



# Media Kit

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## About the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) is an area rich in history, covering portions of Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties. Located below the Mason-Dixon Line and above the Potomac River, this region had one foot in the north and one foot in the south during the American Civil War. Stories of the war—its causes, battles, heroes and villains, and its very meaning—can be told nowhere better than in this part of Maryland.



The HCWHA is ideally positioned to serve as “base camp” for driving the popular Civil War Trails and visiting the battlefields and sites of Antietam, Gettysburg, Monocacy, South Mountain, Harpers Ferry, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

The mission of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is to promote the stewardship of our historic, cultural, and natural Civil War resources, encourages superior visitor experiences, and stimulates tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life in our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

HCWHA became certified as part of the Maryland Heritage Areas Program in July 2006. It is an independent nonprofit organization guided by a Board of Directors and an Advisory Council comprised of representatives of local government units, state and national parks, private organizations and businesses, and individuals from all three counties in the Heritage Area. The staff of the Heritage Area includes Executive Director Elizabeth Scott Shatto, Assistant Director Auni Gelles, and Newcomer House Manager Rachel Nichols.

## About this Media Kit

This spring, you're invited to experience Civil War Maryland in a new way: through the [Heart of the Civil War GeoTrail](#). This award-winning trail brings heritage travelers to 16 historic sites in Maryland's Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties. Geocaching has enormous appeal for families and individuals of all ages, and the Heart of the Civil War GeoTrail offers a challenge for cachers of all levels. To enjoy all that the Heart of the Civil War has to offer, visitors can take advantage of special hotel packages and extend their stay overnight.

This media kit offers story suggestions and media resources related to the GeoTrail. We encourage you to refer to our website, [heartofthecivilwar.org](http://heartofthecivilwar.org), as well as the sites of our partners and funders:

- [Carroll County Tourism](#)
- [Visit Hagerstown & Washington County](#)
- [Visit Frederick](#)
- [Maryland Geocaching Society](#)
- [Rural Maryland Council](#)



A family of geocachers poses outside the Newcomer House at Antietam National Battlefield; image courtesy of Pathfinder Mark.



## About the GeoTrail



The [Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area GeoTrail](#) launched on October 1, 2016, with 16 geocaches within Maryland's Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties. The trail is suitable for geocachers of all experience levels. The trail was created by the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area with the support of a Rural Maryland Council MAERDAF grant. Thanks to the Maryland Geocaching Society and Visit Hagerstown & Washington County for their support in developing this trail.

### How to Participate

1. Create a free geocaching.com account and find the 16 cache coordinates [bookmarked here](#)
2. Download and print your passport from the [GeoTrail website](#)
3. Find at least 13 caches on the trail & record the code words from each cache
4. Bring your passport to one of participating Visitor Centers (below)
5. Pick up your free, trackable prize (while supplies last)

## Hotel Packages

Discounts are available to geocachers at four Heritage Area hotels:

Fairfield Inn & Suites Frederick: For just \$95 (plus tax), enjoy a one-night stay, complete with our new hot breakfast featuring scrambled eggs and sausage. After exploring the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area GeoTrail, indulge in our heated indoor pool and enjoy your in-room 32-inch LCD television, high-speed wireless internet and crisp, clean Marriott bedding. The Fairfield Inn & Suites is located less than three miles from Historic Downtown Frederick, Monocacy National Battlefield, and Ballenger Creek Park and trails, and just a short walk from Westview Promenade Shopping Center with award-winning restaurants, boutique shopping and Regal Cinemas Westview 16 & IMAX.

Hagerstown SpringHill Suites: For just \$87 (plus tax), enjoy a one-night stay complete with our new hot breakfast buffet. After exploring the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area GeoTrail, indulge in our heated indoor pool and enjoy your in-room 32-inch LCD television, high-speed wireless internet and crisp, clean Marriott bedding in a spacious suite. You'll enjoy easy access to restaurants, Premium Outlets and Valley Mall shopping, and attractions such as Maryland Theater, Antietam National Battlefield, C&O National Historic Park, Hagerstown Speedway, Charles Town Raceway, Whitetail Ski Resort and more.

