



# MARYLAND MILESTONES

## ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA



### EXPLORE OUR BACKYARD!

Come explore and find out where America's "milestone moments" happened. From the history of flight to the birth of modern communications; to the development of innovative agricultural research known around the world; to the crossroads of cultures – explore the history, culture and natural resources of our unique region!

Farmers markets, shopping and dining, art galleries, festivals, dancing, music, theater and much more are all just moments away from milestones in United States history and are close to camping, kayaking, biking and outdoor adventures.

Aviation history grew up here – from hot air balloons to trips to the moon. Historic towns and neighborhoods blend the old and the new with shopping and dining options just steps away from historic homes and quiet tree lined streets.



From biking to community art, walking tours to hiking, and camping to theater performances there are dozens of opportunities to have fun here in the Heritage Area and along our Heritage Routes!

If getting outside is your idea of fun, you can experience the pleasure of the outdoors moments away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Washington DC on our rivers and trails where you can bike, kayak, and play!

Perhaps an exciting moment in history is your idea of fun - if so, experience the history of the Battle of Bladensburg, a major battle in the War of 1812.



From historic architecture to farmers markets, this region is a bounty of unique and special sites, activities, and sharable moments. Take one of our special Heritage Routes to explore more!

A unique element of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is our focus on arts and culture. Home to the Gateway Arts and Entertainment District, the region includes Montpelier Arts Center, theaters in Laurel, Greenbelt and College Park, and the Publick Playhouse. Visual artists, glassblowers, dance and theater are all part of our cultural fabric. Greenbelt is home to one of the last 1930s single screen movie theaters. The University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center is a world class center for art, music and theater.

Of course, if a day of festivals and fun is your style, this region is for you too! Greenbelt's Labor Day festival is a regional tradition, while the University of Maryland's Maryland Day attracts over 100,000 visitors each year! The Riverdale Park Arts Fest, the Hispanic Festival in Adelphi, the Open Studio Tour in the Gateways Arts District and our many community days are just a few reasons to come and spend the day or a weekend.

