

Historic Perspectives

News About the Preservation of Prince William County's Historic Resources



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Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve & Rippon Lodge Historic Site Now Part of the New Neabsco Regional Park

The Prince William County Historic Preservation Division has a very diverse collection of historic buildings, historic landscapes, and archaeological sites, but one of our most unique properties is the Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve (also known as the Julie J. Metz Wetlands Bank) in Woodbridge, VA. Started in 1994 as the first privately created wetlands mitigation bank in Virginia, the wetlands were created to mitigate the destruction of other nearby natural wetlands and habitat. The area is named after Julie J. Metz, a COE biologist who led the Mitigation Bank Agreement Task force, who passed away from breast cancer at the age of 38.



Neabsco Creek Boardwalk
PWC DPRT

This 200+ acre wetlands bank includes a great variety of wildlife and plant life. Great blue herons, wood ducks, sparrow and red-winged blackbirds inhabit the marshy areas of this wetlands refuge. Amidst the sounds of the gulls, woodpeckers, and hawks, you can appreciate the beauty of the river banks. Arrays of songbirds occur here in summer and during migrations, and winter brings a full complement of grassland birds to the dry, grassy part of the wetland. Nearly 3 miles of trails traverse the wetlands allowing for hiking and nature observation. Traversing the wetlands is the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, which connects Chesapeake Bay and the Allegheny Plateau along the southern bank of the Potomac River. Locally, the trail connects Rippon Lodge Historic Site and Leesylvania State Park.

Since 2005 when Prince William County became stewards of the wetlands, the area has been little known. But that will all change this summer as the Prince William County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism opens a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile boardwalk across Neabsco Creek and the wetlands bank. This boardwalk will connect the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail in the wetlands to the northern bank and Rippon Lodge Historic Site. With an observation tower and areas along the boardwalk for people to engage the wetlands, the boardwalk will serve as an outdoor classroom for students of all ages. It will also be one of the most unique outdoor recreational spaces in Prince William County.

This spring, the resources of the Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve, Rippon Landing Park, Rippon Lodge Historic Site and Kings Highway Historic Site were combined to create the new Neabsco Regional Park. With a new parking area for access to the boardwalk, new walkways through the wetlands bank and access enhancements at Rippon Lodge Historic Site, the area around Neabsco Creek will become a top attraction for the community and tourists. We encourage you on your next visit to eastern Prince William County to stop by Rippon Lodge Historic Site, take in some history, then take a short walk down to Neabsco Creek and enjoy this one of a kind boardwalk.

Rob Orrison
Historic Preservation Division Manager
Historic Preservation Division

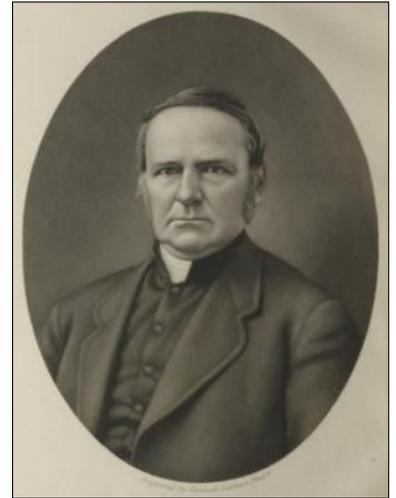
History Corner

Connections: Shepherdstown at Ben Lomond

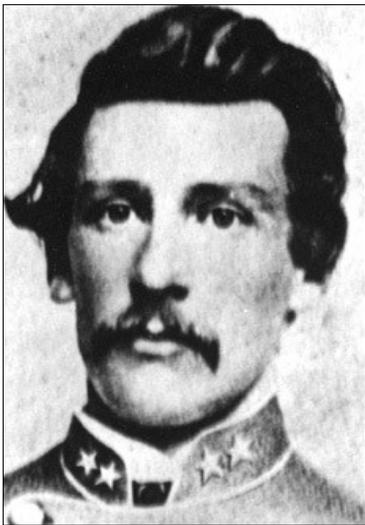
Bull Run. Manassas Junction. Before the events of July 21, 1861, most Americans, North or South, had never heard of that small stream or railroad junction approximately 25 miles southwest of Washington, DC. But after the battle fought there, those names prominently figured into the American lexicon.

