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On the cover: Picture this, taking The Greatest Vacation in History in the Fredericksburg Area. Experiences in the arts, wineries, golf, colonial and Civil War history, dining, shopping and so much more. Memories in the making--book them today.
Introduction

There is something refreshing about a change in scenery, a change from the day-to-day routine and from the people and places we are accustomed to seeing. Such a change allows us to suspend our daily concerns and rejuvenate with people, places, and things…a TIMELESS indulgence.

TIMELESS. That’s the perfect description of the Fredericksburg area.

Visitors to the area, including Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties and Fredericksburg, come for a variety of reasons. They might be here for a convention or to run a race, they might be taking a vacation or researching their family tree, or they could even be creating new traditions with a girl-friend getaway or multi-generational trip. Whatever the reason for the visit they have the pleasure of encountering the richness of the authentic American experience at every turn. They feel the joy of discovery in the Fredericksburg area’s unique present and entertaining past, in its historical attractions and battlefields, shops, galleries, restaurants and golf courses.

The area has played gracious host to famous and ordinary travelers from many other times. In 1608 Captain John Smith sailed up the uncharted Rappahannock River to the fall line into what is now Fredericksburg and Falmouth. Soon after, settlers and colonial barons made the town a bustling tobacco trading station. The area’s most famous resident, George Washington came as a child to Ferry Farm in Stafford County with his family. Legends from his youth, the home he bought for his mother, his sister’s plantation home and the house his brother built and later operated as a tavern are all here. Washington’s presence is indelible.

As the nation continues to observe the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War it’s impossible to forget the battle cries that rang out in Spotsylvania County’s rural crossroads, pastoral farmlands and tangled forest forever linking it with the names of Lee, Grant, Jackson and Burnside. The new Trail-to-Freedom program invites visitors to commemorate the crossing of the Rappahannock River by thousands of enslaved Americans in search of freedom months prior to the Emancipation Proclamation. Our Civil War story is as diverse as it is compelling – offering visitors of all ages, races, and genders an opportunity to relate, participate and connect.

The more modern influences of shopping, arts and culture, wineries, golf, culinary expertise and outdoor adventure blend with the region’s rich heritage to create a distinctive escape, unique to Fredericksburg. You can also customize your experience in the region on FredericksburgVacations.com – mixing the perfect blend of colonial heritage and local art or boutique shopping and battlefield exploration. Your perfect holiday is just a click away.

For many reasons and many ways, the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania-Stafford area has been a memorable destination. Come to the Fredericksburg area for the TIMELESS experience that awaits you.

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For Your Visit, May We Suggest These Itineraries...

**George Washington**
- Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center
- George Washington’s Ferry Farm
- Government Island
- Historic Kenmore Plantation
- Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop
- James Monroe Museum
- Mary Washington House and Monument
- Old Town Falmouth
- Rising Sun Tavern
- Thornton Cemetery

**Old Town Fredericksburg**
- Antique and Specialty Shopping
- Artists’ Studios and Galleries
- Horse and Carriage Rides
- Old Town Segway Tours
- Old Stone Warehouse
- The Rappahannock River
- Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg
- Unique dining in 40+ restaurants

**Civil War**
- Chatham
- Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center
- Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania National Military Park
- George Washington’s Ferry Farm
- Kenmore
- Lee vs. Grant: The 1864 Campaign
- Spotsylvania Museum
- Slaughter Pen Farm
- Slave Auction Block
- Spotsylvania Court House Historic District
- Trail to Freedom Sites–Historic Port of Falmouth, Aquia Landing and Old Mill Park
- White Oak Civil War Museum & Research Center

**Important Places Not To Miss**
- “City of Fredericksburg” Riverboat Cruises
- Championship Golf Courses
- Gari Melchers Home and Studio At Belmont
- Hope Springs Marina
- Lake Anna
- National Museum of the Marine Corps
- Rappahannock Railway Historical Society Museum
- Riverside Center Dinner Theater

**Locally Grown**
- Belvedere Plantation
- Blue & Gray Brewing Company
- Carl’s Ice Cream
- Fredericksburg Farmer’s Market
- Hartwood Winery
- Lake Anna Winery
- Mattaponi Winery
- Miller Farms Market
- Potomac Point Vineyard and Winery
- Spotsylvania Farmer’s Market
- Unique dining in local, independent restaurants

★ Discount tour ticket, see page 10 for details.
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Civil War Attractions

Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania National Military Park ★
Retrace the history of the Civil War at four battlefields: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House. Walking tours, guided by park historians, are available seasonally in certain locations. The battlefields are open daily until dusk.

Two visitor centers at Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg help interpret the four battlefields with audio-visual presentations and museum exhibits. Maps, brochures, and assistance from park historians are available. Admission for each film at the visitor centers; children under 10 free. Open daily: 9am-5pm, except January 1, Martin Luther King holiday, President’s Day holiday, Thanksgiving and December 25. Please allow 50 minutes per visitor center for your visit. www.nps.gov/frsp/

Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center
Rt. 3 West, 12901 Bullock Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407, 786-2880.

Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center
1013 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 373-6122.

Chancellorsville Battlefield ★
The Battle of Chancellorsville took place in Spotsylvania County, April 27-May 6, 1863, and it is known for the brilliant military maneuvers accomplished by Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson against Union General Joseph Hooker. It was also where Jackson was mistakenly and mortally shot by his own troops.

Chatham–National Park Service Headquarters
120 Chatham Ln., Falmouth, VA 22405, 654-5121. Owned by gentry, sustained by slaves, and witness to war, Chatham is the only private home in America visited by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. This Georgian-style mansion is best known for its role in the Civil War, when it served as Union headquarters during the Battle of Fredericksburg. See a replica pontoon boat, modeled after those used to cross the Rappahannock River in the Battle of Fredericksburg. A free movie depicts the impact of the Civil War on area residents. Admission is free.
Open daily, 9am-4:30pm. Allow 45 minutes for your visit.
www.nps.gov/frsp/chatham.htm
Civil War Attractions

Fredericksburg Battlefield
1013 Lafayette Blvd., 373-6122. Fredericksburg, VA 22401.
The visitor center introduces guests to the extensive action that took place in the Fredericksburg area during the Civil War. Located on Sunken Road, a focal point during the Battle of Fredericksburg, the center serves as a starting point for a tour of the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park. Relive “Lee’s most one-sided victory” against Union General Ambrose E. Burnside, the action took place at Marye’s Heights and Chatham in December 1862. Check VisitFred.com for special 2012, 150th Anniversary events. Open daily: 9am-5pm.

