

Field Trip Area Photo Destinations

Name: Annapolis (downtown, Naval Academy)

Primary Subject(s): Historic, architecture, night and day shots

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.ci.annapolis.md.us

Name: Arlington National Cemetery

Primary Subject(s): Cemetery

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Default.aspx

Name: Assateague Island National Seashore

Primary Subject(s): Landscapes, waterscapes, wild ponies

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.nps.gov/asis

Name: B&O Train Museum - Baltimore

Primary Subject(s): Museum, trains

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.borail.org

Name: Baltimore Zoo

Primary Subject(s): Zoo

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.marlandzoo.org

Name: Basilica – National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Primary Subject(s): Church, Cathedral

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

www.nationalshrine.com

Name: Blackwater Falls

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Waterfalls

Peak Time: All year

State: WV

Details:

www.blackwaterfalls.com P.O. Drawer 490, Davis, WV 26260, (304) 259-5216

Named for the falls of the Blackwater River whose amber-colored waters plunge five stories then twist and tumble through an eight-mile long gorge. More water in early spring. Lots of special events.

Name: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Birds, Wildlife & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613

www.fws.gov/blackwater

Schedule of Wildlife – www.fws.gov/blackwater/wcalendar.html

Name: Blue Ridge Nature Center

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Wildlife & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

11661 Harpers Ferry Rd., Purcellville, VA 20132

540-668-7640, <http://www.blueridgecenter.org/>

“Our 894 acres are home to deep woods, streams, a working farm, wildflower meadows, historic farmsteads, apiaries, and wildlife.”

Name: Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Primary Subject(s): Birds, Nature & Gardens, Sunrise & sunset

Peak Time: All year

State: DE

Details:

2591 Whitehall Neck Road, Smyrna, DE 19977

(302) 653-6872

www.fws.gov/nort4heast/bombayhook/

See the Wildlife Calendar for the best times to see flora and fauna.

Name: Brookside Gardens

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Flowers, Gardens & Butterflies

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

1400 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902

301-962-1480,

www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/

May – Sept: “Wings of Fancy” Live Butterfly Exhibit in a large greenhouse

www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/wings_of_fancy.shtm

Best to visit weekday mornings after school is out.

There is a fee of \$6.

NOTE: “Wings of Fancy” will close at 12 noon during the following National Weather Service conditions: Heat Advisory, Excessive Heat Warning, Code Red or Purple Air Quality Alert.

The exhibit may also close at other times during severe thunderstorms or other emergencies. Please call or check the website before your visit.

Name: Bucks County

Primary Subject(s): Building, Architecture, Nature

Peak Time: All year

State: PA

Details:

www.visitbuckscounty.com

Name: Bull Run Regional Park

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Bluebells and Water

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

7700 Bull Run Drive Centreville, VA 20121

T: 703-631-0550

www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run

Early April: Bluebells Bloom

Free for locals, there is a fee of \$7 for non-residents

Name: Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center

Primary Subject(s): Wildlife Preserve, On the bay

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.bayrestoration.org

Name: Chincoteague Island, Wallop Island

Primary Subject(s): Water, birds, wild ponies, sunrise & sunset, shuttle launches

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

www.chincoteaguechamber.com

Name: Concord Point Lighthouse

Primary Subject(s): Building, Architecture, Sunrise

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.concordpointlighthouse.org

Name: C&O Canal National Historical Park

Primary Subject(s): History, Nature & Architecture

Peak Time: All year

State: DC, MD, WV

Details:

Georgetown Visitor Center, 1057 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW Washington, DC 20007 (202-653-5190)

Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac, MD 20854 (301-767-3714)

Brunswick Visitor Center is located at 40 West Potomac Street Brunswick, MD 21716 (301-834-7100)

Williamsport Visitor Center, Cushwa Basin, 205 W. Potomac St., Williamsport, MD 21795 (301-582-0813)

Hancock Visitor Center, Bowles House near lock 52, 439 East Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750, (301-678-5463)

Cumberland Visitor Center, Western Maryland Railway Station, Room 304, 13 Canal St., Cumberland, MD 21502 (301-722-8226)

The park is open during daylight hours. Some visitor centers operate on a seasonal schedule. Contact each current hours of operation. There is access to a limited area of the Potomac's Great Falls from the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center

Name: Cherry Blossoms

Primary Subject(s): Flowers

Peak Time: March – April

State: DC

Details:

The Tidal Basin, Washington, DC

www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/

Schedule varies year to year; be sure to check newspapers or web site.

