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A Visitor's Guide to
National Capital Parks-East

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Dear Visitor:

Welcome to Greenbelt Park, one of 14 sites within National Capital Parks-East. I am excited to personally invite you to visit a hidden jewel

in the metropolitan area. Greenbelt Park is an urban park with a rural feel located 12 miles outside of Washington, D.C. It is comprised of over 1,100 acres of forest, streams, picnic areas, hiking trails, and a vast array of wildlife. You'll marvel at all of the beautiful flora and fauna in the park.

A variety of programs are offered year-round. The park is an excellent resource for environmental studies, wildlife observation, and bird watching. It provides recreational opportunities for hiking, biking, picnicking, and camping.

Celebrate the Annual Waterlily and Asian Cultural Festival on July 21 at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. Come view the beautiful ponds of waterlilies and other flowering plants while enjoying a day of fun for all.

So, whether you're ready to hike, camp, relax, or learn, let the rangers of National Capital Parks- East help you Experience Your America.

Park Ranger, Robin Martin
Greenbelt Park



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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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Performers at the Annual Waterlily and Asian Cultural Festival at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. NPS photo.



Cover Photo: Bridge over Stillwater Creek in Greenbelt Park. 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.

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.

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.

Bites and Stings

Reduce the risk of bites or stings by taking the following steps:

- Avoid peak mosquito hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many species of mosquitoes.
- To reduce your contact with poison ivy and ticks, stay on trails. Wearing a hat, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt helps considerably.
- Do not leave open drinks uncovered. Stinging insects, attracted by the sweet beverage, may crawl inside.

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	Capitol Hill Parks	Fort Dupont Park	Fort Washington Park
<p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>The park is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.</p> <p>Contact Information 1900 Anacostia Drive, SE Washington, DC 20020 202-472-3884 www.nps.gov/anac</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Information 1318 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20005 202-673-2402 www.nps.gov/cahi</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Information 1411 W Street, SE Washington, DC 20020 202-426-5961 www.nps.gov/fodu</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Information 1355 Fort Washington Road Fort Washington, MD 20744 301-763-4600 www.nps.gov/fowa</p>
<p>Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Information 1318 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20005 202-673-2402 www.nps.gov/mamc</p>	<p>Oxon Cove Park Oxon Hill Farm</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Information 6411 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745 301-839-1176 www.nps.gov/oxhi</p>	<p>Piscataway Park</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The park is open from dusk to dawn.</p> <p>Contact Information 13551 Fort Washington Road Fort Washington, MD 20744 301-763-4600 www.nps.gov/pisc</p>	<p>Sewall Belmont House and Museum</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Information 144 Constitution Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20002 202-546-1210 www.sewallbelmont.org</p>

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			●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Be a Junior Ranger This Summer



Junior Ranger Program

Oxon Cove Park -
Visitor Barn
9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
June through August
301-839-1176

Ages 9-13

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.

Greenbelt Park Junior Rangers

Greenbelt Park - Ranger Station
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday
through Wednesday
July 9 - July 11
August 6 - August 8
301-344-3944

Ages 8-12

Become a Greenbelt Park Junior Ranger. Pre-registration and applications are available at the park. Join the park rangers to learn as we explore Greenbelt Park in a three-day environmental education program.

Junior Ranger Day

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens -
Visitor Center
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 1
202-426-6905

Ages 6 to 12 and Adults

Join us for a fun filled and interactive day as we explore the gardens, learn about our community and understand the important role we each play in the balance of life around us.

www.nps.gov/webrangers
Check out this site and be a
webranger today!

July Events

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, July 1
301-763-4600

All Ages

Volunteers in Civil War period uniforms will demonstrate and explain the procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American arms. 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, July 7
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.

Volunteer Guide Training

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7
202-426-6905

Adults

Calling all garden lovers! Share your passion and interest for gardening and flowers with park visitors. We provide training.

Mary McLeod Bethune 132nd Birthday Commemoration

Lincoln Park
6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 10
202-673-2402

All Ages

Join the National Park Service and the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. to commemorate the 132nd Anniversary of the birth of Mary McLeod Bethune. The program will feature guest speaker, Dr. Trudy Kebbie Reed, President of the Bethune Cookman University. The Franklin P. Nash United Methodist Church Gospel Choir will perform. The festivities will conclude with a wreath-laying ceremony in Lincoln Park. The park is located on East Capital Street between 11th and 13th Streets NE, Washington, D.C.



Visitors chat at Lincoln Park after the wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the birthday of Mary McLeod Bethune. NPS photo.

Summer Reading Ranger

Greenbelt Park –
Ranger Station
2:00 p.m. Sunday,
July 15
301-344-3944

Ages 5 – 10
Join a park
ranger to dis-
cover the true
story of Smokey
Bear.



Annual Waterlily and Asian Cultural Festival

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 21
202- 426-6905
All Ages



Bring the entire
family out
to experi-
ence this
spectacular
event with
tours of the
gardens, Asian
cultural dancing and
performing, face painting,
workshops on gardening, a photo con-
test, and more.

