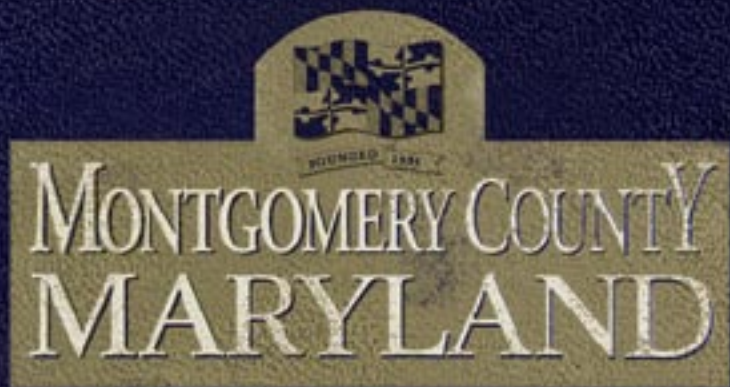


# PASSPORT



Conference and Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc.

## The Upside of Downtown

[www.visitmontgomery.com](http://www.visitmontgomery.com)





Welcome!

## Montgomery County, Maryland

is located on the western borders of our nation's capital, and offers a wonderful mix of historic landmarks, lush rolling pastures and vibrant cities full of cultural diversity. The county is conveniently located equidistant from three major airports: **Baltimore/Washington Thurgood Marshall International, Ronald Reagan Washington National and Dulles International.**

Two-thirds (2/3) of the US population is within a days drive of Rockville, the county seat. To see the sites of Montgomery County and Washington D.C., hop on the **Metro**, one of the most sophisticated mass transit subway systems in the country. Come find over 9,000 guest rooms, world-class shopping and antiquing, all just minutes from Washington, D.C.

The urban communities of Bethesda/Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, Rockville, Gaithersburg and Germantown are all located within Montgomery County. The rural areas of the county are spectacular. Here you'll find Civil War Trails, historic homes and museums, vital venues of the Underground Railroad, Indian Stone quarries, and heritage sites. And, Montgomery County has a 93,000 acre Agricultural Reserve which is more than twice the size of Washington, D.C.

### Here are just a few ideas for your next visit:

- *Overlook Great Falls and visit the C&O Canal paths where you can enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, boating, and horseback riding.*
- *Take in a concert series of chamber music, folk music and jazz at the breathtaking Music Center at Strathmore.*
- *Stroll the numerous art galleries in downtown Bethesda.*
- *Ride the Metro to the nation's capital to enjoy museums and attractions.*
- *Visit the Wings of Fancy Butterfly Exhibit at Brookside Gardens.*
- *Sip wine overlooking Sugarloaf Mountain at the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard.*



Diet  
Later

## RESTAURANTS

- 900 Ethnically-diverse restaurants
- 150 are ZAGAT rated
- 1 more reason to leave room for dessert!



Olive



## OUTDOORS


Stress  
Later

- 200 Miles of trails and paths
- 33,602 Acres of parkland
- 13 Public golf courses
- 12 Months in season



Gaithersburg

GLEN ECHO

- 
- 22 Theatres
  - 60 Galleries
  - 50 Historic venues

Watch TV  
Later

## CULTURE & EVENTS

- 
- 400,000 Square Feet Total Event Space
  - 9,443 Total Guest Rooms
  - 40,000 Total Hospitality Associates
- 1 More Totally Relaxed Event Planner

You'll  
Be Back  
Later!

## ACCOMMODATIONS



- 33 Department stores
- 657 Spas and salons
- 743 Jewelers, boutiques and specialty stores

Chevy Chase

## SHOPPING

Resist  
Later



Bethesda



## TRANSPORTATION

*Montgomery County can be accessed conveniently by car, air, train or water.*

**By Car:** From points Northwest, via exit I-70 East to I-270 South.

From points Northeast, via I-95 South to I-495 West.

From Points South, via I-95 North to I-495 West.

**By Air:** Three major airports serve Montgomery County:

Baltimore/Washington Thurgood Marshall Airport, Washington Dulles International Airport, and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

**By Train:** Amtrak- Service provided to Washington D.C.'s Union Station.

Metrorail – 13 Red Line stations service Montgomery County

**By Water:** White's Ferry – the last working Ferry on the Potomac River. Take Route 7 West to Leesburg. Take Route 15 North to Route 655/White's Ferry Road.



# HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

## Bethesda/Chevy Chase

### American Inn of Bethesda

8130 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-656-9300  
american-inn.com

### Bethesda Court Hotel

7740 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-656-2100  
bethesdacourtwashdc.com

### Bethesda Marriott Hotel

5151 Pooks Hill Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
800-228-9290  
marriott.com

### Bethesda Marriott Suites

6711 Democracy Blvd.  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
301-897-5600  
marriott.com

### Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

5701 Marinelli Road  
North Bethesda, MD 20852  
301-822-9200  
marriott.com

### Courtyard by Marriott Chevy Chase

5520 Wisconsin Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
301-656-1500  
marriott.com

### DoubleTree Bethesda

8120 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-652-2000  
doubletreethesda.com

### Hilton Garden Inn

7301 Waverly Street  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-654-8111  
hgibethesda.com

### Hyatt Regency Bethesda

One Bethesda Metro Center  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-657-1234  
bethesda.hyatt.com

### National 4-H Youth Conference Center

7100 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
800-368-7432  
4hcenter.org

## APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON, DC

Bethesda/Chevy Chase: 8 miles

Gaithersburg: 22 miles

Germantown: 31 miles

Silver Spring: 8 miles

Rockville: 18 miles

Potomac: 14 miles



# Gaithersburg

## **Comfort Inn Shady Grove**

16216 Frederick Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
888-605-9100  
[comfortinn.com/hotel/md413](http://comfortinn.com/hotel/md413)

## **Courtyard by Marriott Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center**

204 Boardwalk Place  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-527-9000  
[marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

## **Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center**

9751 Washingtonian Blvd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
800-228-9290  
[gaithersburgmarriott.com](http://gaithersburgmarriott.com)

## **Hilton Garden Inn Rockville-Gaithersburg**

14975 Shady Grove Road  
Rockville, MD 20850  
877-STAY-HGI  
[hgi.com](http://hgi.com)

## **Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg**

620 Perry Parkway  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301-977-8900  
[gaithersburghilton.com](http://gaithersburghilton.com)

## **Holiday Inn Gaithersburg**

Two Montgomery Village Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
301-948-8900  
[HIGaithersburg.com](http://HIGaithersburg.com)

## **Homewood Suites Rockville-Gaithersburg**

14975 Shady Grove Road  
800-CALL-HOME  
[rockvillegaithersburghomewoodsuites.com](http://rockvillegaithersburghomewoodsuites.com)

## **Residence Inn Gaithersburg**

9719 Washingtonian Blvd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-590-3003  
[marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

## **SpringHill Suites by Marriott**

9715 Washingtonian Blvd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-987-0900  
[SpringHillSuites.com](http://SpringHillSuites.com)

## **Hyatt Summerfield Suites- Gaithersburg**

200 Skidmore Blvd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301-527-6000  
[summerfieldgaithersburg.com](http://summerfieldgaithersburg.com)

## **TownePlace Suites Gaithersburg**

212 Perry Parkway  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301-590-2300  
[towneplacegaithersburg.com](http://towneplacegaithersburg.com)

## **Wyndham Garden Hotel**

805 Russell Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
301-670-0008  
[wyndham.com/hotels/IADWG/main.wnt](http://wyndham.com/hotels/IADWG/main.wnt)

## Germantown

### Fairfield Inn & Suites Germantown

20225 Century Blvd.  
Germantown, MD 20874  
301-916-0750  
marriott.com

### Hampton Inn Germantown

20260 Goldenrod Lane  
Germantown, MD 20876  
301-428-1300  
hamptoninn.com

## Potomac

### Bolger Center

9600 Newbridge Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854  
301-983-7765  
bolgercenter.com

## Rockville

### Best Western Rockville Hotel & Suites

1251 West Montgomery Ave.  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-424-4940  
bestwesternrockville.com

### Chase Suite Hotel

1380 Piccard Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-590-9880  
chasesuitehotels.com

### Courtyard by Marriott Rockville

2500 Research Boulevard  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-670-6700  
marriott.com

### Crowne Plaza Rockville

3 Research Court  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-840-0200  
cprockville.com

### Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Meeting Center

1750 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-468-1100  
rockvillehotel.com

### Sheraton Rockville Hotel

920 King Farm Boulevard  
Rockville, MD 20850  
240-912-8200  
starwoodhotels.com

### Sleep Inn Shady Grove

2 Research Court  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-948-8000  
sleepinn.com

### The LegacyHotel

1775 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-881-2300  
legacyrockville.com

# Silver Spring

## **Comfort Inn Silver Spring**

7990 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-565-3444  
comfortinn.com/hotelsilver\_  
spring-maryland-MD088