The words “Bull Run” and “Manassas Junction” resounded in communities throughout the United States and Confederate States. Citizens read of the momentous battle’s results while loved ones awaited casualty lists to learn if their fathers, sons, or husbands were listed among the killed, wounded, missing, or captured. Once people knew the fate of their relatives and friends, some flocked to Manassas to care for them, bring their bodies home, or lend a helping hand to the thousands of wounded and dying men. One such community affected by this great battle was Shepherdstown, (West) Virginia, 45 miles northwest of the battlefield. Some of the small town’s residents journeyed to the battlefield to help.

Shepherdstown’s Episcopal reverend Charles Wesley Andrews left his home on July 24. He visited with the wounded of both sides, but specifically the wounded men of his portion of Virginia that he knew. Fortunately, he learned that the men serving in Company B, 2nd Virginia Infantry, which was raised in Shepherdstown, escaped the battle unhurt. However, Andrews did recognize other familiar faces.



Reverend Charles Wesley Andrews



William Fitzhugh Lee

One of those faces was that of William Fitzhugh Lee. Willie was wounded leading a charge of the 33rd Virginia Infantry atop Henry Hill and was struck in the breast. After receiving initial care on the battlefield, Confederate surgeons transported him to the Pringle House. Andrews certainly knew Willie and his wife Lillie; he was the presiding minister over their wedding in September 1859.

Andrews found Willie in much pain. Unfortunately, when Andrews left the area on July 27, he believed “there’s no thought or possibility of his recovery.” Others traveled to aid Willie’s recovery, including his wife. Lillie, a native of Shepherdstown, faced the sorrowful task of nursing her seriously wounded husband back to health. She reached the Pringle House hopeful for his recovery. Surgeons attended to

Willie day and night. As his cousin Edwin Gray Lee

noted, Willie “had the best medical attendance the army afforded.” Despite that care, “death came,” remembered one of his attendants. “The shock to his wife [Lillie] was absolutely appalling.” Unable to will her husband’s recovery, Lillie determined to bring her husband’s remains home. Today, William Fitzhugh Lee rests in Elmwood Cemetery in Shepherdstown. Lillie wore mourning clothes until her death in 1916.



Elizabeth “Lillie” Parran Lee

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**Ben Lomond Historic Site
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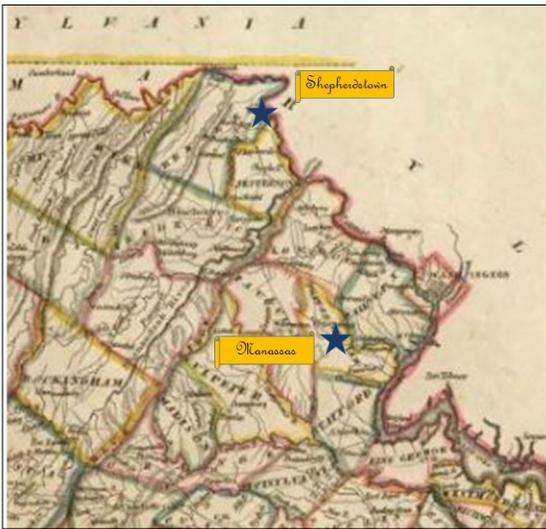
Shepherdstown's eternal connection to the Pringle House do not end with the Lees. One of the surgeons responsible for the multitudes of sick and wounded men hospitalized at the makeshift infirmary was Isaac Scott Tanner. Unlike most of the surgeons in either army during the first months of the war, Tanner had extensive experience, though it is doubtful he had ever dealt with so many wounded at one time. Though not a native, he called Shepherdstown home before and after the war. Ironically, he first learned the trade of medicine from Shepherdstown's Dr. Richard Parran, Lillie's father.

