Stewarded by the Accokeek Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service, this Potomac River landscape offers the chance to experience a quieter pace of life. The Accokeek Foundation was founded in 1957 as one of the first land trusts, blazing new trails in conservation through a public/private partnership that led to the creation of Piscataway Park. This working landscape includes the National Colonial Farm, heritage breed livestock, nature trails, gardens, a fishing pier, and a boat dock. In addition, this is the sacred homeland of the Piscataway people, and its significance as an indigenous cultural landscape makes it a key site on several national trails. Through programs in agriculture, conservation, and history, the Accokeek Foundation serves tens of thousands of school children and visitors each year. Join us in preserving the cultural and natural heritage of this Potomac River landscape, and cultivating a new generation of stewards.

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BIRDING

Birds are all around us most of the time, but in our busy lives it is very easy to overlook them. Birding is more than just identification and trying to spot every species! When we take a closer look, we can learn a lot about a bird. Whether it’s out of your bedroom window, on your front step, or in a forest, take a moment to be silent and still and observe the birds around you. Use this worksheet to guide your observations.

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Did you spot any nests? Now experiment with building a nest like a bird. Collect items outside or in your home you think a bird would like to use such as sticks, string, leaves, fabric scraps, or grass. Some birds use mud, stones, spiderwebs, and even saliva! See if you can arrange the items you have collected to create a safe and warm nest and then ask yourself – do you live in a nest? What does it look like? What is it made out of?
Camouflage is an adaptation that helps an organism blend in with its surroundings. There are different reasons that some animals have become skilled at hiding themselves. Predators use camouflage to help them hide from the animals they prey on. In turn, prey animals use camouflage to keep from becoming someone else's dinner! These are some of the most common ways animals disguise themselves:

**Concealing colors**
This is when an animal is colored to match their surroundings. In this park, it might be hard to spot squirrels and cottontail rabbits when they are hiding on a branch or in a bush.

**Disruptive colors**
Think of a tiger, leopard, or zebra. This form of camouflage (which includes spots, stripes, and other patterns) helps to break up the animals shape and make them harder to spot.

**Disguise**
Have you ever seen a stick bug? If not, it’s okay because that’s exactly what this bug wants! Disguise is a form of camouflage in which an animal looks just like another part of their habitat.

**Mimicry**
This form of camouflage is very sneaky! Animals that use mimicry look just like another animal to trick predators. The viceroy butterfly uses mimicry to look like the monarch butterfly—which predators know not to eat because they are poisonous!

Look around you. Now imagine you have the ability to magically cloak yourself in the perfect disguise for your surroundings. What would your camouflage look like? Draw it here:
Come enjoy Bladensburg Waterfront Park, located on the scenic Anacostia River, one of the most historic waterways in America! Explore the river by boat or the hiker/biker trails linking to the Anacostia Tributary Trail System and the new Anacostia River Trail to Washington, D.C.

Waterfront Park Features:
- Canoe, kayak, bike, and trike rentals
- Paddleboat, rowboat, and fishing rod rentals
- Interpretive riverboat tours
- Riverside walking path
- Picnic pavilion
- Hiking/biking trails
- Fishing pier
- Boat ramp
- Playground
- B&O railroad caboose

Engage your class or group with an environmental or social studies program! Enjoy special events in the park throughout the season including live concerts and festivals, such as the annual Port Towns Day.

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Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Complete the crossword puzzle below, using words and hints from the park and nature!

Across
5. A 'shelled' reptile
6. A place where an animal live
8. An organism that uses the sun to make its own food
10. The freshwater river that flows through the park

Down
1. Small human-powered watercraft
2. Go biking or hiking here!
3. Marshes or swamps
4. National bird, Mr. President & The First Lady
7. An organism which causes dead organisms to decay
9. White wading bird
During the Battle of Bladensburg (August 24, 1814), Commodore Joshua Barney bravely defended our nation's capital Washington, D.C. from the British forces.
Walk the same ground the dinosaurs did millions of years ago. Discover secrets of Maryland's prehistoric past.