Best Western Historic Frederick: The "Maryland Civil War Package" includes 1 night stay; hot breakfast; admission for two to the National Museum of Civil War Medicine; Monocacy Battlefield Guide (admission is free); one coupon at Brewer's Alley; one free GeoCoin for completing the Heart of Civil War GeoTrail. \$99.00 + tax

Best Western Westminster: the Heart of the Civil War Package: 1 or 2 night stay - Westminster is perfectly located for Civil War enthusiasts seeking easy access to Gettysburg, Antietam, Harpers Ferry and more. Stay here and follow Civil War Trails or the Heart of the Civil War GeoTrail to discover stories embedded in our towns and villages, as well as national battlefields and museums. Package includes a full hot breakfast, welcome package, two for one admission voucher to the Carroll County Farm Museum, and a free GeoCoin (\$10 value) for those who successfully complete the Heart of the Civil War GeoTrail. \$107.99 per night + tax. Offer good through March 31, 2018. To book this package, call the Best Western at (410) 857-1900.

### Redeeming Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to geocachers (while supplies last) who find the locations of at least 13 HCWHA caches. To be eligible for a free prize, geocachers must record the code word from at least 13 HCWHA geocaches and validate their passports in person at one of the locations below. One prize will be awarded per geocaching.com account.

#### **Carroll County Visitor Center**

1838 Emerald Hill Lane, Westminster, MD 21157

410-848-1388 or 1-800-272-1933

Open Monday through Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; most holidays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

#### **Frederick Visitor Center**

151 S. East Street, Frederick, MD 21701

301-600-4047, 800-999-3613

Open 9:00 am to 5:30 pm daily. Closed: New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas

#### **Hagerstown-Washington County Visitor Welcome Center**

6 North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740

888-257-2600, x 10

Open Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sundays 12:00 to 4:00 pm (May-October only)

#### **Newcomer House at Antietam National Battlefield**

18422 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756

Open 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, weekends in April, May, October, November; daily June-September

For those who have completed the trail, Heart of the Civil War GeoCoin s are available for purchase for \$10/each plus sales tax at the Frederick Visitor Center, Hagerstown-Washington County Visitor Welcome Center, and Antietam Museum Store (301-432-4329). Each of these locations will ship the GeoCoin s for a modest handling fee. Call for more information.



## Press Release: Maryland Preservation Award 2017

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Statewide Preservation Award goes to Heart of the Civil War GeoTrail Geocaches hidden at 16 sites drive economic development, renewed interest in history**

**Annapolis, MD** – The Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees presented its 2017 award for Excellence in Public Programming in the category of Education and Community Engagement to the [Heart of the Civil War GeoTrail](#). The Maryland Preservation Awards ceremony took place at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis on April 20. Access a video about the GeoTrail created by the Maryland Historical Trust [here](#).

Created by the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) with help from the Maryland Geocaching Society, the project was made possible by a MAERDAF grant from the Rural Maryland Council and support from Visit Hagerstown & Washington County. The trail provides an exciting new way to experience the power of historic places. Geocaching is a real-world outdoor scavenger hunt using GPS-enabled devices that is popular worldwide. The trail includes geocaches hidden at 16 historic sites across Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties. It is suitable for geocachers of all ages and levels of experience. Special GeoTrail hotel packages are available at lodging properties in each of the three counties; more information is available on [the GeoTrail website](#).

The project has received a very positive response since it launched on October 1, 2016. Data collected from the completed GeoTrail passports demonstrates that it is generating measureable economic development. Of the first 180 participants to complete the trail, 79% traveled from outside the Heritage Area to participate, 89% reported purchasing a meal/snack, 71% reported purchasing gas, and 8% reported staying a hotel in the Heritage Area. The project is also helping to increase attendance at sites along the trail. The Newcomer House, HCWHA's Exhibit and Visitor Center at Antietam National Battlefield, experienced an increase of 222% from 107 visitors in October 2015 to 345 in October 2016.