Annual Civil War Reenactment Events
Civil War reenactment style events commemorating regional battles take place annually in May, September and December. A very popular walking tour series History at Sunset runs every Friday in the summer season. Check VisitFred.com for more information and specific dates.

Civil War 150th Commemoration
Years of Anguish
The Civil War was the greatest transformational event in American History. It was our greatest national crisis. Issues stemming from that social and political struggle are still debated and discussed.

The Civil War will not be celebrated in the Fredericksburg area!
The legacy of the sacrifices, the battles, the struggles and the outcomes will be considered, studied, illuminated and evaluated. Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Stafford will offer the nation a lens to view the trials and transformations in our country.

During the 150th a wide spectrum of museums and tours will bring the Civil War to life with a variety of programs ranging from scholarly presentations by nationally recognized authors to participatory events for students and families. The toils, travails and triumphs of soldiers and civilians, freedman and slaves, Union and Confederate will take place in the Fredericksburg Civil War 150th commemoration. View the updated website often at the events page of VisitFred.com.

Civil War Walking Tour
This two-part brochure series focuses on the river crossing, street action and assault of Marye’s Heights due to the eventful Battle of Fredericksburg, 1862. Available at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center.
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Lee vs. Grant: The 1864 Campaign
Trace the route of Grant’s Overland Campaign beginning in Spotsylvania County for a revealing look at the fateful days of struggle during the Civil War. Lee vs. Grant is part of Virginia Civil War Trails, the most comprehensive driving tour undertaken by any state to mark Civil War sites. Follow this sign to more than 200 Civil War sites. Trail brochures and maps are available at area visitor centers. For more information on Civil War Trails, call 1-888-Civil War. www.civilwartrails.org

Spotsylvania Court House Battlefield
The Court House is the site of “Bloody Angle”—an intense engagement of bloody hand-to-hand combat between the Union and Confederate armies in May of 1864.

Spotsylvania County Court House Historic District
Visit the Spotsylvania County Court House District, rich with history. Spotsylvania Courthouse, reconstructed in 1839 with the original Doric columns, was battered during the Civil War. The Courthouse is still in use today.
The Spotsylvania County Museum houses a collection of local artifacts and genealogical records. Open year-round, FREE admission.
The restored Spotswood Inn, ca. 1839, has been a school, post office, tavern and popular inn, as well as military headquarters for General Jubal Early and an observation point for General Robert E. Lee during the war.
Christ Episcopal Church served as a Civil War hospital and still bears wartime scars. The Confederate Cemetery is the final resting place for nearly 600 Confederate soldiers from ten states. Finally, see the old jail, built in 1839 and transferred to its present site in 1855.

Pick up a walking tour map at the Spotsylvania Museum or the Spotsylvania Visitor Center. 9019 Old Battlefield Blvd, Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

**“Stonewall” Jackson Shrine**
The Shrine provides historical interpretation of Civil War events on the “Fairfield” plantation and in adjacent Guinea Station. It is the site of Thomas J. Jackson’s death on May 10, 1863, after he was wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville. Open daily mid-June through mid-August; weekends in Spring and Fall.

**White Oak Civil War Museum & Research Center**
985 White Oak Rd., Falmouth, 22405, 371-4234. This impressive museum is perhaps the greatest locally-owned collection of Civil War artifacts in the country. Explore the life-size, hand-dug replicas of soldiers’ winter huts. See thousands of artifacts recovered from Stafford encampments and sites around the area. View a replica cannon made to exact Civil War specification and a recently discovered section of an authentic corduroy road. Admission fee. Wed.–Sun.: 10am-5pm.

**Wilderness Battlefield**
The Battle of The Wilderness first pitted General Robert E. Lee against Union General Ulysses S. Grant in May of 1864. The battle turned the tide of the war as Grant continued his march, “On to Richmond.”

**Ellwood Manor**
The 1790s house located on the Wilderness Battlefield served as a Confederate hospital in 1863 and Union General G.K. Warren’s headquarters in 1864. The Ellwood grounds are open every day from sunrise to sunset. (Check in at the Chancellorsville Visitor Center for a required pass.) The house is open seasonally May through October, and special events are held throughout the season. Check www.fowb.org for updates, specific hours of operations, and directions. 36380 Constitution Highway, Locust Grove, VA 22508.

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Attractions

Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center ★
Catherine W. Jones McKann Center, Old Town Hall and Market Square, 907 and 1001 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 371-3037. Housed in the 1927 Planter’s Bank building and the 1816 Town Hall, the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center tells the story of the Fredericksburg area’s rich and varied past. Seven exciting exhibits are available to view in the newly renovated bank building in addition to rotating galleries and cultural events. Admission fee. Open Daily except Thanksgiving, December 24, 25 and 31. Please allow 90 minutes for your visit. www.famcc.org

gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont ★
224 Washington St., Falmouth, VA 22405, 654-1015. Owned in the early 1900’s by the renowned American artist, Gari Melchers, this historic home is handsomely furnished with items collected during the Melchers’ residences and travels abroad. The Marguerite Stroh Visitor Center features a museum shop and orientation theater. The studio holds rotating exhibits of Gari Melchers’ work and hosts other art collections on a rotating basis. Seminars on photography, art, and gardening as well as special art exhibits from other collections have visitors frequenting this cultural retreat. Grounds, gardens and guided woodland trails offer wonderful views year round. The Studio Pavilion provides space for special occasions and events. Admission fee. Open daily except Wednesdays and January 1, Thanksgiving, December 24, 25 and 31. Please allow 90 minutes for your visit. www.garimelchers.org

George Washington’s Ferry Farm ★
268 King’s Highway, Stafford County, Falmouth 22405, 370-0732. At George Washington’s Boyhood Home, guests enjoy a visitor center with exhibits on the life of Washington, the history of the farm, and artifacts from the Civil War. The property includes the site of the Washingtons’ house, a demonstration garden, and seasonal archaeology digs. A self-guided walking tour offers a delightful experience in the place where George Washington grew up. Open daily March-October 10am-5pm and Nov-Dec 10am-4pm. Closed Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, December 24, 25 and 31. Allow 45 minutes for your visit. www.ferryfarm.org

Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop ★
1020 Caroline St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 373-3362. This 18th-century building restored as the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop presents a vivid living history interpretation of colonial medical practices. Visitors can hear about popular treatment of the day for a lady’s hysteria or a medicine so potent that it would, according to one wealthy plantation owner, “cheer a man with a bad wife.” Admission fee. Open daily except January 1, Thanksgiving, December 24, 25, and 31. Please allow 45 minutes for your visit. www.apva.org/hughmercerapothecary

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Historic Kenmore ★
1201 Washington Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 373-3381. Kenmore, one of the most elegant colonial mansions in America, lies in the heart of historic Fredericksburg. Built by patriot Fielding Lewis and his wife, Betty (the sister of George Washington), the house contains some of the most elaborate plasterwork from colonial America. It was crafted by an unknown artist who also completed plasterwork at Mount Vernon. A major restoration has just been completed and refurnishing is in progress. Admission fee. Open daily, March-October: 10am-5pm (last tour starts at 4:15). November & December: 10am-4pm (last tour starts at 3:15). Closed Thanksgiving, December 24, 25, and 31. Allow about an hour for your visit. www.kenmore.org

James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library ★
908 Charles St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 654-1043. Our nation’s fifth president, James Monroe, began his illustrious career practicing law in Fredericksburg. After a 9 month renovation, the James Monroe Museum re-opened to the public in October, 2009 with a re-designed gift shop and refreshed exhibition galleries, all of which are now completely handicapped accessible. A newly re-designed memorial garden was unveiled at the museum in 2011. The building, which dates to 1815, houses an amazing array of furnishings, artwork and personal possessions of the nation’s fifth president and his family, displayed in an inspiring set of interpretive exhibits. Among the highlights of the collection is the famous “Monroe Doctrine Desk”, purported to be where Monroe wrote the doctrine that now carries his name, and beautiful jewels worn by Monroe’s wife, Elizabeth. Admission fee. Open daily except January 1, Thanksgiving, December 24, 25 and 31. Please allow 45 minutes for your visit. www.jamesmonroemuseum.umw.edu

John J. Wright Educational & Cultural Center Museum
7565 Courthouse Rd., Spotsylvania, VA 22551, 582-7583 exts. 5545 and 5546. This museum is the first in the Rappahannock region that journeys through the social context of African American education in Spotsylvania County, its transformation through successful integration and the closure of the historic John J. Wright School in 2006. Visitors will be treated to viewing over 100 exhibits that chronicle the growth of this historical legacy. See the many artifacts that once belonged to past students and educators in the space that was the original library of John J. Wright School. No admission fee. Museum and specialty gift store open Thurs.–Sat. 10am-3pm, Closed Sun.–Wed.
At Attractions

Lake Anna

Accessible from Rt. 208 in Spotsylvania County. One of Virginia’s most popular lakes, Lake Anna offers 13,000 scenic acres of sailing, water-skiing and sport fishing. Varieties include white and yellow perch and small mouth bass, pickerel, striped bass, walleye, crappie, carp, blue gill, sunfish, and channel catfish. For more information, contact the Lake Anna Business Partnership. 894-1759. www.visitlakeanna.org

Marinas on Lake Anna include:

Anna Point Marina
13721 Anna Point Ln., Mineral, VA 23117, 895-5900. Launching, dry dock year-round, slips available seasonally or by the month. Convenience store with gas dock. www.annapoint.com

Duke’s Creek Marina

High Point Marina and Inn — Lake Anna

Lake Anna Marina
4303 Boggs Dr., Bumpass, VA 23024, 895-5555. Rent a pontoon boat for the day, enjoy the day on our private beach for $5 a person, kids under 7 are free, convenience store, gas, boat launch, boat storage, wet slips available all year round, boat sales and service. Email: information@lakeannamarina.net www.lakeannamarina.net

Rocky Branch Marina
5153 Courthouse Rd., Spotsylvania, VA 22551, 895-5475. 5 boat ramps, camping, bath house, convenience store.

Sturgeon Creek Marina
5107 Courthouse Rd., Spotsylvania, VA 22551, 895-5095. Year-round boat sales, rentals, ramps, storage, wet slips, fishing and boating supplies, gas and service. www.sturgeoncreekmarina.com

Lake Anna State Park
Located on Route 601 N., off State Rt. 208, Spotsylvania VA, 22551, 854-5503. While you visit Lake Anna, be sure to check out the beach facilities. After a day of soaking up rays, enjoy a picnic or over 15 miles of horseback riding, bicycling, and hiking trails. Stop by the food concession for some refreshments, then try your own luck panning for gold, or participate in a nature program. The park also offers shoreline fishing, boat launch facilities, and a fishing pond for children and the disabled. 10 rental cabins are available year round. 46 campsites for tents and RV’s are available March-November. Call 1-800-933-PARK for reservations. Park admission and beach fees. Open daily. Programs are offered weekends, Memorial Day through Labor Day. www.dcr.virginia.gov

Mary Washington House ★
1200 Charles St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 373-1569.

George Washington bought this home for his mother in 1772 and she lived here near her daughter Betty’s home, Kenmore, the last 17 years of her life. Among the period furnishings are some of Mary’s personal possessions, including her “best dressing glass,” which she willed to her son George. Admission fee. Open daily except January 1, Thanksgiving, December 24, 25 and 31. Please allow 45 minutes for your visit. www.apva.org/marywashingtonhouse

National Bank Museum
PNC Bank, 900 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 899-3243. Nearly two centuries of banking history are encapsulated in this museum. Housed in one of America’s oldest buildings continually serving as a bank. Objects reflect the history of the city’s prosperous and challenging times. Self guided tour. No admission charge. Open Mon.-Fri.: 9am-5pm.