Tub Gardening for Shade

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens –
Visitor Center
1:00 p.m. Sunday July 22
202-426-6905

Ages 10 to Adult
Ease into easy water gardening at this
demonstration.

Fort Dupont Summer Theatre Concert Series

Fort Dupont Park
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11, August 18
All Ages

Summer has arrived and music is in the air. We encourage music lovers of all ages to bring blankets to lie on, chairs to sit in, and lots of friends to enjoy great music all summer long. Please note that all shows go on, rain or shine. Performances are subject to change. All shows are free.

July 14

LAKESIDE

Grammy award winner, Gordon Chambers

July 21

BRASS CONSTRUCTION

Shadz of Soul

July 28

ZAPP BAND

Nu-Era

August 4

Salute to WPFW's 30th

Anniversary Celebration

THE LEGENDARY ESCORTS &

THE SOUNDS OF THE PHILLY REVIEW

Soul Patrol

August 11

B.T. EXPRESS

Lady Rhythm

August 18

THE BAR-KAYS

Fathers Children

The following items may NOT be brought into Fort Dupont Park: glass containers, alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, and 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.



August Events

Invasive Plant Removal

Greenbelt Park –
Sweetgum Picnic Area
11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 4
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.

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, August 5
301-763-4600
All Ages

Volunteers in Civil War period uniforms will demonstrate and explain the procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American arms. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in a non-firing artillery drill after each demonstration.

The Paradox of Butterflies

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens –
Visitor Center
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 12
202-426-6905
All Ages

Explore how something so fragile looking can survive long distance migrations. Why does a beautiful butterfly only drink from mud puddles? Take the time at the end of this tour to build a paper butterfly one feather at a time and see the amazing paradox of strength through delicate structures.

Power of the Pen

Mary McLeod Bethune
Council House, NHS
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 17
202-673-2402
All Ages

Join the National Park Service in a program that features the writings of Mary McLeod Bethune. Interpret the written thoughts of Mrs. Bethune from authentic documents pulled from files of the National Archives of Black Women's History. Selected speeches and letters will be discussed that have inspired change in American history.

Back to School Reading Ranger

Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 26
301-344-3944
Ages 5 – 10
Join a park ranger and explore the life of former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Children's Stories

Kenilworth Aquatic Garden –
Visitor Center
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 30
202-426-6905
Ages 3 – 5

Bring the children out to listen to Park Ranger Debbie Kirkley as she reads from nature stories and introduces the life cycles of animals and their habitats in Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens.



September Events

Invasive Plant Removal

Greenbelt Park –
Sweetgum Picnic Area
11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 1
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.

Meet the Beaver

Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station
2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 2
301-344-3944, RSVP
Ages 5 to Adult
Join a park ranger as we learn about beavers and their habits.

Black Family Reunion

National Mall
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 8
12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 9
202-737-0120
All Ages
Enjoy free concerts, arts and crafts, health screenings, international marketplace, and the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House exhibit hosted by the National Council of Negro Women.

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, September 9
301-763-4600
All Ages

Volunteers in Civil War period uniforms will demonstrate and explain the procedures used during the muzzle-loading era of American arms. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in a non-firing artillery drill after each demonstration.

Maryland Lighthouse Challenge

Fort Washington Park – Lighthouse

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

September 15 - 16

301-763-4600

All Ages

The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society invites you to join the challenge by visiting Maryland's land-based light houses. This is the only weekend that the Fort Washington lighthouse is open to the public. For additional information on the challenge, go to www.cheslights.org.

Watershed Walk

Greenbelt Park –

Sweetgum Picnic Area

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 23

301-344-3944, RSVP

Ages 10 to Adult

Join a park ranger to discover the Still Creek watershed in Greenbelt Park.

National Public Lands Day

Greenbelt Park – Ranger Station

3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 29

301-344-3944, RSVP

Ages 16 to Adult

Join a park ranger to help us clean-up the Still Creek watershed that runs through Greenbelt Park. Clean-up tools and bottled water will be provided.

National Public Lands Day

Fort Washington Park – Old Fort

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, September 29

301-763-4600

All Ages

The fort has undergone a 3-year renovation and the work is complete. Now we need your help to put on the finishing touches. Join us to help clean-up the historic fort, remove vegetation from the brick work, paint historic cannons, and perform general cleaning of the area. Clean-up tools and supplies will be provided.

...All Summer Long

Weekend Garden Tours

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens –

Visitor Center

Memorial Day through Labor Day

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Saturdays and Sundays

202-426-6905

All Ages

Join a park ranger for the inside story of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens on an easy stroll of the grounds.

Meet the Dairy Cow

Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn

July through September

11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

11:30 a.m. Wednesdays

10 a.m. Sundays

301-839-1176

All Ages

See a cow milking demonstration, learn fun cow facts and proper milking techniques, and more.