## **Courtyard by Marriott Silver Spring North**

12521 Prosperity Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
301-680-8500  
marriott.com

## **Courtyard by Marriott Silver Spring-Downtown**

8506 Fenton Street  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-589-4899  
marriott.com

## **Crowne Plaza Hotel Washington/DC Silver Spring**

8777 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-589-0800  
ichotelsgroup.com

## **Hilton Garden Inn Silver Spring North**

2200 Broadbirch Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
301-622-3333  
hiltongardeninn.hilton.com

## **Hampton Inn Silver Spring**

8728 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-588-5887  
hamptoninn1.hilton.com

## **Hilton Washington DC/ Silver Spring**

8727 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-589-5200  
hilton.com

## **Homewood Suites**

8728 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-588-5887  
hamptoninn1.hilton.com

## **Residence Inn Silver Spring**

12000 Plum Orchard Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
301-572-2322  
marriott.com



## Extended Stay Facilities

### **Extended Stay America Gaithersburg**

205 Professional Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301-963-3539  
extendedstayamerica.com

### **Extended Stay America Germantown**

12450 Milestone Center Drive  
Germantown, MD 20876  
301-963-3539  
extendedstayamerica.com

### **Extended Stay Deluxe Gaithersburg**

201 Professional Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301-963-3539  
extendedstayamerica.com

### **Homestead Suites Gaithersburg/ Rockville**

2621 Research Boulevard  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-963-2529  
homesteadhotels.com

### **Homestead Suites Germantown**

20141 Century Boulevard  
Germantown, MD 20874  
301-963-3539  
homesteadhotels.com

### **TownePlace Suites Gaithersburg**

212 Perry Parkway  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301-590-2300  
towneplacegaithersburg.com



# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

## Bethesda, Maryland

### **Gandhi Memorial Center**

301-320-6871 • [www.gandhimemorialcenter.org](http://www.gandhimemorialcenter.org)

Headquarters of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Foundation, a library and depictions of the life and activities of Mahatma Gandhi and the spiritual and cultural heritage of India.

### **Imagination Stage**

301-961-6060 • [www.imaginationstage.com](http://www.imaginationstage.com)

Imagination Stage is the largest and most respected multi-disciplinary theatre arts organization for young people in the Mid-Atlantic region. Offering a year-round season of professional shows and arts-integration professional development training for teachers, students, schools and families.

### **Strathmore**

#### *The Music Center at Strathmore*

301-581-5100 • [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org)

Opened in 2005, this magnificent structure houses 1,987-seat concert hall which welcomes world renowned performers. The connecting state-of-the-art education center features music and dance classes, workshops, and seminars for all ages.

#### *The Mansion*

301-581-5100 • [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org)

This Georgian-style mansion is a unique site for meetings, retreats, weddings or private concerts. The Mansion also features art exhibitions and enjoy team in the Strathmore Tea Room, serving Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### **Locust Grove Nature Center**

301-299-1990 • [www.locustgrovenature.com](http://www.locustgrovenature.com)

An ideal spot to watch birds and other small creatures in their real habitats. Includes child-friendly live animals and hands-on activities. Explore fields, wetlands, and stream banks.

### **McCrillis Gardens**

301-962-1455 • [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org)

McCrillis Gardens was donated to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1978 by its owners, William and Virginia McCrillis. Managed by Brookside Gardens, the Gardens have been refined as a premier shade garden.

### **National Library of Medicine at NIH**

301-594-5983 • [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)

The National Library of Medicine is the world's largest medical library. The Library collects materials and provides information and research services in all areas of biomedicine and health care.

### **Round House Theatre**

240-644-1100 • [www.roundhousetheatre.org](http://www.roundhousetheatre.org)

One of the largest and most acclaimed professional theatre companies in the metro Washington, D.C. area. Based in Montgomery County, Maryland, Round House Theatre produces nearly 200 theatrical performances each season at its 400-seat Bethesda theatre and 150-seat black box theatre in Silver Spring. The company operates an education center in Silver Spring and annually reaches over 40,000 patrons there and across the region with strong educational programs.

## Derwood, Maryland

### Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve

301-590-2823 • [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/agservices](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/agservices)

The Agricultural Reserve was created in 1980 to protect Montgomery County's agricultural heritage. The Reserve encompasses 93,000 acres which is more than twice the size of Washington, D.C. Take a driving tour and see 561 farms, 6 farms that are "pick-your-own" for fruits and vegetables, spectacular views of the countryside and quaint towns and villages.

### Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard

301-605-0130 • [www.smvwinery.com](http://www.smvwinery.com)

On the border of Montgomery and Frederick Counties, Sugarloaf Mountain produces Bordeaux-style wines receiving numerous awards. Sugarloaf holds many events throughout the year.

### Monocacy Aqueduct on the C&O Canal

[www.nps.gov/choh/historyculture/themonocacyaqueduct.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/historyculture/themonocacyaqueduct.htm)

A restored seven-arched 516-foot long aqueduct spanning the Monocacy River built in 1833.

## Germantown, Maryland

### King Barn Dairy Mooseum

301-528-6530 • [www2.mooseum.com](http://www2.mooseum.com)

The King Family started this farm in 1913 and farmed it until 1962. The once barn is now a Mooseum located at the South Germantown Recreational Park. This dairy heritage museum is dedicated to interpreting the rich history of the farms, the families and related organizations of Montgomery County. Their stories are told through a permanent collection featuring interactive exhibits and educational programs.

### Water's House History Center

301-515-2887 • [www.montgomeryhistory.org/library\\_waters\\_house](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org/library_waters_house)

The library collections at the Waters House History Center include copies of some of the resources available at the Jane C. Sween Library, including Montgomery County census transcripts, books on genealogy and local history.

## Glen Echo, Maryland

### Clara Barton National Historical Site

301-492-6245 • [www.nps.gov/clba](http://www.nps.gov/clba)

Visit the house of the founder of the American Red Cross during the last 15 years of her life.



## Glen Echo, Maryland

### Glen Echo Park

301-492-6229 • [www.nps.gov/glec/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glec/index.htm)

Originally established in 1891 as a National Chautauqua Assembly to promote liberal and practical education, the park became the area's premier amusement park until 1968. The park today serves as a hub for arts and history programs. The 1921 Dentzel Carousel is still in operation.

## Kensington, Maryland

### Kensington Antique Row

[www.kensingtonantiquerow.com](http://www.kensingtonantiquerow.com)

Nestled in the heart of historic Kensington, Maryland, Antique Row is the oldest Antiques Center in Metropolitan Washington, D.C. for more than 30 years.

### Washington DC Temple Visitors' Center

301-587-0144 • [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org)

Visit this peaceful site on a 52-acre hill top with woods, specimen trees, and beautiful flower gardens. The temple rises magnificently against the sky, either in the daylight or when illuminated at night. The Washington D.C. Temple Visitors' Center invites you to enjoy film presentations and interactive exhibits which explain the purpose of the temple and describe its interior. Informed guides are also available for free tours beginning in the lobby with its dominating marble reproduction of the Christ statue.

## Olney, Maryland

### Oakley Cabin

301-650-4373 • [www.oakleycabin.org](http://www.oakleycabin.org)

Oakley Cabin is a 19th century African American historic site. Built as one of three slave dwellings in the 1820s, the cabin was the center of an African American roadside community from emancipation well into the 20th century. The dwelling, inhabited until 1976, is now operated as a living history museum.

## Poolesville, Maryland

### Seneca Schoolhouse Museum

301-972-8588 • [www.senecaschoolhouse.com](http://www.senecaschoolhouse.com)

In 1865, just as the Civil War was ending, Mr. Upton Darby, collected subscriptions from his neighbors to start a one-room school. Families contributed cash and skills. The Darby family provided two acres of land as well as the stone and wood for the building.

## Potomac, Maryland

### Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park

301-299-3613 • [www.nps.gov/clba](http://www.nps.gov/clba)

The canal remains in its original character for its entire length of 185 miles. At the Great Falls location, take the footbridge to experience a breathtaking view of the Potomac River.

## Rockville, Maryland

### Rockville Cemetery

301-762-0096 • [www.peerlessrockville.org](http://www.peerlessrockville.org)

The Rockville community's oldest burying ground, the property is significant as an example of the rural cemetery movement as well as for the many individuals prominent in Rockville and Montgomery County history who are buried at the cemetery including F. Scott Fitzgerald.

### Red Brick Courthouse

301-762-0096 • [www.peerlessrockville.org](http://www.peerlessrockville.org)

The 1840 Court House was demolished in 1890 and replaced with the 1891 Red Brick Courthouse. The building served all functions of the local government.

### Glenview Mansion and Art Gallery

301-314-8682 • [www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/exhibits.htm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/exhibits.htm)

Glenview Mansion is a pillared, neoclassical, 19th century home nestled in the 153-acre Rockville Civic Center Park. The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery showcases local and regional artists.

