hagerstown
(301) 797-8782 | www.washcohistry.org

The Miller House Museum is an 1825 brick townhouse that serves as the headquarters of the Washington County Historical Society. Exhibits include period furniture and décor, Bell pottery, locally made silver and other local artifacts including pieces from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. The kinship Family Heritage Research Center specializes in local genealogy and offers a wide variety of print and digital resources. Saturdays in May, 11 am – 2 pm – May Family Fun Activity: Create a Kaleidoscope. May 8 – 6 pm – 8 pm – Culture and Cocktails - \$15: Dr. Stonestreet, a traveling country doctor.

13 FIRST HAGERSTOWN HOSE COMPANY MUSEUM OF FIREFIGHTING HISTORY

31 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown
(301) 733-3339 | www.engineone.org

Offers over 200 years of firefighting history for the City of Hagerstown and Washington County. See artifacts showing past and present history of firefighting including hand drawn apparatus, fire attack portable equipment, operating alarm systems, and two motorized fire engines. Open Fri. – Sat., 1 – 5 p.m.

14 WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, INC.

34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown
(301) 791-3132 | www.washingtoncountyarts.com

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc., provides a wide variety of programming, technical assistance, funding opportunities, and encouragement to arts organizations and individual artists, developing connections between them and those who desire to have art in their lives. 'The Exhibit Galleries' and 'The Gallery Shop' at the Washington County Arts Council support local artists' efforts to make a living through their work while providing the community with a venue for shopping, and a destination for gift giving. Tues. – Fri. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sat. '10 a.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment

15 HAGERSTOWN ROUNHOUSE MUSEUM

296 S. Burhans Blvd., Hagerstown
(301) 739-4665 | www.roundhouse.org

See a selection of locomotives from throughout Hagerstown's history, including freight, passenger, and caboose cars. The multi-story museum features interactive model train displays, artifact exhibits, and more. Fri. - Sun. 1 – 5 p.m. \$6 – adults ages 16 and up, \$1 – ages 4 through 15, free – ages 3 and younger.

16 HAGERSTOWN AVIATION MUSEUM

14211 Basore Dr., Hagerstown
(301) 733-8717 | www.hagerstownaviationmuseum.org

May 3, 11 am – 4 pm. Open Airplane Afternoon. Free. Bring the family to the museum's Open Airplane Afternoon at the Hagerstown Regional Airport and climb into the cockpit of the museum's Fairchild C-82 and C-119 Flying Boxcars and 1943 Fairchild PT026 WWII Trainer. Tour the 1955 Fairchild C-123 Provider. See other museum aircraft such as the 1928 Kreider Reisner KR-31 biplane. Flight experiences in the museum's 1943 Fairchild PT-19 WWII Trainer are available for a \$125 donation. All the aircraft were built in Hagerstown! Historical displays and films are located inside the display trailer. See airport activity up-close; with planes taking off and landing. FREE admission/donations appreciated. Museum merchandise, books, toys, DVDs, hats and T-shirts for sale.

Hancock

17 BOWLES HOUSE / C&O CANAL NHP VISITOR CENTER

439 E. Main St., Hancock
(301) 678-5463 |

www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/ancockvisitorcenter.htm

Nestled along the towpath at milepost 123 in Hancock, Maryland, the charming Bowles House has seen its share of American history. Arguably as intriguing as the structure, which offers a beautiful example of early 18th century architecture, is the Bowles' rich history. First traced to Lord Baltimore of England, the parcel of land known as "Sarah's Fancy", was transferred to the Yates family around 1775. William Yates developed the land and built the original one-story home in 1785. The Yates family resided there during construction of the C&O Canal which passed through Hancock in 1839. In 1875, during the peak of C&O Canal operations, the Bowles family acquired the property and remained occupants for nearly four decades. In 1905 the house and surrounding property were purchased by the Little family who resided in the home until the 1980's. Open Memorial Day through September – 10 am – 2pm.

