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MUSEUMS BY CANDLELIGHT

A long-cherished tradition in the region, Museums by Candlelight features many of Frederick County's historic sites and museums with extended hours, hands-on activities, and special programs.

Sites and Museums throughout Frederick County
301-600-4047

Begin Your Visit at One of Our Welcome Centers

FREDERICK VISITOR CENTER

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800-999-3613

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I-70 Eastbound Between
Exits 35 & 42, Myersville
301-293-4172

SOUTH MOUNTAIN WEST WELCOME CENTER

I-70 Westbound Between
Exits 42 & 35, Myersville
301-293-8435

MASON-DIXON WELCOME CENTER

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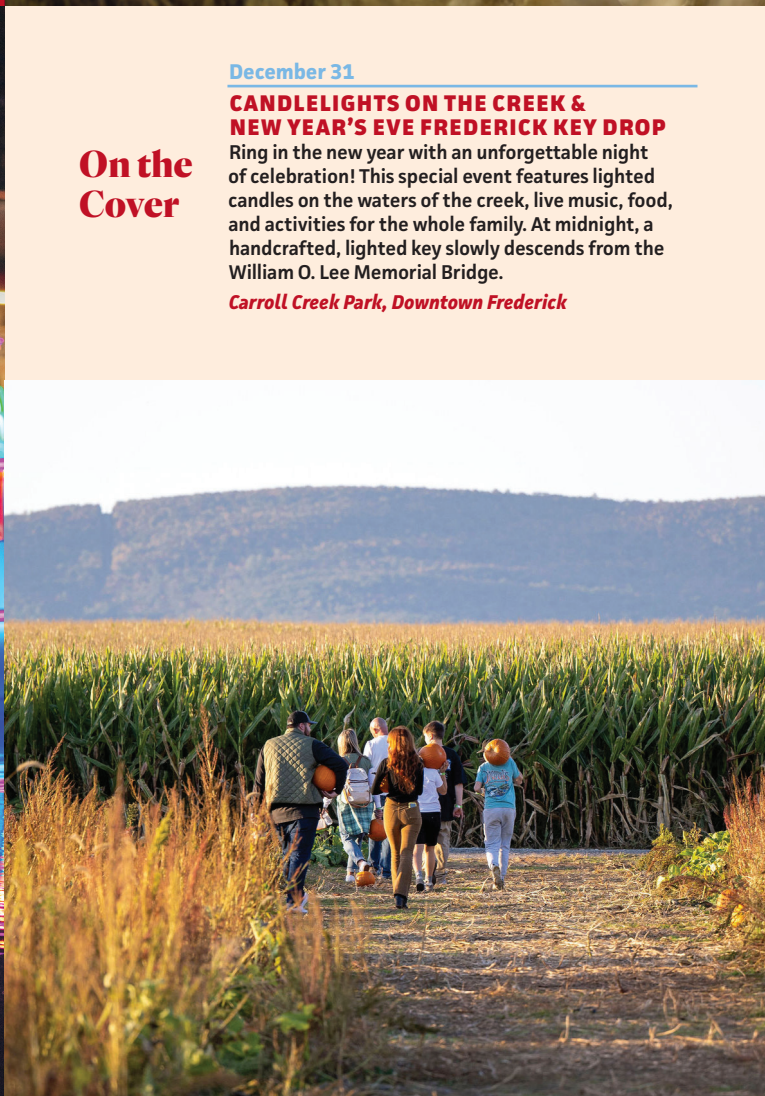
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EVENTS SNAPSHOT

October–December 2025



Fall Farm Festivals



December 31

CANDLELIGHTS ON THE CREEK & NEW YEAR'S EVE FREDERICK KEY DROP

Ring in the new year with an unforgettable night of celebration! This special event features lighted candles on the waters of the creek, live music, food, and activities for the whole family. At midnight, a handcrafted, lighted key slowly descends from the William O. Lee Memorial Bridge.

Carroll Creek Park, Downtown Frederick

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August 29–November 2

GAVER FARM

This family-friendly event offers over 65 exciting attractions. Making it the perfect destination for a day of fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

5501 Detrick Rd., Mount Airy
301-865-3515

September 13–October 31

SUMMERS FARM

With more than 45 attractions and activities, it's the perfect place for families, field trips, corporate outings, Scout adventures, and so much more.

