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The Official Visitor's Guide to Carroll County, Maryland



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*from left to right:
Downtown Union Bridge,
Baltimore Ravens training camp at
McDaniel College,
Civil War reenactment,
Carroll Arts Center marquee*

*center, middle:
Carroll County Farm Museum*

Welcome to Carroll County, Maryland's Heartland

Carroll County is a beautiful, rural area, convenient to Baltimore, Gettysburg, and Washington, D.C. In addition to its great location, Carroll County offers a peaceful day away from the hustle and bustle of more metropolitan areas.

Carroll offers so much for visitors to see. Here you will find history, antiquing, festivals, walking tours, driving tours, biking tours, and nature parks. And when your day is done, kick back and relax at one of our quaint bed and breakfasts or modern hotels.

Please stop by the Visitor Center at 210 E. Main Street, Westminster, where you will find friendly and knowledgeable staff to help you plan a day or overnight stay in Carroll County. We have many brochures about the various sites, along with our Calendar of Events.

Carroll County takes you back to a time when a slower pace was part of our heritage, when rural life allowed time to make ice cream on the back porch with family members around, when sitting by a stream catching fish was not time out, but a part of life.

Come join us away from the hustle, bustle life.
We look forward to your visit.



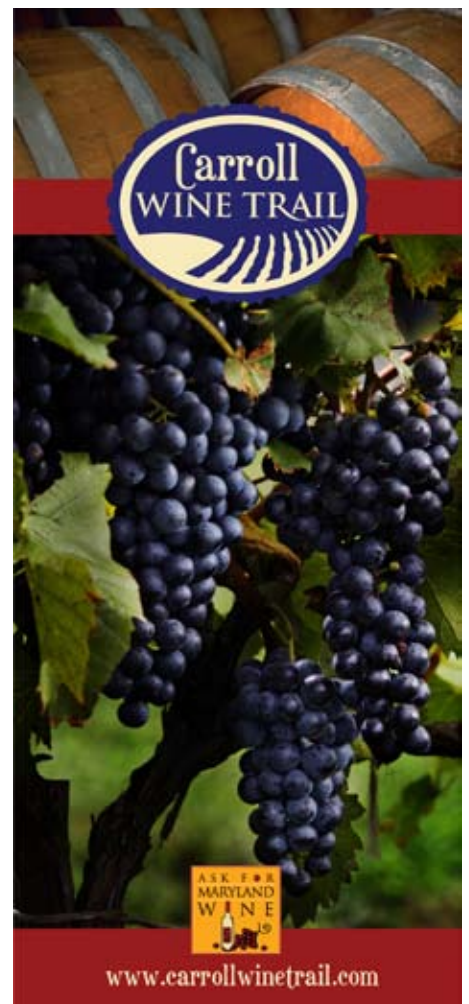
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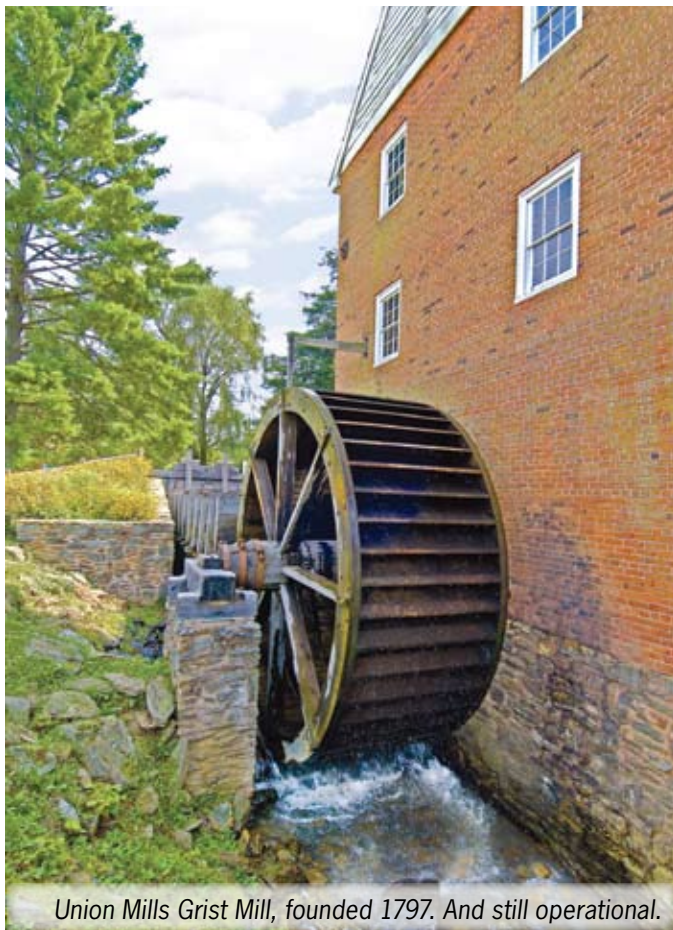
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Union Mills Grist Mill, founded 1797. And still operational.



