



MARYLAND MILESTONES

FESTIVALS & FARMERS MARKETS HERITAGE ROUTE



With a legacy of agriculture, labor, transportation, and culture, it only makes sense that the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is a place that likes to celebrate and have some fun too. For that reason, two of the favorite activities in the area are the huge range of festivals and a great mix of farmers markets.

Farmers markets in the heritage area happen in almost every town. **Mount Rainier, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, College Park, and Greenbelt** all have farmers markets. Even the University of Maryland and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville have their own farmers markets. One of the biggest and longest running is the **Riverdale Park Farmers Market**, located in Town Center right on the Trolley trail. Every Thursday find a mix of breads, vegetables, and food with some local music and the occasional passing train. (And come back in December for their Holiday Market.) All of the local farmers markets are accessible by bike and all of them are family friendly!



The farmer's markets in the Heritage Area are unique opportunities to find foods from apples to pickles, vegetables to bread - plus a healthy dose of fun and entertainment.

Two great arts festivals are the **Riverdale Park Arts Fest** in May and the **Hyattsville Arts Festival** in September. The Green Man festival in Greenbelt is a chance for unique arts and crafts. A variety of local community "days" occur in spring and fall to connect residents and have a little local fun. During the holidays, local sites work together as part of the **Holidays in the Heritage Area** promotion program.



With a major range of festivals - from the **Bostwick Heritage Festival** celebrating the early 19th century to **Greenbelt Labor Day** festival celebrating 50 years of Labor Day - there are plenty of festival options!

If festivals are more your speed, then the Heritage Area is a great place to be! One of the oldest festivals is the **Greenbelt Labor Day** festival, an annual tradition with rides, music, food, and the unique charm of Greenbelt's utopian community. The biggest festival though is **University of Maryland's Maryland Day** with over 100,000 visitors each year learning all about the campus, the programs, and having fun too!

Of course, we have plenty of ways to connect to the history of the region. Bladensburg's **Bostwick Heritage Festival** is a great May program to learn about life in the early 19th century. The annual **Battle of Bladensburg** at Riversdale House Museum celebrates the War of 1812 in the region. The **Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Art, and Tea** bring a gentle connection to the historic mansion. Finally, The **Hispanic Festival** in Adelphi is a huge crowd of over 10,000 each September celebrating the Hispanic community.

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.

- 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
- Painting the Town: Arts & Humanities Heritage Route
- The Nation's Main Street: Exploring Communities
- Urban Outdoor Adventures Heritage Route



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Farmers Markets

For a great listing of operating hours, websites, and directions for all of the farmers markets in the heritage area and throughout Prince George's County, visit www.pgcountyfarmfun.com operated by the University of Maryland Extension, Prince George's County (301-868-8780).

Bowie Farmers Market

15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD
Sundays: 8-Noon, May-Oct
www.cityofbowie.org

Cheverly Community Market

6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD
Every other Saturday: 8-Noon, May-Oct
www.cheverlycommuntiyarket.com

College Park Farmers Market

5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD
Saturdays: 7-Noon, May-Nov

Downtown College Park Farmers Market

4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD
Sundays: 10-2pm, April-Nov
www.downtowncollegeparkmarket.org

Glenn Dale Farmers Market

5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD
Saturdays: 9-1pm, May-Nov

Greenbelt Farmers Market

101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD
Sundays: 10-2pm, May-Nov
www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

Hollywood Farmers Market

9801 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park, MD
Saturdays: 8-Noon, June-Oct
www.hollywoodmarket.org

Hyattsville Farmers Market

3505 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, MD
Tuesdays: 2-6pm, June-Oct

Mount Rainier Farmers Market

3200 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainer, MD
Saturdays: 10-2pm, June-Nov

Riverdale Park Farmers Market

4650 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD
Thursdays: 3-7pm, April-Nov
www.rpfarmersmarket.org

The Farmers Market at Maryland

Cole Field House, College Park, MD
Wednesdays: Noon-4pm, May-Nov
www.crs.umd.edu/wellness/farmers-market

USDA (Beltsville) Farmers Market

5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD
Thursdays: 10-2pm, April-November

Festivals

This list is intended to be a quick glance at some of the largest regular festivals in the Heritage Area. There are many more events and programs throughout the year at a variety of sites. Check out at www.marylandmilestones.org for more up-to-date information regarding festivals.

Maryland Day

University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Last Saturday in April, 10-4pm
Experience the diversity of the University of Maryland's resources and have fun at the same time!
www.marylandday.umd.edu

Bostwick Heritage Festival

3300 48th Street, Bladensburg, MD
First Sunday in May, Noon til 4pm
A chance to explore life in the early 19th century in Bladensburg's port town community.
www.princegeorges1812.org

Riverdale Park Arts Fest

4650 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD
First Sunday in May, 11-5pm
Celebrate community and arts with the Arts Fest - music, food, demonstrations, and lots more!
www.rpartscouncil.org

Battle of Bladensburg Re-Enactment

4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD
Early August, 11-4pm
Experience the sights and sounds of the War of 1812 with re-enactors, food, and entertainment.

Annual Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival

Baltimore Avenue & Jefferson Street, Hyattsville, MD
Mid-September, 11-5pm
Exhibiting artists, live entertainment, and great food showcase local artisans in the Gateway Arts District.
www.hyattsvillecdc.org/hyattsvilleartsfestival/

Hispanic Festival

7601 West Park Drive, Adelphi, MD
Mid-September, Noon-6pm
Celebrate the rich Hispanic heritage with games, crafts, music, food, displays, and more!
www.pgparcs.com/Hispanic_festival.htm

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and Parade

101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD
Weekend of Labor Day, hours vary.
A weekend of food, entertainment, rides, music, and one of the region's largest parades!
www.greenbeltlaborday.com

Holidays in the Heritage Area

Locations Vary
Month of December, hours vary
ATHA Inc. invites you to sample some of the great holiday fun throughout the Heritage Area.
www.holidaysintheheritagearea.org

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