

December 31

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

Ring in the new year with an unforgettable night of celebration. Featuring 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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EVENTS SNAPSHOT

October–December 2026



Fall Farm Festivals

Begin Your Visit at One of Our Welcome Centers

FREDERICK VISITOR CENTER
151 S. East St., Frederick
301-600-4047
800-999-3613

SOUTH MOUNTAIN EAST WELCOME CENTER
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
US 15 Catoctin Mountain
Hwy., Emmitsburg
301-447-3719

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On the Cover

September 29–November 1

MAGNOLIA MEADOW FARMS

Your fall adventure awaits! Enjoy over 20 family friendly activities, private campfires, U-Pick fields, and shopping at our 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



September 4–November 1

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., Mt. Airy
301-865-3515

September 19–October 31

JUMBO'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Enjoy hayrides to the pumpkin patch and corn maze, as well as a petting zoo and shopping.

6521 Holter Rd., Middletown
301-371-6874

September 26– November 1

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 30–October 31

GREEN MEADOWS PETTING FARM

Experience a hands-on and up close visit with 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, a fun 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

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



October

October 2–3

FREDERICK'S OKTOBERFEST
Celebrate German Heritage in the style of the traditional German Volksfest (Folk Festival).
Frederick Fairgrounds
797 E Patrick St, Frederick

October 2–November 28

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 3

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL
In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month each year, Centro Hispano de Frederick celebrates the diverse cultures of Latin American residents through a lively, colorful celebration of Hispanic art, culture, and music.
Carroll Creek Park
Downtown Frederick
301-668-6270

October 3–4

43RD 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 9–10

FALLFEST AT CATOCTIN FURNACE
Enjoy demonstrations of blacksmithing, apple butter boiling over an open fire, food, and crafts. Tour the Museum of the Ironworker and other historic buildings.
Catoctin Furnace Historical Society
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont
240-288-7396

October 9–25

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 10–11

CATOCTIN COLORFEST
Explore one of the largest outdoor craft shows on the East Coast and is held as the area's vibrant leaves are changing. Great food and music will be available throughout the park.
Thurmont Community Park
21 Frederick Rd., Thurmont
301-271-7313

October 10–31

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 17

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 17–18

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 17–November 2

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 24–25

FALL FEST IN EVEREDY SQUARE & SHAB ROW
Welcome fall in Downtown Frederick! Enjoy two days of seasonal food, festive activities, and local shopping. There is something for everyone in the family.
Everedy Square & Shab Row
125 N. East St., Frederick
301-698-8118

October 31

HALLOWEEN IN DOWNTOWN FREDERICK
From 12-5, watch pups and their best friends parade down Carroll Creek Park for the annual Canines on the Creek costume contest.
Downtown Frederick
301-698-8118

November

November 20–November 29

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 21

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 21–Early March

SAILING THROUGH THE WINTER SOLSTICE
Take in the breathtaking sight of 29 lighted sailboats along Carroll Creek. Courtesy of the helping hands of "Color on the Creek" and sailboat sponsors. Vote for your favorite boat to support local non-profits.
Carroll Creek Park,
Downtown Frederick

November 27

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 28

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 2

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 4–6

A REVOLUTIONARY CHRISTMAS
Based around the local history of German soldiers and Maryland farmers in 1781, this play explores immigration, belonging in a new American nation, and the holiday spirit.
Village of Catoctin Furnace
12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd., Thurmont

December 4–6

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 5

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

December 5

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 5–6

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 9

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Join us for an evening of festive sing-alongs, featuring several Frederick-area choirs. This event is held outdoors.
City Hall Park
101 N. Court St., Frederick
301-600-2844

December 11

KRIS KRINGLE PROCESSION
Feel small-town holiday magic as costumed characters and local children parade through Downtown Frederick streets, ending with a closing ceremony featuring carols, the city tree lighting, and greetings from Kris Kringle.
Downtown Frederick
121 N. Bentz St., Frederick
301-600-2844

December 12

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

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 28

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP
Self-guided walking tour highlighting ten historic worship sites in Downtown Frederick. Guests will be welcomed with special programs, angelic choirs, and nativity scenes.
Downtown Frederick
301-600-4047