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## Heart of the Civil War GeoTrail: Selected Site Stories

### Emerald Hill Park

This site has played a major role in the history of Westminster for nearly 175 years. The home of some of the city's most influential leaders, Emerald Hill also served as Westminster's City Hall from 1942 until 2014.

Gettysburg native Colonel John K. Longwell (1810-1896) moved to Westminster—then part of Frederick County—in 1833, when he established the newspaper *The Carrolltonian*. His publication merged with the *American Sentinel* in 1851. Longwell pushed for the creation of Carroll County from sections of Baltimore and Frederick counties, and for designating Westminster as the county seat. His influence in the community continued after the county's creation in 1837. Longwell served as a county commissioner, state senator, a charter member of the Western Maryland Railroad, director of the Westminster Bank, and the president of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike. He also played a role in founding several educational endeavors in Westminster and was a charter trustee of Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), the first coeducational college south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Longwell selected a seven-acre tract overlooking the city on which to build the fine structure standing today, Emerald Hill. The 1842 mansion marries the style of a Pennsylvania farmhouse with heavy Georgian influences. The home's most noteworthy features are the marble mantels thought to be the work of internationally known sculptor William Henry Rinehart (1825-1874). During Longwell's residence the grounds also included a barn, horse stall, and sheds. His family occupied the property until 1907, when Longwell's daughter Sallie passed away and a parcel of land known as "Longwell's Addition" was annexed to the City of Westminster. Real estate entrepreneur George W. Albaugh and his family occupied the mansion between 1908 and 1933. The City acquired the property in 1939 and it opened as City Hall during World War II.

The house at Emerald Hill underwent a substantial restoration in 2014 in honor of the city's 250th



Courtesy of Pathfinder Mark



anniversary. In 2016, two organizations became new stewards of the iconic building. The Historical Society of Carroll County uses the grounds for programs and events, such as the Corbit's Charge reenactment in June. Emerald Hill also offers HSCC space (in addition to the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House on Main Street) to exhibit more of the estimated 40,000 artifacts and documents in their collections. Carroll County Tourism opened a new Visitor Center at Emerald Hill in September 2016

### Fox's Gap



Courtesy of Heather Chou

The first major Civil War conflict in northern soil took place in three gaps along South Mountain on September 14, 1862.

After his victory at Second Manassas, Confederate General Robert E. Lee led his Army of Northern Virginia into Maryland—a border state whose citizens harbored both Northern and Southern sympathies but had not seceded as part of the Confederacy—in early September 1862. The soldiers camped in and around Frederick. If his troops succeeded in this Maryland Campaign, in the second year of the Civil War, he hoped the win would

secure support for Southern independence from Great Britain and France. After occupying Frederick, Lee's army began to move west towards Hagerstown under directions to split off in western Maryland and capture the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry. Union General George B. McClellan led his Army of the Potomac from their fortifications around the nation's capital in pursuit.

Unfortunately for Lee, a note outlining his strategy fell into the hands of passing Union soldiers. Men from the 27th Indiana found a copy of Lee's Special Orders No. 191 in an envelope with two cigars near the Best Farm, now part of Monocacy National Battlefield just outside of Frederick.

The two armies clashed first at Fox's and Turner's gaps, where D.H. Hill commanded a small number of Confederates. A collection of small family farms, many of which had stone walls to mark property lines, dotted this steep mountainside. Hill made his headquarters in the stone Mountain House Inn, now known as the Old South Mountain Inn. The Union Ninth Corps met this small but well-entrenched line, but could not drive the Confederates further at Fox's Gap. The fighting at South Mountain was so intense, the soldiers at some points engaged in hand-to-hand combat. One man later recalled, "All the demons of hell were let loose that day."

Commanders from both sides of the conflict lost their lives at South Mountain: Union General Jesse L. Reno and Confederate Brigadier General Samuel Garland, Jr. The bloody day bought time for the divided portions of Lee's army to reconvene before the two sides met again at Antietam on September 17.

