

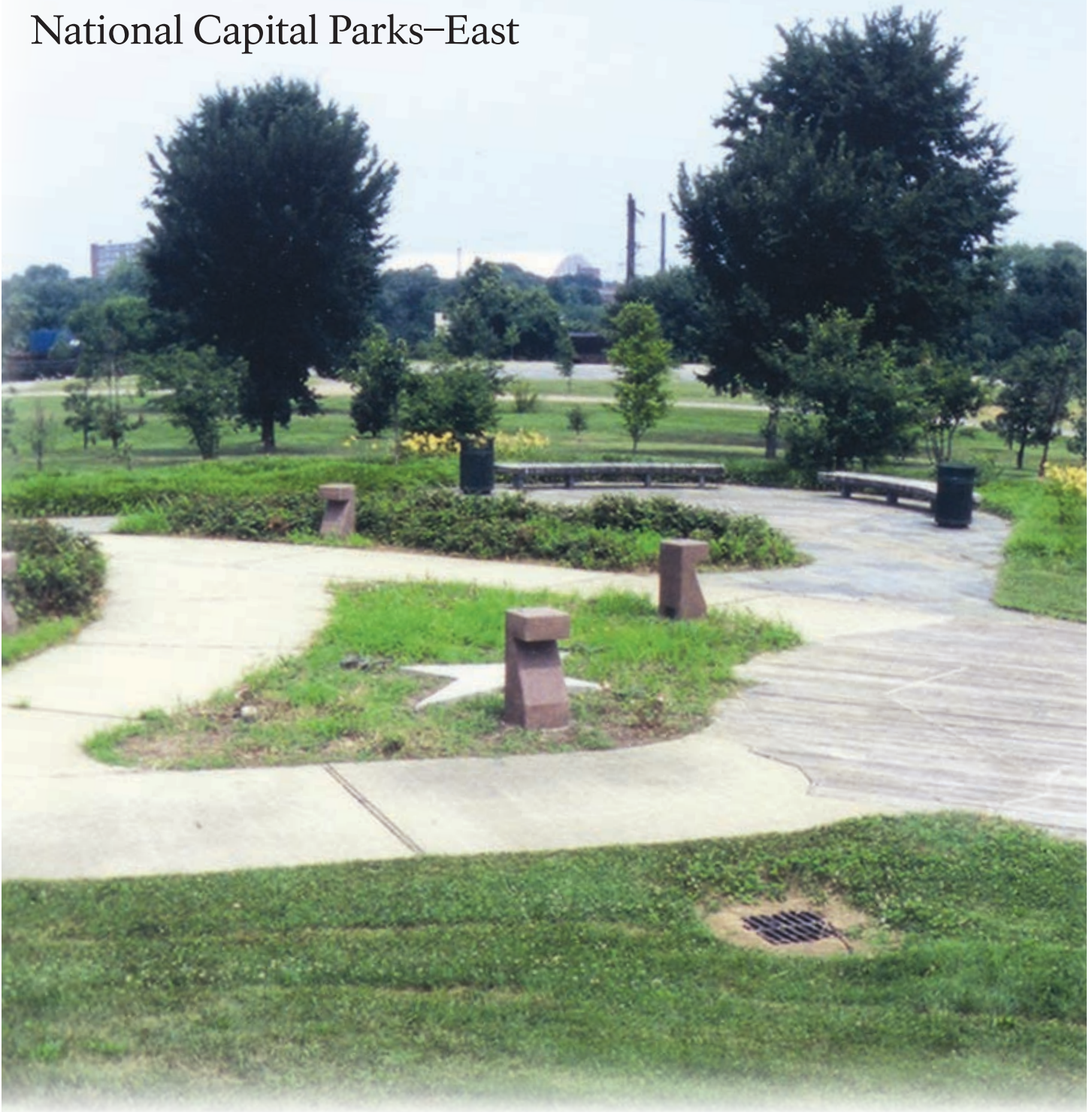
Beyond the Capital

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A Visitor's Guide to National Capital Parks—East

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Charting the Future While Preserving the Past

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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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Dear Visitor:

Welcome to Anacostia Park one of Washington, D.C.’s largest multi-recreation parks, with shoreline access, a roller skating pavilion, ball fields, basketball, tennis courts, and picnic areas. Anacostia Park is known historically for the Nacotchtanks Indians who were the primary residents along the eastern shore of the Anacostia River before 1670. The neighborhood of Anacostia was the home of the famed orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass, and by 1932 Anacostia Park was occupied by World War I veterans who marched on Washington to demand the immediate payment of wartime bonus better known as the “Bonus Marches.” With such rich history, an excellent resource for environmental studies, an annual visitation of over 1 million, we invite you to come and enjoy these opportunities for your family.