Shopping Downtown Westminster.

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Carroll County Visitor Center
www.CarrollCountyTourism.org
 410-848-1388
 1-800-272-1933
 210 E. Main Street
 Westminster, Maryland

Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Sunday & most holidays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Attractions & Events

It's the heartland of Maryland where you'll find bustling Main Streets and rolling farmland, historic sites, an active arts community and a wide variety of outdoor activities and special events.

Carroll County was formed from portions of Baltimore and Frederick counties in 1837 and was named for Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a Maryland signer of the Declaration of Independence.

True to its heritage, agriculture is still the predominant industry but proximity to Baltimore, Frederick and Washington has brought growth in housing and industry to the eight towns and surrounding areas.

However, the county is a leader in agricultural preservation so that today's visitor sees much of the county as the early settlers did.

After a stop at our Visitor Information Center, learn more about the history of the people and events in the county by stepping next door to the Historical Society of Carroll County. There you can find exhibits, a genealogical research library and books about the area.

The Historical Society also hosts a monthly lecture series, a seminar on Maryland in the Civil War in the



The Maryland Wine Festival®, 28 years old.

spring and an Antiques Appraisal Day in September.

The top tourist destination in the county is the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster. The main building, built in 1852 and once the county's Almshouse, now houses six

rooms of antiques appropriate to an 1800s farmhouse. Carroll County families donated many of the items.

The barn and outbuildings serve as a demonstration area for weaving, blacksmithing and other arts of the era.

The premiere event in the county is The Maryland Wine Festival®, held each September for over 20 years at the Farm Museum, attracting more than 25,000 people.

Maryland boasts more than 40 wineries and most of them are represented here at this two-day event featuring a wide selection of food, crafts, live entertainment, winemaking demonstrations, wine seminars and, of course, wine tastings.

Each year the Governor's Cup Awards are presented to the best wines in the state.

It's the perfect chance to learn more about wine directly from the vintners, tour the Farm Museum and enjoy a picnic on the lawn.



Civil War re-enactors entertain and educate.

Carroll County's involvement in the Civil War can be traced through walking and driving tours with stops at the sites of skirmishes and troop encampments as both the Union and Confederate armies made their way to and from the Battle of Gettysburg.

Downtown Westminster, the Farm Museum and Union Mills Homestead present reenactments of these events throughout the year.

The Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill began in 1797 when brothers David and Andrew Shriver purchased land for a farm and mill.

Their house was continuously occupied by generations of Shriver until the 1960s and today operates as a museum filled with original family furnishings. The grist mill was built in 1797 and is still in operation grinding cornmeal, wheat and rye which are for sale.

Like many Maryland families, the Shriver were divided during the

Civil War. While Andrew Shriver was a Union supporter, his brother William, whose house was just across the road, supported the South.

Just before the Battle of Gettysburg on June 29, 1863, J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate soldiers arrived at the Homestead demanding horses and food. Shortly after they left in the morning, Union soldiers of Syke's Fifth Corp of Infantry arrived to camp overnight on their way to Gettysburg.

The Homestead holds special events throughout the

year including an ice cream social and a corn roast. It is also the site of the Maryland Microbrewery Festival which features microbrew tastings, crafts, live entertainment and food.



The annual All-you-can-eat Corn Roast held at Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill.

Visit One Of Maryland's Premier Historic Landmarks



The Union Mills Homestead & Grist Mill

3311 Littlestown Pike • Westminster, MD 21158

410-848-2288

— www.unionmills.org —



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 - Bicycles, skateboards & paintball gear*
- Numerous Art Exhibits, Concerts, Festivals & Parades Downtown



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For more information visit www.westgov.com/mainstreet

Take advantage of Carroll's focus on agriculture with activities like the 4-H/FFA Fair and pro-bull riding at the Agriculture Center in Westminster or rodeos and a corn maze at River Valley Ranch in Millers.

The railroad has been an important part of Carroll's history since the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad began service here in the 1830s and trains still attract interest here.

You'll find museums in old train stations in Hampstead and Union Bridge, a model railroad display in restored train cars and even a child-size railway ride in Sykesville.

Since its move to a restored art-deco movie theater in 2003, the Carroll Arts Center has become the premier location for live concerts, film festivals and art exhibits in Westminster.

Carroll Community College and McDaniel College in Westminster feature year-round cultural activities

including the nationally known Common Ground on the Hill music series at McDaniel College.

Home grown in Carroll — it conjures up the sights and smells of a farmer's market on a summer weekend. But here you can also pick your own fruits and vegetables in season and cut your own Christmas tree.