The landscape surrounding South Mountain State Battlefield remains largely unchanged, remaining predominately agricultural and wooded. Visitors can observe the battlefield and other historic structures from the Appalachian National Scenic Trail as it hugs South Mountain. To learn more about the battle and its effects on local communities, visit the South Mountain Heritage Society in Burkittsville or the museum exhibits in South Mountain State Battlefield.

### Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

The dramatic history and landscape of Harpers Ferry have drawn visitors for centuries. Some of Harpers Ferry's most noteworthy early visitors include Thomas Jefferson in 1783 and George Washington in 1785 and 1794. Washington designated Harpers Ferry as the site of a new federal armory and arsenal, built in 1799. This United States Armory and Arsenal would be the target of radical abolitionist John Brown sixty years later.



In October of 1859, Brown and his followers, which included both free and enslaved men, took control of the Federal Armory in hopes of spurring a slave uprising throughout the South. Brown's effort did not spark the revolt he sought, though it did draw national attention to the issue that ultimately led to the Civil War. Nearly 160 years later, John Brown's Raid continues to be debated and discussed by Americans. Brown has been called a martyr or a hero by those who commended his actions as part of the abolitionist movement while others have considered his actions treasonous or terroristic.

Harpers Ferry's role in the fight for freedom and equality did not end with John Brown's execution. The Civil War, which ultimately led to universal emancipation, made its mark on the town many times between 1861 and 1865. By war's end, freedmen and refugees congregated throughout the Shenandoah Valley and near Harpers Ferry. In Harpers Ferry support for them came in the form of a Freewill Baptist primary school, established by Reverend Dr. Nathan Cook Brackett in the Lockwood

House on Camp Hill. By 1867 Storer Normal School opened its doors to students of all races, and later would have noted scholar and orator Frederick Douglass serve as a trustee.

The Storer campus would host an early civil rights organization at the beginning of the twentieth century. This group, known as the Niagara Movement (a predecessor of the NAACP), was founded in 1905 by W.E.B. Du Bois and William Monroe Trotter. In 1906, the group's first meeting on U.S. soil occurred in Harpers Ferry, a place which the Niagara Movement members deemed a symbol of freedom.

Today, large portions of Washington County, Maryland are within the borders of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. This national park offers visitors of all ages a glimpse into the industrial, transportation, natural, social, and military history of the mid-19th century. With its unique location at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers and at the intersection of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, Harpers Ferry is a destination spot for those traveling from both near and far.

### Newcomer House



The Newcomer House, now the Exhibit and Visitor Center for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, represents the impact that the Civil War had on civilians. The three-story wooden structure sits on the eastern edge of Antietam National Battlefield, along the Shepherdstown Pike (Route 34) not far from the Antietam Creek.

An entrepreneur of German extraction named Christian Orndorff received a land patent for an estate in this area in 1740s. Orndorff then set about building a home for his family as well as a barn and mill complex along the Antietam Creek. This self-sufficient industrial operation turned quite a profit milling flour and lumber. The wooden structure standing today was built for Orndorff's son in the 1780s. Foundations of the Orndorffs' first home can be seen today in the hillside just east of the Newcomer House.

During the early fall of 1862, Joshua Newcomer owned and operated the farm just outside the town of Sharpsburg. He received word from passing troops that a major military conflict was bound to ensue. The Newcomer family took heed of this intelligence and left the house behind. The bloodiest day in American history took place in their backyard on September 17, 1862: the Battle of Antietam. The



Federal army used many buildings at the Newcomer complex, including the mill, the house and the barn, as a place to care for the wounded.

The Newcomers returned to find that much of their property had been destroyed. Weary and hungry men from both armies had availed themselves of the Newcomers' crops, fence rails, and foodstuffs stored for the winter—nearly everything that was not secured to the ground had been taken. Joshua Newcomer sought retribution from the U.S. government in the months that followed. Because he could not prove who had caused the destruction, he received only about \$200 of the estimated \$3,000 in damages. The convergence of troops here at Antietam left the family bankrupt and the house went up for auction less than a year after the battle.

