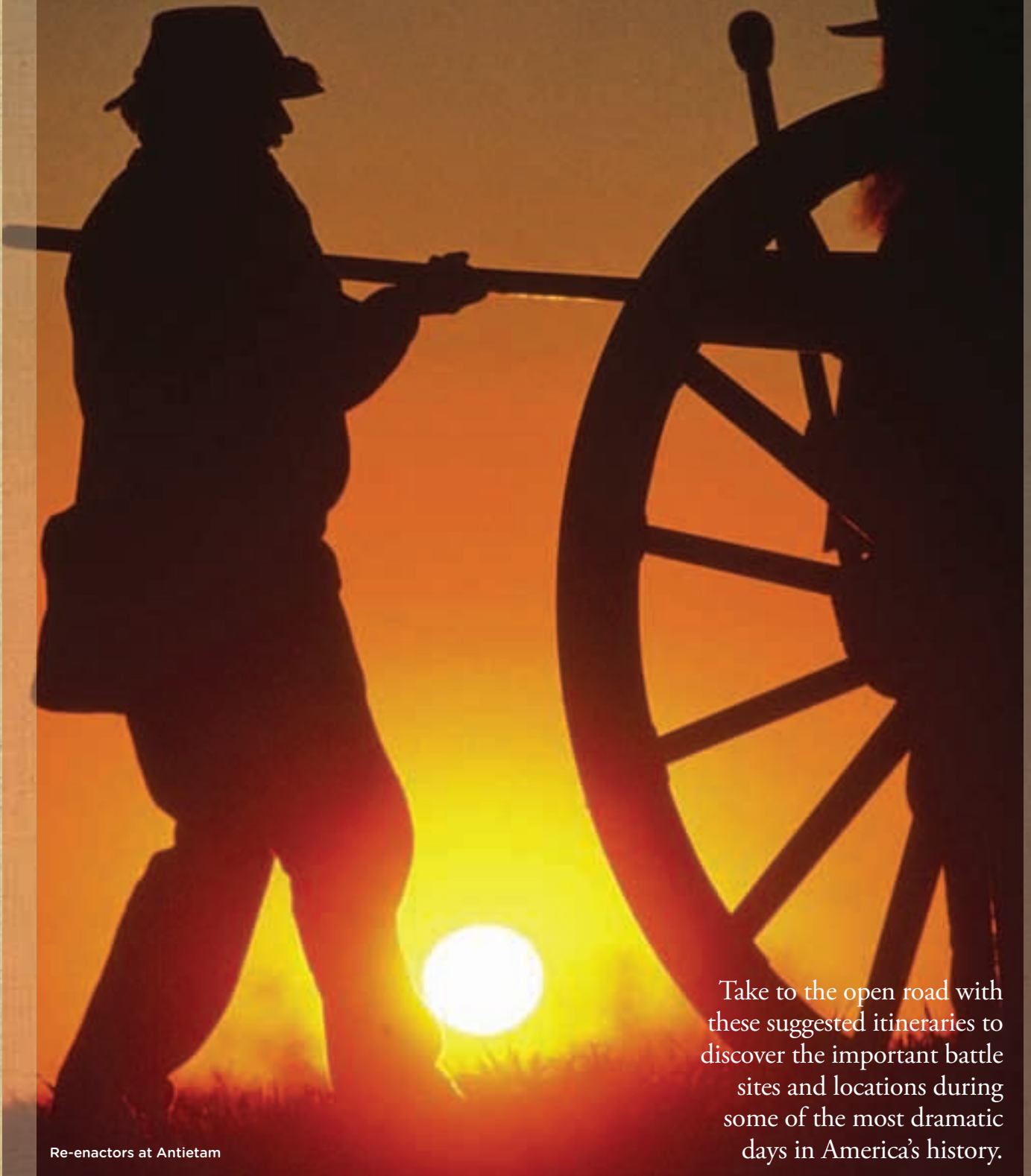


ON THE TRAIL OF THE CIVIL WAR

Across Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC



Re-enactors at Antietam

Take to the open road with these suggested itineraries to discover the important battle sites and locations during some of the most dramatic days in America's history.