Remember, Anacostia Park is only one of the sites within National Capital Parks–East that offers great recreational opportunities for the entire family. So take the time to visit all 14 areas listed on pages four and five.

Park Ranger Wayne Phillips
Anacostia Park

Rugby is one of the many recreational sports played in Anacostia Park.



Front Cover Image:
The Urban Tree House,
Anacostia Park
Washington, D.C.
NPS photo

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.

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.

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 lots 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.

Waterlily, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens



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 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 9:00 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, 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

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	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Picnicking	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Ranger - led Programs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sports Fields	●		●		●				
Visitor Center			●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Events

May Events



College Park and Mt. Airy Bicycle Races

Greenbelt Park
2:00 p.m., Wednesdays,
May through August
301-344-3944
All Ages

Enjoy the fast paced and exciting bicycle races of the College Park and Mt. Airy, Maryland's version of the "Tour de France," as a spectator. Please park in the Greenbelt Park Sweetgum Picnic area or at the park headquarters parking lot.

Want to Learn How to Identify Plants in Your Garden?

Kenilworth
Aquatic Gardens – Visitor Center
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.,
Sunday, May 4
202-426-6905, Ext. 31
Ages 15 to Adult

Bring your own field guide to the park's visitor center where Ranger Kate Bucco will demonstrate how to identify plants using your own field guide as the key. Participants will then walk out to the gardens to practice identifying unknown plants.

Keep America Beautiful – The Great American Cleanup

Greenbelt Park
Sweetgum Picnic Area
1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 4
rain date is Sunday, May 18
301-344-3944
All Ages

Join others at Greenbelt Park in a day of giving back. Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup™ projects include painting picnic tables.

Civil War Artillery Demonstrations

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
12 noon – Musket Demonstrations
1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.
Artillery Demonstrations
Sunday, May 4
301-763-4600
All Ages

At 12 noon, members of the Fort Washington Guard dressed in Civil War uniforms will demonstrate the firing of muzzle-loading. At 1:00 p.m., procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American Artillery will be demonstrated using a 6-pounder field gun. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in a non-firing artillery drill after each demonstration.

Invasive Plant Removal

Greenbelt Park
Sweetgum Picnic Area
11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 5th
301-344-3944
Ages 8 to Adult

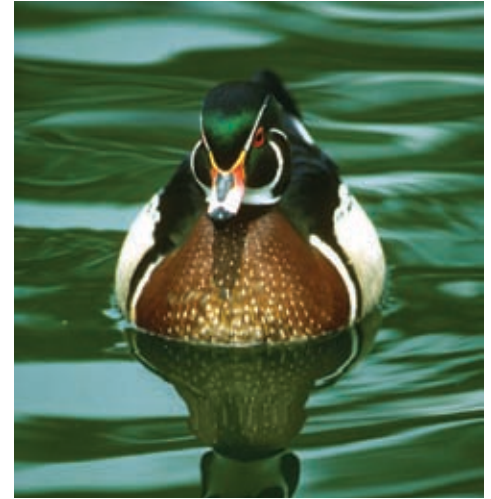
Make a difference and help preserve Greenbelt Park's native plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity as we pull non-native plants and help preserve Greenbelt Park for future generations. Bring insect repellent. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and bring work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



Let's Go Camping!

Greenbelt Park Campgrounds
24-hours a day May 7
through September 2
1-888-444-6777
or reserve your space online
at www.recreation.gov

The Greenbelt Park campground is known for its safety, affordability, peaceful surroundings, and hospitality.



International Migratory Bird Day Festival

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 10
202-426-6905, Ext. 31
All Ages

Volunteer to help park staff as they celebrate migratory birds that fly from the tundra to the tropics each year. Volunteers are needed from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to help clean up trash and debris from the park's boardwalk to prepare the way for the birds. The day will feature kid's activities, guided bird walks, and gardening to attract birds.