Chicken Program

Oxon Cove Park –

Visitor Barn

July through September

11 a.m. Sundays

301-839-1176

All Ages

Do you know the difference between brown and white eggs? How are chickens important to a farm's economy? Learn the answer to these and other fascinating facts about chickens.

Wagon Ride

Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn

July through September

1:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday

301-839-1176

All Ages

Take a scenic ride through the park and learn about the environment and stories of the park.

History of the Farm

Oxon Cove Park – Visitor Barn

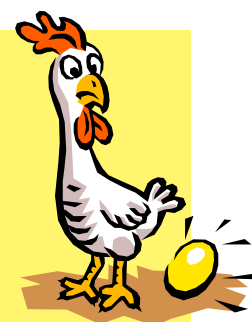
July through September

1:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

301-839-1176

All Ages

Join a ranger for a walk to discuss the history of Oxon Hill Farm

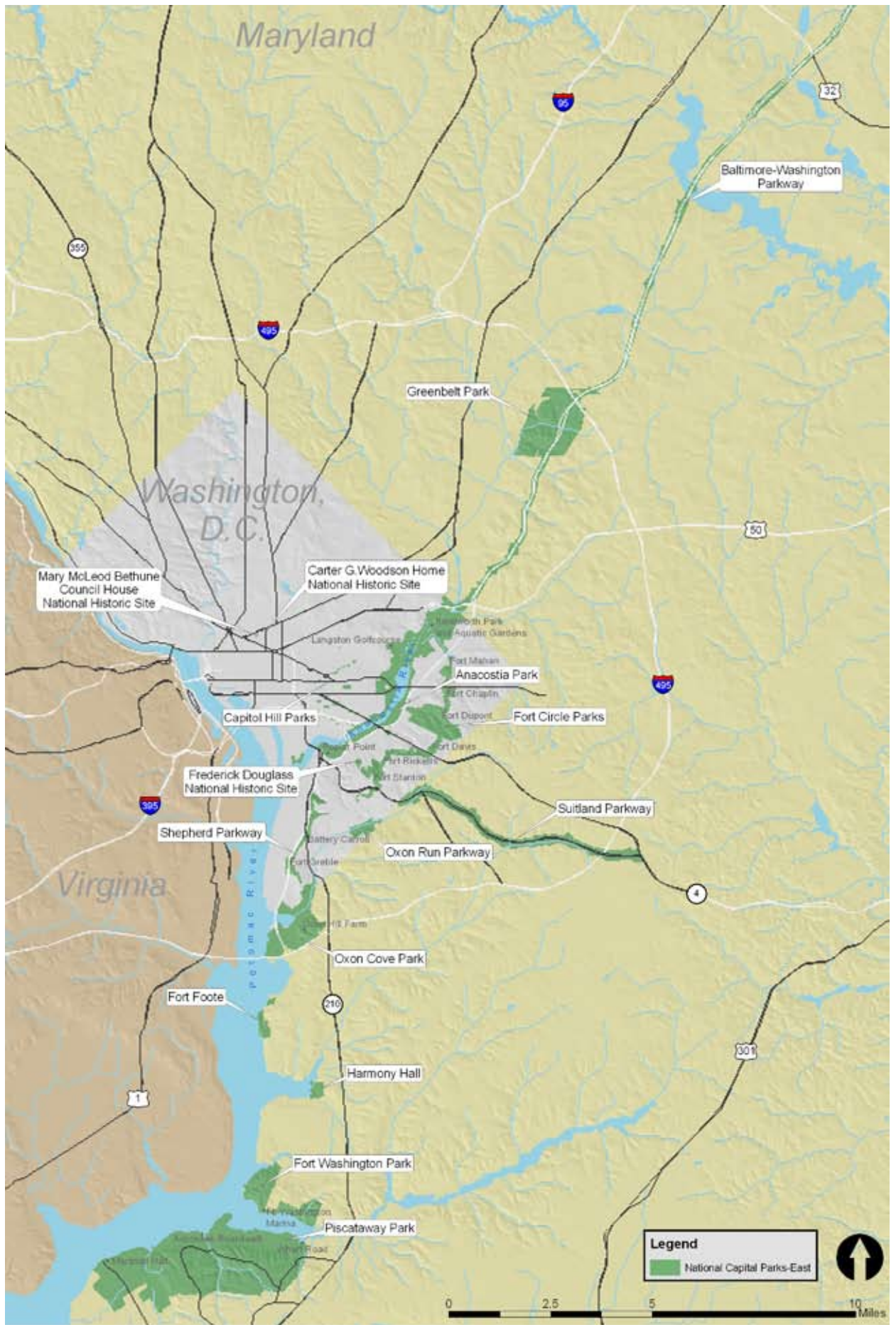


Meet the dairy cow up close and personal. Ranger Ray will show you how to milk a cow this summer at Oxon Hill Farm. NPS photo.

Greenbelt Park Campground



For camping reservations call 1-800-365-CAMP or 301-344-2929.





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