Tanner worked day and night to ease the suffering of the wounded at the Pringle House during his time there from July 21 to August 25, 1861. He probably worked nonstop his first few days there as the wounded from the battlefield continued to stream towards the Pringle's home. At the end of Tanner's stint as an assistant surgeon at the hospital, only six wounded remained there while the rest either died or were carted off to more permanent hospitals in Virginia's interior. For the duration of the Pringle House's use as a field hospital in the wake of the First Battle of Manassas, Tanner was a constant in the hospital.

The thunder of the Civil War shattered the peace of towns near and far from the battlefield. For Shepherdstown and its residents, the experience of the battle and its aftermath on the plains of Manassas could never be forgotten. Soon, their homes became hospitals for the wounded during the Maryland Campaign the following summer. What Shepherdstown's residents saw at the Pringle House could not prepare them for that. But they at least knew what to expect.

Kevin Pawlak studied history at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV, and is now Site Manager of Ben Lomond Historic Site in Manassas, thus forming PWC Historic Preservation Division's latest Shepherdstown connection!

**Kevin Pawlak
Historic Site Manager
Historic Preservation Division**



Shepherdstown to Manassas



Grave of Isaac Scott Tanner

Collections Corner

The Barnes House: One Building, Two Stories

After years of careful restoration, the Barnes House exhibit was finished and opened to the public on May 18th. The house and the families that lived inside it are both ordinary and extraordinary. Constructed in the 1790s the building has seen various uses such as tavern, office space, and a house for the Adams, Copen, and Barnes families. The building is ordinary in that it is a building that regular Prince William resident would have been familiar with, either stopping there when it was a tavern, or familiar to them as it was very much a regular house, not a mansion that typically are preserved as museums today. The Barnes family story is extraordinary. Eppa Barnes was born in the building into slavery in the 1850s. After the Civil War, and his freedom, Eppa left the Independent Hill area but returned with his wife to buy the house and the farm that he was born in bondage at. Remarkably Eppa Barnes navigated the various political roadblocks set up in Jim Crow era Virginia and continued to vote until his death in the 1930s.



The unrestored Barnes House.
PWCHPD

The entire exhibit is interactive with guests encouraged to use the furniture, try on historic clothing, and experience the space like it was 100 and 200 years ago. To help try and immerse guests into history, the two historic rooms also have audio, replicating what it may have sounded like in those rooms. Prince William's "newest old building" is located adjacent to the Montclair Community Library and can be visited by appointment by calling 703-792-4754.

Bill Backus
Preservationist/Curator
Historic Preservation Division

The exhibit at Barnes House Historic Site reflects the history of the building with two snapshots of how the building would have looked and who lived there during two different periods. The first room, representing the 1810s, is a tavern when the Adams family ran a local business in their house for travelers through the Independent Hill area. The next room jumps ahead 100 years to the 1910s when the Barnes family resided in the building, as a well-to-do African-American farming family. The last room is a hands-on activity room that explores the architectural history of the building.



The Barnes House today.
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Preservation Happenings

May was Historic Preservation Month!

Established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Preservation Month is dedicated to bringing awareness to the importance of historic preservation for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. The Historic Preservation Division within Prince William County's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism is dedicated to the preservation of Prince William County's historic resources. Our Historic Preservation Division staff serve as the caretakers of County-owned historic structures, interiors, archaeological resources, natural resources, historic landscapes, artifacts and collections. All told we preserve 13 historic sites, more than 750 acres, and thousands of artifacts. We also help build community identity through telling the story of our community. Staff recognizes the critical role we play in caring for our historic treasures and traditions. This role benefits our community, our state and our nation. We take this responsibility very seriously and strive to fulfill the need to identify, protect, preserve and rehabilitate historic sites for public use and posterity. Take a look at some of the historic properties that the Historic Preservation Division has preserved over the years. For more information about these preservation projects, we invite you to visit the sites in person to find out more.