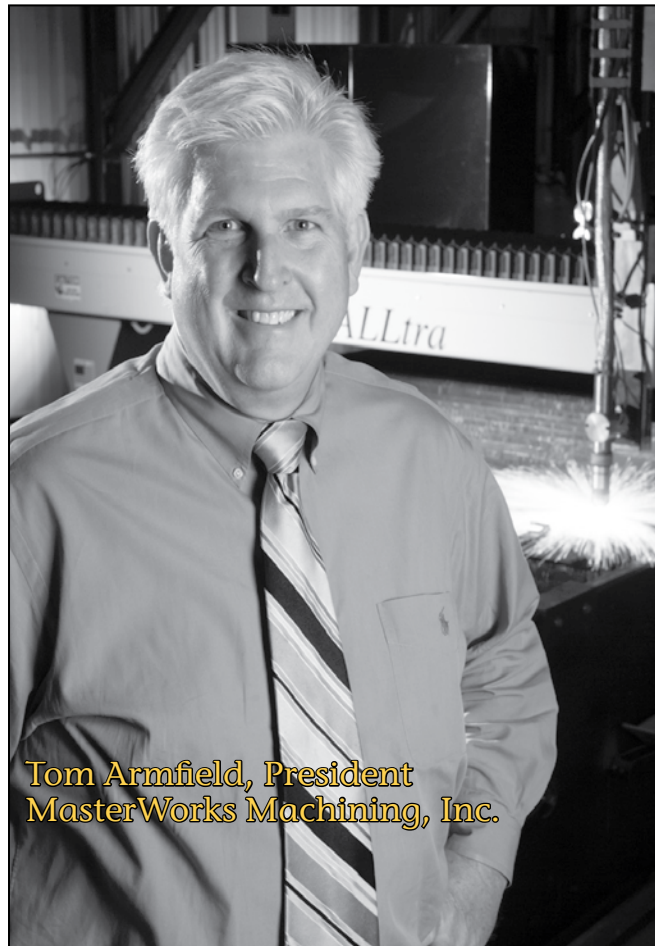
Stop at a strawberry, apple or peach festival. Join the corn roast at Union Mills Homestead. Try your luck at the fishing derby at Piney Run Park. Enjoy a fire

department's oyster dinner or Halloween hayride.

All the bounty of Carroll County is waiting for you. Join us.



Artists and art lovers alike enjoy Art in the Park held in Westminster each June.



Tom Armfield, President
MasterWorks Machining, Inc.

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As a native of Carroll County, I am proud to have started a business here in 1999. From our home-based business we have grown into a 25,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility located in Taneytown, MD.

One of the best partnerships I have is with Carroll County Economic Development. The department has provided resources and support to help our business grow.

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Calendar of Events



Carroll Community Book Fair
in the Great Hall

Event	Location
January	
Carroll County Birthday Celebration hscc.carr.org	Various
February	
Common Ground Concert Series www.commongroundonthehill.org	Carroll Arts Center
March	
Maple Sugarin' Festival www.ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark	Bear Branch Nature Center
Random House Book Fair www.carrollcc.edu/foundation/events/bookfair/default.asp	Carroll Community College
April	
Common Ground Concert Series www.commongroundonthehill.org	Carroll Arts Center
Peep Show www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org	Carroll Arts Center
Main Street Heat Chili Cookoff www.mountairyainmainstreet.org	Mount Airy Fire Company Carnival Grounds

Carroll County Farm Museum

Experience the life and times of the 19th century at the Carroll County Farm Museum through exhibits and demonstrations of rural farm life.



- Group/public tours
- Special events
- Garden weddings/receptions
- Theme Teas
- Company picnics, reunions
- Picnic areas
- Traditional Arts workshops
- Gift Shop
- Artisan demonstrations
- Educational Programs/Lectures
- Learning Lunch Talks
- Rental-pavilions and barn

Special Events

- Traditional Arts Class Week
- Civil War Living History Encampment
- Blacksmith Days
- The Maryland Heartland Sustainable Living Fair
- Spring Muster & Antique Fire Equipment
- Fiddlers' Convention
- Living History Camp
- Common Ground on the Hill's American Music & Arts Festival
- Old Fashioned July 4th Celebration
- Surf & Turf Festival
- Steam Show Days
- The Maryland Wine Festival*
- Fall Harvest Days
- Holiday Tours



No pets, please. Free parking available.
500 South Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-386-3880 or 1-800-654-4645
E-Mail: ccfarm@ccg.carr.org
www.carrollcountyfarmmuseum.org

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. If you have questions, suggestions, or complaints, please contact Jolene Sullivan, the Carroll County Government Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 410-386-3600, 1-888-302-8978, and TT No. 410-848-9747. The mailing address is 10 Distillery Drive, First Floor, Suite 101, Westminster, MD 21157.