EXPLORE SOME OF THE 600 SITES IN THE CAPITAL REGION

THE American Civil War, which ran from 1861 to 1865 and sees its 150th anniversary in 2011, resulted in the death of around 620,000 soldiers (making it America's deadliest war), the defeat of the Confederacy and the abolition of slavery. In the Capital Region, there were more major Civil War battles fought than anywhere else in the United States and travellers keen to follow its history can visit more than 600 sites in Maryland and Virginia, which help to bring those dramatic days back to life. The campaign to Antietam resulted in the deadliest day in American military history while the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln led to the pursuit of his killer, John Wilkes Booth, from Washington through Maryland and into Virginia where he met his death. The following driving itineraries chart the historic locations of those two dramatic events.

THE ANTIETAM CAMPAIGN



Follow this sign to sites along the Antietam: Lee Invades Maryland Trail

On August 28-30, 1862, the 50,000 troops of Confederate General Robert E Lee

achieved a stunning victory at Second Manassas over the 62,000 Union soldiers under Union Major General John Pope. As a result, Lee decided to seize the initiative, relieve Virginia and threaten Washington by marching north ... a decision that led to the day in which more American lives were lost than any other single day in U.S. military history.

The driving tour that follows the routes of Union and Confederate soldiers as they marched towards what would be the Battle of Antietam begins at the Loudoun Museum in Leesburg, Virginia, near the site of Lee's headquarters.



Loudoun Museum, Leesburg



Leesburg, Virginia



The Stone House at Manassas National Battlefield Park

After a skirmish at Mill Hill, the Confederate soldiers made for White's Ferry (which now has a modern ferry), then White's Ford, where signs describe the crossing of most of Lee's army in early September over the Potomac River into Maryland.

Civil War Trails signs display information about various clashes en route. Stops include Comus, where the Confederate cavalry fought a successful rearguard action; Sugarloaf Mountain, which was used by signalmen of both armies at

different times during the campaign; Monocacy

Aqueduct, west of Route 28, where two Confederate attempts to destroy this important canal structure failed; Monocacy River Ford, a popular river crossing and Hyattstown, where cavalry action lasted for three days. All are highlighted by Civil War Trail signs.

Landon House in Urbana was occupied by General JEB Stuart's Confederate cavalry, while Lee's soldiers camped a short distance north. On the night of September 8, Stuart's men hosted a ball there, which was interrupted by reports of nearby Union cavalry. The event became known as the 'Sabres and Roses Ball'.

The trail continues north to Frederick, where there are interpretive Civil War Trails signs at the Barbara Fritchie House, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and Frederick City Hall. At Middletown, the Union army split to attack the different Smith Mountain gaps.

Intense fighting in cornfields and woods, along creeks and roads, and around a tiny country church at Antietam on September 17,

FROM SHOPPING AND FINE DINING TO ANTIQUES AND GO-KARTING

Here are some interesting diversions awaiting you along the Antietam Campaign Trail:

★ Visit **Manassas**, Virginia, where Second Manassas started Confederate General Robert E Lee on the path to Antietam. Stroll the narrow streets of Old Town, with charming turn-of-the-century architecture, and visit the Manassas Industrial School, founded c. 1852 by Jane Serepta Dean, a Prince William County slave.

★ Then pop into **Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets**, which features brand names such as Calvin Klein, Bass, Williams-Sonoma and Bose. While in Leesburg, tour the house and gardens at **Dodona Manor**, where General George C Marshall wrote the Marshall Plan. Follow the **Loudoun Wine Trail** to sample award-winning wines at more than 20 local wineries.