Haislip-Hall House
Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

Paige Gibbons Backus
Historic Site Manager
Historic Preservation Division



Lucasville School



Bushy Park Historic Site



Ben Lomond Historic Site



Rippon Lodge Historic Site

NEWS

Welcome!

Warwick Steer, Historic Interpreter

HPD welcomes Warwick Steer as Historic Interpreter for Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre. Warwick spent two years as a temporary historic interpreter at HPD's Ben Lomond Historic Site and looks forward to interpreting 19th century society, criminal justice, and education during Brentsville Courthouse's long history. He is a graduate student in history at George Mason University where he wants to focus on the history of science and technology.



Darien Ashley, Historic Interpreter

HPD also welcomes Darien Ashley as temporary Historic Interpreter for the Historic Preservation Division. Darien graduated with a bachelors degree in history from the University of Virginia. He has been a substitute teacher for Loudoun County Public Schools, and is also currently a historic interpreter at Mount Vernon.

First Edition of the PWC HPD Journal is here!

HPD Curator/Preservationist **Bill Backus** and HPD Historic Interpreter, **Nate McDonald**, are both featured authors in the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Prince William History*. This year's articles will focus on the electrification of Prince William, the County in 1919 and more. It is available for purchase at the gift shops of Ben Lomond, Brentsville Courthouse, and Rippon Lodge for \$12.00 each.



Foundation Update

The Foundation started off the year with the exciting news of the Historic Preservation Division's transition to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. We hope that it will improve the Foundation's visibility as we move forward with funding the Brentsville Jail Project. We are in the planning stages of a few possible fun fundraising events that would take place within the next two years at the Brentsville site: an escape room, a dramatic live courtroom interpretation and Jail tour during the Halloween season, and a black-tie or costumed soiree. Details to come!



As we move into summer, the next step for the Brentsville Jail Project is upon us as we review and accept bids for the room displays.

-Meghan Reddick, President

Conferences & Training



In early March, Historic Interpreter, **Nate McDonald**, obtained his Interpretive Guide Certification through the National Association of Interpretation at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, Virginia.

Also in March, **Paige Gibbons Backus**, **Nate McDonald**, **Rob Orrison**, and **Kevin Pawlak** attended the Annual Virginia Association of Museum Conference in Lynchburg, Virginia to learn what museums are doing throughout the state and how we can apply new techniques and programs to our sites. Nate attended through a scholarship granted by the Historic House Museum Consortium.





Rippon Lodge Historic Site
15520 Blackburn Road, Woodbridge, VA



Lucasville School
10516 Godwin Drive, Manassas, VA



Old Manassas Courthouse
9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA

Calendar of Events

June 1 Bookbinding Workshop at the Brentsville Schoolhouse

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; \$30 per person, registration required. Join us in a 20th century schoolhouse to learn about the history and terminology of bookbinding as you learn to make a book yourself. Students should bring the following supplies if you have them: awl (or paper piercer), bone folder (or creasing tool), scissors, glue stick, X-acto knife, and cutting mat. All other materials will be provided. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



June 7 Walking Tour of Historic Prince William Towns: Haymarket

7 p.m.; FREE; donations welcome.

Join local historians on the first Friday of every month this summer for a special walking tour of historic towns in Prince William County. Please meet at the Haymarket Museum located at 15025 Washington St, Haymarket, VA 20169. **Call 703-365-7895 for more information.**

June 15 Juneteenth at Lucasville

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; FREE, donations welcome. Join us at Lucasville in honor of Juneteenth to learn about the celebration marking the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the South. Visit the one-room schoolhouse to learn about the development of freedmen communities and the progression of education throughout Prince William County throughout Reconstruction. **Lucasville School, Manassas, VA. 703-365-7895**



June 15-16 Father's Day Tours

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; \$5 per person, Free for fathers and children under 6.