Join us in unearthing the prehistory of Prince George's County at Dinosaur Park. The park is a unique site in Laurel, Maryland, which preserves a rare deposit of fossils from the early Cretaceous period, about 115 million years ago.

From the bones and teeth of the Maryland State Dinosaur Astrodon johnstoni to the remains of early flowering plants, the fossils found at Dinosaur Park help scientists reconstruct our region's ancient history.

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Build A Dino!

Color and cut out pieces to construct your own Dinosaur! Use glue to piece together each part or use paper fasteners and the extra limbs to make a movable 2D model.
Dinosaur Park

Assembled Astrodon
The Greenbelt Museum provides a gateway to the rich history and living legacy of Greenbelt, Maryland, an experimental cooperative community created in 1937 by Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal administration. Greenbelt, now a National Historic Landmark, was designed as a garden suburb that would be a model of modern town planning and cooperative living in America. The Museum offers tours of an original historic home, exhibits, public programs, educational programs for children, and walking tours of the historic town to visitors and the community.

We are a community museum that provides gateways to the New Deal history and living legacy of Greenbelt, Maryland. The Greenbelt Museum inspires residents, students and visitors to explore this planned cooperative community.

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Women in Early Greenbelt

In Greenbelt, a town built by the federal government in the 1930s to help lower income families have a good place to live during the Great Depression, the ladies and moms mostly didn’t work. They were a huge part of making Greenbelt great, though! Check out this word find to learn more!!

Word Search Puzzle

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Even though many women in Greenbelt did not work outside the home, they still did a lot! They took care of the house. They joined clubs such as the Better Buyer’s Club and the Woman’s Club. They were reporters for the newspaper. They taught school. In the word search above, you can find some of these things. Look for these words:

BAKE
COOK
NURSERY SCHOOL
IRON
SEW
KINDERGARTEN
TEACHER
MEETINGS
REPORTER
MOTHER
Man's Best Friend -?

The 1930s-era planned community of Greenbelt has had a complicated history with “man’s best friend.” Dogs! When families were first moving into the town, it was decided that pets of any kind were not allowed. Some of the thinking that went into the decision is worth considering. In this time period, the Great Depression era, many people may have had the habit of keeping small farm animals in their yards. Chickens and rabbits were especially popular. The planners of the community were building a clean and modern place for families. There were to be no fences between row houses, and close quarters were clearly in play. Dogs are not farm animals, but they are hard to keep without a fenced area.

From the start, some families really wanted to have a dog. They argued in the town newspaper, The Cooperator, to change the rule. Other people liked the rule, and wrote into the newspaper to express their side. It was a big deal for many years!

Pretend you’re a citizen in a brand new town. Should dogs be allowed? Is it a good idea? Why? Is it a bad idea? Please write your thoughts and reasons in a letter to the editor of the local paper in the 1930s! If you currently have a dog, maybe add a picture of him/her.
The Laurel Museum opened its doors to the public in May 1996. The Laurel Museum has mounted more than twenty major exhibitions. It has greeted more than 20,000 visitors, including countless schoolchildren and numerous tour groups. Throughout its history the Society has worked to ensure that the Laurel Museum and the Society's collection are maintained to the highest professional standards.

Recent Society highlights include development of an extensive new Walking Tour with the City of Laurel, and a redesign of Diven's Den, an interactive multi-generational space that incorporates STEAM principles to teach Laurel's history. The Society holds monthly programming tied into current exhibits and local history and culture.

Presentations through a speaker's bureau brings local history to schools as well as community and senior groups. Children's programs are reaching out into the community while the membership continues to grow.

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Make Your Own Scrapbook!

The Laurel Museum is temporarily closed due to the pandemic, but you can still keep in touch by making crafts inspired by children’s activities of the past!

Scrapbooking is a popular hobby today, but it has been enjoyed by adults and children for a long time. It was especially popular in Victorian times, and is a way to preserve your memories and special items.