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National Museum of the Marine Corps
18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172, 800-397-7585. A monument to honor, courage and commitment, the museum is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines—past, present and future. World-class, interactive exhibits, using the most innovative technology, surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the sights and sounds of Marines in action. Open daily except Christmas. No admission charge. www.usmcmuseum.org

Rising Sun Tavern ★
1304 Caroline St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 371-1494. Built by Charles Washington in 1760 as his home, this building was later operated as a tavern - the only “proper” tavern in the bustling port of Fredericksburg. Today the “tavern wenches” and indentured servants at the Rising Sun entertain visitors as though they have just stepped off a stagecoach in a lively interpretation of 18th-century tavern life. Admission fee. Open daily except January 1, Thanksgiving, December 24, 25 and 31. Please allow 45 minutes for your visit. www.apva.org/risingsuntavern

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Tickets, Tours & Transit

**Timeless Fredericksburg Ticket**
The “Timeless Fredericksburg” ticket is your guide to our finest historic landmarks. Purchase a Timeless Ticket at the Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania or Stafford Visitor Centers and receive reduced one-time admission to the most frequently visited attractions including Fredericksburg area battlefields. The Timeless Ticket contains a map and information about participating area museums and historic sites.

The Timeless Fredericksburg Ticket is undated. If you don’t visit all the museums and historic attractions during your visit, just save your ticket for your next visit to the Fredericksburg area. The ticket offers:

- Kenmore ★ Mary Washington House ★ Rising Sun Tavern
- George Washington’s Ferry Farm ★ Gari Melchers Home and Studio ★ Fredericksburg Area Museum
- Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop ★ James Monroe Museum ★ Fredericksburg Area Battlefields

$32.00 for adults, one free student (ages 6 to 18) ticket to each ticket-purchasing adult. Additional student $10.00 each. Children 5 and under are free. The Timeless Fredericksburg Ticket offers a 40 percent savings over individual admission.

**Tours**
Your perfect get away...just 2 clicks away on FredericksburgVacations.com. Pick your favorite attractions, entertainment, shopping and lodging options to build a custom package made just for you. Then pay for it all at once, online and print your vouchers. It couldn’t be easier to design your own Fredericksburg Vacation from start to finish. So get clicking…and we’ll see you soon!

**All-Access Battlefield Tours (LLC)** Designed especially for wheelchair travelers who wish to fully explore and experience our area’s hallowed grounds. Individual or group tours take visitors, their families and friends directly to the sites while moving at their own pace. Rent custom travel wheelchairs that feature special wheels and canopies. 845-2767. www.pinstripepress.net/AABT.html

**Architectural Walking Tours:**
- Bricks and Boards in the ‘Burg
- This Old Town: A History of Our Homes

Architecturally speaking, Fredericksburg’s Downtown Historic District has it all: Colonial, Federal, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival and early 20th century styles line the streets. Each tour lasts about 90 minutes and begins and ends in Historic Market Square, at 907 Princess Anne Street. “Bricks and Boards” is conducted each Saturday, April through mid-October, beginning at 10:00 am. “This Old Town” is conducted once a month beginning at 11:30 am. Check with the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center for the exact schedule. Cost $4 for adults and $1 for students. Arrangements can be made for group tours on other days or during the off-season.

Hallowed Ground Tours 809-3918 or tourmaster@hallowedgroundtours.com

GPS Tour Guide—You do the Walking—It does the Talking!
707 Princess Anne Street, Suite C, Fredericksburg, VA 22401; 656-2760. It’s like having your own personal tour guide in the palm of your hand. Just start walking and the GPS Tour Guide tells you where to go and narrates the story of Fredericksburg and its many heroes as you reach the 20+ stops and sites along the way. Tour is approximately 90 minutes.

**Ghosts of Fredericksburg Tours**
Mark Nesbitt, noted author and founder of the original “Ghosts of Gettysburg” tours, presents “Ghosts of Fredericksburg” tours. With a past that stretches back to pre-colonial times and a Civil War legacy of four major battles and more than 100,000 casualties, it’s no wonder Fredericksburg has been called the most haunted city, per capita, in the U.S. Costumed guides combine history and ghostly tales on an 80-minute tour of historic downtown Fredericksburg, available seasonally. Call 710-3002 for specific dates and information.

Hallowed Ground Tours P.O. Box 3882, Fredericksburg, VA 22402, 809-3918. Guides give historic and battlefield tours in Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg and Stafford from client’s vehicle—cars, vans or buses. Generally by appointment. Visa and MC accepted. www.hallowedgroundtours.com

**Living History Experience** Step back in time with an actor/historian who recreates a real citizen or soldier from the city’s past. Walk options are daylight, lantern, first person battlefield experiences, romance, phantoms, 19th century Christmas and more. Call 899-1776 for times/fees.
Marriage, Carriage and More, LLC. You can visit Fredericksburg the way our founding fathers did—by horse and carriage! A variety of tours are offered, including daily seasonal tours (weather permitting) departing from the Fredericksburg Visitor Center, to private evening tours, and special events such as weddings and after dinner tours. Call 371-0094 or 207-6482 for more information or private tour reservations. Daytime tour tickets available at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center. www.oldetownecarriages.com

Old Town Segway Tours Don’t just Ride – You Glide
Discover the rich history of Fredericksburg in a fun and exciting way. Certified Tour Guides give you an up close and personal journey through history. Daily Tours every hour 707 Princess Anne St. Suite C, Fredericksburg 22401. 656-2760. www.OTSegTours.com

Segway Tours in Spotsylvania Battlefield
Led by a National Park Service Historian in-depth tour of the Bloody Angle and Mule Shoe. Saturdays Only—reservations and payment must be made in advance by calling 656-2760. www.OTSegTours.com

Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg
75-minute trolley tours of the historic district are offered daily. See some of Old Town Fredericksburg’s most historic sites and streets with a trained and licensed guide. Tour departs from Charlotte St. next to the Fredericksburg Visitor Center, where tour times and tickets are available. 898-0737. www.fredericksburgtrolley.com

U.S. Tours, 800-863-6333. Daily sightseeing tours from Fredericksburg to Washington, D.C. Let someone else have the hassle of driving.

Transit Options
D.C. by Rail
Take the train to D.C.! Fredericksburg is only 50 miles from our nation’s capital. Virginia Railway Express and Amtrak provide great access to Union Station, the museums and monuments. Both trains depart from the station in Old Town. Catch the VRE at the Leeland Road or Brooke Stations in Stafford. Get times/rates from area visitor centers.

FREDericksburg Regional Transit
“FRED” provides local, fully accessible transportation for area visitors. Call 372-1222 option “0” for info or assistance. Limited weekend and evening service.

Special Event Venues
We can serve your meetings and special events in a variety of venues including a 110,000 square foot, state-of-the-art conference and expo center; an elegant special events space at the Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont; or Steven-son Ridge Inn near the Spotsylvania Battlefield. Go to VisitFred.com for more info or call 866-405-3046.

