



# MARYLAND MILESTONES

## Painting the Town: Arts & Humanities Heritage Route



One of the unique attributes of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is a strong emphasis on arts, performance and crafts. This heritage route highlights popular galleries, performance spaces and unique artistic events where visitors can experience quality visual artists, writers, performers, and craftspeople in the region.

Starting with the **Gateway Arts District** at the southern end of U.S. Route 1, is a two-mile corridor for arts activities of all types including over 30 works of public art. The Arts District offers the richness and diversity of the metropolitan region, but retains at its core the heart of the four small towns: Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood, and Hyattsville. Visit two destinations, the **Gateway Arts Center's Brentwood Arts Exchange** and **Joe's Movement Emporium**, for innovative curated galleries, performances, studios, and classes. In spring, experience Gateway Arts District with the Gateway Open Studios Tour, and every Fall, the Annual Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival.



The University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center schedule of theater and music is exciting. But don't miss smaller venues like Joe's Movement Emporium or Greenbelt Arts Center.



From pottery to glass blowing, from painting to metal working, the Gateway Arts District is home to a diverse group of artists producing and creating new and exciting artistic works.

From the Arts District, head eastward to the **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly, a historic movie theater transformed into a destination for music, dance, film, and drama performances by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Or head further north to the **Montpelier Arts Center** in Laurel - also owned by MNCPPC - a place for performances, arts creation, and exhibitions.

In College Park, the **University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center** is building the future of the arts with adventuresome programming in dance, theatre, music and interdisciplinary art. Also on campus are four art galleries - **Herman Maril Gallery**, **David Driskell Center for African American Art**, **Stamp Gallery** and **University of Maryland Art Gallery**. Just nearby is the **University of Maryland University College Art Gallery** at the Inn & Conference Center. Off campus and in town, try a program at the **College Park Arts Exchange**.

Continuing north, **Greenbelt** has multiple art opportunities - from the Historic Greenbelt Theater, home to the Utopia Film Festival and Classic Film Series; to the artist studios and galleries in the Community Center; performances at the Arts Center; to the New Deal Cafe with a variety of musical acts nightly. You don't want to miss a minute of the action!

### HERITAGE ROUTES

The following Heritage Routes are driving and walking tours which connect multiple sites and themes. Maps and brochures for each route are available at Maryland Milestones Visitors Center and also at [www.marylandmilestones.org](http://www.marylandmilestones.org).