It’s easy to make your own scrapbook. Here’s what you’ll need:

- Small notebook or journal (it’s fine to fold paper and staple together to make your own)
- Glue or tape
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Decorations such as ribbons, stickers, dried flowers, etc.
- Scissors
- Personal mementos such as pictures, notes, cards, magazine cutouts, etc.

Then start to assemble your scrapbook! You can make each page a different theme—travels with your family (favorite museum?), memories from school, favorite musicians or movie stars, or your family, friends, and pets.

For more information, and to stay connected with us, visit our website at www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org or call us at 301-725-7975.

Laurel Historical Society, 817 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707
Laurel was incorporated in 1870. During that time, residents purchased food from various grocers and dry goods stores in the town.
Marietta, the Federal-style brick home of U.S. Supreme Court associate justice Gabriel Duvall, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built ca. 1813, Marietta remained under the ownership of the Duvall family until 1902. The home is situated on 25 acres of lawn and wooded areas and the grounds boast two County Champion trees, a lovely old boxwood and a bamboo grove.

The Marietta Museum focuses on exhibits relevant to Prince George’s County history and on special events and programs such as period re-enactments, afternoon teas and children’s storytelling hours. The Society of Mareen Duvall Descendants has relocated the family graveyard from its original location to the serene surroundings at Marietta. Justice Duvall's law office and root cellar also are open to the public.

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A FAMILY HISTORY INTERVIEW

Pick a family member and ask them the following questions. You can ask different generations too, like a sister, brother, parent, and grandparent to compare their different experiences.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Place: ____________________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________________________________________

Tell me about when and where you were born:

What do you remember about the first house you lived in and how long did you live there?

Tell me a story about your favorite memory:

Did you have a favorite toy? What was it and tell me about it:

Tell me about your family and what it was like growing up?

Do you have a story you would like to tell from your childhood?

What is the most important thing that has happened to you?

Tell me about your parents and grandparents:
Start your exploration of Northern Prince George's County in the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area at the Maryland Milestones Heritage Center! With brochures, exhibits, and a rotating event schedule, the Heritage Center is a great starting place in historic Hyattsville.

Maryland Milestones highlights the first and unique moments which have occurred (or are occurring) in the Maryland Certified Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. Maryland Milestones emphasizes the importance travel, trade, and communication have played in the region—through turnpikes, highways, parkways, aviation, streetcars, telegraphs, and train travel. Our partners work to preserve and promote the history, art, culture, and natural resources of the region located just outside Washington, D.C.

With a wide variety of historic sites, arts centers, trails and rivers, and nineteen participating local governments, the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is a unique experience for all!

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Use the map, compass, and legend on this page to answer the following questions:

1) The four points of the compass rose are:

2) If you were looking for a good place to eat your lunch on the trail, which symbol would you use?

3) To find information about the University of Maryland (Number 4), which highway should you use?

4) The University of Maryland is which direction from the College Park Metro Station?

5) Riverdale Park is which direction from Lake Artemesia?

6) The Rhode Island Trolley Trail (the circled “RI”) passes through which two historic districts?
Maryland Milestones
Built in the 1780s and now a national historic landmark, Montpelier was one of several Snowden homes on what was once a vast land holding. This Georgian plantation house was home to four generations of Snowdens, as well as enslaved individuals like Nance and Catte Creek, and Ben, a blacksmith. Thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Montpelier, who advocated to restore Montpelier in the 1970s, visitors have explored this house for decades. Major Thomas Snowden and his wife Ann Ridgley, first occupants of Montpelier, welcomed distinguished guests like George Washington and Abigail Adams.

Come inside and learn what life was like in 18th-and-19th-century Maryland. Stroll the grounds with over 70 acres of fields and wooded paths - an oasis of tranquility in a bustling world. Inside and out, Montpelier is a fascinating place to be!

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Are there any other shapes that you found? Pick a color and fill those in too!

- Color the circles orange
- Color the triangles green
- Color the squares red
- Color the rectangles blue

Can you find all the different shapes? Using crayons or colored pencils:

| The house at Montpelier Historic Site has many shapes.

Each house is a combination of shapes.

Shapes of Architecture
Draw the right side of the house to complete the drawing below:

Appearance: Or you can look at the full house drawing on the other page to see both halves together.

What looks like a mirror to the center line of the drawing below to see the other half magically because uses symmetry to define its style. This means that each side of the house mirrors the other. Let's see George's style house, it is made up of 2 wings + 2 hyphens + 1 main block of the house. George's arch.

The house at Montpelier Historic Site, built in the early to mid 1780's in Laurel, Maryland, is a 5-part Symmetry.
Mount Calvert is one of the most significant historical and archaeological sites in Prince George's County. Not only did it become Prince George's first county seat in 1696, but archaeologists have uncovered evidence of over 8,000 years of human culture!

Seasonally you can watch archaeologists uncover the past of American Indians, an early colonial town, and an 18th and 19th century tobacco plantation. Or you can walk through the museum's permanent exhibit, “A Confluence of Three Cultures,” to see what archaeologists have found. See how archaeology helps us understand our county's past.

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Mount Calvert Historical and Archaeological Park

Make a Mud Brick!

Archaeologists have discovered that people started constructing with mud or clay bricks at least 9,000 years ago! Houses, tombs, and walls were made out of mud bricks, using nothing more than dirt, water, and a binding material like straw.

Now it’s your turn!

Instructions
Collect soil in your bucket or bowl and combine with the dried leaves, grass, or straw and just enough water to hold it together. Place mixture into molds and press firmly. Let sit in sun for one day, or until mostly dry. Remove from mold and let sit in sun until entirely dry, up to two days. Then create your building!

Materials
* Soil
* Water
* Dried leaves, grass, or straw
* Bucket or bowl
* Stirring tools
* Brick molds (ice cube trays, etc.)

Tips for Next Time
* Try different types of soil
* Try drying for different lengths of time
* Try different binding materials
* Try different molds
Mount Calvert Historical and Archaeological Park

Archaeology Word Search

CERAMICIMAREC
BOWANDARROWA
EMASONJARMR
ANTIWOTYUBC
RFPSAELNMHOH
TROWEOTAETA
ILAYERITSBTE
FEUTPLSLKOLO
AVYGETROWEL
CODIPRLAEBO
THAINYESWALKG
ESPEARPOINTY

Find the following words across, down, up, sideways, or backwards:

Archaeology
Artifact
Atlatl
Bottle
Bow and Arrow
Ceramic
Layer
Map

Mason Jar
Nail
Pipe Stem
Shovel
Site
Soil
Spear Point
Trowel
The Old Greenbelt Theatre is a one-screen movie theatre located in the heart of Old Greenbelt showing contemporary films in addition to offering a schedule of diverse and community based film programming, with new digital projection and 35mm reel-to-reel capabilities.

Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FGT) was awarded a contract by the City of Greenbelt in Spring 2015 to manage the operations of the Greenbelt Theatre as a community based non-profit. FGT’s mission is to become a center for film culture in Prince George’s County by revitalizing the Greenbelt Theatre as a cultural and social hub.

See you at the movies!

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Old Greenbelt Theatre

Movies since 1938
The Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMCC) is on a mission to celebrate and inspire the community through the cultivation, preservation, and presentation of the cultural and artistic contributions of African Americans in Prince George's County, Maryland and beyond. We Are a Home for Black Excellence!

We stand at the intersection of possibilities, realities and transformation as we kick off our 10th anniversary, championing community uplift and conscious raising around the black experience. Our vision is to be recognized as a national and international model for innovative documentation, interpretation, presentation, and preservation of Black American history, art, social justice and culture locally and globally.

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Instructions: These powerful and historic African Americans are all from Prince George's County, MD! Color the map of Prince George's County. Then, make a collage by cutting and pasting the pictures onto the map. Share your artwork on social media @PGAAMCC, or by emailing education@pgaamcc.org to win a special prize!
The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) helps customers discover and define opportunities that shape their lives. The library serves the 915,000+ residents of Prince George’s County, Maryland through 19 branch libraries, a 24/7 online library, and pop-up services throughout the community. PGCMLS is a responsive and trusted community-driven organization. Programs, services, and outreach activities serve booklovers, immigrants and refugees, job seekers, children, young professionals, seniors, and families alike. The Books from Birth and Ready 2 Read programs make the Library the primary source of early literacy education and Kindergarten readiness programs in the County.

