

# 2022 Calendar of Events Fort Frederick State Park Complex



**Fort Frederick State Park  
Centennial Celebration  
1922-2022**

Join the Maryland Park Service in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fort Frederick State Park at a signature Centennial Celebration Event.  
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## APRIL

### Youth Fishing Rodeo

**April 2**

Bring your budding angler to catch stocked trout and other fish species 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. There will be a limited number of rods provided "on-loan". Staff will be available to assist. Open 8 a.m. to noon. Park entrance fees apply.

### 18<sup>th</sup> Century Market Fair *(State Parks Week Event)*

**April 21 - 24**

The Market Fair features the best artisans, craftspeople, and sutlers together with an 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### "for the Defence of this Province": Artillery and Musketry

**May 7**

Experience military life during the French and Indian War with the men and women of the Maryland Provincial Companies of Foot. Highlights of the event include cannon firing demonstrations, musket firing presentations, hearth cooking, military drills, and children's drill. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

### Western Maryland Rail Trail Guided Bike Tour

**May 14**

Journey to the old Round Top Cement works and learn about its history during this ranger led bike tour on the Western Maryland Rail Trail. This guided bike ride is approximately 8 miles long, roundtrip, and is taken at a leisurely pace. Join us at the Park and Ride lot at 273 East Main St. in Hancock at 10 a.m.

### One Fort: Three Centuries

**May 28**

To honor our Nation's military heritage, discover the part Fort Frederick played during three centuries of American History including the French and Indian War, American Revolution, Civil War and Great Depression. Visitors will be able to experience the lives of those men and women through living history demonstrations. Highlights include military drill, musket firing demonstrations, and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 pm. Park entrance fees apply.

## JUNE

### "The fort is Pretty Full": Revolutionary Prison Camps

**June 4 - 5**

Experience life at the fort during the American Revolutionary War as prison camp; housing British prisoner of War. See living history volunteers portray the captured British soldiers and their families, as well the American guards. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

### Children's History Day: Soldiers Life

**June 18**

Children will be transported back in time as they take part in a day of hands-on 18<sup>th</sup> century activities. They will experience the life of soldiers stationed at Fort Frederick during the French and Indian War. All Children must be accompanied by and adult over the age of 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

### Guided Plantation Trail Hike

**June 18**

Take a hike on the Plantation Trail with a Park Ranger and discover the story of the "roots" of Fort Frederick State Park. This hike will be approximately 1.1 miles on easy to moderate terrain. Meet at 11 a.m. at the Picnic area trailhead. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Park entrance fees apply.

## JULY

### "for the Reception of Prisoners": The Fort in the American Revolution

**July 1 - 4**

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 programs on the fort in the Revolution, musket firing demonstrations, soldier's cooking demonstrations, uniform and clothing programs, interactive military drills, and more. Programs will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

### Beaver Pond Trail Hike

**July 16**

Take a hike on the newly expanded Beaver Pond trail with a Park Ranger to learn about beavers and observe other wildlife. This hike will be approximately 2 miles round trip over easy terrain on the gravel surfaced path. Meet at the Beaver Pond Trailhead at 11 a.m. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Park entrance fees apply.

### "for the Defence of this Province": Artillery and Musketry

**July 23**

Experience military life during Pontiacs War in 1763 with the refugees and the Frederick County militia. Highlights of the event include cannon firing demonstrations, musket firing presentations, hearth cooking, military drills, and children's drill. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

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 **French and Indian War Muster**

**August 27 - 28**

French, British and American Indian reenactors assemble for two days of 18<sup>th</sup> century living history demonstrations and battle reenactments. Period crafts and a 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**

**Woodmont Lodge Open House and Guided Hike**

**Sept. 11**

Showcasing the picturesque and historic Woodmont Lodge, the annual open house invites you to explore memories of the early days of conservation in Maryland. Open house hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Directional signs will be placed on Woodmont Road.

 **SP#1: The Civilian Conservation Corps**

**Sept. 17**

Join park staff and volunteers as they demonstrate life at Fort Frederick in the 1930's for the "boy's" of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Learn about the role the CCC played in the creation of today's park. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

**OCTOBER**

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**Black History Month: Williams Family at Fort Frederick**

**February 1 - 28**

Follow in the footsteps of the African American Williams Family who owned the fort property a half century during the 19th and 20th centuries. Walking tours are available at the park Visitor Center and on the Park's website. Available 10 a.m. to sunset daily. Park entrance fees apply.

**Women's History Month:**

**March 1 - 31**

**Maryland Women in Conservation: the Trees and the Forest at "Old Fort Frederick"**

Travel along the Plantation Trail to discover the role women have played in the preservation of Fort Frederick State Park and conservation efforts in Maryland. Booklets are available at the park Visitor Center and on the Park's website. Start at the Visitor Center. Available 10 a.m. to sunset daily. Park entrance fees apply.

**Native American Heritage Month: Activity Booklet**

**November 1 - 31**

This booklet brings to life the Cherokee who allied themselves with Maryland during the French and Indian War. Available at the park Visitor Center and on the Park's website. Available 10 a.m. to sunset daily. Park entrance fees apply.

**For more information call the Park at 301-842-2155**



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