Group Tours, Special Events & Meeting Sites
For more information on these topics, please request a Group Tour and Meeting Planner at 1-866-405-3046.
Off the Path Adventures

Aquia Church
2938 Jefferson Davis Hwy. at SR 610, Stafford, VA 22554, 659-4007. Built between 1751-1757, Aquia is one of the finest examples of colonial church architecture in Virginia. The original three-tiered pulpit and great sounding board are still intact, along with one of the earliest American examples of hand-painted calligraphy on wood. Grounds open daily, interior by appointment. Please call ahead. www.aquiachurch.com

Friends of The Rappahannock Ecotourism
Support river conservation by taking interpretive tours of the scenic Rappahannock River by canoes with naturalist/historians. www.riverfriends.org or 373-3448.

Old Town Falmouth
Founded in 1728 by the same charter that created Fredericksburg, Falmouth retains several historic sites. The facade of Union Church remains, as well as the adjacent cemetery and the Master Hobby School log cabin. The Customs House is the oldest municipal building in Stafford. Shelton Cottage, on River Road, is a fine example of an 18th-century working man’s home. Lastly, the Moncure Conway House, home to a famous southern abolitionist, is a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site. www.tourstaffordva.com

Rappahannock Chapter of the National Railroad Society
Learn about the historical importance of railroads. Take a rail excursion on an open work car, visit the authentic caboose and baggage car, interesting projects both on real railway equipment and in miniature. Located at the Bowman Center, Joseph Mills Drive and Main Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22408. www.rcnrhs.com

Thornton Cemetery
The cemetery where some of the earliest settlers to the area (including some Washington family members) are buried in a small, handsome burial ground with notable ironwork and old monuments. Located on Hunter Street, off Princess Anne Street, in Downtown Fredericksburg.

River Cruise
“City of Frederickburg”
Lunch and dinner cruises of the scenic Rappahannock River by reservation daily except Mondays, May through November. For rates and reservations, call 1-800-598-2628.

Government Island
191 Coal Landing Road, Stafford, VA 22554. 658-8681. A Scenic Heritage Trail which leads through a 17-acre early American sandstone quarry. The U.S. Government purchased the quarry in 1791 and used the stone to construct the U.S. Capitol and the White House, under the direction of Pierre L’Enfant. An expansive boardwalk and interpretive signs keep visitors engaged combining a pristine park experience with deep historic significance. This trail is part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Park Trail and is open daily during daylight hours.

FREE Battlefield Apps for iPhones experience the battlefield in a whole new way. Download the Civil War Trust Battle apps to your Apple iPhone, IPod Touch, or iPad and begin your exploration of Civil War battlefields today. (Requires an Apple iTunes account) www.civilwar.org/battleapps/

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Recreation

Golf, Public Courses

Augustine Golf Club Exit 140, 76 Monument Dr., Stafford, 22554, 720-7374. 3.5 miles west of I-95. Augustine Golf Club’s 18-hole, par 71, championship upscale course is accompanied by a full service clubhouse and pro shop. Water is in play on 8 holes. Multiple tees provide challenges to all levels of golfers. www.augustinegolf.com

Cannon Ridge Golf Club Exit 133-B, 9000 Celebrate Virginia Pkwy., Falmouth, VA 22406, 735-8000. Cannon Ridge Golf Club is an 18-hole, par 71 championship course with 5 sets of tees for enjoyment by golfers of all skill levels. Ranked #3 “Best New Public Course” (affordable) in the U.S. in 2004, Golf Digest. www.golfcannonridge.com

The Gauntlet at Curtis Park Exit 133-B, only ten miles from I-95, at Curtis Park, Fredericksburg, VA 22406, 752-0963. P.B. Dye designed this 18-hole, par 72 championship course that wraps around the beautiful 97-acre Lake Curtis. Amenities include a restaurant, clubhouse, pro shop and practice facilities. www.golfgauntlet.com

Lee’s Hill Golf Club Exit 126-B Northbound and 126 Southbound, two miles from I-95. 10200 Old Dominion Pkwy., Fredericksburg, VA 22408, 891-0111. Lee’s Hill Golf Club is an 18-hole, par 72 championship course with a full service clubhouse and complete practice facilities. PGA professionals are on staff. www.leeshillgc.com

Play & Stay Golf Packages

8 great courses to play in the fastest growing golf destination in Virginia. The Fredericksburg area offers a high quality golf-packaging program, highlighting eight area golf courses, through the cooperation of local golf courses and participating hotels. Golf packages are customized by the golfer, depending on length of stay, budget, golf ability and hotel preference. All the golf courses and hotel properties are located along the I-95 corridor—an ideal location to “Play & Stay.” For more information, visit www.GolfFred.com or call 1-877-PUTT-133.

Camping

Aquia Pines Campground Exit 143-A, 3071 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Stafford, VA 22554, 659-3447. This full-service campground is convenient to Washington, D.C., Civil War sites and historic Stafford and Fredericksburg. Amenities include: big-rig sites with 50-amp service, shaded full hook-up sites, pull-through sites, cabins, outdoor pool, laundry facilities, propane, store, mini golf, cable TV and wireless internet. www.aquiapines.com


Outdoor Outfitters

Clore Bros. Outfitter Canoeing/Kayaking 5927 River Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Begin your trip at U.S. Ford where Gen. Hooker crossed the river with 50,000 men to fight the battle of Chancellorsville. Canoes and kayaks available or bring your own. All trips end where your car is parked. A venue for Riverside Weddings and Special Events. For reservations and information call 786-7749, 1-800-704-7749, www.clorebros.com and riversideweddingsandevents.com

Virginia Outdoor Center

Canoeing, kayaking, and tubing adventures on the beautiful, historical Rappahannock River. 3219 Fall Hill Ave. Fredericksburg, VA 22401. 371-5085 or info@playva.com
Recreation

Family Fun
Aquia Landing Park  2846 Brooke Rd. (end of SR 608), 7 miles east of Stafford Courthouse. Now open year-round, this popular public park and beach offers sunbathing, swimming, picnicking and fishing. Two large shelters are available for rental; call 658-4871 for reservations. Open-year round. www.TourStaffordVA.com

Belvedere Plantation  1410 Belvedere Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Escape to the country at the family fun farm. Located 7 miles southeast of Fredericksburg on Route 17. Enjoy the Fall Harvest Festival, late September through October. Group Reservations: 373-4478. For seasonal info, call 1-800-641-1212. www.belvedereplantation.com


Miller Farms Market  12101 Orange Plank Road, Locust Grove, VA 22508, located on Rt 621, 2 miles west of Wilderness Battlefield. Working farm with a market of fresh natural foods including seasonal produce, some organic meats and vegetables, local honey. Family fun with spring berry picking, fall pumpkin patch, holiday classes. Group classes available. Gift shop with handcrafted items from local artisans.

