



# Face to Face with History



## STORIES FORGED IN FIRE

**Catoctin Furnace** once teemed with enslaved workers laboring in oppressive conditions to power the Industrial Revolution. Today, in the shadow of the hulking forge stands a charming village surrounded by nature trails. Tucked into one of the old workers' cottages is the new **Museum of the Iron Worker**, where you will come face-to-face with two African American enslaved workers whose remains were discovered in the Furnace's cemetery during an archaeological dig. Forensic research recently performed by the Smithsonian Institution resulted in the **lifelike facial reconstructions now on display**. Get to know the furnace's laborers through their compelling stories, the belongings they left behind, and the daily dangers they faced on the job.

## FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF...

### A SAINT

America's first native-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, made her home in Frederick County. Immerse yourself in her life and legacy at the **National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**. The site includes two historic homes, an awe-inspiring Basilica, and a museum that details Mother Seton's journey to sainthood, as well as the brave nursing performed by the Sisters on local Civil War battlefields. After visiting the Seton Shrine, visit the nearby **National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes**. A reflective place of worship that draws pilgrims from around the world, believers can meditate at the Grotto Cave before sipping from a natural spring of holy water.



### A SOLDIER

The Civil War touched all parts of Frederick County. Follow our **Civil War Trails**, which will lead you to some unexpected surprises, or go sleuthing on our Civil War geocaching trail. Experience a Civil War-era church service at **Historic Rocky Springs Chapel**, where your fellow parishioners may be decked out in hoop skirts and bonnets! A road trip on the **Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway** will trace the routes marched by both Union and Confederate troops, while winding you past farmers markets, wineries, and picturesque farms as it travels north to Gettysburg.

### A SETTLER

Immigrants pushing west from eastern ports found their way to Frederick County by 1745. **Schifferstadt Architectural Museum** perfectly captures the experience of early settlers to the area, predominantly German farmers, as they built their homes and lives on Frederick's fertile soil. Travel the same paths as western-bound settlers who passed through Frederick on the **Historic National Road, C&O Canal, and B&O Railroad**, and soak in the varied architecture of our small towns that preserve the historic homes, businesses, and places of worship of early pioneers.





# Explore The CIVIL WAR

## BY BATTLEFIELD

Frederick County lies in the heart of Hallowed Ground, where intense battles decided the Civil War. Explore **South Mountain State Battlefield**, where the first major battle in Maryland took place in 1862, and **Monocacy National Battlefield**, where the efforts of Union troops actually saved the nation's capital two years later.



## BY TRAIL

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail connects several significant Civil War sites, including **Turner's, Fox's and Crampton's Gaps**, as well as the **War Correspondents Memorial**, a unique, castle-like edifice that memorializes the journalists claimed by conflict. A peaceful place where nature and history intersect on the mountain.



## BY MUSEUM

**The National Museum of Civil War Medicine** brings to life the medical realities faced by soldiers, along with the life-saving methods doctors and nurses used on the battlefield, many of which paved the way for today's medical treatments. You'll never look at Civil War medical care the same way again.

## HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

**BRUNSWICK HERITAGE (RAILROAD) MUSEUM**  
Interactive HO-scale model railroad depicting B&O passenger line from Union Station, D.C. to Brunswick. Railroad equipment and Victorian era costumes are on display. Stop by the museum gift shop.  
40 W. Potomac St., Brunswick  
301-834-7100 [brunswickmuseum.org](http://brunswickmuseum.org)

**THE BURKITTVILLE UNION CEMETERY**  
Established in 1831, this cemetery is the resting place of several important Frederick County citizens.  
5 E. Cemetery Dr., Burkittsville  
240-818-1895 [burkittvillecemetery.org](http://burkittvillecemetery.org)

**CATOCTIN AQUEDUCT**  
One of the 11 stone aqueducts on the C&O Canal.  
0.6 miles west of Lock 29, Jefferson  
301-739-4200 [nps.gov/choh](http://nps.gov/choh)

**CATOCTIN FURNACE**  
18th and 19th century industrial village includes Museum of the Ironworker and African American Cemetery Trail.  
Route 806, Catoctin Furnace Village, Thurmont  
240-288-7396 or 301-271-7574 [catoctinfurnace.org](http://catoctinfurnace.org)

**FDX'S GAP**  
Features a monument to Union General Jesse Reno, mortally wounded at this location.  
Reno Monument Rd., Middletown  
301-432-8065 [cmhl.org/foxs-gap](http://cmhl.org/foxs-gap)

**FREDERICK COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE MUSEUM**  
Displays of apparatus, equipment and pictures of fire and rescue service.  
300B S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg  
301-600-6736 [frederickmdfiremuseum.org](http://frederickmdfiremuseum.org)

**FREDERICK VISITOR CENTER**  
A beautifully renovated circa-1899 warehouse, the Frederick Visitor Center is just steps away from Carroll Creek and Downtown Frederick. Enjoy an award-winning film, interpretive exhibits, and a warm welcome!  
151 S. East St., Frederick  
301-600-4047 [visitfrederick.org](http://visitfrederick.org)

**FREDERICKTOWN (HESSIAN) BARRACKS**  
Completed in 1780, this National Historic Site held captured Hessian soldiers during the Revolutionary War. View the exterior year round.  
101 Clarke Place, Frederick  
301-360-1455

**HISTORIC ROCKY SPRINGS CHAPEL AND SCHOOL HOUSE**  
Preserves, exhibits, and interprets the history of this nondenominational church and one-room schoolhouse. The church holds Civil War-themed services monthly.  
7817 Rocky Springs Rd., Frederick  
240-439-4235  
[historicrockyspringschapelandschoolhouse.org](http://historicrockyspringschapelandschoolhouse.org)

**JOHN HANSON NATIONAL MEMORIAL STATUE**  
This statue honors Frederick's John Hanson, president of the nation's original government under the Articles of Confederation.  
100 W. Patrick St., Frederick  
301-874-0235 [johnhansonmemorial.org](http://johnhansonmemorial.org)



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