

Emancipation Day Celebration



Harriet Tubman

Underground Railroad Visitor Center
4068 Golden Hill Road, Church Creek, MD, 21622
Sunday, September 18th, 2022 10 AM-4 PM

Join Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center as we celebrate Harriet Tubman's decision to self-liberate. We will have a day filled with scheduled educational programs and family fun. Self-guided activities are also offered and include:

Park Quest 2022- Protecting Pollinators
The Original Junior Ranger Activity
The Sights and Sounds of Freedom Junior Ranger Activity

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10am- Birds of Tubman Country Let's go birding! Join Ranger Lawson on a fun-filled outing in the park's Legacy Garden. Make sure to bring your binoculars and we'll see you there. Please meet at the north deck of the Visitor Center.

11am-Reminiscing on Nostalgia Join Ranger "Mama Mary" Dennard on this interactive journey down memory lane as she looks back at the past and her early years spent in Dorchester County. Understand the progress that has been made as she shares her life experiences and encourages you to appreciate your life in 2022. Please meet in the multi-purpose room inside the Visitor Center.

12pm-They Pointed Them North: Black Jacks, Iron Furnaces and the Underground Railroad Join ranger Tim and learn about the vital roles played by Black Jacks and iron furnaces on the Underground Railroad. Please meet in the multi-purpose room inside the Visitor Center.

1pm- African American Women in the Civil War Join Ranger Henry and delve into Harriet Tubman's time in the Union Army and the important roles women played in the Civil War. Harriet Tubman is best known for her work as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. Lesser known is that from 1862 to 1865 she served the Union Army as a nurse and a scout, even helping to lead an armed raid. Please meet in the multi-purpose room inside the Visitor Center.

2pm- The Fight Continues: Gloria Richardson and the Cambridge Civil Rights Movement Join Ranger Collin and learn about the perseverance, determination, and activism of Gloria Richardson. A century after the birth of Harriet Tubman, one brave woman would stand up and lead a fight against racism and oppression. She would create an electrifying movement that drew the eyes of a nation to the small city of Cambridge. Though she is often forgotten, the legacy of Gloria Richardson and the fight she started continues to this day. This is her story. Please meet in the multi-purpose room inside the Visitor Center.

3pm-Foraging Freedom: Experiencing the Natural World of the Underground Railroad Join historian Anthony Cohen for an immersive experience and discover how self-liberators used the natural world to assist in their escapes. This interactive tour will guide visitors along paths through the Legacy Garden, as well as the adjoining Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, and reveal how the flora, fauna and the Eastern Shore's landscape played a crucial role in the quest for freedom! Participants should expect to be on their feet and are encouraged to wear comfortable all-weather shoes. No dogs are allowed on the refuge. Please meet at the pavilion.

10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, & 2:30pm Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom View on the hour screenings of the extended trailer for MPT's *Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom* in the theater.

12pm-3pm- Children's Games Join Ranger Joanna for some family fun in our legacy garden. Activities will include traditional children's games such as marbles, horseshoes, jump rope, and potato sack races!