

APRIL

Youth Fishing Rodeo April 7

Bring your budding angler to catch stocked trout and other fish at Fort Frederick's Beaver Pond. The event is open to children ages 15 and under. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. Meet at the gravel parking lot after railroad tracks. All children must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. Bring your own gear and bait. Staff will be available to assist. Open 8 a.m. to noon. Park entrance fees apply.

18th Century Market Fair April 26-29

Now in its 24th year, the Market Fair features the best artisans, craftspeople, and sutlers together with an 18th century encampment. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Fort Frederick State Park. Admission Fee \$5 for adults, \$2 ages 6 to 12, and 5 and under free

MAY

Western Maryland Rail Trail May 5 Guided Bike Tour

Brilliant spring wildflowers brighten the journey as you learn about the flora and fauna along the Western Maryland Rail Trail. This guided bike ride is approximately 22 miles long, roundtrip, and is taken at a leisurely pace. Join us at the C&O Bicycle Shop in Hancock at 10 a.m.

Astronomy Program May 19

Come join a park ranger and the Tri-State Astronomers for a night of star gazing and sky navigation. You will learn the basics of sky navigation and telescope use while looking through our 10-inch Dobsonian reflecting telescope. You are welcome to bring your own viewing devices as well. In case of clouds or rain, an indoor astronomy education program will be offered. Park entrance fees apply.

“To Garrison the Fort...” May 12-13

Experience life at the fort during the French and Indian War as members of the recreated Joshua and Alexander Beall's Maryland Companies garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking, military drills, and children's drill. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

Discovery Weekend May 26-28

Bring your family and friends to explore the natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources of Fort Frederick State Park. This event features outdoor and historical activities for all interest levels and ages. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Saturday will feature a special night hike program starting at 8 pm.

JUNE

National Trails Day June 2

To celebrate National Trails Day, join a park ranger to explore the Plantation Trail at Fort Frederick. Meet at the Trail Head parking lot in the Picnic Area at 5 p.m. for this 1 hour hike. Please call for details. Sturdy hiking attire is suggested, and bring plenty of water.

Colonial Children's Day June 16

A Soldiers Life

Children ages 8-12 will be transported back in time as they take part in a day of hands-on 18th century activities. They will experience the life of a soldier stationed at Fort Frederick during the French and Indian War. Activities will include enlisting, a military drill, a soldier's meal and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is included. There is a \$20 per child fee and advanced registration is required and limited.

Junior Rangers and Park Pal's June 13

Please join us for the start of our 2017 Junior Rangers and Park Pals summer youth programs. Junior Rangers (8-14 years) and Park Pals (5-7 years) are our nature based outdoor education programs designed to get kids out into nature, help them gain an understanding and appreciation for our natural resources and public lands, give them a chance to meet new friend and get some exercise all while having some fun in the great outdoors. This program will be held over six weekly sessions. Sessions are two hours once-a-week for seven weeks with ample make-up sessions available.

Orientation and First Session: Wednesday June 13; 6p.m. to 8p.m. at the Nature Center. Graduation is July 25

“To Garrison the Fort...” June 30-July 1

Experience life during the American Revolutionary War as members of the recreated Maryland Independent Rifles garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking, military drills, and children's drill. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

JULY

“The Fort is Pretty Full” July 4

Fort Frederick during the American Revolution

Join park staff in celebrating America's birthday by learning about Fort Frederick's role as a Prisoner of War Camp during the American Revolution. Highlights of the event include talks on the fort in the Revolution, musket firing demonstrations, soldier's cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and presentations of the fort's role in the war. Programs will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

Astronomy Program

July 7

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“Repair to the Fort”

July 14-15

Pontiac's Rebellion

Experience life at the fort as civilians and militia flee to the fort for safety during Pontiac's uprising. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking militia drill, children's drill and a presentation of the fort's role in the conflict. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

AUGUST

The American Soldier

Aug. 4-6

Through the Ages

The military history of Fort Frederick spans the 18th and 19th centuries. Building upon that legacy, the park will be hosting a “Soldier through the Centuries” program. With hands-on displays of weapons, uniforms and military gear from the 1600's colonial militia, Revolutionary War, Civil War and World War II. Historical interpreters from the fort will be describing how soldiering changed over time while maintaining certain common elements. You will be given a rare opportunity to come in close contact with our military past. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

French and Indian War Muster Aug. 25-26

French, British and American Indian reenactors assemble for two days of 18th century living history demonstrations and battle reenactments. Period crafts and food vendor will also be available. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

SEPTEMBER

Park Exploration Weekend

Sept. 1-3

Bring your family and friends to explore the natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources of Fort Frederick State Park. This event includes outdoor and historical activities for all interest levels and ages. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Saturday will feature a special night hike program starting at 8 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

Woodmont Lodge

Sept. 9

Open House and Guided Hike

Showcasing the picturesque and historic Woodmont Lodge, the annual open house invites you to explore memories of the early days of conservation in Maryland.

You can also enjoy ranger guided hike at 1 p.m. Open house hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Directional signs will be placed on Woodmont Road.