18 FORT FREDERICK STATE PARK

11100 Fort Frederick Road, Big Pool
(301) 842-2155 |

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/fortfrederick.aspx>

The centerpiece of Fort Frederick State Park is a unique stone fort that served as Maryland's frontier defense during the French & Indian War. Built in 1756, the Fort's stone wall and two barracks have been restored to their 1758 appearance. Historic exhibits are located in the Fort, barracks, Civilian Conservation Corps Museum and Visitor Center. Staff and volunteers in 18th century dress occupy the Fort and demonstrate daily life on the frontier. The 585 acre park borders the Potomac River and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal passes through the park. Amenities include a boat launch, campsites, camp store, fishing, flat water canoeing, hiking and biking trails, a playground, picnic area and large pavilion. Special programs on May 23 – One Fort: Three Centuries program highlights three centuries of American history including the French & Indian War, American Revolution, Civil War and Great Depression. Hours: 10 am – 5pm. Memorial Day Astronomy Program – 8 pm: join a park ranger for a night of stargazing and sky navigation while using park reflecting telescopes (or bring your own viewing device). Park entrance fees apply. Regular Park hours: April – October: 8 am to sunset, November – March: 10 am – sunset.

Keedysville / South County

19 GATHLAND STATE PARK

900 Arnoldstown Rd., Jefferson
(301) 791-4767 |

dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/gathland.aspx

A large stone monument dedicated to the memory of Civil War correspondents is the outstanding attraction of this day-use park. The Appalachian National Scenic Trail traverses the park and passes the monument base. Gathland State Park was once the mountain home of George Alfred Townsend, a Civil War journalist. In the late 1800's, Gathland featured a unique collection of buildings and structures designed and constructed by Townsend. Two of the structures, the Main Hall and Lodge, were partially restored in the 1950's. Open 8 a.m. to sunset daily.



20 NEWCOMER HOUSE

18422 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville

(301) 432-6402 | www.heartofthecivilwar.org/newcomer-house

This Visitor's Center for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is a must-see for Antietam visitors! Interpretive exhibits focus on heritage area themes and feature sites where these themes may be explored. Brochures, Civil War Trails map guides, county visitor guides, and other materials are available. Knowledgeable park volunteers are available to help visitors tailor their Civil War experiences in Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties. Open 11am-5pm; Sat. & Sun. Apr., May, Oct., & Nov.; Daily June-Sept. May 9 & 10 Visitors can have a wet plate portrait taken or make a cyanotype for Mother's Day! Details at www.heartofthecivilwar.org.

21 PRY HOUSE FIELD HOSPITAL MUSEUM

18906 Shepherdstown Pike

(301) 432-6352 | www.civilwarmed.org/pry/

The Pry House Field Hospital Museum tells the story of a home that became a headquarters and hospital during the bloodiest single day in American history: September 17, 1862. As the Battle of Antietam raged within view of the Pry family's house, decisions were made on this historic property that shaped the lives of soldiers, surgeons, and civilians. Thur. – Sun., 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sharpsburg