After decades of private ownership, the National Park Service acquired the Newcomer House in 2005. It has been restored to its 1862 appearance following the Secretary of Interior's standards for historic preservation, and has been open to the public since 2010 under a cooperative agreement between NPS, the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

The Newcomer House is open from 11:00AM-5:00PM, daily from June through September, weekends in April, May, October, and November, and the first Saturday in December for the Antietam Illumination. The grounds are open to walk around from sunrise to sunset.

### Taneytown

The first residents of the Taneytown area were members of the Tuscarora tribe, who hunted for deer, otters, and wolves in these woodlands. These earliest inhabitants had already moved into the Cumberland Valley when German settlers arrived in the mid-18th century. This site lay at the crossroads of two important transportation routes, now known as Routes 140 and 194. One of these routes, the Monocacy Road, began as an American Indian trail and became a migration route for Pennsylvania Germans. Town namesake Raphael Taney designed the town and sold lots beginning in 1762, without ever stepping foot in the area himself.



The Civil War came to Taneytown in the summer of 1863. Union General George Meade selected the Shrunk Farm in Taneytown as his headquarters as he sought to halt Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia advancing towards Baltimore or Washington, D.C. Soldiers from Meade's Army of the Potomac received a warm welcome from townspeople as they marched through on their way to Gettysburg. Two notable generals led their troops through town: General Daniel. E. Sickles and General Winfield Scott Hancock.

The railroad arrived in Taneytown in 1872, bringing a new level of prosperity to the town. Many of the Victorian buildings found in the historic district, including the town's churches, were constructed (or even rebuilt) during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Today, Taneytown provides some of the best examples of Victorian ecclesiastical architecture in the area. Learn more about the region at the Taneytown History Museum on Baltimore Street.



## New Tourism Products

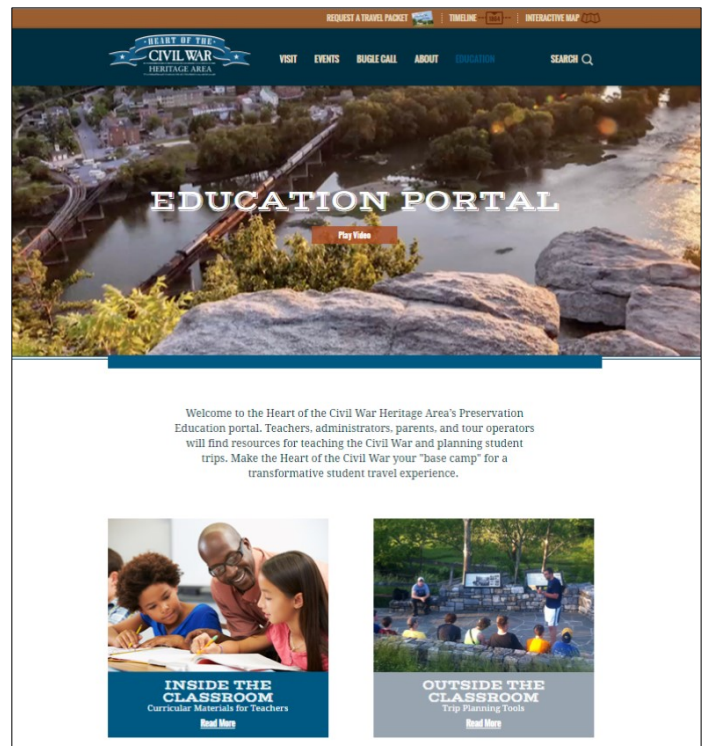
### Preservation Education Initiative

[heartofthecivilwar.org/education](http://heartofthecivilwar.org/education)

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area's new Preservation Education Initiative is a dynamic online education portal that provides high-quality classroom activities, linked to national standards, as a foundation for teaching about the Civil War. The portal also serves as a trip planning resource to enhance student group travel to the Heritage Area. Ultimately, the goal of this K-12 initiative is to increase student engagement with Heritage Area battlefields, museums and historic sites, and to ensure that a core history audience will continue for generations to come.