Calendar of Events

May	
Flower and Plant Market www.unionmills.org	Union Mills Homestead
Flower and Jazz Festival www.westminstermd.gov	Westminster
Hampstead Day www.hampsteadlionsclub.org	Hampstead
Civil War Living History Reenactment www.carrollcountymuseum.org	Carroll County Farm Museum
Summer (Various dates)	
Saturday Rodeo and Concert Series www.rivervalleyranch.com	River Valley Ranch, Millers
A Month of Sundays Outdoor Concerts www.westminstermd.gov	Westminster
Concerts in the Park www.sykesville.net	Sykesville
Strawberry Festivals www.carrollcountytourism.org	Various
Farmers Markets www.carrollag.org	Various
Pick Your Own Fruit www.carrollag.org	Various



10 Free Things to Do in Carroll County!

1. Explore history through a self-guided walking tour of one of our quaint villages and towns – including a “spirited” ghost tour (P.16)
2. Spend an afternoon at one of 27 parks – go hiking, picnicking, or bird watching (P.18)
3. Trace Civil War troop movements using the bugle trailblazer signs to 18 Civil War Trails markers (P.16-17)
4. Listen to some local music at open air concerts throughout the county
5. Discover native plant and animal life at Bear Branch Nature Center (P.18)
6. Browse in an antique shop or at SERRV Gift Shop – a unique handcrafts program of SERRV International (P.26)
7. Bike one of 10 loop tours offering varying degrees of difficulty, highlighting scenic stops and historic attractions (P.18)
8. Be inspired by local and regional art at one of the county’s galleries (P.12)
9. Drive on winding scenic back roads and feel yourself unwind
10. Check out over 100 free events at www.carrollcountytourism.org!

Calendar of Events



June

Art in the Park www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org	Westminster
Fiddlers' Convention www.carrollcountyfarmmuseum.org	Carroll County Farm Museum
Corbit's Charge Commemoration www.pccwrt.org	Westminster

July

Ice Cream Social/Civil War Encampment www.unionmills.org	Union Mills Homestead
July 4th/Fireworks Celebration www.carrollcountyfarmmuseum.org	Carroll County Farm Museum

August

4-H/FFA Fair www.carrollcountyfair.com	Westminster
Corn Roast Festival www.unionmills.org	Union Mills Homestead
Baltimore Ravens Summer Camp www.baltimoreravens.com	McDaniel College



Calendar of Events

September	
Steam Show Days www.carrollcountymuseum.org	Carroll County Farm Museum
Antiques Appraisal Day hscc.carr.org	Westminster
Maryland Microbrewery Festival www.unionmills.org	Union Mills Homestead
Apple Festival www.ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark	Piney Run Park
The Maryland Wine Festival® www.carrollcountymuseum.org	Carroll County Farm Museum
Fallfest www.westminsterfallfest.com	Westminster
October	
Haunted Hayride www.lineborovfd.com/haunt	Lineboro
Maizefest www.rivervalleyranch.com	River Valley Ranch, Millers
Fall Harvest Days www.carrollcountymuseum.org	Carroll County Farm Museum
Fall Fest www.sykesville.net/main	Sykesville



Strolling entertainment at the Sykesville Fall Fest.



Fun rides light up the night at the Westminster Fallfest, mid-September.



Carroll County Ag Center 4-H & FFA Fair.

Calendar of Events



The annual Festival of Wreaths held at the Carroll Arts Center.

October <i>(continued)</i>	
Fall Fishing Tournament www.ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark	Piney Run Park
Taneytown Harvest Fest www.taneytown.org	Taneytown
Common Ground Concert Series www.commongroundonthehill.org	Carroll Arts Center
November	
Mistletoe Mart www.mistletoemart.org	Westminster
December	
Cut your own Christmas tree www.carrollcountytourism.org	Various
Festival of Wreaths www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org	Carroll Arts Center
Carroll County Christmas Farmers Market www.carrollcountyfarmersmarket.com	Carroll County Agriculture Center
Holiday Tour www.carrollcountyfarmmuseum.org	Carroll County Farm Museum



Cutting down your own Christmas Tree...creating memories.



Carroll County Farm Museum after a winter's snowfall.

Things to See and Do

Please call 800-272-1933 for days and hours.

Art Galleries, Music and Theatres

Ain't That A Frame Gallery 31

99 W. Main Street, Westminster
410-876-3096, www.aintthataframe.com
An eclectic mix of regional and international artists' creations.

Carroll Arts Center

91 W. Main Street, Westminster
410-848-7272, www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org
Housed in a restored art deco theatre, rotating exhibits by regional artists, concerts, recitals, classes, films and lectures.

Carroll Community College Galleries

1601 Washington Road, Westminster
410-386-8000 or 888-221-9748, www.carrollcc.edu
Galleries display works of art by county and state groups and individual artists.

Carroll Life Gallery

225 N. Center Street, Westminster
410-848-2325
Rotating art exhibits.

Common Ground on the Hill

McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster
410-857-2771, www.commongroundonthehill.org
Traditional music and arts workshops and performances.

