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The logo for the Maryland Heritage Area Authority features a crest with a checkered pattern and a banner that reads "MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA" and "Maryland Heritage Areas Authority" below it.

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The logo for the Deep Creek Lake Area features a scenic view of a lake and mountains, with the text "DEEP CREEK LAKE AREA" and "GARRETT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" below it.

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proudly announces that we are launching our new website! After many months of work we invite you to Explore, Learn and Be Amazed! Visit our new website www.GarrettHeritage.com to discover our history, explore new sites and experience the unspoiled beauty along our scenic byways, parks and trails. Website features include a listing of sites and attractions, Events Calendar, History and Tours & Itineraries. Join us and find your authentic heritage experience in the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area!

Announcements & Employment Opportunities

Employment Opportunities

AFHA AmeriCorps Members

Appalachian Forest Heritage Area AmeriCorps is recruiting now for one-year full-time service commitment starting in September 2014. Serve with agency or no-profit sites in West Virginia doing museum and heritage tourism development; community development and capacity building; conservation, or hands-on historic preservation construction and outdoor improvements.

For more information:
Phyllis Baxter, Program Director
304-636-6182
phyllisb@appalachianforest.us



Preserve Maryland Report Released

For more than a century, Marylanders have worked to preserve the historic buildings, landscapes and towns that tell the state's unique stories. To recognize these efforts and look ahead to address new challenges in historic preservation, the Maryland Historical Trust worked with constituents and the public to produce Preserve Maryland. This five-year plan sets a course for the preservation community to collaborate more effectively to protect the state's diverse heritage.

[Click to find the final report here](#)

or

contact Nell Ziehl at the Maryland Historical Trust
410.514.7625 for a printed copy.

Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program

This program provides tax credits for rehabilitation of historic buildings and was reauthorized by the Maryland General Assembly. In addition to extending the program, the bill included a new provision which allows small businesses to benefit from the credit. In funding historic preservation the tax credit helps bring economic development and revitalization to communities throughout the state. This program is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust.

For more information [Visit the Website](#).

Cunningham Swamp Wildlife Management Area now Open to the Public!

The Maryland DNR opened the newly acquired Cunningham Swamp Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Garrett County to the public in early May. The 258 acre parcel of land was purchased in 2013 with Program Open Space funds and will serve to protect the rare species and special habitats associated with the swamp while providing hunting and trapping recreation opportunities. Located near Grantsville, the swamp provides bird watchers an environment preferred by alder flycatchers and golden-winged warblers.

For more information contact:

Mount Nebo Work Center at 301-334-4255

[Visit the Website](#)

Allegheny Highlands Conservancy Annual Meeting & Hike

Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 pm

Garrett College - Center for Adventure and Outdoor Studies (CAOS Building #1000)

The AHC annual meeting will begin with a brief update by Kevin Dodge, AHC president. Current members will then vote on the 2014 slate of officers and board members. Following the election, those interested may join the AHC board on a hike at one of AHC's conserved properties near the college. Please wear walking shoes or boots, if you plan to hike. The public is welcome to attend!



Grant & Volunteer Opportunities

African American Heritage Preservation Program 2015 Grants

The African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program provides support for the acquisition, construction, and capital improvement of buildings, sites, or communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. This competitive program, offered once per year is supported through an annual appropriation from the Maryland General Assembly. The amount available for award is not known until the General Assembly adopts the State budget in early April. Deadline July 15, 2014.

For more information about the grant process use the links below:

[FY 2014 Grant Awards](#)

[FY2016 Program Guidelines](#)

The program is administered as a joint partnership of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Historical Trust.

Celebrate National Trails Day - 2 opportunities!

Garrett Trails

June 7th at Margraff Trail, 9am-1pm

Volunteers are needed for trail maintenance. If you are interested in participating, please call Steve Storck at 301-387-3013 or garrett.trails@garrettcollege.edu (Rain date: Sunday 12-4pm)



Friendsville Trails Alliance

The Friendsville Trails Alliance will hold a Kendall Trail Cleanup Day to celebrate National Trails Day, Saturday, June 7th. Meet at the trail head at 9am as they set out to clean up and preserve.

Oakland B&O Museum

The museum is looking for volunteers for the Huff and Puff train operation Wednesday's and Saturday's in the summer. The Huff and Puff is a children only,

self-powered amusement ride to be located on the lawn at the Oakland B&O Museum. Training will be provided. Museum docents are also needed.

If you are interested please contact:
Barbara Heilig at barbheilig@yahoo.com
or 301-616-4827



Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area

The Heritage Area has opportunities for volunteers and partner organizations to work together to develop and enhance programming throughout the county. Volunteers are specifically needed for the Maryland Fiddle, Banjo & Mandolin Championships to be held October 10 and 11 during Autumn Glory.

Volunteers are an important part of the Heritage Area and will help make Garrett County a better place to live, visit and work.