Name: Colonial Plantation

Primary Subject(s): History, Civil War & Architecture

Peak Time: Apr – Dec

State: PA

Details:

Ridley Creek State Park, Media, PA 19063

(610) 566-1725

<http://www.colonialplantation.org/index.html>

There are several civil war reenactments and other events of historical significance.

Name: Covered Bridges

Primary Subject(s): History & Architecture

Peak Time: All year

State: MD, VA, PA

Details:

Maryland: http://www.tc2u.com/home/MD_Bridge_Index_01.html

Virginia: <http://www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-covbridge.asp>

Pennsylvania: <http://pacoveredbridges.com/>

Name: Cunningham Falls

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Waterfalls, Flowing Water

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

Cunningham Falls State Park, Inc.

14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont MD 21788

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/cunninghamfalls.html

Cunningham Falls – more water in the early spring. Also, of note: Historic Catoctin Iron Furnace, annual maple syrup program, numerous special events.

Name: Cylburn

Primary Subject(s): Gardens, historic buildings

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.cylburn.org

Name: Dunbarton Oaks

Primary Subject(s): Flowers & Gardens

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

1703 32nd Street, NW, DC 20007 (located in Georgetown)

202-339-6400, www.doaks.org/

Flowers bloom through the year, (<http://bloomingatdoaks.com/average-bloom-times-2/>).

Gardens are closed during inclement weather, federal holidays and on Christmas Eve.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors.

Commercial photography is not allowed. No tripods or monopods.

Name: Eastern Pennsylvania State Penitentiary

Primary Subject(s): Abandoned Property

Peak Time: All year

State: PA

Details:

www.easternstate.org

Name: Edgar J Kaufmann House (Fallingwater)

Primary Subject(s): Architecture

Peak Time: Apr – Nov

State: PA

Details:

1478 Mill Run Road, Mill Run, PA 15464

724-329-8501, www.fallingwater.org

Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture, surrounded by deep forests.

Name: Fort Frederick State Park

Primary Subject(s): History

Peak Time: Mar – Nov

State: MD

Details:

11100 Fort Frederick Road, Big Pool MD 21711, 301-842-2155

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/fortfrederick.asp

See calendar of special events

Name: Fort McHenry National Monument

Primary Subject(s): History

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

2400 E Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230

<http://www.nps.gov/fomc/index.htm>

See calendar of special events

Name: Fort Washington State Park

Primary Subject(s): History

Peak Time: Apr – Oct

State: MD

Details:

From I-95/495 take exit 3, Indian Head Highway South/MD 210.

Travel about 4 miles to Fort Washington Road, turn right. The park is located at the end of the road.

www.nps.gov/fowa/index.htm

See calendar of special events

Name: George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate

Primary Subject(s): Museum

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

www.mountvernon.org

Name: Gettysburg Battle Reenactment

Primary Subject(s): History, Civil War

Peak Time: July

State: PA

Details:

Gettysburg National Military Park, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100, Gettysburg, PA 17325

www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm

Civil War Re-enactments www.gettysburgaddress.com/HTMLS/Reenact.html

Name: Great Falls National Park

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Waterfalls, Flowing Water

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

9200 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA 22102

www.nps.gov/grfa/

See C&O Canal for Maryland access.

\$5.00 Vehicle Pass. Good for three consecutive days for one vehicle, including motorcycles, in Great Falls Park and C&O Canal National Historical Park in Maryland. \$20.00 Annual Pass. Good for one year from the date of purchase in Great Falls Park and C&O Canal National Historical Park in Maryland.

Name: Harpers Ferry, WV

Primary Subject(s): History & Festivals

Peak Time: All year

State: WV

Details:

There is Harpers Ferry Historical Park, which includes much of the oldest part of the town.