Esther Prangley Rice Gallery

McDaniel College, Peterson Hall, Westminster
410-857-2595, www.mcdaniel.edu
Paintings, mixed media, sculpture and photography of local, regional and national artists, as well as faculty and students.

McDaniel College Concerts

McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster
410-857-2599, www.mcdaniel.edu
Traditional music and arts workshops and performances.

Carroll Community College Scott Center for Fine and Performing Arts

1601 Washington Road, Westminster
410-386-8000 or 888-221-9748, www.carrollcc.edu



"Wild Imaginings" sculpture in front of the Carroll County Public Library.



Visitors enjoy an exhibit at the Carroll Arts Center's Tevis Gallery.



A magnificently restored art deco theatre offering films, concerts, drama, art exhibits, classes and more!

Mon-Wed, Fri 10am-4pm
Thurs 10am-8pm
Sat 10am-4pm

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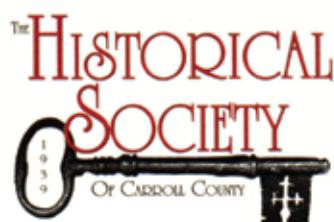
A shared appreciation of a concert.



Sykesville's Pullman Car.



Blacksmith Days at the Carroll County Farm Museum.



Preserving
the history of
Carroll County
through
Tours
Exhibitions
Box Lunch Talks
Research Library
Historic Properties

210 East Main Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
(410) 848-6494
<http://hscarr.org>
hscarr@hscarr.org

Historic Attractions

Carroll County Farm Museum

500 S. Center Street, Westminster
410-386-3880
www.carrollcountymuseum.org
The museum complex features an 1852 Farmhouse with six exhibit rooms, a Living History Center with skilled artisans demonstrating lost arts and working farm operations.

Historical Society of Carroll County

210 E. Main Street, Westminster
410-848-6494
hscarr.org
Administers a countywide local history program that includes publishing local history information, sponsoring special events, a museum gallery, tours and educational programs, research library, and the Shriver-Weybright Exhibition Gallery.

Strawbridge Shrine

2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor
410-635-2600
www.strawbridgeshrine.org
Call for appointment.
Strawbridge Shrine is the birthplace of American Methodism, featuring the John Evans House, Log Meeting House Replica, Strawbridge House and farm.

Sykesville Gate House Museum of History

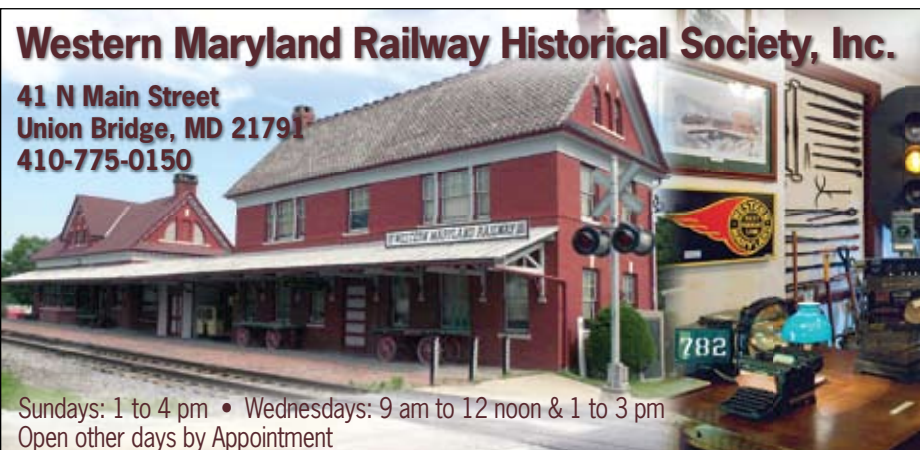
7283 Cooper Drive, Sykesville
410-549-5150
www.sykesville.net/gatehouse.html
Wide variety of artifacts, papers, furniture and photographs reflecting the history of Sykesville and the B&O Railroad, complete with a research library.

Union Mills Homestead & Grist Mill

3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster
410-848-2288
www.unionmills.org
The Homestead is filled with original family furnishings from the 1700s to 1900s and the Grist Mill is a working Oliver Evan's designed mill.

Western Maryland Railway Historical Society Museum

41 N. Main Street, Union Bridge
410-775-0150
www.westernmarylandrhs.com
The Western Maryland Railway Historical Society collects, preserves, and displays materials associated with railroading, and the Western Maryland Railway in particular.