Discover the History of the Harmony Hall Mansion

Fort Washington Park
Visitor Center
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
Saturday, May 24
301-763-4600
All Ages

Join Park Guide Bambi Sears to explore the history of the Harmony Hall mansion and discuss plans for its renovation.



A Walk Through Helen’s Garden

*Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
Visitor Center
11:00 a.m., Monday, May 26
202-426-6905
Ages 12 to Adult*

Join Ranger Kate Bucco for a walk through Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens to explore Helen Fowler’s connection to the beautiful gardens that she loved and the flowers she considered her companions.

**Memorial Day
Wreath-Laying Ceremony**

*Logan Circle Park,
13th and Logan Circle,
NW 12:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Monday, May 26
202-673-2402
All Ages*

Join the National Park Service, the Illinois State Society, and the Logan Circle Community Association for a wreath-laying ceremony to pay tribute to John A. Logan, who established May 30 as Memorial Day in 1868 to honor fallen American war heroes.

**Weekend Tours at Kenilworth
Aquatic Gardens**

*Kenilworth Aquatic Garden
Visitor Center
9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.,
Saturdays and Sundays,
May 31 through Labor Day
202-426-6905
All Ages*

Join a park ranger or volunteer for an easy ½ mile walk to explore the beautiful aquatic gardens and lily ponds. Listen for the sounds of fowl and wildlife as you cross the boardwalk to view the marsh.

**Weekly Events
Down on the Farm**



Meet the Dairy Cow

*Oxon Cove Park
Visitor Barn
10:00 a.m., Mondays
through
Sundays
All Ages*

Join a park ranger to see a cow being milked. Learn fun cow facts, proper milking techniques, and more.

Wagon Ride

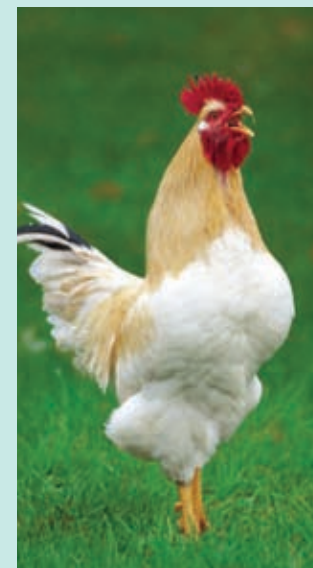
*Oxon Cove Park
Visitor Barn
1:30 p.m., Sundays through Thursdays
11:00 a.m., Fridays
All ages*

Take a scenic ride through the park to explore and discover the park’s historical background. 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.



Events

June Events



Farm Animal Film Festival

Oxon Cove Park Visitor Barn
1:00 to 2:00 p.m., every Saturday, June
through August
301-839-1176
All Ages

Relax at the farm from the heat of the day and enjoy movies about a variety of farm animals and their heroic adventures.



Civil War Artillery Demonstrations

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
12 noon – Musket Demonstrations
1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. – Artillery
Demonstrations
Sunday, June 1
301-763-4600
All Ages

At 12 noon, members of the Fort Washington Guard dressed in Civil War uniforms will demonstrate the firing of muzzle-loading. At 1:00 p.m., procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American Artillery will be demonstrated using a 6-pounder field gun. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in a non-firing artillery drill after each demonstration.

Dupont-Kalorama Museum Walk Weekend

Mary Mcleod Bethune Council House
Visitor Center
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
Saturday, June 3
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
Saturday, June 4
202-673-2402
All Ages

Two fun-filled days of special exhibits, tours, demonstrations, a garden luncheon, and hands-on activities are featured at several museums in the area. Free shuttles available from site to site.

Special Morning Wagon Rides

Oxon Cove Park
Visitor Barn
9:30 a.m., Wednesdays,
June 4, 11, 18, 25,
Saturdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28
301-839-1176
All Ages

Take a scenic ride through the park and enjoy the cool summer mornings while listening to interesting stories of the park.



Be a Junior Ranger This Summer

Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June
7 through Sunday, June 10
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June
21 through Tuesday, June 24
301-839-1176
Ages 9 to 12

Pick up a free book on the National Park Service at the park's visitor barn. Complete the activities in the book and receive your Junior Ranger badge and certificate.

Do You Enjoy Bird Watching?