★ Nestled in the rolling hills of Comus, the award-winning, family-owned **Sugarloaf Vineyard** produces some of the finest Bordeaux-style wines. While in the area, sample the fruits of the land at a local farm, dine at a beautifully-restored country inn or visit one of the artists' studios.

★ After visiting **Monocacy National Battlefield**, head to **New Market**, the 'Antiques Capital of Maryland' for a stroll down Main Street and, nearby, try your hand at miniature golf or go-karting.

★ Moving on to **Frederick**, be sure to scan the walls of its 50-block historic district for *Angels in the Architecture* and the painted bridge created by William Cochran, a well-known trompe l'oeil artist. Don't miss a dining experience at **Volt**, the

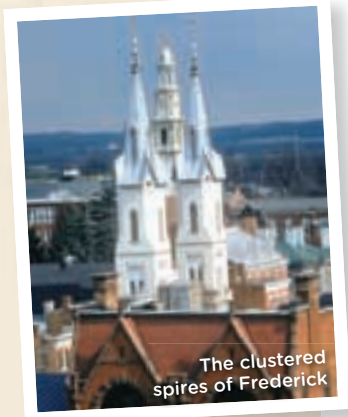
creation of Bryan Voltaggio, runner-up in Top Chef, America's hugely-popular TV contest.

★ In **Washington Monument State Park**, there are amazing views of the landscape where, nearly 150 years ago, Civil War troops crossed the countryside. The first monument to America's first president is also located there.

★ While on South Mountain, dine at the **Old South Mountain Inn**, a tavern that has been serving fine food and drinks since 1732. If a hike is in your plans, head either north or south on the **Appalachian National Scenic Trail** to get the true feel for the Civil War terrain.

★ In Boonsboro, the B&B called **Inn BoonsBoro** belongs to best-selling author Nora Roberts. Lovingly restored, it stands on a Main Street that remains virtually unchanged since Civil War times. The local creamery features wonderful home-made ice cream, while the **Boonsborough Museum of History** has a Civil War collection and a reconstructed old-time country store.

★ Nearby is **Hagerstown**, which houses the **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**, as well as **Prime Outlets**, with more than 100 designer and speciality stores, including Coach, kate spade and Brooks Brothers.



The clustered spires of Frederick

1862, resulted in the bloodiest day of the war, with 10,700 Federal and Confederate soldiers killed, wounded or missing.

A Civil War Trails driving tour takes visitors to key parts of the battlefield, including the Dunker Church, the Mumma Farm, the Sunken Road and the Burnside Bridge. A National Cemetery holds the remains of more than 4,500 Union soldiers.

At the visitor centre, park rangers offer interpretive talks and a 26-minute award-winning film recreates the battle, as well as President Abraham Lincoln's visit to Union Commander General George B McClellan. There is also a one-hour documentary about the battle narrated by actor James Earl Jones. Guided tours are available.