Park Visitor Center is at 171 Shoreline Drive, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm And there is the town of Harpers Ferry, which is very quaint with many old buildings and is host numerous festivals and craft/art fairs. www.historicharpersferry.com/

Name: Horseshoe Crabs on Delaware Bay

Primary Subject(s): Nature & Wildlife

Peak Time: May – June

State: DE

Details:

www.dnr.state.md.us/features/Horseshoe_Crabs.asp

www.virtualbirder.com/vbirder/realbirds/dbhsc/SBMigration.html

Near the full and new moons of May and early June, predominantly at night, hundreds of thousands of horseshoe crabs will make their way on to sandy beaches to spawn. This spawn also serves as fuel for the migration of shorebirds from Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America to the Northern Arctic circle where these birds will nest. There is some spawning activity on Maryland inland sandy beaches both in the Chesapeake Bay and along the coast if you don't want to travel so far. Also if you intend to observe the horseshoe crab spawning on the Delaware Beaches make sure you stick around until day time to observe the shorebirds which feed on the horseshoe crab eggs.

Name: Huntley Meadows

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Birds, Wildlife & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

Huntley Meadows Park & Visitor Center

3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, 703-768-2525

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/

1,425 acres Fairfax County's Hybla Valley has ½ mile boardwalk wetland trail, wildlife observation platforms and a 2 mile interpretive trail system. Offers some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area with excellent views of beavers, frogs, dragonflies and herons. Huntley. Is well known as a prime birding spot, with over 200 species identified in the park. Visitors center closed Tuesdays, but the park is open. Hours vary; see web site.

Name: Ida Lee Park

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Gardens & Architecture

Peak Time: June – August

State: VA

Details:

60 Ida Lee Drive, NW, Leesburg, VA 20176

www.leesburgva.gov/index.aspx?page=463

Near the heart of old town Leesburg, great day of shooting and lunch!

Name: Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Primary Subject(s): Lilies

Peak Time: Summer

State: MD

Details:

www.nps.gov/keag

Name: Lake Anna Winery – Renaissance Festival

Primary Subject(s): Festivals

Peak Time: May or June

State: VA

Details:

5621 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

540.895.5085

<http://lawinery.com/>

The winery has a Renaissance Festival on property, In addition, you have access to the lake (a bit more of a drive), but lots of opportunities for shooting in this area.

Name: Ledew Topiary Gardens

Primary Subject(s): Gardens – Topiary and flowers

Peak Time: Spring-Fall

State: MD

Details:

www.ladewgardens.com

Name: Lily Pons

Primary Subject(s): Flowers (aquatic)

Peak Time: June (mid) – July (mid)

State: MD

Details:

6800 Lily Pons Road, Adamstown, MD 21710,

800-999-5459

www.lilypons.com/

Lily Pons is a private dealer of aquatic plants and water gardening supplies. They allow public access to their extensive landscaped ponds.

Name: Long Branch Hot Air Balloon Festival

Primary Subject(s): Festival

Peak Time: October

State: VA

Details:

830 Long Branch Lane, Millwood, VA 22646

877.868.1851

www.historiclongbranch.com/balloonfestival.htm

Name: Longwood Gardens

Primary Subject(s): Gardens and Conservatory

Peak Time: All year

State: PA

Details:

www.Longwoodgardens.org Tripods allowed in Conservatory in the morning only, need permit

Name: Manassas National Battlefield Park

Primary Subject(s): Battlefield, Nature, Boardwalk & Bluebells

Peak Time: All Year

State: VA

Details:

6511 Sudley Road

Manassas, VA 20109

www.nps.gov/mana/index.htm

National Park: \$3 per person, good for 3 days. National Park Pass accepted

Bluebells bloom by the old bridge early April.

www.nps.gov/mana/naturescience/bluebells.htm

Name: Marby Mill

Primary Subject(s): Landscapes, watermill

Peak Time: All year

State: Va

Details:

www.blueridgeparkway.org About 25 miles south of Roanoke

Name: Margaret's Garden

Primary Subject(s): Flowers & Gardens

Peak Time: May – June

State: VA

Details:

12410 Lawyers Road, Herndon, VA 20171

(703) 860-3378

A private collection of irises and other flowers that is open to the public each spring. Open sunrise to sunset. There is no entrance fee.

Name: Maryland Renaissance Festival

Primary Subject(s): Street Photography

Peak Time: Last weekend in August, runs 9 weeks

State: MD

Details:

www.rennfest.com

Name: McKee Beshar Wildlife Management Area

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Wildlife, Birds & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

Off River Road adjacent to C&O Canal National Park

www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Publiclands/central/mckeebeshers.asp

The two sunflower fields are major attractions in July.

hankinslawrenceimages.wordpress.com/2008/07/06/sunflowers-at-mckee-beshers-wildlife-management-area-in-maryland/.