Summer Water Park Fun–YMCA  212 Butler Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405 371-YMCA. Nothing like waterpark fun for the whole family! Enjoy the Virginia sunshine and fly down slides that twist and twirl for the biggest splash ever! $10 Day passes for age 3+, hours 11–8 M-Sat., Noon–6 on Sunday. Snack bar and lounge chairs for sun worshippers. Affordable summer pleasures at the Y.  www.family-ymca.org

Indoor Activities
AMF Fredericksburg Bowl  12100 Kilarney Dr., Fredericksburg, 22407, 786-2695. Open Sun.-Thur.: 9am-midnight, Fri.-Sat.: 9am-2am.

Bug Box  10822 Courthouse Rd., Fredericksburg, 22408, 710-0776. Insect zoo with exotic insects from around the world. Hundreds of specimens. Scouts and groups welcome. Family fun for all ages. Special events throughout the year. www.bugbox.net

Cavalier Family Skating Center  1924 Jefferson Davis Hwy., 22554, 657-0758. Roller skating and blading on a maple wood surface. Skate rentals, pro shop, snack bar, party rooms, and video arcade available. Open Fri.: 7pm-11pm, Sat.: 10am-4pm and 8pm-12am, Sun.: 2-5pm. www.cavalierfamilyskating.com

Central Park Funland  1351 Central Park Blvd., Fredericksburg, 22401, 785-6700. Bumper boats and cars, race cars, over 100 arcade games, climbing wall, miniature golf, and more. Open Mon.-Thur.: 11am-9pm, Fri.: 11am-12 midnight, Sat.: 10am-12 midnight.

Paragon Gymnastics  1410 Central Park Blvd., Fredericksburg, 22401, 548-4966. Fri./Sat. evening. Open Gym for children’s activities and equipment, including a rock climbing wall, trampoline, foam pit and more. www.paragongymnastics.com

Spotsylvania Towne Centre Shopping
Liberty Center at Massaponax  5801 Southpoint Center Blvd., Fredericksburg, 22407, 710-PINS. Open bowling 7 days a week. Snack bar, pro shop, sports bar, music, arcade, “glow bowling” and much more. Party and banquet rooms available, too. www.libertylanes.net

Movies
Aquia Movies 10  2850 Jefferson Davis Hwy., in Town Center at Aquia, 22554, 659-3200.

Muvico-Splitsville (Movie Theater and Luxury Lanes & Dinner Lounge)  51 Towne Centre Blvd, 22407, 540-785-BOWL (2695).

Regal Cinemas: Movies of Fredericksburg  3301 Plank Road, Rt. 3 West in Central Park, 22401, 786-7796.

Marquee Cinemas  5800 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg, 22407, 710-0401.

Shopping
Enjoy shopping at Central Park, Spotsylvania Towne Centre, Cosner’s Corner, Southpoint I and II, Doc Stone Commons, Town Center at Aquia, Stafford Market Place or browsing through antique stores, shops and boutiques of Old Town Fredericksburg and the area.

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Fredericksburg Vacations.com

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The Arts

First Friday In Old Town
A year-round celebration of the Arts in Old Town Fredericksburg the First Friday of every month. New exhibit openings in downtown galleries with artist receptions from 6 to 9:30 pm. Area restaurants, shops and museums are often open late for this vibrant event.

Celebrate Virginia Live summer concert series
Celebrate Virginia Live is an annual charity concert series held on Friday evenings during the summer in Fredericksburg. With a line-up of world famous artists and an average draw of over 4,000 people per show, Celebrate Virginia Live is a Friday night tradition and one of the pre-eminent summer events in the region. www.CelebrateVirginiaLive.com

Gari Melchers Home and Studio
224 Washington Street, Falmouth, VA 22405, 654-1844. He was one of the most successful artists of his day. She was a beautiful, young art student. They fell in love on an ocean liner. More than a hundred years later, his magnificent studio, their beautifully appointed home and romantic gardens are open for all who love to explore and enjoy.

Riverside Center Dinner Theater
95 Riverside Parkway, Fredericksburg, 22406, 370-4300. Professional Actors bring Broadway Musical entertainment electrifying audiences of all ages. Performances appeal to a wide spectrum of musical tastes affording the talent of Broadway in an accessible and elegant 450 seat venue. Find the excitement, energy and engagement that only live theater can deliver.

Group Rates are available. www.riversidedt.com
2012 Dinner Theater Schedule:
Fiddler on the Roof Jan. 11 – March 4, 2012
Cabaret March 9 – April 29, 2012
Phantom July 27 – Oct. 14, 2012 (Yeston & Kopit)

Regional Galleries
Art Connected – 2107 JeffDavis Hwy. Unit #103, 628-2162
Art First Gallery – 824 Caroline Street, 371-7101
Art From the Heart – 325 Garrisonville Rd., 22554, 659-4092
Artful Dimensions Gallery – 911 Charles Street, 899-6319
Artworks by Beverly Coates – 810 Caroline Street, 371-4099
Bluebird Studio – 2163 JeffDavis Highway, Unit 103, 720-4296
Brandon Newton Gallery – 11093, Princess Anne Street
Brush Strokes Gallery – 824 Caroline Street, 368-0560
Dale Glasgow Gallery – 448 Hartwood Road, 286-2539
DuPont Gallery – College Ave. at Thornton St., 654-1999
Eyeclopes Studios – 620 Charlotte Street, 371-9040
Frame Designs Gallery – 2010 College Avenue, 371-0567
Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts – 813 Sophia St., 373-3646
Goldbenders – 110 Hanover Street – 373-4573
LibertyTown Arts Workshop – 916 Liberty Street, 371-7255
P. Rose Gallery and Framing – 709 Caroline Street, 371-8499
PONSHOP – 712 Caroline Street, 656-2215
Pots and Palettes – 1008 Sophia Street, 373-7046
Tanya Richey Studio/Gallery – 817 Caroline Street, 841-7374
Ridderhof Martin Gallery – College Ave. at Seacobeck St., 654-1013
Riverby Gallery – 805 Caroline Street, 373-6148
Sophia Street Studios – 1104 Sophia Street, 372-3459
Studio A – 1011 A Princess Anne Street, 368-2120
The Copper Shop – 1707 B Princess Anne Street, 371-4435
The Wounded Bookshop – 109 Amelia Street, 373-1311
Valor Art & Frame, Ltd. – 718 Caroline Street, 372-3376
Visual Treats – 1002 Princess Anne Street, 372-7537
Wegner Metal Arts – 520 Wolfe Street, 373-5662
Wegner Wildlife Gallery – 905 Caroline Street, 374-8300