ON THE HUNT FOR AN ASSASSIN

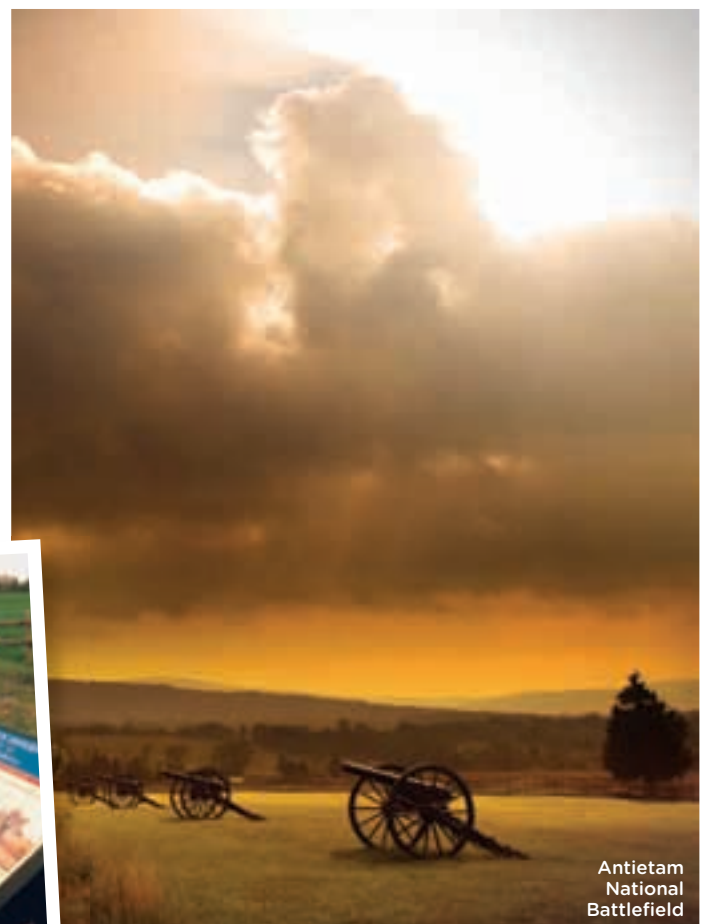
Follow this sign to sites along the **John Wilkes Booth: Escape of an Assassin Trail**

When President Abraham Lincoln was shot on April 14, 1865 in Ford's Theatre, Washington, DC, he was taken to the Peterson House across the street, where he died the following day. Visitors can explore both the theatre and the house on self-guided tours.

The assassin, John Wilkes Booth, who broke his leg in a fall at the theatre, fled into Maryland and stopped at the Civil War Trails site at Surratt House and Tavern in Clinton with accomplice



Checking the facts on the trail



Antietam National Battlefield

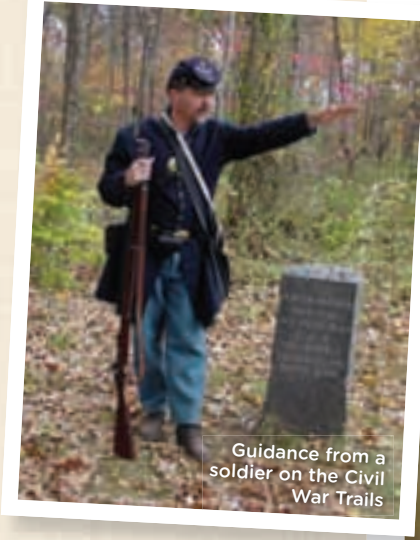
HEARTFELT STORIES OF TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY

★ Civil War Trails across Virginia and Maryland lead visitors to more than 600 sites that tell the epic and heartfelt stories of both the civilians and soldiers who experienced triumph and tragedy during the war.

★ Each site is easily accessible, explains exactly what happened there, and encourages you to explore the diverse settings where America's destiny was being forged. Walking tours, costumed interpreters, re-enactments and recreational adventures in the historic and scenic countryside await you.

★ Let the stories you've discovered ignite your imagination as you envision how now-peaceful landscapes were once the scenes of some of the deadliest battles known to man.

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Guidance from a soldier on the Civil War Trails

David Herold. Mary Surratt, who ran a boarding house in DC at the time, was hanged for her supposed role in the plot. Stop there for a guided tour that highlights life in the 19th-century tavern.

The trail leads to Dr Samuel Mudd Road, named after the doctor who, not knowing about the assassination, set Booth's leg and let him rest in his house. Mudd was later arrested and imprisoned. The museum and gift shop are open to the public.

After a brief stay in the home of Colonel Samuel Cox – a Southern sympathiser – in Rich Hill, Booth and Herold spent several days in the area hidden in a pine thicket, waiting to cross the Potomac River into Virginia.