7503 Hollow Rd., Middletown
301-304-3031

September 20–October 31

JUMBO'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Pick-Your-Own Pumpkins priced by the pound, corn maze, hayrides, pony rides, face painting, food, play areas, shopping, and fall fun for the whole family!

6521 Holter Rd., Middletown
301-371-6874

September 27–November 2

MAGNOLIA MEADOW FARMS

Your fall bucket list starts here! With over 20+ activities, U-Pick fields, and farm market. On select evenings, experience Moonlit Maze nights as you walk through Maryland's Largest Corn Maze.

13001 Creagerstown Rd., Thurmont
301-606-4086

October 1–October 31

GREEN MEADOWS PETTING FARM

Come visit our friendly animals! Admission includes a pumpkin, hayride, pig race, and animal feed. On the weekends, walk along the trail of jack-o-lanterns, enjoy fire pits, farm show, and trick-or-treating. Costumes encouraged.

10102 Fingerboard Rd., Ijamsville
301-865-9203

October 1–31

MAYNE'S TREE FARM

Celebrate fall the entire month of October with activities like hayrides to the patch, corn maze, scarecrow making, straw jumpin', and antique tractor display.

3420 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown
301-662-4320



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about Places to
Stay, where to
Eat & Drink, and
Things To Do go to
visitfrederick.org



October

October 3–December 27

GHOST TOURS OF HISTORIC FREDERICK

Take a remarkable journey through Frederick’s gruesome and bloody past. Nearly 300 years of war, executions, and revenge.

Brewer’s Alley Restaurant
124 N. Market St., Frederick
301-668-8922

October 4

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month each year, Centro Hispano de Frederick brings a lively, colorful celebration of Hispanic art, culture, and music to Carroll Creek in Downtown Frederick.

Carroll Creek Park
Downtown Frederick
301-668-6270

October 4–5

42ND ANNUAL BRUNSWICK RAILROAD DAYS

Visit the Brunswick Heritage (Railroad) Museum, enjoy food and drinks, music, games, crafts, restaurants, vendors, and trains.

Downtown Brunswick
1 W. Potomac St., Brunswick
301-834-7500

October 4–5

FALL FEST AT ROSE HILL MANOR PARK

Join the Frederick County Farm Museum for a fall festival including agricultural demonstrations, food, hay rides, crafts, and more!

Rose Hill Manor Park
1611 N. Market St., Frederick
301-600-1650

October 5–November 16

CEMETERY HISTORY AND MYSTERY TOUR

Discover Frederick’s past through the labyrinth of graves, crypts, and monuments of Historic Mount Olivet Cemetery. One of Maryland’s largest and most beautiful cemeteries.

Mount Olivet Cemetery
(Main Gate Entrance)
515 S. Market St., Frederick
301-668-8922

October 10–11

FALL FEST AT CATOCTIN FURNACE

Enjoy demonstrations of blacksmithing and apple butter boiling. Tour the Museum of the Ironworker and other historic buildings.

Catoctin Furnace Historical Society
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont
240-288-7396

October 10–26

BACK FROM THE DEAD CEMETERY WALKS

A candlelit guide leads you through the dark cemetery as saints and martyrs come to life and you reflect upon the “Last Things” - death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg
301-447-6606

October 11–12

AUTUMN REGGAE WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dive into island vibes at the longest running reggae festival on the East Coast!

Linganore Winecellars
13601 Glissans Mill Rd., Mount Airy
301-831-5889

October 11–12

CATOCTIN COLORFEST

Enjoy the fall foliage and more than 300 well-known and respected artists from across the United States. Great food and music will be available throughout the park and at the beer garden.

Thurmont Community Park
21 Frederick Rd., Thurmont
301-271-7313

October 11–26

HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS

Hear ghostly tales from the past, while touring the darkened galleries of the most haunted building in Frederick.

National Museum of Civil War Medicine
48 E. Patrick St., Frederick
301-695-1864

October 18

SPIRITS OF THE FURNACE

Learn the stories of the spirits that come out during this guided nighttime tour of historic Catoctin Furnace and Village. Reservations must be made prior to the event.

Catoctin Furnace
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont
240-288-7396

October 18–19

OKTOBERFEST AT SCHIFFERSTADT

Celebrate Oktoberfest at one of Frederick’s oldest and most historic buildings. Featuring a band playing all your favorite German Oktoberfest songs, traditional German food, and local beer on tap.