The curricular materials build upon three existing resources: the Emmy-award winning documentary [Maryland's Heart of the Civil War](#), its [companion flipbook](#), and the [Crossroads of War website](#). The lesson plans offer extension visits to [Heritage Area attractions](#) including National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Union Mills Homestead Foundation, South Mountain State Battlefield, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Antietam National Battlefield, Monocacy National Battlefield, and C&O Canal National Historical Park.

The lesson plans are designed to be as flexible as possible and serve both teachers local to the Heritage Area (Maryland's Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties) as well as those across the country. Middle school social studies teachers may find these most applicable, but teachers of other grades and subjects can apply some of the content in their classrooms as well. Trip planning resources, such as [sample itineraries](#), serve professional tour operators as well as teachers, parents and administrators looking to plan field trips or overnight visits to the area. Teachers and tour operators alike are invited to participate in an [online discussion forum](#), where they can communicate peer-to-peer.



## Heritage Tourism & Economic Development

[“Blue, Gray and Green”](#)—a 2013 study by the [Civil War Trust](#), an independent, nonprofit battlefield preservation organization—demonstrated the significant economic impact of heritage tourism. Among the report’s findings were the following:

- Civil War battlefields, particularly when they host anniversary events, draw tourists, whose spending supports nearby jobs and contributes tax revenue to state and local coffers.
- Battlefields are community benefits, boosting property values and creating educational and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.
- A battlefield community that links its historic sites to other battlefields as part of a state or regional driving tour is likely to attract more visitors than one that does not.
- A battlefield is a powerful magnet for the best tourists in the marketplace. Civil War tourists use local transportation, spend money on admissions, lodging, food and beverages during their visit. On average, they spend \$50 per person per day.
- During the 150th anniversary of the Maryland Campaign, in 2012, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area supported at least 770 jobs.

### Tourism’s impact in the Heritage Area

- The Emmy-award winning documentary *Maryland’s Heart of the Civil War*, which features a 15-minute travelogue on heritage tourism opportunities in the Heritage Area, has aired on over 100 significant markets through the public broadcasting network.
- Monocacy National Battlefield hosted “The Return of Special Orders 191” from August 1 – October 31, 2012. The battlefield had a 50% increase in attendance for this period as compared to the same time-frame the previous year.
- The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts had a special exhibit of art and artifacts entitled “Valley of the Shadow” to commemorate the 150 anniversaries of the Battle of Antietam and the Battle of Gettysburg, from June 16, 2012, to July 28, 2013. The total visitation for the exhibit was 49,455. It drew visitors from 46 states and 25 foreign countries.
- A long-term exhibit at the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, exploring the stories of the Daughters of Charity as nurses to soldiers from both armies, “Charity Afire,” had 40,000 visitors in 2012. The Shrine hosted a Civil War social media meetup in conjunction with HCWHA in November 2014, which had a reach of 71,870 impressions on Twitter.
- “The Civil War Comes to Frederick,” an exhibit of six 8x8” panels with historical images and interpretation was used for special events including Frederick’s annual “In The Street Festival.” It was viewed by 50,000 event-goers.

## About the Newcomer House

The historic Newcomer House at Antietam National Battlefield is the site of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Exhibit and Visitor Center, made possible by a cooperative agreement between the National Park Service and Visit Hagerstown & Washington County. The house was built in the 1780s as part of a prosperous mill complex and is one of the few original homes on the battlefield that is open to the public.

During its open season (weekends in April, May, October and November; daily June through September), the house is staffed by knowledgeable National Park Service volunteers and offers resources to help plan your visit to the area.

Printed guides and brochures provide information about Washington, Frederick, and Carroll counties.