Does your Dad enjoy history or the outdoors? Treat him to a tour of one of Prince William County's historic sites for Father's Day! All dads that visit during the Father's Day weekend will receive a complimentary tour of one of our historic sites. Free refreshments available as well. **All County owned historic sites. 703-792-4754.**

June 15 Special Potomac Blockade Boat Tour

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$70 per person, reservations required

Cruise along the Potomac River shoreline and view sites that were critical to the Confederate forces' successful blockade of Washington D.C. from September 1861 through early March 1862. Tour includes lunch at Tim's Rivershore and a walking tour of the Possum Nose - Cockpit Point Gun Battery site. It departs from Tim's Rivershore Restaurant in Dumfries. The hike is steep in places so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. **For more information or to make a reservation call 703-792-4754.**



June 17 Museum Kids Monday!

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.; \$5 per child, ages 9 and under. Bring your child to Ben Lomond this summer to explore history through sight, sound, smell, and touch through hands-on activities and crafts! Topics will vary each month and include subjects such as farming, archaeology, or 19th century toys. Adult must be able to participate with children. Please contact the site to learn about the subject of the month. Reservations are not required. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**



June 20 Brews and Brains with Tucked Away Brewing Company

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; FREE; donations welcome.

Northern Virginia has a rich history from the 18th century to today. Grab a pint and join us as we examine the gruesome, scandalous, and exciting little-known history of the area. In June, join local historians as we explore **The 75th Anniversary of D-Day**. Bring some food and meet us at 8420 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA. **For more information, call 703-365-7895.**





Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park
Iron Brigade Unit Avenue & 10th Alabama Way
Bristow, VA 703-366-3049

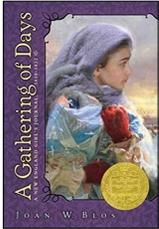


Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre
12229 Bristow Road., Bristow, VA
703-365-7895



Ben Lomond Historic Site
10321 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas, VA
703-367-7872

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June 28
Rippon Lodge Revolutionary Readers – A Book Club Camp for Young Readers
9:30 a.m. – Noon; \$7.00 per child.
Do you like to read? Then join us on Fridays to explore books and topics connected to early American history through the eyes of young adults. Each session includes a discussion of the book, followed by interactive games, activities, crafts, food ways, and more. All titles are available at the local library and/or Amazon. Advance registration is required. This camp is designed for young readers (rising 4th to 6th grade). This session's book is "A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal 1830-1832" by Joan W. Blos. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**

June 29- 30
The 19th Century Living Experience at Brentsville
5 p.m. – 8 a.m.; \$75 per person; advanced registration required.



Leave modern times behind and experience what living in the 1800s! Join living historians at the Haislip-Hall house for an immersive experience where you will help cook dinner over an open hearth, enjoy the 19th century past-times, sleep in the 19th century log cabin, and more! Personal bedding material is required, and a light breakfast is included in the morning. Reservations are required for space is limited. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, VA. 703-365-7895.**



July 5
Walking Tour of Historic Prince William Towns: Nokesville

7 p.m.; *FREE; donations welcome.*
Join local historians on the first Friday of every month this summer for a special walking tour of historic towns in Prince William County. For July 5, please meet at the Nokesville Church of the Brethren located at 13002 Fitzwater Dr, Nokesville, VA 20181. **Call 703-365-7895 for more information.**



July 8-12
Technology through the Ages Camp at Ben Lomond
9 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$80 per child ages 8-13, advanced registration required.