Children’s Theater every Saturday.
2012 Children’s Theater Schedule:
Cinderella’s Glass Slipper Jan. 28 – March 24
Seussical, Jr. March 31 – May 26
Willy Wonka, Jr. June 2 – July 28
Schoolhouse Rock Live! August 2 - Sept 22.
Pocahontas Sept. 29 – Nov. 24

VISITFRED.COM
Wine, Hops & Spirits

A. Smith Bowman Distillery
1 Bowman Drive, Fredericksburg, VA. As a small and family owned company, A. Smith Bowman Distillery continues the time-honored traditions on which it was founded by producing an assortment of hand-crafted spirits distilled from only the finest natural ingredients. This micro-distillery focuses on the production of premium bourbon and other spirits, honoring the pioneering legacy of Virginia's first settlers. Come see the micro-distilling process from still to bottle and experience the “angel’s share” for yourself. A. Smith Bowman Distillery offers free tours Tuesday-Friday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Other tour times are available by appointment only. The gift shop is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Located at, just 4 miles from Exit 130A off of I-95. 540-373-4555 www.asmithbowman.com

Lake Anna Winery
5621 Courthouse Rd., Spotsylvania, VA 22551, 895-5085. The site is ideal for picnics, parties and receptions. Choose from a variety of award-winning wines. Free tours and tastings are offered. Events happening most weekends, including the Virginia Renaissance Faire weekends in May & June; and Friday night dances. Wed.-Sat.: 11am-5pm. Sun.: 1pm-5pm. Other times by appointment. www.lawinery.com

Mattaponi Winery
7530 Morris Rd., Spotsylvania, VA 22551, 582-2897. Small family-owned winery in the heart of Spotsylvania County, with a passion for making wonderful wines for over 20 years. Come take a taste in time with Mattaponi Wine. Open 11am-5pm. Saturday and Sunday only. Other times by appointment. www.mattaponiwinery.com

Potomac Point Vineyard & Winery
275 Decatur Rd., Stafford, VA 22554, 446-2266. This Mediterranean-style vineyard hosts intimate gatherings, after work “happy hours,” dream weddings, “date” nights, family reunions, barbecues, girlfriend getaways, or large corporate functions with equal ease. A special wine cellar serves as a barrel room and a romantic dining venue. Over-stuffed furniture invites you to avoid the chill and cozy up by the fire with your new favorite vintage. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. One mile from the Potomac River, this location was selected because of its rich history, rich land and river influences. Bistro menu offers delectable lunch and dinner specialties Wed.–Sun. Potomac Point is an extraordinary combination of comfortable elegance and architectural diversity. Open daily except Tuesdays. www.potomacpointwinery.com

Virginia Wine Month
October is Wine Month in Virginia – check VisitFred.com for special events at these wonderful wineries.
2012 Events

The Fredericksburg area calendar is filled with music, arts, family fun and special events. For more details and a complete listing, call 1-800-654-4118 or go to VisitFred.com

JANUARY
13 to 23 Restaurant Week.

Experience dining specials featuring some of downtown Fredericksburg’s most popular restaurants.

15 Hugh Mercer’s Birthday. Celebrate Dr. Hugh Mercer’s birthday at the Apothecary Shop where you’ll learn what combination of herbs, extracts and barks were used to cure what ails you.

17 Make winter warmer at Hartwood Winery’s winter’s half over party.

FEBRUARY
18 George Washington’s Birthday Celebration. Ferry Farm is the boyhood home of George Washington. Celebrate with George himself and learn about his childhood experiences. Enjoy games, crafts, history dramas and birthday cake.


22 George Washington’s Birthday at the Mary Washington House. Celebrate Washington’s birthday with tours and refreshments at the home he bought for his mother.

25 Mid-Winter Wine Celebration. Guest Musicians and Guest Wineries

MARCH
4 Annual Big Band Concert. Favorite tunes from days gone by at Dodd Auditorium.

17 St Patrick’s Day Parade. At noon. Music, dance, food and a parade at the Blue and Gray Brewery.


APRIL
13 Civil War Kids Camp At this interactive camp to learn about life during the Civil War. Registration and information can be found at www.spotsylvania civilwar.com

14 Fisk Jubilee Singers Concert at Dodd Auditorium.

15 Discover the art of Gari Melchers, the restored gardens in April blooms, pet-friendly hiking trails. Artists are encouraged to paint on the grounds in the plein air style embraced by Gari Melchers at his home and studio.
2012 Events

21 UMW Philharmonic Celebrity Series Concert with Kenny Rogers at the Anderson Center.


23 to 28 Spring Opening of St. James House. A fine example of an eighteenth-century gentleman’s house only open twice a year.

24 Fredericksburg Garden Day of Historic Garden Week. Tour private homes and gardens in and around Washington Avenue – a premier address in the historic district.

MAY

4 to 6 “The Crossing.” In the Spring of 1862, 10,000 enslaved people emancipated themselves and fled during the Union occupation of Stafford County. The “Trail to Freedom” led thousands across the Rappahannock River, through occupied Stafford County to Aquia Landing. Celebrate the freedom journey with special events all weekend long.

5 Annual Kids Fishing Tournament. Lake Anna Point Marina ages 6 to 17.

12 to June 10 Virginia Renaissance Faire. Costume interpreters reenacting the Renaissance period, entertainment, food and shopping, Saturdays and Sundays at Lake Anna Winery.

19 to 20 Civil War Weekend and Re-enactment. Living history, lectures, tours and battle re-enactment near Spotsylvania Courthouse.