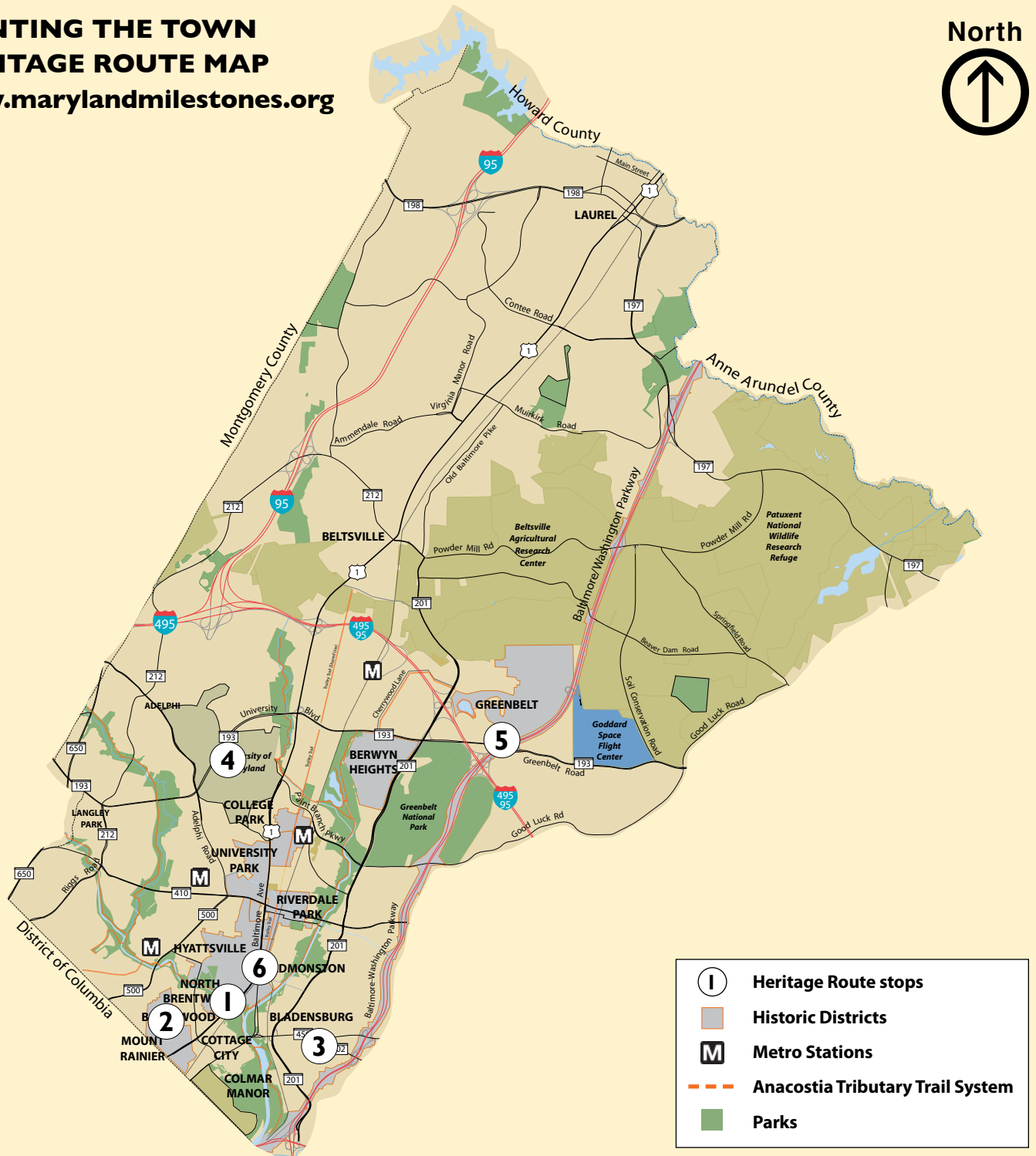
- Battle of Bladensburg and the War of 1812
- Cultural Crossroads Heritage Route
- Farms & Fields: Agriculture Heritage Route
- Festivals & Farmers Markets Heritage Route
- From Hot Air Balloons to Steps on the Moon
- Linking the Nation: Transportation & Communication
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**PAINTING THE TOWN  
HERITAGE ROUTE MAP**  
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**1 Gateway Arts Center (Gateway Arts District)**

3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD  
Operating Hours: Daily, 8:30-5p  
301-864-3860, [www.gatewayartscenter.org](http://www.gatewayartscenter.org)  
(Also home to Brentwood Arts Exchange.)

**2 Joe's Movement Emporium (Gateway Arts District)**

3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD  
Operating Hours: Tue-Sun, 10-4p  
301-699-1819; [www.joesmovement.org](http://www.joesmovement.org)  
(Check website for performance times.)

**3 Publick Playhouse**

5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD  
Operating Hours: Call for performance times  
301-277-1710; [arts.pgparcs.com](http://arts.pgparcs.com)

**4 Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center**

Stadium Drive, University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
Operating Hours: Call for performance times  
301-405-ARTS (2787); [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu)  
(For more information on art galleries, [www.umd.edu/arts/](http://www.umd.edu/arts/))

**5 Greenbelt Community Center**

15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD  
Operating Hours: M-Sa, 9-10p, Sun, 9-7p  
301-397-2208; [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)  
(For Greenbelt Arts Center call: 301-441-8770)

**6 Maryland Milestones Visitors Center**

(Information Center & General Offices)  
4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville MD  
301-887-0777, [info@marylandmilestones.org](mailto:info@marylandmilestones.org)  
(Gateway Arts District can be found at: [www.mygatewayarts.org](http://www.mygatewayarts.org))

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