Schifferstadt Architectural Museum
1110 Rosemont Ave., Frederick
301-663-3885

October 18–November 3

SCARECROWS MARCH DOWN MAIN STREET

Nearly 60 scarecrows take over Middletown’s Main Street during the last two weeks in October for some good old-fashioned fall family fun.

Main Street Middletown
31 W. Main St., Middletown
301-371-6171

October 25

HALLOWEEN IN DOWNTOWN FREDERICK

Trick-or-Treat at all of your favorite businesses in Downtown Frederick. While supplies last. Great for families and kids of all ages. Costumes are encouraged, though not required.

Downtown Frederick
301-698-8118



October 25

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY WALKING TOUR

Join AARCH Society for an informative exploration of local African American history and culture on All Saints Street and the surrounding area.

AARCH Heritage Center
125 E. All Saints St., Frederick

November

November 21–November 30

MARYLAND CHRISTMAS SHOW

Fine artisans and merchants come together to make your holiday shopping an enjoyable event. Seven buildings feature art, pottery, furniture, jewelry, clothing, wreaths, toys, and Christmas ornaments.

Frederick Fairgrounds
797 E. Patrick St., Frederick
301-845-0003

November 22

A MOTOWN CHRISTMAS

A live performance featuring dazzling choreography and unforgettable harmonies all performed in that memorable, soulful Motown style.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

November 22–Early March

SAILING THROUGH THE WINTER SOLSTICE

Take in the breathtaking sight of 28 lighted sailboats along Carroll Creek. Courtesy of the helping hands of “Color on the Creek” and sailboat sponsors. Don’t forget to vote for your favorite and show your support for our local non-profits!

Carroll Creek Park
Downtown Frederick

November 28

FROSTY FRIDAY

Kick off your holiday season with all day shopping in Downtown Frederick. Shops open early and stay open late, free parking, and you can claim a free gift from the Snowflake Tree.

Downtown Frederick
301-698-8118

November 29

TUBA CHRISTMAS

The popular tuba comrades of Frederick return with a variety of brassy Christmas hits, delighting audiences of all ages in this annual Weinberg Center tradition.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

December

December 3

HOLIDAY ART COMPETITION RECEPTION

This delightful display of original artwork created by local Frederick artists will be held in the Gardiner Gallery.

The Delaplaine Arts Center
40 S. Carroll St., Frederick
301-698-0656

December 5–7

MARYLAND REGIONAL BALLET’S THE NUTCRACKER

A Frederick holiday tradition, this full-length ballet features artists from the New York City Ballet and students from the Frederick School of Classical Ballet.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

December 6

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

Kick off the holiday season with a full day of fun activities including breakfast with Santa, holiday parade, and tree lighting.

Downtown Brunswick
1 E. Potomac St., Brunswick
301-834-7500

December 6

TRADITIONAL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS AT CATOCTIN FURNACE

Outdoor, European-style holiday market. Decorate a fresh wreath, watch a blacksmith at work, and enjoy cider and baked goods. Children can make a craft and visit with Belsnickel.

The Museum of the Ironworker
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont
240-288-7396

December 6–7

CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR

This self-guided tour takes visitors inside private homes elaborately adorned with holiday décor in historic Frederick.

Downtown Frederick
301-600-2844

December 10

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Formerly the Festival of Lights, Carols by Candlelight brings the true spirit of the season to young and old alike with holiday carols performed by local choirs and festive sing-alongs!

City Hall Courtyard
101 N. Court St., Frederick
301-600-2844

December 12

KRIS KRINGLE PROCESSION

Join in the small-town, festive charm of the holidays as costumed characters and local children march through the streets of Downtown Frederick. Follow the Procession for a closing Ceremony including carols, lighting of the City Christmas tree, and special messages from Kris Kringle.

Downtown Frederick
121 N. Bentz St., Frederick
301-600-2844

December 19

ERIC BYRD TRIO A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

The heartwarming animated cartoon, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, is brilliantly paired with a live performance of the Vince Guaraldi jazz score.

Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 W. Patrick St., Frederick
301-600-2828

December 26

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Self-guided walking tour highlighting eleven historic worship sites in Downtown Frederick. Guests will be welcomed with special programs, angelic choirs, and nativity scenes.

Downtown Frederick
301-600-4047

