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Archaeological Open House Set for Old Colchester

Attend an Open House where folks lived 10,000 years ago.

The open house is Saturday, June 6, 2015, at Old Colchester Park & Preserve in Lorton, Va. This is a day of archaeology and history featuring exhibits of Native American cultures and of the Colonial port town of Colchester. There is historic architecture in the area, and you'll see how geographic information systems are used for archaeological research.

There will be archaeological tours of the area at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and a natural resource hiking tour is slated for 12:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Park Authority's Colchester Archaeological Research Team (CART) has been researching Old Colchester since 2010 and has made many significant discoveries. CART's exploits are publicized online at www.cartarchaeology.wordpress.com.

The Old Colchester Open House runs from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The park is located at 10605 Furnace Road in Lorton, Va. Parking is available at Mason Neck West Park, at 10418 Old Colchester Road in Lorton. There will be shuttle bus service available between the parking area and the archaeological site.

The open house is sponsored by the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority.

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