



# HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD VISITOR CENTER



## TUBMAN 200TH CELEBRATION



### A True Tubman Experience

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park and Visitor Center opened to the public on March 10, 2017. Since opening, we have welcomed over 300,000 visitors from all 50 states and over 60 countries.

On March 11 - 13, 2022, we are excited to celebrate Harriet Tubman's bicentennial, as well as the park's 5th anniversary of immersing visitors in Tubman's world through informative, evocative and emotive exhibits. As you tour the exhibit hall and explore the park, we invite you to participate in a number of family-friendly programs throughout the weekend. Look inside for more information about what is being offered.

Although food is not permitted inside the Visitor Center, The Red Shef will be selling delicious food by the picnic pavilion during the weekend celebration. The town of Cambridge, approximately 12 miles away, also offers a plethora of dining options.

## Friday, March 11, 2022

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### 7 p.m. **Virtual Premier of Rooted Wisdom: Nature's Role in the Underground Railroad**

A film that chronicles the experiences of freedom seekers' journeys through the wilderness. The documentary film will stream live on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at [naturesrole.org](http://naturesrole.org). The virtual event is free and open to all, though registration is encouraged at [bit.ly/RootedWisdomPremiere](https://bit.ly/RootedWisdomPremiere). A panel discussion with historians and filmmakers will follow.

Following the premier, the film will be shown in the multi-purpose room every hour at **10:30 a.m.**, **11:30 a.m.**, **12:30 p.m.**, **1:30 p.m.**, and **2:30 p.m.** throughout the celebratory weekend.



## Saturday, March 12, 2022

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### 10 a.m. **Opening ceremony featuring a living history interpretation by Millicent Sparks**



### 11 a.m. **The Discovery of the Ben Ross Homesite**

Hear from Dr. Julie Schablitsky with the State of Maryland Department of Transportation about the effort and success to locate and excavate the homesite of Ben Ross. The artifacts are on display for the first time at the Visitor Center for the entire month of March!



### 12 p.m. **Foraging Freedom: Experiencing the Natural World of the Underground Railroad**

Join historian Anthony Cohen for Foraging Freedom, at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park, to 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.



### 1 p.m. **Jubilee Voices at Harriet's House**

Hear the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices during the Tubman 200th festivities. The Washington Revels Jubilee Voices ensemble is committed to the preservation of African-American history and traditions—presenting songs and stories of struggle and perseverance, trials and triumphs, as expressed through a cappella music, drama and dance. Inaugurated in 2010, the group now performs regularly at heritage sites throughout the Washington DC area, singing, sharing, and learning the stories of the people in those communities.



### 2 p.m. **The Education of Harriet Ross Tubman**

Come hear from Tubman biographer, Dr. Kate Clifford Larson, about the birth of Araminta "Minty" Ross—and the midwife record that documents it—and the communities that helped raise, protect, nurture, and educate her as she grew up and became Harriet Tubman. Her education did not happen in a traditional classroom, but rather her school lessons were crafted on these landscapes where she learned to read the night sky, the rivers, streams and marshes, woods, and fields. She could read people and discern character. Those lessons helped her create strategies to resist, survive, and pursue freedom via the Underground Railroad and become the inspiring leader we celebrate today.



### 3 p.m. **Designing a New Place to Experience History: An Exploration of the Architects' Story-based Design Process to Create the Visitor Center and Park.**

Learn why the visitor center looks and functions the way it does and discover some of the hidden meanings embedded within the facility and park. This talk is presented by Chris Elcock AIA, IIDA, LEED AP Associate Principal of GWWO Architects.



# Sunday, March 13, 2022

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## 10 a.m. Meet Harriet Tubman

Living history interpreter Millicent Sparks performs as Tubman and shares her monumental life with audience members. Build a personal connection with the lady of honor!

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## 11 a.m. The Hidden Chesapeake Through Harriet Tubman's Eyes

Through Harriet Tubman's eyes we can see the Chesapeake as a canvas rich in diverse histories that tell a complicated story of slavery and freedom. Tubman and many others traversed and exploited the region's terrains in their daily struggles to resist, survive and pursue liberty. Come hear from Tubman biographer, Dr. Kate Clifford Larson, and learn about some of those places around the Bay that bear witness to those histories, memories, and legacies of the Underground Railroad and its most famous conductor. Come be inspired.

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## 12 p.m. The Chronicles of Adam

The Chronicles of Adam is a first-person historical interpretation of an enslaved man by the name of Adam. Adam shares various accounts, historical facts, and life lessons for viewers of any age to enjoy. During this engaging 60-minute performance, viewers will be thrust back in time to the Antebellum South and experience a first-hand conversation with Adam the enslaved blacksmith. This powerful performance has been deemed "life changing" and even "spiritual" by viewers young and old.

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## 1 p.m. The Legacy Hour

Hear from community members and enjoy musical selections from Mrs. Renna McKinney as we honor the lives of Mr. Donald Pinder and Mr. Herschel Johnson. Then, during the second half hour, become inspired by Mrs. Tina Wyatt, great, great, great grand-niece of Harriet Tubman as she shares "A Letter to Soph".