There are two fields. The first is located just off River Road at the first parking lot for Mc-Kee Beshers.

Take a step ladder.

The second field is on Sycamore Landing Road, just south of River Road. You'll need to park along the side of the road for the second field since there isn't a convenient parking lot. Each field covers a few acres.

Name: Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

Primary Subject(s): Gardens & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court Vienna, VA 22182

703-255-3631

www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/

95 acre complex of large ornamental display gardens and unique native plant collections. Walking trails, lakes, more than twenty varieties of cherry trees, irises, peonies, an extensive shade garden, native wildflowers, gazebos, birds, butterflies, seasonal blooms and foliage.

Name: Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Primary Subject(s): Fair, animals, rides, night shots

Peak Time: Mid August

State: MD

Details:

www.mcagfair.com

Name: National Arboretum

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Gardens & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

There are two entrances: 3501 New York Avenue, NE, DC 20002

24th & R Streets, NE, off of Bladensburg Road. (best)

www.usna.usda.gov/

Name: National Cathedral

Primary Subject(s): Church, Cathedral

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

www.cathedral.org

Name: National Mall

Primary Subject(s): History, Gardens, Flowers, Statues & Architecture

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

www.nps.gov/nacc/index.htm

Lots of photogenic monuments, memorials, museums and small secluded gardens. Don't forget about the Vernal Equinox (March) when there is alignment of full moon with monuments. Can also be viewed from Arlington, VA

Name: Naval Academy

Primary Subject(s): Historic

Peak Time: All year

State: MD

Details:

www.usna.edu/homepage Park in downtown Annapolis and enter through Gate 1 with valid ID

Name: Nemours Mansion and Gardens

Primary Subject(s): Historic Location, Gardens, Water features in Pool

Peak Time: Spring-Fall

State: DE

Details:

www.nemoursmansion.org Patterned after Versailles

Name: Oatlands Plantation

Primary Subject(s): Gardens, Flowers & Architecture

Peak Time: April – December

State: VA

Details:

20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg, VA 20175

703.777.3174, <http://www.oatlands.org/>

Oatlands is beautiful throughout the year. The facility is closed January through March.

Name: Occoquan National Wildlife Refuge

Primary Subject(s): Nature & Birds

Peak Time: Mid April through Mid July

State: VA

Details:

Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 13950 Dawson Beach Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22191

www.fws.gov/occoquanbay/index.html

Excellent place to photograph Osprey

Name: Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Birds & Wildlife

Peak Time: All year

State: DE

Details:

11978 Turkle Pond Rd. Milton, DE, 302-684-8419

www.friendsofprimehook.org/index.htm

Directions: www.friendsofprimehook.org/directions.htm

Name: Riverbend Park

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Birds, Wildlife & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls, VA

703-759-9018

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/

Name: Rock Creek Cemetery

Primary Subject(s): Cemetery, Stained Glass & Sculpture

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

St. Paul's Rock Creek Episcopal Parish

Rock Creek Church Road & Webster St., NW, Washington, DC 20011

www.rockcreekparish.org/pages/Rock_Creek_home

Open daily 8:00 am until 6:00 pm

Dates to 1719 and contains many sculptures and monuments. It is of note because of the several mausoleums with stained glass. There are also many notables in residence,

Name: Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

Primary Subject(s): Historic

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

<http://airandspace.si.edu/>

Name: Smithsonian National Zoo

Primary Subject(s): Zoo

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu>

Name: Soleado Lavender Farm

Primary Subject(s): Flowers

Peak Time: June to July

State: MD

Details:

www.soleadolavender.com 23611 W Harris Rd, Dickerson, MD

Name: Shenandoah National Park

Primary Subject(s): Nature, Birds & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: VA

Details:

See Directions to the four entrances

540-999-3430

<http://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm>

This area could be visited in any month.

Name: Union Mills Homestead Civil War Encampment & Living History

Primary Subject(s): History & Civil War

Peak Time: July

State: MD

Details:

Union Mills Homestead

3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD. 21158

410-848-2288

www.unionmills.org/2011_events/2011_encampment.htm

Name: US Botanic Gardens

Primary Subject(s): Gardens & Flowers

Peak Time: All year

State: DC

Details:

100 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20001

www.usbg.gov/

Use of tripod requires a permit; call (202) 226-4145