### Montgomery County Historical Society

301-340-2825 • [www.montgomeryhistory.org](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org)

*Beall-Dawson House* - Today, the house contains most of its original architectural features from 1815, including the indoor slave quarters located above the kitchen. The museum is furnished in the style of the early 19th century, and the tour interprets the lives of both the upper-class family and the enslaved African Americans who lived here, as well as life in 19th century Rockville.

*Stonestreet Medical Museum* - A one-room doctor's office built in 1852 for Dr. Edward Elisha Stonestreet of Rockville, who had just graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School; he served as one of the town's doctors until his death in 1903.

## Sandy Spring, Maryland

### The Underground Railroad Experience

301-650-4373 • [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org)

This 2.0 mile trail is natural surface and includes interpretive sign markers keyed to the map that may be downloaded. Trail stops include Woodlawn Manor and Barn and The Sandy Spring itself. One half-mile north of the spring is a 300 year-old Champion White Ash Tree.

## Sandy Spring, Maryland

### **Sandy Spring Museum**

301-774-0022 • [www.sandyspringmuseum.org](http://www.sandyspringmuseum.org)

A museum focusing on the history of the town, with photographs and stories from the 1800s.

## Silver Spring, Maryland

### **Blair Mansion Restaurant**

301-588-1688 • [www.blairmansionlive.com](http://www.blairmansionlive.com)

Enjoy yourself surrounded by history in this mansion from a bygone era that still lives on as a dining and entertainment venue you will not forget.

### **American Film Institute Silver Theatre and Cultural Center**

301-495-6720 • [www.afi.com/silver](http://www.afi.com/silver)

The AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center is a state-of-the-art moving image exhibition, education and cultural center. Anchored by the restoration of noted architect John Ebersson's historic 1938 Silver Theatre, the theatre houses two stadium theatres, and reception and exhibit areas.

### **National Capital Trolley Museum**

301-384-6088 • [www.dctrolley.org](http://www.dctrolley.org)

A museum preserving and interpreting the history of Washington D.C.'s electric street railways.

## Wheaton, Maryland

### **Brookside Gardens**

301-962-1427 • [www.brooksidegardens.org](http://www.brooksidegardens.org)

An award-winning 50-acre public display garden including the azalea garden, rose garden, children's garden, formal garden, fragrance garden, Japanese style garden and trial garden.

## Throughout the County

### **Maryland Civil War Trails**

240-777-2061 • [www.civilwartraveler.com/](http://www.civilwartraveler.com/)

A driving tour follows the routes of Union and Confederate soldiers in September 1862 as they marched through Maryland toward what would be the Battle of Antietam. The route begins with Robert E. Lee crossing the Potomac River into Maryland at Whites Ford, then moving quickly toward Frederick.

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES & EXCURSIONS

### UpCounty-Sugarloaf Mountain and Sugarloaf Vineyard

**Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard** is the nearest vineyard/winery to Washington, DC, located 25 minutes from the Capital Beltway in the Agricultural Reserve of Upper Montgomery County, Maryland. Identified by the signature red barn, silo and windmill, the 92-acre farm is the only vineyard/winery in Montgomery County, Maryland. The vineyard welcomes visitors for tastings of homemade wines, tours of the vineyard, and various events throughout the year.

Begin by tasting some of the local homemade Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio in the wine room. Then take an adventurous hike up **Sugarloaf Mountain** with a tour guide who will talk about the flora and fauna of the mountain and the significant role that Sugarloaf plays in the county's history.

Following the Sugarloaf Mountain hike, guests can visit the historic **Comus Inn**, a restaurant built in the 1860's. Select from one of the dining rooms or the beautiful patio that offers breathtaking views of Sugarloaf Mountain.

### The Heritage Experience

Begin an adventure back in time at **Glen Echo Park** for arts and culture. Originally a Chautauqua retreat and then an amusement park, it is home to the Dentzel Carousel and its 52 hand-carved animals.

Next door find the **Clara Barton National Historical Site**, home of the founder of the American Red Cross.

Stop for lunch at the **Irish Inn at Glen Echo**, a charming restaurant in the heart of Glen Echo.

End with a tour of the **Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park**.

### Olney, Brookeville and Sandy Spring Underground Railroad

Start at **Sandy Spring Museum** to see an extensive collection of Montgomery County artifacts from a distant agricultural past. Learn about Quaker families who lived in the area. Baseball aficionados will enjoy Jack Bentley memorabilia; a reminder of early Washington Senators days.