One Fort: Three Wars

Sept. 15-16

Through living history demonstrations discover the part Fort Frederick played during the French and Indian War, American Revolution and Civil War. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 pm. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Park entrance fees apply.

Militia Muster

Sept. 29

Come and join the Frederick County Militia for its annual muster. You can join up and engage in militia drills and learn about the roles of the militia and life during the French and Indian War. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

OCTOBER

Fort Frederick in the Civil War Oct. 6-7

To commemorate Fort Frederick's role in the American Civil War, reenactors will assemble for a weekend of living history demonstrations and tactics demonstrations. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Western Maryland Rail Trail Oct. 13

Guided Bike Tour

Enjoy vivid fall colors as you learn about the exploration and expansion of Western Maryland along the former Western Maryland Railway corridor. This guided bike ride is approximately 22 miles long, roundtrip, and is taken at a leisurely pace. Join us at the C&O Bicycle Shop in Hancock at 10 a.m.

A Pleasant Diversion

Oct. 27-28

Experience pleasant diversions from military life at the fort during the French and Indian War as members of the recreated Maryland Troops garrison the fort. Highlights of the event include musket firing demonstrations, colonial toys and games and other fun activities from the time. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, with a 7pm campfire program celebrating Guy Fawkes/Bonfire night. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

NOVEMBER

Veterans of Fort Frederick

Nov. 10-11

In the American Revolution

This hour-long presentation will examine the story of the men who served at Fort Frederick during the French and Indian War and their subsequent service during the American Revolution. Presentations will be held in the park's Visitor Center at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

Memorial Day to Labor Day May 28 – Sept. 3, 2018

Junior Ranger Historian Activity Booklet

Young visitors ages 5-14 should ask for the Junior Ranger Historian Activity Booklet at the Visitor Center to learn how historians discover the past. Allow 2 hours to complete. Park entrance fees apply.

Nature Programs and Nature Center

On Saturdays and Sundays during the summer, park rangers will lead a one hour nature hike or program starting at 5 p.m. The Nature Center will be staffed from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for environmental education activities. Contact the park after May 1 for details.

Daily Fort Programs

Daily interpretive programs are presented on weekends in the spring and fall, and seven days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call for program schedule.

Educational Field Trips and Group Tours

During Educational Field Trips to historic Fort Frederick students discover what life was like during the French & Indian War. Field Trips can also explore the park's natural resources. Youth and adult groups can also arrange for special visits to the fort and park. Call us today to schedule a field trip or tour

**For more Information please call
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The Fort Frederick State Park Complex consists of the Western Maryland Rail Trail, Woodmont Natural Resources Management Area and Fort Frederick State Park.

Fort Frederick was built by the colony of Maryland in 1756 to protect western inhabitants and as a base to attack French strongholds in the Ohio River valley. Camping and picnic facilities are also available in the park.

The Western Maryland Rail Trail is a 23-mile paved trail, which follows the path of the Western Maryland Railway. The trail is appropriate for biking, hiking, and walking.

Woodmont Natural Resources Management Area began as a hunt club in 1870. During its historic use, Woodmont was home to a very successful wild game restoration program, as well as host to numerous dignitaries and U.S. presidents. Currently, there are 2,000 acres open year-round for public outdoor recreational use.

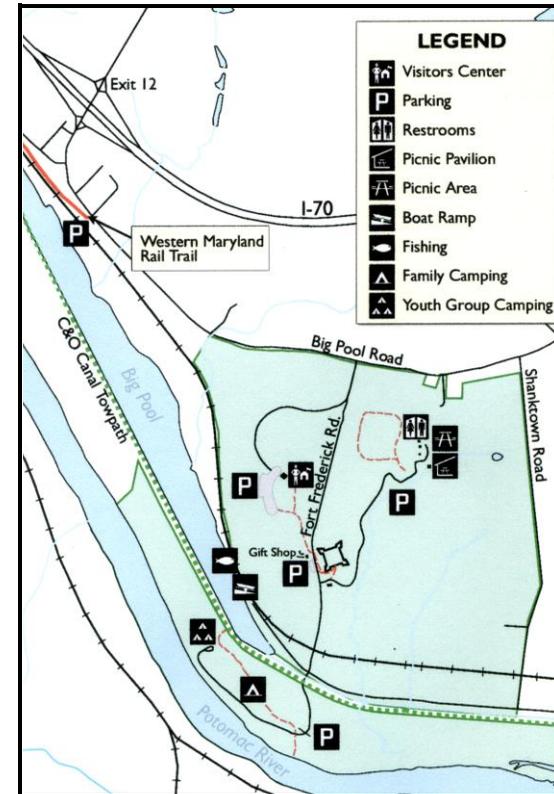
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The Park Complex's Visitor Center is located off of Interstate 70 Exit 12 at State Route 56 near Big Pool.



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2018 Calendar of Events FORT FREDERICK STATE PARK COMPLEX



WESTERN MARYLAND RAIL TRAIL



WOODMONT NATURAL RESEOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA

