One of the unique attributes of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is a strong emphasis on arts, performances, and local crafts. Arts galleries, studios, performance spaces, and unique artistic events are where visitors can experience visual artists, writers, poets, performers, and craftpeople making their own Maryland Milestones.

Start with the Gateway Arts District, at the southern end of U.S. Route 1, 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 key destinations — Brentwood’s Gateway Arts Center’s Brentwood Arts Exchange, Mount Rainier’s Joe’s Movement Emporium, or Hyattsville’s Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center — for innovative, curated galleries, performances, studios, and classes. Come back often for annual studio tours too.

Nearby is the University of Maryland University College Art Gallery at the Inn & Conference Center. Off campus, try a program at the College Park Arts Exchange or eat and take in a variety of performing arts at Milkboy ArtHouse.

The University of Maryland’s Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center has a wide schedule of theater and music. But don’t miss the range of smaller venues like Joe’s Movement Emporium, where you can get close to the action.

The Publick Playhouse, located in Cheverly, is a historic movie theater transformed into a destination for music, dance, film, and drama performances owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The following Heritage Routes are tours which connect multiple sites and themes. They can be accessed by foot, bike, or vehicle. Brochures for select routes are available at the Maryland Milestones Visitors Center or find all of them at www.marylandmilestones.org.
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For details about the Gateway Arts District, including events and open studio days, visit mygatewayarts.org or contact Hyattsville Community Development Corporation at (301) 683-8267. Information on other communities and artists can be found at marylandmilestones.org.

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1. **Gateway Arts Center (Gateway Arts District)**
   - 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD
   - Operating Hours: Daily, 8:30a - 5p
   - 301-864-3860 / www.gatewayartscenter.org

2. **Joe’s Movement Emporium**
   - 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD
   - Operating Hours: Tue-Sun, 10a - 4p
   - 301-699-1819 / www.joesmovement.org

3. **Publick Playhouse**
   - 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD
   - Operating Hours: Call for performance times
   - 301-277-1710 / arts.pgparks.com

4. **Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center**
   - Stadium Drive, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD
   - Operating Hours: Call for performance times
   - 301-405-ARTS (2787) / claricesmithcenter.umd.edu

5. **Greenbelt Community Center**
   - 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD
   - Operating Hours: M-Sa, 9a - 10p, Sun, 9a - 7p
   - 301-397-2208 / www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

6. **Montpelier Arts Center**
   - 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
   - Operating Hours: M-F, 10a - 5p
   - 301-377-7800 / arts.pgparks.com

7. **Bowie Center for the Performing Arts**
   - 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD
   - Operating Hours: Call for performance times
   - 301-805-6880 / www.bowiecenter.org

8. **Maryland Milestones Heritage Center**
   - Located inside Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center
   - 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD
   - 301-887-0777 / info@marylandmilestones.org
   - Operating Hours: Tue-Sat, 10-5; Sun 12-5

   Maryland Milestones Heritage Center provides an opportunity to see the history of the Historic Districts of Hyattsville, District Heights, and Greenbelt, including more than 50 historical sites. The Center also houses the Montgomery Parklands Heritage Center and the Mount Oatland National Wildlife Refuge Interpretive Center.

For more information, visit www.marylandmilestones.org.