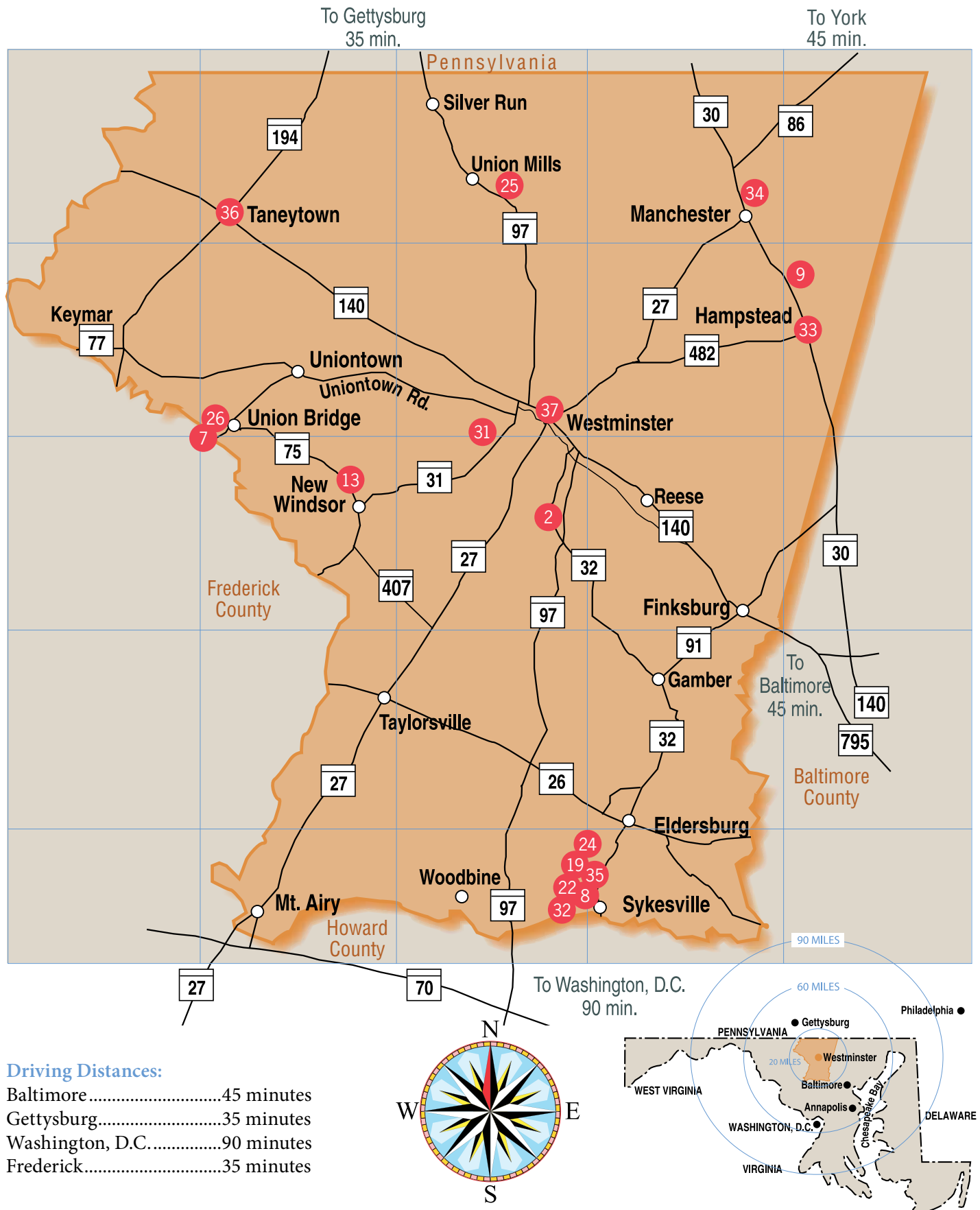


Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, Inc.

41 N Main Street
Union Bridge, MD 21791
410-775-0150

Sundays: 1 to 4 pm • Wednesdays: 9 am to 12 noon & 1 to 3 pm
Open other days by Appointment

Carroll County Map



Downtown Westminster Map

Important Numbers

Hospital

Carroll Hospital Center
200 Memorial Avenue, Westminster
410-876-3000

Police

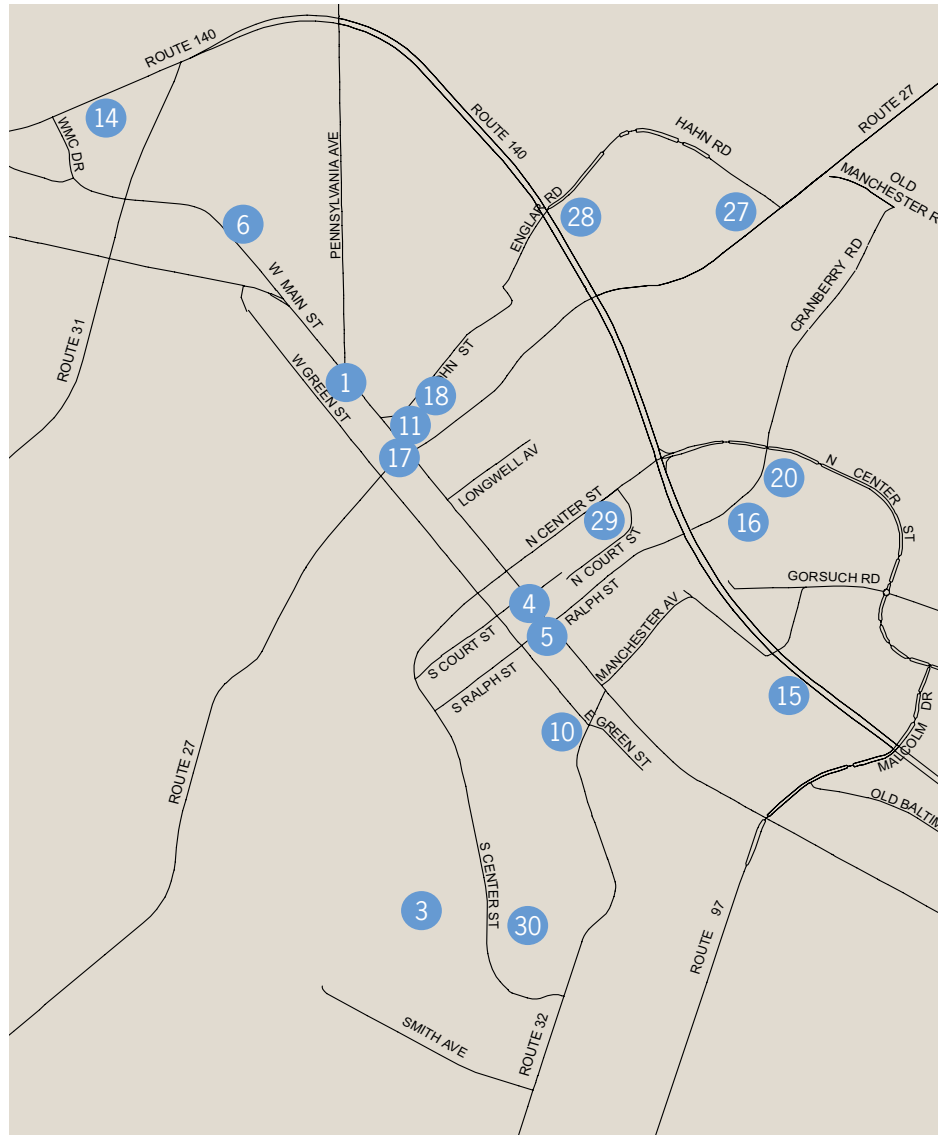
Police Emergency 911

Maryland State Police
Westminster Barrack
1100 Baltimore Blvd., Route 140
Westminster
410-386-3000

Carroll County Sheriff's Office
100 N. Court Street, Westminster
410-386-2900

Airport

Carroll County Regional Airport
200 Airport Drive, Westminster
410-876-9885



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Walking and Driving Tours



Civil War Driving Tours

Carroll County's involvement in the Civil War can be retraced by car with maps of the county and other areas leading to Gettysburg. There are two driving tours to help navigate the county. The first tour, "Carroll County, Maryland: Roads to Gettysburg," helps the visitor to navigate the movements of over 60,000 troops from the southern end of the county up to Gettysburg. The second tour, "Gettysburg: Invasion and Retreat" is a much broader look at the June-July 1863 Campaign including surrounding counties. This map guides the visitor along the armies' paths, stopping at 18 markers with illustrations, photos, and interesting stories about the impact of the War on local citizens and the day-to-day stories of soldiers who marched toward the epic Gettysburg battle. Follow the bugle trailblazer signs to the 18 wayside markers. Both maps can be picked up at the Carroll County Visitor Center or mailed.

Walking Tours

Self-guided walking tours of New Windsor, Sykesville, Uniontown, Taneytown and Westminster, including a Westminster ghost tour provide architectural and historical information. Retrace the steps of Corbit's Charge, a cavalry skirmish in June, 1863 that delayed Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's march to Gettysburg.



Pine Grove Chapel in Mt. Airy.

Welcome to



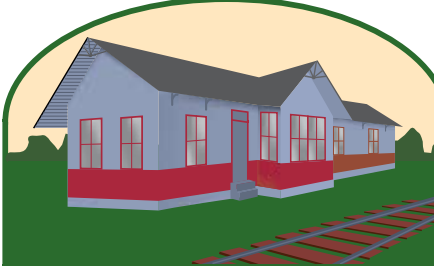
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Pumpkin People"
(October)

Annual
Swing
Into Spring
(May)

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Mayor Christopher M. Nevin

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Hampstead, MD 21074
hampstead@carr.org
www.townofhampstead.us



Civil War reenactor at Corbit's Charge event in June.