For more information, please call or email
[Dawn Hein](mailto:Dawn_Hein@garrettcounty.org) - 301-387-4386

Around the County

McHenry Highland Festival

The traditions of Highland music, games, and dance come alive at the McHenry Highland Festival! Visit the Clan tents and Celtic vendors. Kiss the highland cattle, watch the collies herd sheep, or pat an Irish Wolfhound. Join us for Saturday's Celtic celebration- for young and old alike-in the scenic highlands of Western Maryland at Deep Creek Lake.

Take a look at the events scheduled for the [2014 Fair](#).

June 7, 2014
Garrett County Fairgrounds
10am-4:30pm

Adults: \$12.00
Students: \$6.00
12 and under: Free
Parking is Free



Oakland B&O Museum

James Porterfield, director of the Center for Railway Tourism at Davis & Elkins College will be presenting "**The Making of a Railroad Tourist**" including discussion on railway heritage such as rail dining, rail art, and fiction. Dinner options will be recreated by the chefs of Cornish Manor based on recipes used during the heyday of the B&O dining cars.

A columnist, featured writer and contributing editor for Railfan & Railroad magazine, Porterfield has regularly contributed to other journals, authored six books including Dining by Rail: The History and the Recipes from America's Golden Age of Railroad Cuisine and co-founded of the Center for Railway Tourism at Davis & Elkins College.

June 25, 2014

Dinner served at 6:00pm

Tickets can be purchased at

Helbig Insurance in Oakland or
Oakland City Hall

Contact Michelle Ross at City Hall 301-334-2691

mainstreetgoba@mainstreet.com



New Germany State Park: Geocaching Challenge

Free! Celebrate National Trails Day at New Germany State Park with a Geocaching Challenge. Join a park ranger for an introduction into the world of geocaching - a worldwide treasure hunting game! The challenge will include instruction in the basics, followed by a competitive race to find the caches hidden in the park. Beginners are welcome and a limited supply of GPS units will be available on loan.

June 7, 2014

2:00-4:00pm

Meet at the Lakehouse

Contact Erin Thomas 301-895-5453 with questions

[Website](#)

New Germany State Park: Old Time Jams

Musicians and listeners of all ages are invited to share and enjoy traditional folk, bluegrass, and other "old time" Appalachian music. The Jams will take place at the New Germany State Park Lake House, Saturdays 6:30-9:30pm. Admission is Free and food and gift items will be available for purchase.

FREE

June 7th and 21st

July 5th and 19th

August 2nd, 16th and 30th

Taste of Garrett Trails

Come out support Garrett Trails, enjoy some great food. This year marks the 12th annual Taste of Garrett Trails and is the major fundraiser for Garrett Trails. 100% of the proceeds goes toward progress on our trail construction

plans such as the Meadow Mountain Trail resurfacing and construction, the continued construction of new hiking and biking trails at the Fork Run Recreation Area, engineering for the Yough Lake Trail out of Friendsville, and the Grantsville Bikeway Connector.



The event is packed with restaurants from all around Garrett County, MD. Supporters will immerse themselves in tasty treats from the area's best chefs, prizes and raffles, live entertainment and delicious new offerings and classic favorites from Garrett County's most popular dining establishments!

Sunday June 29, 2014

1-4pm

The Lodge at Wisp Resort

Adults: \$30.00

12 and under: \$15.00

[Taste of Garrett Trails tickets online](#)

[Race Up the Face online ticket sales](#)



Accidental Music & Art Festival

This event will showcase some of our favorite live music acts along with some of our favorite local artists and vendors!

July 19, 2014

11am-11pm

Free

Moonshadow Cafe

110 S. Main Street

Accident, MD

301.750.5094

[Facebook Page](#)

Secret Country Gardens Tours

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club will sponsor its 14th annual tour featuring four gardens. A perennial plant sale, a raffle and refreshments will be available at different gardens. A garden boutique will be located at Mountainside Marina, 20330 Garrett Highway, McHenry. Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased at Gregg's Pharmacy, Jan Florist, Green Acres, FireFly Farms & the

Medicine Shoppe. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the event at the Oakland Gazebo and the Mountainside Marina.

June 28, 2014

10am-4pm

Contact Judi Merriman at 703-517-0347 or

Maggie Ahern at 703-615-8649

[Visit the website](#)



Submit an Event:

Do you have an event in the Heritage Area that you would like included on our calendar? Contact Dawn Hein 301-387-4386 or dawn@garrettchamber.com

Educational Opportunities

Maryland Environmental Trust

June 10, 2014

6:30pm

Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center

FREE!

Please Register by June 5th

The last in the Heritage Area's four-part education workshop series Megan Benjamin, the Central and Western Regional Planner for the Maryland Environmental Trust will be discussing what a conservation easement is, how they work as well as their advantages and benefits to landowners. In Garrett County, the Maryland Environmental Trust currently protects 2,448 acres on 19 properties, many in cooperation with the local land trust partner, Allegheny Highlands Conservancy.

For more information contact

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All the Best,

Dawn Hein, Director
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