Next stop **Woodlawn Manor** and **Cultural Park**. This 18th Century brick manor house with outbuildings is surrounded by meadows and is the start of the Underground Railroad Heritage Trail.

After this stop, guests can go to the **Sandy Spring Slave Museum**. This unique place features a slave clipper ship, a slave cabin and an arts pavilion. Next make a stop at **Oakley Cabin** in Brookville. This site was built of logs in the 1800's to house enslaved people. The cabin is much larger than other similar buildings of the period and has been restored.

Before leaving Brookeville guests will get the chance to view the **Madison House**, which was the White House for a day during the War of 1812.

Finish the day with a performance at **Olney Theatre Center**. **Olney Theatre** has matinees on Saturday and Sunday as well as evening performances every day except Mondays.

## Agricultural Reserve

The Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve is known as the most successful farmland preservation program in the United States. It consists of 93,000 acres and was created in 1980 by the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Guests may drive through Montgomery County's farms, the majority of which are family run operations, with many reaching back several generations. The county's 577 farms and 350 horticultural enterprises produce millions of dollars in economic contribution from farm produce and operations.

Guests will start at the **King Barn Dairy Mooseum**, a dairy farm that started in 1913 and was farmed until 1962. The farm consisted of 350 acres and had 122 black and white Holstein cows that produced 13,000 pounds of milk each year per cow. The farm is now part of the South Germantown Recreational Park.

Upon exiting the King Barn Dairy Mooseum, visit the **Model Airpark** to see miniature planes taking off and landing. Then take a drive along rural and rustic roads that have been protected to preserve the views and rural character of the county.

See one of many historic farms that capture the beauty of upper Montgomery County as well as barns, silos and historic homes, some of which were constructed of the reddish sandstone quarried at nearby Seneca.

## Gardens/Festivals/Theatre

Begin the day at **Brookside Gardens** in Wheaton. Brookside Gardens is Montgomery County's incomparable, award-winning 50-acre public display garden. Included in the gardens are several distinct areas; azalea garden, rose garden, children's gardens, formal garden, fragrance garden, Japanese style garden and trial garden. The garden also features two conservatories for year-round enjoyment. A horticultural reference library is located in the Visitors Center.

After leaving this breathtaking attraction, depending on the time of year, attend one of our exciting annual events including the **Silverdocs Documentary Film Festival**, **Sugarloaf Crafts Festival**, and many more.

Visit downtown Bethesda and enjoy world-class shopping, arts and antiquing. During the afternoon, take the Metrorail red line (the county's subway system leading into Washington, D.C.) and enjoy the attractions the nation's capital has to offer.

Return from Washington D.C. in time to eat dinner at one of Montgomery County's 900 ethnically-diverse restaurants and end the night with a performance at one of the county's performing art theatres: **Music Center at Strathmore**, **Imagination Stage**, **Round House Theatre**, **Black Rock Center for the Arts** and more.

## Potomac Paddling

### Discover the Potomac Eco Tour

Enjoy a four-hour guided trip of a serene and scenic section of the Potomac River. Professional instructors and guides will teach groups all about flat water paddling, how to paddle with correct technique. Guests will also discover the flora and fauna of Montgomery County's local treasure and learn the rich history of the C&O Canal.

Catch a glimpse of heron, kingfisher, white-tailed deer, painted turtles, and see and learn about the many other wild inhabitants of our river ecosystem. This four hour excursion includes a one hour 'quick start' lesson for beginners and is easy paddling for ages 12 and up.

### Discover Paddling Canal Tour

Professional instructors and guides will teach the group all about flat water kayaks and how to make them go where you want. After a one hour "quick start" lesson guests will take a three-hour guided tour of a serene and scenic section of the C&O Canal. Catch a glimpse of heron, kingfisher, white-tailed deer, painted turtles, and more! Plus, see and learn about the history of the C&O Canal. Bring binoculars and camera!

# M System Map

- Legend**
- Red Line + Glenmont to Shady Grove
  - Orange Line + New Carrollton to Vienna/Fairfax GMU
  - Blue Line + Franconia Springfield to Largo Town Center
  - Green Line + Branch Avenue to Greenbelt
  - Yellow Line + Huntington to Fort Totten



Metro is accessible.

- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio equipment
- No Litter or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items



145 miles to Philadelphia

230 miles to New York City

32 miles to Baltimore

44 miles to Annapolis

15 miles to Frederick



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Laytonsville

Montgomery Village

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ROCKVILLE

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