Technology has been around since ancient times, it was just different than the technology we use today. Learn about the technologies used for hunting, cooking, warfare, health throughout Virginia's history with hands-on activities, crafts, games, and more. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**

July 13-14
World War II Weekend
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily; *FREE*
The Greatest Generation



evolved during a time of war. Learn about daily life of World War II soldiers in the European and Pacific Theatres from living historians portraying Axis and Allied soldiers. Explore how citizens at home supported the war effort, view original WWII artifacts, and learn about Admiral Black, the last owner of Rippon Lodge, a WWII veteran and survivor of Pearl Harbor. Enjoy popcorn and beverages (available for purchase), historic house tours, crafts, demonstrations and more. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**

July 15-19
Civil War Basic Summer Camp at Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

9 a.m. - noon; \$130 per participant ages 8 to 12
The Civil War Basic Camp is a unique hands on approach to the history of the American Civil War. Activities include enlistment, drill and tactics, uniforms and equipment, flags, food ways and shelters used by both Union and Confederate Infantry. The camp includes a tour of the 1861 portion of Manassas Battlefield. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**





Barnes House

5043 Waterway Drive, Dumfries, VA
703-792-4754



Bushy Park

14750 Lightner Road, Haymarket, VA
703-792-4754



Williams Ordinary

17674 Main Street, Dumfries, VA
703-792-4754

Calendar of Events, contd.

July 20 -21

Ben Lomond Civil War Anniversary Weekend



Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday: 10:30 a.m. Lecture by Harry Smeltzer

FREE; donations welcome.

After the Battle of First Manassas, Ben Lomond served as a field hospital to treat the wounded. Visit Ben Lomond on the 158th anniversary of the battle and learn from historians and Civil War living historians how soldiers were treated during the war. The weekend will consist of demonstrations, tours, children's activities, and a special evening tours. At 10:30 a.m., enjoy a featured lecture on "McDowell's Plan at Bull Run" by historian and blogger, Harry Smeltzer. In the evening, enjoy candle lit tours of the camps and hospital. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**

July 21

Battle of Bull Run Bus Tour with Historian, Harry Smeltzer

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$90 per person. reservations required.

Join us for a special tour of the Manassas Battlefield for the 158th anniversary of the Battle of First Manassas. Historian and blogger, Harry Smeltzer, will lead an exclusive tour that will include Blackburn's Ford, Signal Hill, Stone Bridge, and more! Lunch and transportation are included.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872



July 22-26 Civil War Homefront Camp

9 a.m. - noon; \$150 per participant ages 8 to 13

The Homefront camp is designed to give participants a feel for life as a young person while fathers and older brothers are off fighting the War. Activities will include farm chores, food ways to include substitutions, Court day, 19th century fishing, letters to loved ones, and sewing. On the last day participants will have a picnic and homemade ice cream. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



July 27

Classic Movie Night at Brentsville Courthouse: The Apple Dumpling Gang!

Movie starts at dark (8:30 p.m.); grounds open at 7:30 p.m.

Free, donations accepted.

Bring your blankets/chairs and meet us at Brentsville Courthouse for our annual FREE Movie Night! This year we will be showing the beloved 1975 classic, **The Apple Dumpling Gang**. Activities for children will be available starting at 7:30pm and concessions will be available for purchase. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**

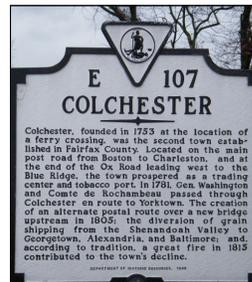
July 29-August 1

Life at Historic Rippon Lodge Summer Camp

9 a.m. - noon; \$80 per participant, ages 8 to 15

What was it like to live at Rippon Lodge 270 years ago? Come encounter life at the Blackburn's homestead during the Colonial era at Rippon Lodge's four-day camp. Each day, campers experience all new hands-on activities, crafts, chores, and more!

Rippon Lodge Historic Site, VA. 703-499-9812.