PGCMLS’ robust online offerings include curated content collections for kids, teens, educators, Spanish speakers, and more. Special programs include the D.R.E.A.M. Lab, STEM Pals, and 3D printing, which offer teens and lifelong learners with opportunities to learn cutting-edge technology and STEM skills for job readiness or personal enrichment.

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The Goatman of Prince George's County is a legendary half-man, half-goat creature. He is tall, walks on his hind-legs and lives in the woods. There are different stories that are told about the Goatman. One is that he was a scientist studying goats who had an experiment go dramatically wrong. People have claimed to have seen the Goatman lurking around at night, especially on Fletchertown Road in Bowie. Sightings have also been reported near Crybaby Bridge in Beltsville.

"Goatman" Designed by: Ella Alonso
# GOATMAN’S BBQ

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There's so much history to explore at Riversdale! This National Historic Landmark and architectural gem has over 200 years of stories to tell. The letters of Rosalie Stier Calvert, mistress of Riversdale, provides the primary source of interpretation. We invite you to visit and discover all the ways history lives at Riversdale! Discover the lives of the many women who called Riversdale home - from Rosalie Stier Calvert, a property and business owner in the early 1800s, to the first elected woman senator, Hattie Caraway, in the 1930s. Use primary sources that provide rich details to bring the stories of enslaved and free African American residents of the site, including Adam Francis Plummer, out of the shadows. Uncover the links Riversdale has to the founding family of Maryland and the formation of the University of Maryland College Park. Learn about Riversdale's ties to the area. At its height, Riversdale was over 2,000 acres and stretched through many of the surrounding cities and towns, including Riverdale, Bladensburg, Hyattsville, and College Park.

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GLOBAL ART: CANTON WARE

Riversdale House Museum includes a beautiful collection of dishes called Canton ware, after a Chinese province. These dishes are also called porcelain or "china." In the 18th and 19th centuries, Canton ware was commonly made in Europe.

On these dishes, the outer edge of a dish was often painted in a Chinese style, while the inner section was decorated with a scene of European or American life. European artists combined the eastern and western styles into a new style, one that showed their fascination with China and that reminded buyers of their home.

Color this vase in blue and white, the traditional colors of Canton ware!
Use this space to **design your own Canton ware**! Draw a pattern on the outer rim of the plate. You can copy the pattern from one of these plates or design your own. In the middle, draw a picture of something that reminds you of home. This could be your family, your house, your pet, or something else!

Plate with a Chinese rim pattern and an English coat of arms, c. 1715, collection of Helena Woolworth McCann

Plate with a Chinese rim pattern and a picture of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, c. 1692, collection of Helena Woolworth McCann
Do you like a good mystery? We have a great one for you at the Surratt House Museum in Clinton, Maryland. It’s a “history mystery,” where the intrigue of the Civil War led to the assassination of President Lincoln and the sad fate of the first woman executed by the U.S. government – Mary E. Surratt. What happened in the spring of 1865? Who was Mary Surratt? Did she deserve to die? More will be revealed on tour as guides in period garb lead you through the halls of history and mystery at the Surratt family’s former home. Learn about middle-class life in Civil War Maryland. Get an overview of the Confederate espionage system in Southern Maryland. Enjoy special exhibits and events. Browse through a charming gift shop and bookstore. Take advantage of an on-site research center to further your knowledge. Register for a bus tour over the escape route of John Wilkes Booth. Did you sleep through History class in school? We guarantee you won’t sleep through this one!

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A Task for the Youngest Soldier

When the army was on campaign, after a hard day's march, the youngest soldier in each squad usually had the task of filling the men's canteens at the nearest creek or river. Here we see a young soldier transporting his comrades' canteens, which were much more burdensome to carry after they had been filled.