Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is a place to celebrate and have fun while celebrating our Maryland Milestones! Visitors to the Heritage Area have many choices for festivals every year in history, art, and culture. Plus our Heritage Area has many great farmer's markets.

The best way to celebrate is with Rivers to Rockets Weekends designed to highlight partner connections with communities and the history of the region. May and September are filled with local events, partner programs, local lectures, and two keystone bike ride events!

Heritage Area partners love to celebrate historical milestones. The annual Battle of Bladensburg at Riversdale House Museum in August commemorates the War of 1812. Belair Mansion is the site of Bowie Heritage Days in May. Annually, the Lane Manor Hispanic Festival in Adelphi attracts a crowd of over 10,000 each September celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Month.

One of the longest running community festivals in the Heritage Area is the Greenbelt Labor Day festival and parade, a tradition since the 1950s with rides, music, food, and Greenbelt's community. Hyattsville holds an annual Anniversary Festival in April, Berwyn Heights and Cheverly celebrate in May, BowieFest comes in early June to celebrate the biggest city in the Heritage Area, and the communities of Bladensburg, Cottage City, Colmar Manor, and Edmonston host Port Town's Day in September. Then in the first weekend of October, College Park Day brings out a great family friendly event with booths, music, and food.

Heritage Area partners host great art festivals, too! In late May, look for the Open Studios Tour in the Gateway Arts District. The Riverdale Park Arts Fest in May and the Hyattsville Arts and Ales Festival in September are both great places to find unique arts and crafts. The Green Man Festival in Greenbelt celebrates the environment with local arts and crafts.

Farmers markets in the heritage area occur in many towns. Mount Rainier, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, College Park, and Greenbelt all have farmers markets. One of the longest running is the Riverdale Park Farmer's Market, located in Town Center right on the Trolley Trail.

Finally, in November and December, Heritage Area partners celebrate the Holidays in the Heritage Area with a wide range of activities and programs all over the region. Come and explore a new festival or farmer's market!