20 Marine Corps Historic Half. The 5th Annual Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon winds its 13.1 mile course through the streets of Fredericksburg. Also, a two-day Healthy Lifestyle Expo features health, fitness, and wellness exhibitors and vendors.

21 Civil War Symposium Spotsylvania. Community in War and Remembrance at Stevenson Ridge.

JUNE

2 Historic Fredericksburg AACA Car Show. A display of over 100 antique automobiles on the streets of Old Town Fredericksburg among restaurants and shopping.

5, 7 & 8 Fredericksburg Festival of the Arts.

9 Cabot Cheese 2012 Community Tour event in Downtown Fredericksburg.

16 Rappahannock Regional Soap Box Derby. Race downtown derby style! Children aged 9 to 17 compete in this classic non-motorized car race in downtown Fredericksburg.

16 to 24 Shakespeare on the Lawn at Kenmore. Macbeth will be presented in the colonial style, which includes audience participation. Come early and picnic!

30 Spotsylvania Stars and Stripes Spectacular. Activities, games, and music followed by a huge fireworks display.

JULY

2012 Events

**4 The Heritage Festival**
A traditional family Fourth of July celebration with a runner’s race, parade, craft show, antique auto show, and great food, all crowned with a fireworks display in Downtown Fredericksburg.

**13 to 21 Pump Boys and Dinettes**
Stage Door Productions presents Pump Boys and Dinettes! A musical tribute to life by the roadside!

**15 9th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta.** Cheer the boats and see who floats. The Ruritans host the fun at Aquia Landing. Boats must carry two passengers and be made of only cardboard, glue, tape and paint.

**AUGUST**

**4 Family Table.** A Celebration of food, family, and fun in downtown Fredericksburg. In conjunction with National Farmer’s Market Week this event draws together a variety of restaurants, museums and food related businesses to promote farm to table activities and events.

**12 Commemoration of Lafayette’s breakfast, at Ellwood Manor on August 15, 1825.**

**SEPTEMBER**

**7 to 9 Our Living Legacy at Preservation Virginia properties.** Open to feature exhibits and demonstrations honoring the crafts of the 18th and 19th centuries.

**8 Doggone Pool Party.** Pups can take a dip in the Pool at Loriella Park.

**15 Lakes and Grapes Century Bike Ride.** Choose courses that are between 18 and 100 miles long, visit historic sites and the Lake Anna area.

**15 Oktoberfest.** Capital Ale House Fredericksburg. Join us on Caroline Street for this traditional, German fall celebration. Beer, food, entertainment and much more make this 4th Annual event a real crowd pleaser!

**28 to 29 Oktoberfest at Blue and Gray Brewery.** Family fun, music, magic, song and dance. Keg tapping and Oompah band.

**22 Annual Fredericksburg Welsh Festival.** The East Coast’s only Welsh festival celebrates James Monroe’s Welsh heritage on his mother’s side and is held in the block in front of the James Monroe Museum. Entertainment includes Welsh and Celtic music, crafts and vendors, activities for children and a museum shop open house.
2012 Events

22 to 23 Via Colori® Fredericksburg. A Street Painting Festival and celebration of the Arts in downtown Fredericksburg. Via Colori is the modern day version of a centuries-old tradition in which dozens of volunteer artists create large scale pastel artworks directly on the pavement of our city’s streets.

22 to 23 Yankees in Falmouth and Some Confederates, too. The Yankees are Coming-back! Visit Historic Falmouth to hear the campfire stories, see US Sharpshooters and firing demonstrations, experience strictly military impressions on the grounds of the Moncure Conway House.

30 Taming the Wilderness. An 18th C. Living History event at Ellwood – spinning, weaving, blacksmith, woodworking demonstrations and discussions by local historians.

OCTOBER

6 Stonewall Jackson 20 Mile Ambulance Run. Why time your run when you can run through time? A challenging run through historic Spotsylvania County.

7 Archeology Tours for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing. Ferry Farm will host special tours of the archaeology lab, the 18th century demonstration garden and grounds. Tours will be given by a member of the Archaeology team with an American Sign Language interpretation.

13 Now & Then Doll Club and Toy Show Sale. Fredericksburg Elks Lodge #875.

20 Wings & Wheels Air Show. At Stafford Regional Airport. Fly-in and Car Show makes the Stafford Rotary’s 8th Annual Wings & Wheels a show NOT TO MISS! Military, civilian and vintage planes, classic cars and motorcycles, if it flys or rolls – it’s likely here.
2012 Events

NOVEMBER

November – December.
Concert in Lights. At the Village at the Spotsylvania Towne Centre – Shows every evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

3 Spotsylvania Fall Festival. Crafts, hayrides, children’s activities and music on the lawn of the Marshall Center.

10 to 11 Downtown Holiday Open House. Festive holiday decorations, music and refreshments for the kick-off to the holiday season in Old Town Fredericksburg, known for its unique shops and friendly, personalized service.

24 The Children’s Christmas Tree Lighting. The community gathers to sing carols with Santa Claus and light the City Christmas tree in Hurkamp Park.

DECEMBER

December – Gingerbread House Exhibit at Ferry Farm. A month long display of dozens of Gingerbread House entries are on display at George Washington’s Ferry Farm. A delicious way to celebrate the holiday season.

1 27th Annual Christmas Parade. A downtown Fredericksburg holiday tradition the parade begins at 5:30pm with bands, marching units, and floats, followed by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

1 35th Annual Spotsylvania Christmas Parade. See Spotsylvania’s finest on parade, fire trucks, community groups, floats, horses, tractors and antique cars plus much more, followed by Santa.

2 Courthouse Christmas Luminary. 500 luminaries light up the Historic Courthouse lawn, music provided by local choirs.

8 to 9 150TH Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg. The region will pulse with Civil War History to commemorate this historic event. The highly acclaimed Civil War 150th interactive Historymobile will be in the region for the weekend.

15 19th Century Christmas at Ellwood. Meet Civil War Santa and experience the holiday season.

15 Liberty/Town Arts Workshop Holiday Open House. Gifts and holiday cheer with local artists. Find the unique gift of art by our very own Fredericksburg artists.

31 First Night Fredericksburg 2012 A family-oriented community celebration of the Arts to ring in the new year with song, dance, comedy and children’s activities.
## 2012 Lodging

Most of the region’s hotels are conveniently located near Interstate 95 exits.

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