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## 2 p.m. The Legacy of Slavery in Maryland

Join Chris Haley from the Maryland State Archives, as he provides a general overview of slavery in Maryland which will include examples of records specifically related to the state and to counties of the Eastern Shore and how both the enslaved and free were affected by the 'peculiar institution'.

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## 3 p.m. Freedom Bound

Join public historian and historical interpreter Marvin-Alonzo Greer in this family-friendly program with interactive songs and stories.

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## Saturday and Sunday



## 12 p.m. Children's Crafts

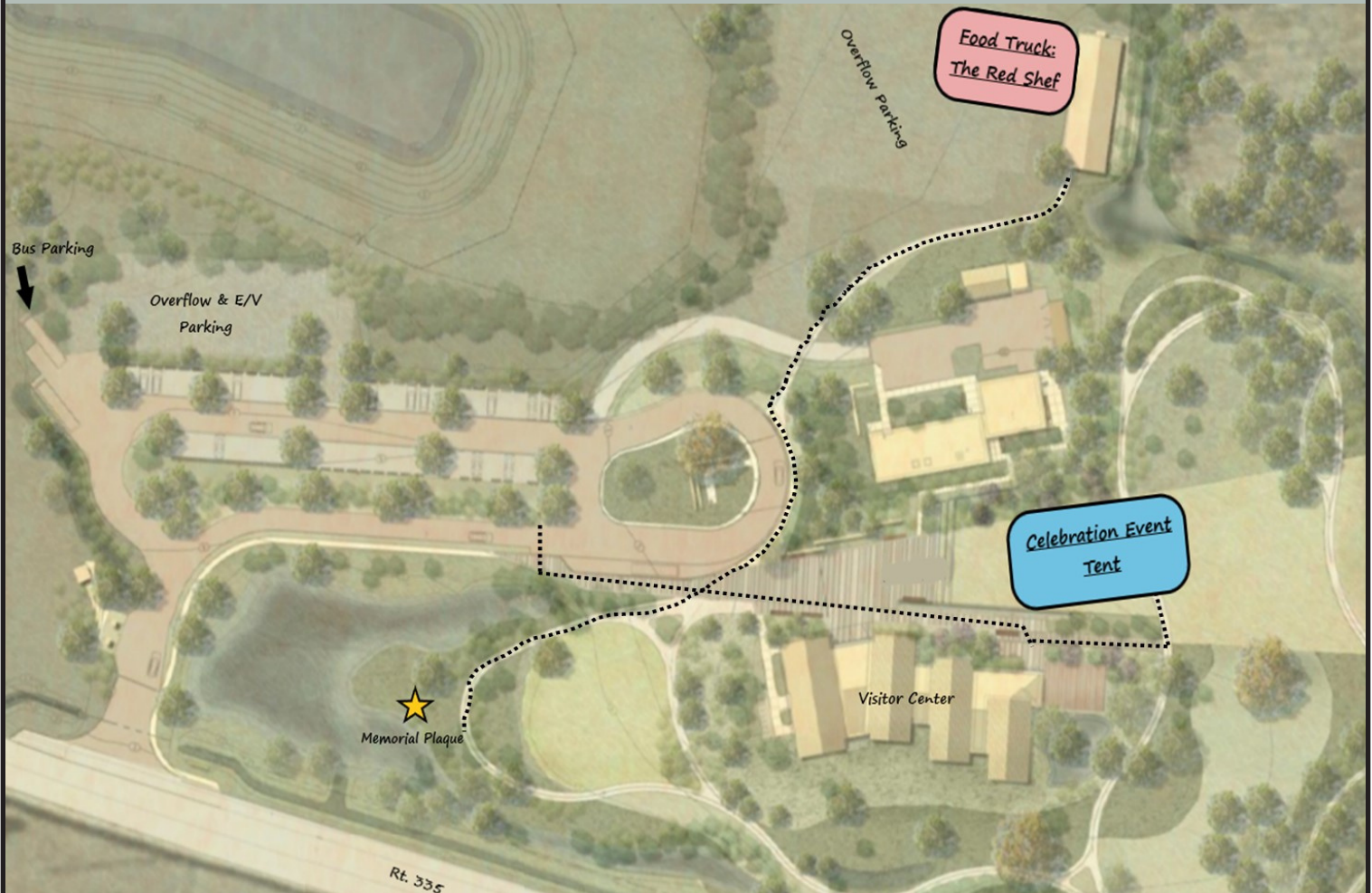
3 p.m. Join park staff at the back of the event tent from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., on both Saturday and Sunday, to enjoy fun children's crafts. You can even become a Junior Ranger!



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### Five Years of Sharing Tubman's Legacy

We invite you to tour the Visitor Center and attend numerous family-friendly events throughout the year as we, and local partners, continue to celebrate Tubman's bicentennial. Subscribe to our GovDelivery e-mailing list to stay up-to-date on our events throughout the year.

### Free and Family-Friendly

Entrance to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park and Visitor Center is free of charge. Donations are welcomed. The park and Visitor Center is currently open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Christmas Day. Arrival before 3 p.m. is recommended.

### Accessibility

The Visitor Center is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### Questions?

Please feel free to contact us via phone 410-221-2290 or email [htursp.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:htursp.dnr@maryland.gov)



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