August 2

Walking Tour of Historic Prince William Towns: Colchester

7 p.m.; Free; donations accepted

Join local historians on the first Friday of every month this summer for a special walking tour of historic towns in Prince William County. For

August, meet at the Enyedi House located at 10605 Furnace Rd. Lorton, VA 22079. Please carpool if possible for parking is limited. **Call 703-365-7895 for more information.**

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August 10 Annual Bee Day at Rippon Lodge Historic Site

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; \$5 per person, children under 6 are free

In honor of National Bee Day, come learn about honeybees, how a hive works, what is made of the honey and wax, and see the way bees store honey at Rippon Lodge. During our Annual Bee Day, find out how you can contribute to protect this endangered species and view our working beehive on the hour. Purchase Rippon Lodge's very own honey from our hive in our gift shop. Please note: bees are temperamental and may sting. If you are allergic to bees or honey, please make sure you use extra caution or do not attend. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes; do not wear black or heavy perfumes, as it attracts bees. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**

August 10 Prince William County African American History and Culture Bus Tour

9 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$70 per person,
lunch is included. Reservations Required.

Join local historians on a daylong tour exploring the unique and powerful stories behind the African American history of Prince William County. We will travel the county stepping back in time from the 1800s to the 1960s and stopping at many special and sometimes forgotten sites, to learn about the lifestyle, challenges, and the power of education. Sites will include Prince William Forest Park, Smoketown, Brentsville Courthouse, and much more! **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Center, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



August 12-16 Civil War Advanced Camp at Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

9 a.m. - noon; \$150 per participant, ages 8 to 13

The Civil War Advanced Camp picks up where the Basic Camp leaves off. Participants will have the opportunity to speak with famous officer from the war, expand their knowledge of campaign foods and how they were prepared, learn about the cavalry, participate in artillery drill and build a sunshade. This camp includes a tour of 2nd Manassas battlefield sites at Manassas National Battlefield. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



August 16 Native American Campfire at Brentsville Courthouse

6:30 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under 2

Enjoy a campfire and roasted marshmallows at Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre as you learn about the native peoples who lived in the Prince William area long before Europeans arrived. Interact with hands-on artifacts, learn some of the games children played, and compare how Native Americans lived close to 400 years ago to how we live today. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA 20136. 703-365-7895.**



August 17-18 Paranormal Investigation and Overnight at Ben Lomond Hospital

7 p.m. – 8 a.m.; \$75 per person;
Advanced registration is required.

Ben Lomond has a diverse history from being a Civil War hospital to the home of countless slaves. Today, many local residents claim that the house and grounds are haunted. Ben Lomond Historic Site is partnering with East Coast Research and Investigation of the Paranormal (ECRIP) to host a paranormal seminar and investigation at Ben Lomond. Learn about the current techniques of investigation, then work alongside members of ECRIP as you conduct your own. The seminar will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the investigation will be held from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Then settle in for the night and sleep in the same space you searched for paranormal activity. Light refreshments served in the morning and bedding material is required. Reservations are required for space is limited. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**

August 24-25 Battle of Kettle Run Anniversary Tours

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.; Free, \$5 suggested donation

Join Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park staff and volunteers on the 157th anniversary of Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's capture of Bristoe Station and the Battle of Kettle Run – the opening round of what would become the Second Battle of Manassas. This August 27th battle, while small, was bloody and took a heavy toll on the regiments that fought there. Visit the park on the actual anniversary for specialized in-time walking tours that will make this forgotten battle come to life in vivid detail. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. **The parking lot is located off of Iron Brigade Unit Ave., Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.**



Reoccurring Events



Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park Tours May-October: Tours on 2nd & 4th Weekends

11 a.m.; 1 p.m. & 3p.m.; Tours leave on the hour; Free, donations encouraged.
Bristoe Station Battlefield staff and volunteers will provide guided tours of the hallowed grounds that contain camps, cemeteries, and battlefields. Learn about Camp Jones and the battles that took place in 1862 and 1863. Tours begin on the hour and depart from kiosk in the parking lot on Iron Brigade Unit Avenue. The last tour leaves at 3PM. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Insect repellent is encouraged. No pets please.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, The parking lot is located off Iron Brigade Unit Ave., Bristow, VA 703-366-3049.

