

LIVING HISTORY

Explore 300 years of life in the Commonwealth.



George Washington's Mount Vernon — The most visited historic estate in the country is a tribute to the man, the soldier, the farmer, the entrepreneur, and the statesman. The museum features 25 interactive galleries and theaters, hands-on exhibits, and an immersive Revolutionary War "snow" experience.

George Mason's Gunston Hall — This beautiful example of Georgian architecture was the home of founding father George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights on which the U.S. Bill of Rights was based. Highly regarded for its elegant interiors and lovely boxwood gardens, this beautiful 18th century home preserves Mason's legacy.

Gum Springs Museum — Discover the captivating story of Gum Springs, a vibrant town with a population of 2,500 residents, that was founded by West Ford, a freed slave. This remarkable community served as a sanctuary for both liberated slaves and those who had escaped bondage.

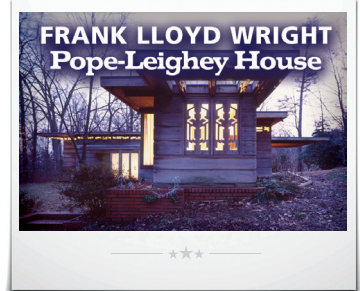
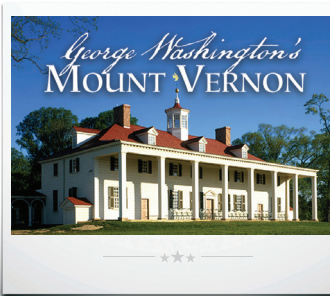
Woodlawn Estate — This Georgian-style mansion was the home of Eleanor Custis and Lawrence Lewis, Martha Washington's granddaughter and George Washington's nephew, respectively, and was designed by William Thornton, architect of the US Capitol.

Washington's Distillery — In 1799 Washington's distillery produced 11,000 gallons of whiskey, making it the largest distillery in America at the time. Today, it serves as the first stop on the American Whiskey Trail and demonstrates the production of whiskey in the 18th century. You can even buy samples!

The Pope-Leighey House — This amazing home tells the story of Frank Lloyd Wright's innovative designs for affordable single-family "Usonian" houses. The beautiful mid-20th century house is at home amid the wooded grounds of historic Woodlawn.

Sully Historic Site — The home of Northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee, was built in 1794 and is furnished with antiques of the federal period. Educational programs and living history events are offered throughout the year.

Washington's Gristmill — George Washington was a shrewd businessman. In 1771, he constructed an extremely profitable gristmill near Mount Vernon using the cutting-edge technology of the time. Today, visitors can see U.S. Patent #3 in action and the groundbreaking system that moved wheat and flour without the need of manual labor.



GO BACK IN TIME, AGAIN AND AGAIN.



Explore the historic homes, farms, and gardens of Northern Virginia, from the estates where America's founding fathers lived and worked to Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic Pope-Leighey House. Whether your interest is architecture, landscape design, or history, Fairfax County offers a wide range of preserved historic sites, buildings, and grounds.

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim
2. Gum Springs Museum
3. Colvin Run Mill
4. Ellanor C. Lawrence Walney Visitor Center
5. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum
6. Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House
7. Freeman House Museum
8. Frying Pan Farm Park
9. George Mason's Gunston Hall
10. George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill
11. George Washington's Mount Vernon
12. Historic Fairfax Courthouse
13. Historic Herndon Depot Museum
14. Laurel Grove School
15. Manassas National Battlefield Park
16. Ox Hill Battlefield Park
17. Pohick Church
18. River Farm
19. Stone Bridge
20. St. John's Episcopal Church
21. Sully Historic Site
22. Woodlawn Historic Site
23. The Workhouse Arts Center



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in DC	Washington's Birthday Celebration at Mount Vernon	Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade	National Cherry Blossom Festival	Mason Neck State Park Eagle Festival	Innovations in Flight at the Udvar-Hazy Center
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
An American Celebration at Mount Vernon	4-H Festival at Frying Pan Farm Park	National Book Festival	Cox Farms Fall Festival	Native American Heritage Day at National Museum of the American Indian	Christmastide at Gunston Hall