Harmony Hall Mansion
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,
Saturday, June 7
301-763-4600
Ages 13 to Adult

Join Park Guide Bambi Sears on a bird walk on the grounds of the Harmony Hall Mansion. Experience great views of waterfowl along Broad Creek! Bring your binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes. Harmony Hall is located at 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.

National Trails Day

Greenbelt Park
Sweetgum Picnic Area
8:45 a.m. to 12 noon,
Saturday, June 7
Ages 10 to Adult
301-344-3944

Come out and help care for the park by tending some of the most used trails.

It's Dairy Day at Oxon Cove Park!

Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.,
Saturday, June 21
301-839-1176
All Ages

Come out and take part in many exciting activities featuring cow milking and dairy products. There will be live music and children can get a painted milk mustache!

July Events

Want To Learn How to Grow Aquatic Plants?

*Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
Visitor Center
1:00 p.m., Friday, July 4
Ages 9 to Adult
202-426-6905, Ext. 31*

Ranger Kate Bucco will demonstrate how it's possible to grow aquatic plants in a small yard or shady spot without a pond.

Invasive Plant Removal

*Greenbelt Park
Sweetgum Picnic Area
11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 5
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 repellent. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and bring work gloves.



Campfire Safety

*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station near the campground
1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 6
All Ages*

Join a park ranger around a campfire to hear great tips on fire safety and how to build and extinguish a campfire.

Civil War Artillery Demonstrations

*Fort Washington Park – Old Fort
12:00 noon - Musket Demonstrations
1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.
Artillery Demonstrations
Sunday, July 6
301-763-4600
All Ages*

At 12 noon, members of the Fort Washington Guard dressed in Civil War uniforms will demonstrate the firing of muzzle-loading. At 1:00 p.m., procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American Artillery will be demonstrated using a 6-pounder field gun. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in a non-firing artillery drill after each demonstration. In recognition of Independence Day, 13 shots will be fired to commemorate the original colonies.



Mary McLeod Bethune 133rd Birthday Commemoration

*Lincoln Park
6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 10
202-673-2402
All Ages*

Join the National Park Service and the National Council of Negro Women, Inc, to commemorate the 133rd Anniversary of the birth of Mary McLeod Bethune. The program will feature greetings from National Park Service officials, local dignitaries, and a musical tribute.

The program will conclude with the National Park Service Honor Guard laying a wreath at the base of the Bethune Statue in Lincoln Park.



Free Summer Concerts Under the Stars

*Fort Dupont Summer Theatre
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturdays July 12, 19, 26 and Saturdays, August 2, 9, and 16
All Ages
202-426-5961*

Bring the entire family out to enjoy some of the finest music the area has to offer. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs. All shows are held rain or shine. Performances are subject to change. Plan ahead, visit www.nps.gov/fodu.

The following items may NOT be brought into Fort Dupont Park: glass containers, alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, or weapons of any kind. Charcoal grills may only be used in designated picnic areas. No tents or lit candles are 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.

It's Your Turn to Stand Guard at the Fort!

*Fort Washington Park – Historic Fort Guard House
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
Saturday, July 12
301-763-4600
All Ages*

Find out if you have what it takes to stand guard at Fort Washington. Meet Park Guide Bambi Sears at the Guard House for a demonstration.

Summer Reading Ranger

*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 13
301-344-3948
Ages 5 to 10*

Join a park ranger to discover the true story of Smokey Bear.

Events

July Events (continued)



Asian dancers at Annual Waterlily and Asian Cultural Festival at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Annual Waterlily and Asian Cultural Festival

*Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens –
Visitor Center
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
Saturday, July 19
202-426-6905
All Ages*

The entire family will enjoy this festival that features tours of the beautiful aquatic gardens and lily ponds, Asian cultural dancing and performing, face painting, workshops on gardening, a photo contest, and more.

Who Gives a Hoot About Owls?

*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 24
Ages 5 to Adult
301-244-3944*

Join a park ranger to discover little-known facts about owls.



August Events

Meet the Beaver

*Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 3
Ages 5 to Adult
301-344-3944*

Join a park ranger as we learn about beavers and their habits.