22 ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg

(301) 432-5124 | www.nps.gov/anti

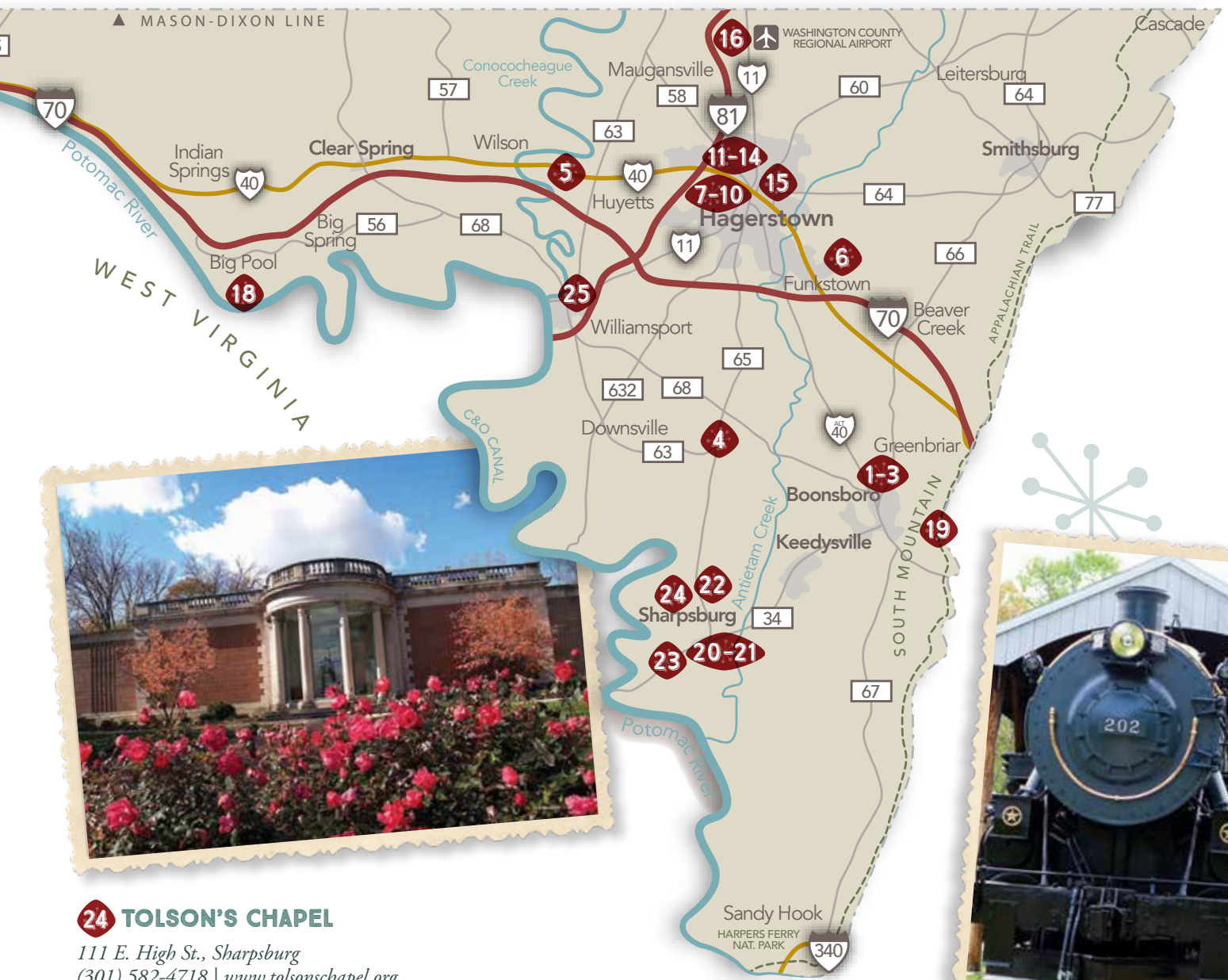
September 17th, 1862 was the bloodiest single day in American history with nearly 23,000 killed, wounded, or missing in 12 hours of combat. Be sure to see the museum gallery at the Visitor Center, which features artifacts that tell the story of the battle, its aftermath, and the creation of the park into a memorial landscape. Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Ranger programs held daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be on Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at the Antietam National Cemetery.

23 SHARPSBURG MUSEUM OF HISTORY

106 E. Main St., Sharpsburg | (301) 800-6877

Come and learn about Sharpsburg's heritage. See items like Dr. A. A. Biggs's medical bag, old quilts from the Poffenberger family, one dated back to 1830, and other articles from Sharpsburg's Archives. Hours of operation: Thurs – Sat 9 am – 4 pm or for appointment call 301-800-6877 or email Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com.

PENNSYLVANIA



24 TOLSON'S CHAPEL

111 E. High St., Sharsburg
(301) 582-4718 | www.tolsonschapel.org

Take a step back into history when you visit Tolson's Chapel in Sharsburg, a log Methodist chapel built in 1866 by the Sharsburg African American community. The building also doubled as a Freedmen's Bureau School from 1868-1870 and as the county-run Sharsburg Colored School until 1899. The church was closed in 1998 after the last congregant passed away. Essentially unchanged from its original appearance, the building has been restored by the Friends of Tolson's Chapel (FOTC). Tours are available by appointment.



Williamsport

25 SPRINGFIELD TENANT HOUSE -WILLIAMSPORT TOWN MUSEUM / SPRINGFIELD BARN

12 Springfield Lane, Williamsport
(301) 223-5859 | www.williamsportmd.gov

The Town Museum recently relocated from the Springfield Barn to the Springfield Tenant House, located behind the Barn. The plan is to have the museum collection moved from the barn to the house in time for the Ramble event. The Tenant House restoration project restored the house to the period from the late 1880's to early 1900's. The tenant farmers who worked on the Springfield Farm lived in the Tenant House. They helped supply much of the needed food and supplies for Williamsport and Washington County and grew wheat, corn, other crops, milking cows, hogs, chickens, eggs, goats and horses on the large fields of the farm. A kitchen garden was planted with herbs and vegetables and the kitchen was a busy place canning produce and meat, baking bread, pies and cakes and making quilts. The farm land stretched from the Potomac River and Conococheague Creek banks to the Hagerstown City Park.