Porch Programs take place at Newcomer House each month during the open season (April-December). Check out our calendar of events for a complete listing of these free, family-friendly programs on various Civil War-related topics.

Three exhibit rooms explore the major themes of the heritage area: In the Heat of Battle, On the Home Front, and Beyond the Battlefield. Each room features sites and displays that relate to those themes. For hours and additional information, visit the [Newcomer House website](#).





## Annual Events in the Heritage Area



The Memorial Illumination at Antietam National Battlefield provides a haunting visual of the 23,000 lives lost in the bloodiest one day battle in American history—September 17, 1862. [NPS photo.](#)

February – Master Docent Series, Frederick Community College  
Late March – Civil War Seminar, Hagerstown Community College  
Late April – National Park Week / Junior Ranger Day  
Early May – Civil War Living History Reenactment, Carroll County Farm Museum  
May – Washington County Museum Ramble  
May – The Frederick Keys History Days @ Harry Grove Stadium  
Late June – Corbit's Charge, Westminster  
Early July – Battle of Monocacy (July 9) Commemoration, Monocacy Battlefield  
Mid July – Battle of Funkstown Reenactment, Funkstown Park  
Mid July – Civil War Encampment and Living History, Union Mills Homestead  
Mid September – Battle of South Mountain (Sept. 14) Commemoration, South Mountain State Battlefield  
Mid September – Battle of Antietam (Sept. 17) Commemoration, Antietam Battlefield  
First Saturday in December – Antietam Memorial Illumination, Antietam Battlefield  
Late December – Holiday Tour of Historic Houses of Worship, Hagerstown and Frederick

## Additional Resources

Antietam National Battlefield

[www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti)

Civil War Preservation Trust

[www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org)

Crossroads of War: Maryland & the Border in the Civil War

[www.crossroadsofwar.org](http://www.crossroadsofwar.org)

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

[www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe)

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

[www.heartofthecivilwar.org](http://www.heartofthecivilwar.org)

Historical Society of Carroll County

[www.hsccmd.org](http://www.hsccmd.org)

Heritage Frederick

[www.facebook.com/fredcohistory](http://www.facebook.com/fredcohistory)

Journey Through Hallowed Ground

[www.hallowedground.org](http://www.hallowedground.org)

Maryland Room, Frederick County Public Libraries

[www.fcpl.org/departments/maryland-room](http://www.fcpl.org/departments/maryland-room)

Monocacy National Battlefield

[www.nps.gov/mono](http://www.nps.gov/mono)

National Park Service – The Civil War

[www.nps.gov/civilwar/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/index.htm)

Newcomer House

[www.heartofthecivilwar/newcomer-house](http://www.heartofthecivilwar/newcomer-house)

South Mountain State Battlefield

[www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/southmountainbattlefield.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/southmountainbattlefield.asp)

Washington County Historical Society

[www.washcomdhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.washcomdhistoricalsociety.org)

Washington County Free Library, Western MD Rm.

[www.washcolibrary.org/localhistory/westmdroom.asp](http://www.washcolibrary.org/localhistory/westmdroom.asp)

Interactive Media

Maryland Civil War Trails Mobile App

[App Store](#)

[Google Play](#)

Monocacy National Battlefield

[Virtual Tour of Monocacy](#)

[Multimedia Presentations](#)

[Monocacy App for iPhone](#)

[Monocacy App for iPad](#)

Civil War Traveler

[Podcast Series](#)

Frederick, Maryland Walking Tour App

[App Store](#)