Discover the History of Battery Decatur

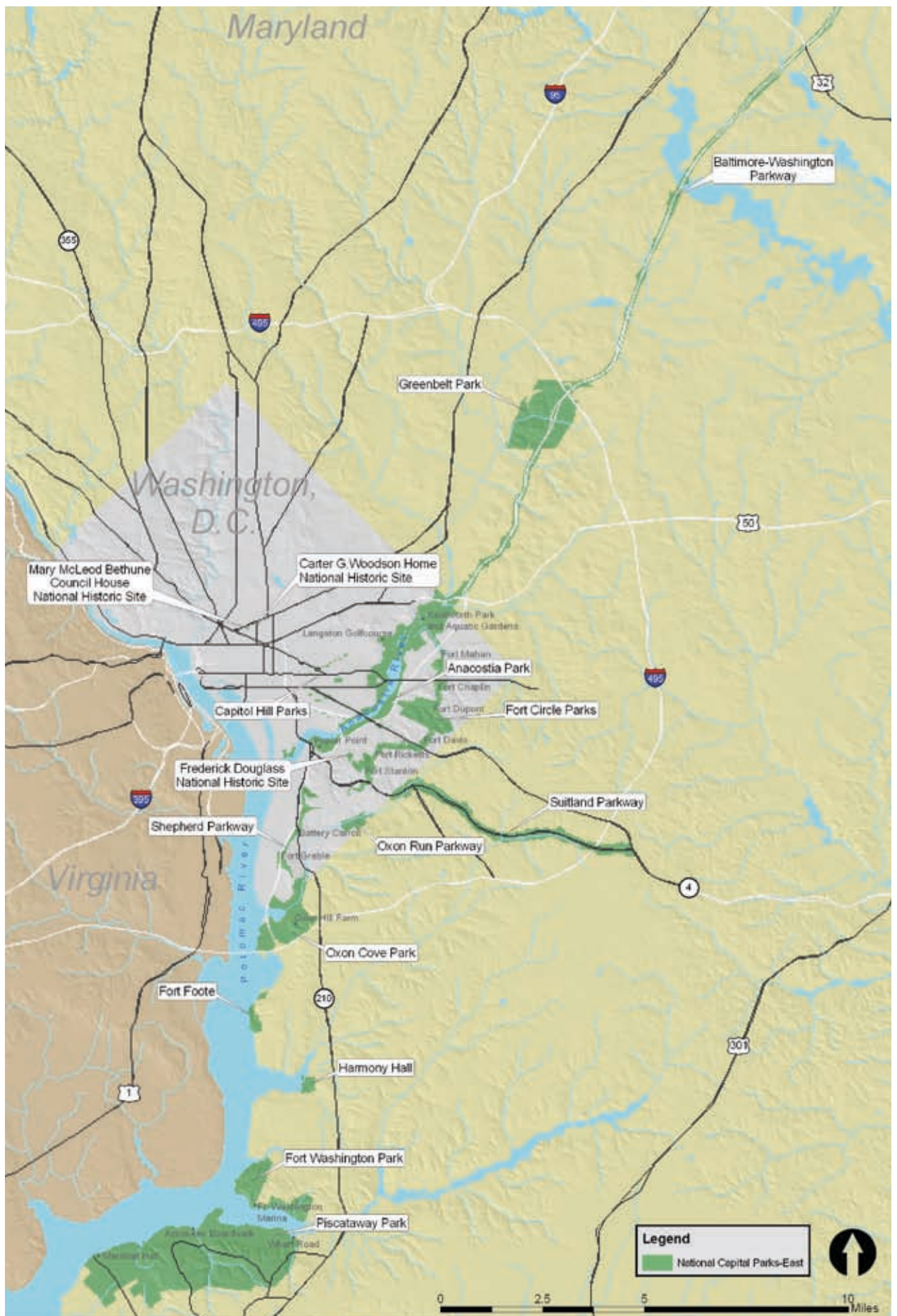
*Fort Washington Park
Visitor Center
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday,
August 9
301-763-4600
All Ages*

Battery Decatur was the first of 8 concrete batteries built at Fort Washington Park. Park Guide Bambi Sears will lead a tour to the battery, explore its history, and the role it held in the evolution of U.S. military weapons technology.

The Paradox of Butterflies

*Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
Visitor Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 16
202-426-6905
All Ages*

Explore how something so fragile looking can survive long distance migrations. What does it mean when butterflies gather around a puddle? Is it a hummingbird or an insect? How can a monarch butterfly find its way to a place it has never been? Find out on this hour tour.





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Rowing team cruising along the Anacostia River. *NPS Photo*



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