A country haze on the Civil War Trails

The Cannons are silent, but the stories live on

Civil War Trails in Maryland and Virginia are more than driving tours. They take you to 600-plus sites where raging battles and epic marches unfolded, and where the remembrances of Americans caught up in the turmoil of the era are unveiled. For maps, audio files and site descriptions, visit www.civilwartrails.org

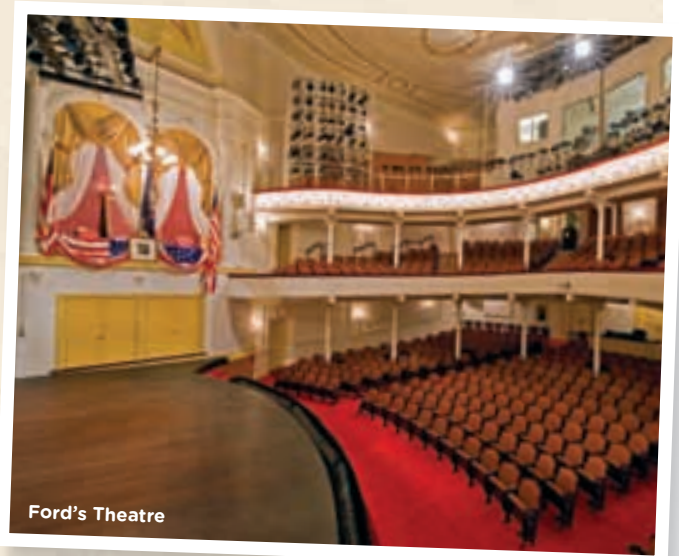
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MARKING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR IN DC

★ As the nation's capital, Washington, DC found itself at the epicenter of the American Civil War. Major battles were waged within a short distance of the city, where Abraham Lincoln presided over the beleaguered US government and where the Union war strategy coalesced.

★ Throughout the city, cultural institutions, museums and theaters will mark the 150th Anniversary through special exhibitions, events and offerings that complement the landmarks on every history-minded visitor's must-see list. Discover special programs at **Ford's Theatre**, where President Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. See a featured exhibition at the **National Portrait Gallery** or the **National Museum of American History**.

★ Learn about espionage during the war at the **International Spy Museum** and browse the history gallery at the **Willard InterContinental Washington**, which served as a gathering place for both sides of the conflict. (washington.org)



Once across the river, they were helped by Elizabeth Quesenberry, a member of the Confederate Underground, who prepared food and arranged fresh horses for the two men.

Sarah Jane Peyton was home at Civil War Trails site Peyton House when Booth and Herold arrived. Deciding since the man of the house was not around it was not appropriate to have two gentlemen in her parlour, she sent them to the Garrett Farm, where the final drama was played out.

Trapped in Garrett's barn by Federal troops, Booth and Herold refused to come out. When the cavalry set fire to the tobacco barn, Herold surrendered but Booth refused. He was shot through the neck and then carried from the burning barn to the porch of Garrett's house, where he died.

A historical marker near the spot reads: "This is the Garrett place where John Wilkes Booth, assassin of Lincoln, was cornered by Union soldiers and killed, April 26, 1865. The house stood a short distance from this spot."



WATERFRONT VIEWS AND SOARING BALD EAGLES

★ Early on the *Escape of an Assassin Civil War Trail*, near Clinton, visit National Harbor, Maryland's newest destination on the Potomac River. It has a variety of hotels and a wealth of restaurants offering water-view dining. Rent a boat for a waterside view of **National Harbor** and the Nation's Capital.

★ After crossing the Potomac River into Virginia, check out **Caledon Natural Area**, home to one of the largest concentrations of Bald Eagles on the East Coast of the United States.

★ Nearby **Stratford Hall**, the birthplace of Robert E Lee, sits on a bluff overlooking the Potomac River. The Great House was built in the 1730s, and today the site includes nature trails, a gristmill and formal gardens.



For more information about these and other Civil War Trails - with accompanying maps - log on to civilwartrails.org

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