Yoga on the Lawn at Rippon Lodge Saturdays, May through September:

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.; \$5.00 per class, or 5 classes for \$20.00.

Enjoy yoga on the lawn, with amazing views of the Potomac River and historic Rippon Lodge. Join certified instructor Christopher Glowacki for an hour long Vinyasa yoga practice. Beginning yoga students to well-versed devotees are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring: yoga mat, towel and plenty of water; beginners may want to bring a block and/or strap. Classes are offered most Saturday mornings from May to September. Call Rippon Lodge to confirm class day and times. *Those purchasing 10 classes will receive punch cards which are good for the whole season. Additional classes may be purchased at any time.

Rippon Lodge Historic Site 15520 Blackburn Rd. Woodbridge, VA 703-499-9812.



Museum Kids Monday!

June 17, July 15, August 19

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Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas, VA 703-367-7872.



Walking Tours of Historic Prince William Towns

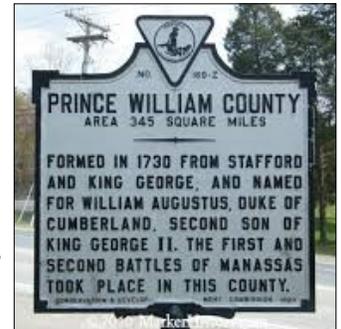
May-August: First Friday of the Month

7 p.m.; FREE; donations welcome.

Join local historians on the first Friday of every month this summer for a special walking tour of historic towns in Prince William County, meet at each specified location.

- May 3: Dumfries-Weems-Botts Museum, 3944 Cameron St., Dumfries, VA 22026
- June 7: Haymarket: Haymarket Museum, 15025 Washington St., Haymarket, VA 20169
- July 5: Nokesville—Nokesville Church of the Brethren, 13002 Fitzwater Dr., Nokesville, VA 20181
- August 2: Colchester—Enyedi House located at 10605 Furnace Rd., Lorton, VA 22079

Call 703-365-7895 for more information.



Special Interest

Join us for some fun for **ALL** ages!
PWC History Explorer & Brentsville Trail Guide

Become a PWC History Explorer!

HPD has a new program for all ages! Do you love to learn about history?
Do you like a challenge? Do you want to be more connected to our historic sites?

Become a **PWC History Explorer!**

Come by any of our sites and pick up the NEW
~**PWC History Explorer Workbook**~

OR go online to pwcgov.org/history and print one out!



Complete the workbook and receive a
FREE PWC History Explorer wristband!



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You can either come by Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre to pick up the NEW

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Receive the Quarterly Newsletter

20% off Gift Shop Merchandise

\$1 off Admission

Sign up at one of the following sites:

Ben Lomond, Brentsville, Rippon Lodge, or Williams
Ordinary and receive your membership card on the spot!

For more information please call 703-792-4754.



Become an Official PWC Junior Preservationist!



Do you love history? Do you want to be a part of your community?
Are you between the ages of 13-18?
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Get an introduction to the fields of history, historic
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Time commitments are flexible to fit busy schedules.

Contact HPD for more information at
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The Prince William Historic Preservation Foundation is proud to support Prince William County's
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properties and structures.

Your gift to the Tree Donation Program will help preserve the historic landscapes of Ben Lomond Historic
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For more information on the tree donation program please call 703-792-4754 or send an e-mail to
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Host your next special occasion, corporate retreat or business meeting at one of our historic sites. We are sure to have the perfect venue to showcase your event! Come visit **Rippon Lodge** and see the stunning views of the Potomac River, **Old Manassas Courthouse** with the quaint experience of historic Manassas around the corner, and Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre where the 19th century **Union Church** is nestled.



**Rippon Lodge
Historic Site
15520 Blackburn Rd.
Woodbridge, VA**



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**Old Manassas
Courthouse
9248 Lee St.
Manassas, VA**



~
**Union Church
12229 Bristow Rd.
Bristow, VA**

**For More Information
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