The rich farmland of Carroll County skirts the Mason-Dixon Line, denoting North from South. Picturesque and serene, this pivotal county remained relatively unscathed during the two years the Civil War raged here.

Union commanders were aware of the strategic value of this rolling farmland. The recently completed Western Maryland Railroad's depot in Westminster meant much needed supplies could come in from Washington and Baltimore. The Union Army of the Potomac set up its rail head and supply base in Westminster where it remained during the course of the war. Supply lines were established and guarded; residents became accustomed to Union troops and supply wagons in and around their once peaceful town.

With Confederate troops converging from the north and west, Major General George G. Meade, Commander of the Army of the Potomac, developed a plan to protect Baltimore and Washington. If the Confederate Army moved south, the "Pipe Creek Plan" would create a defensive shield behind Pipe Creek, which flows west across Carroll County. Meade's army began moving northeast from Frederick to position troops in the hills outside Manchester, as described in the "Pipe Creek Plan". Though they didn't know yet, these soldiers were marching on the roads to Gettysburg.

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Reenactors march down Willis Street during the Corbit's Charge Commemoration.

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In addition to the two driving tours, the visitor may experience the Civil War through a self-guided walking tour, "Corbit's Charge," on the Main Street of downtown Westminster. This walking tour, written by Tom LeGore, provides the background of "a small, but extremely important

cavalry skirmish which took place in Westminster on June 29, 1863. The clash on the edge of town between General J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry and a small unit of the Delaware cavalry was a significant factor in slowing down the General's march. Instead of proceeding into Pennsylvania to inform General Robert E. Lee about the major Union troop movements, Stuart's cavalry was delayed long enough to make it advisable to spend the night in the Westminster area. Historians have often wondered whether the results of the Battle of Gettysburg might

have been different if Stuart had arrived before July 2nd." The "Corbit's Charge" walking tour brochure can be picked up at the Carroll County Visitor Center or mailed.

Maryland Heritage Area— Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

As part of our efforts to tell the Civil War story in context, Carroll County has partnered with Frederick and Washington Counties (to our west) to form one of Maryland's Heritage Areas: the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA). These three counties contain stories of families torn apart as sons went off to war to fight for their beliefs. Many of the buildings are still standing today where South met North. With the HCWHA brochure, visitors can explore the three counties discovering the full impact the Civil War had, not only on this region, but on the entire nation. Copies of the brochure, "Heart of the Civil War" may be picked up at the Carroll County Visitor Center or mailed.

Outdoor Activities

Bear Branch Nature Center

300 John Owings Road, Westminster, 410-848-2517
<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/hashawha/>
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Bicycle Tours

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Airplane rides and flight instruction

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Mt. Airy			
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Westminster			
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Hampstead			
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Atlee House 120 Water Street, New Windsor	410-871-9119	atleehousebb.com	3			25
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Inn at Norwood 7514 Norwood Avenue, Sykesville	410-549-7868	innatnorwood.com	7	break-fast only		
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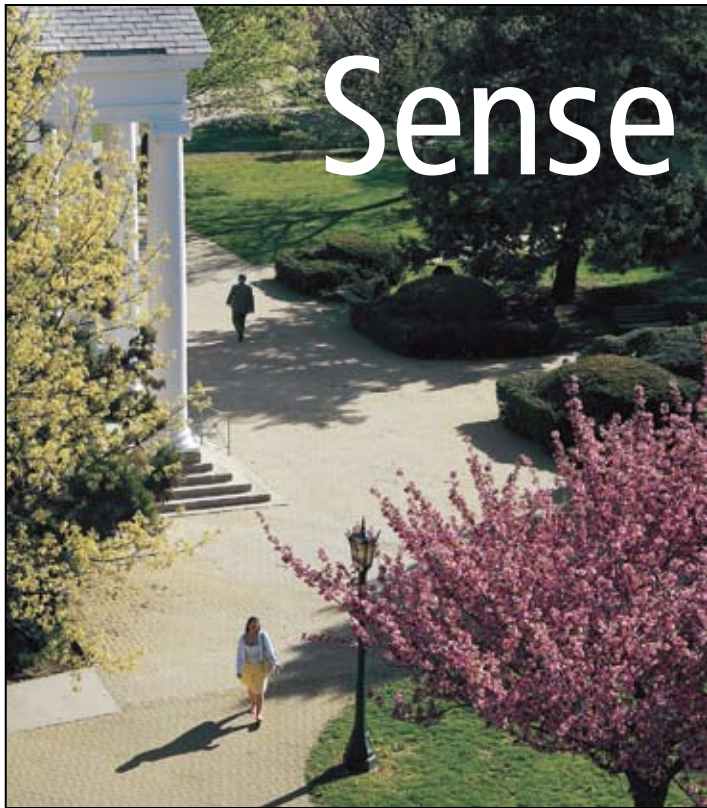



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