### 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).

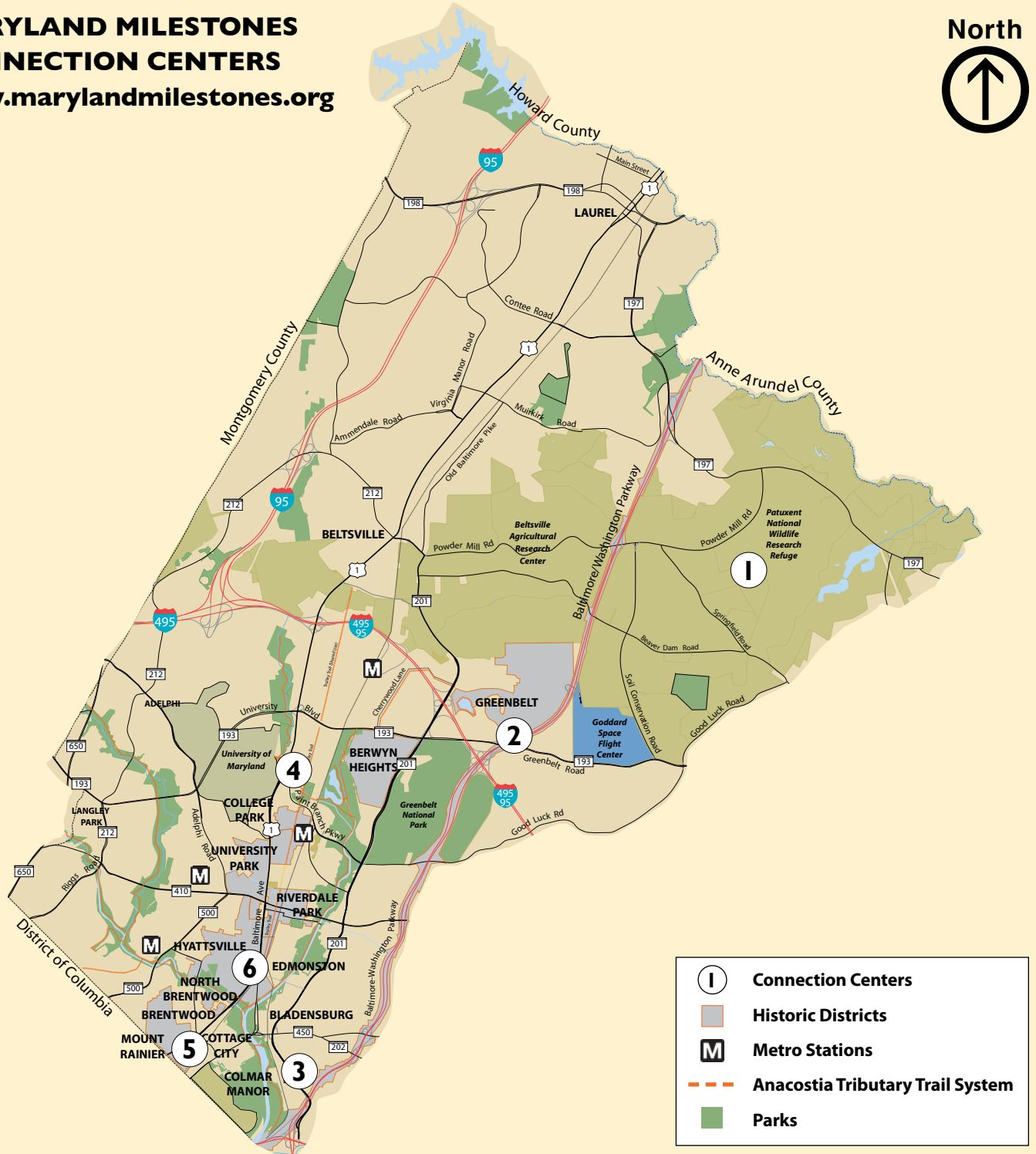
- Battle of Bladensburg and the War of 1812
- Cultural Crossroads Heritage Route
- Farms & Fields: Agriculture Heritage Route
- Festivals & Farmers Markets Heritage Route
- From Hot Air Balloons to Steps on the Moon
- Linking the Nation: Transportation & Communication
- Painting the Town: Arts & Humanities Heritage Route
- The Nation's Main Street: Exploring Communities
- Urban Outdoor Adventures Heritage Route



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- ① Connection Centers
- Historic Districts
- M Metro Stations
- - - Anacostia Tributary Trail System
- Parks

- ① **National Wildlife Visitors Center**  
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD  
Operating Hours: Daily, 9-4:30  
301-497-5887, [www.fws.org/northeast/patuxent](http://www.fws.org/northeast/patuxent)
- ② **Greenbelt Community Center**  
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD  
Operating Hours: M-Sa, 9-10p, Sun, 9-7p  
301-474-9744, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)
- ③ **Bladensburg Waterfront Park**  
4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD  
Operating Hours: Daily, 8:30-5  
301-779-0371, [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com)  
(Battle of Bladensburg Visitors Center: Daily 10-4)
- ④ **University of Maryland Visitors Center**  
1201 Turner Hall, College Park, MD  
Operating Hours: M-F, 8-5; Sat, 9-3  
800.422.5867, [visitorcenter@umd.edu](mailto:visitorcenter@umd.edu)
- ⑤ **Joe's Movement Emporium**  
3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, MD  
Operating Hours: Tue-Sun, 10-4p  
301-699-1819; [www.joesmovement.org](http://www.joesmovement.org)
- ⑥ **Maryland Milestones Visitors Center**  
(Information Center & General Offices)  
4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville MD  
301-887-0777, [info@marylandmilestones.org](mailto:info@marylandmilestones.org)

Photos:  
Kayak - Mr T in D.C.; Painting & Battle - S.L. Rogers; Greenbelt Farmer's Market - A. Marcavitch; Bikes - MD Governors Office; Community Art - World Arts Focus; Riversdale - Maryland-National Capitol Park and Planning Commission



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