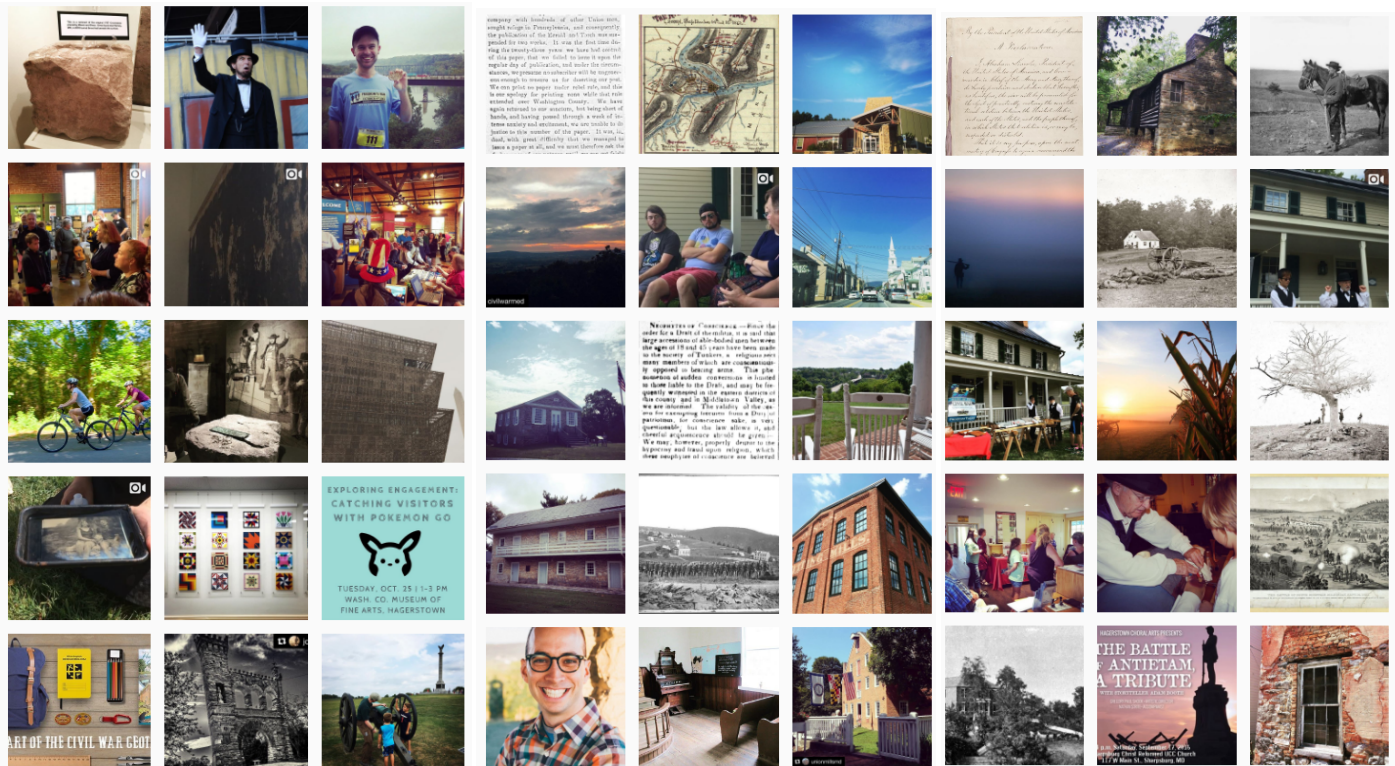
[Google Play](#)

Crossroads of War

[Videos, Maps, and Images](#)



## Social Media



## Connect with us on social media

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- Twitter: [@MDCivWar](#)
- Instagram: [@MDCivilWar](#)
- Pinterest: [@MDCivilWar](#)
- Flickr: [Heart of the Civil War](#)
- Vimeo: [Heart of the Civil War](#)

## Hashtags

- #CWGeoTrail
- #civilwarmaryland
- #AntietamIllumination
- #NewcomerHouse
- #anti1862nps (Antietam)
- #MDHeritageAreas (state heritage area program)
- #PreserveMD (historic preservation in Maryland)

## Contact Information

The first point of contact for journalists inquiring about the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is Elizabeth Shatto, Executive Director of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. Any press or media planning to visit sites in the heritage area is encouraged to contact the tourism office in that county for assistance. See [heartofthecivilwar.org](http://heartofthecivilwar.org) for more information.

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