

Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War
FOOTSTEPS OF FAIRFAX TRAIL
INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

This trail was created by American Historical Trails and in conjunction with the Fairfax County History Commission—Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War in 2011-2015.

1. The trail is primarily a driving tour with a total distance of approximately 70 miles beginning at Frying Pan Meeting House near Herndon with stops at various historical sites in Fairfax County, Virginia. All mileage figures are approximate. Those who would like to do some walking may walk the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Trail from Hunter Mill Road to the Freeman House and Store in Vienna or vice versa. There is parking at both ends. The distance is about three miles.
2. The trail is available to individuals, families, Scouts and other groups. It can be completed at the convenience of the person or group without pre-registration.
3. Each group will assume full responsibility and liability of the members of its party.
4. Observe all traffic and safety rules. Please cross the streets only at the designated crosswalks and with the lights
5. Hikers are reminded that many sites are on private property. You are asked to act accordingly.
6. Prior coordination for hours of operation is required if the trail hiker wishes to enter or tour any of the sites along the trail. Tours are optional and are not required for the successful completion of the trail.
7. There is no time limit to finish the trail. If something cannot be found or is closed, please skip that stop. You do not have to do the whole trail in one day.
8. Upon completion of the trail, an individual or a group may mail in the answers to the questions and order a patch or pin. Purchasing a patch or pin is optional.
9. Information on the sites can be found on the Fairfax County Park Authority Website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. The hours and fees to enter the buildings vary at each site. You are not required to enter any of the buildings.
10. Your comments and suggestions regarding the Footsteps of Fairfax (Civil War edition) Trail are earnestly solicited. We hope you enjoy the trail and come to more fully understand the participation of Fairfax County in the American Civil War.

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Part 1 - 38 miles from Frying Pan Meeting House to Freeman House Store

Start the Trail at Frying Pan Meeting House, 2625 Centreville Road, Herndon.

The church is about .2 mile south of the intersection with Frying Pan Road. Coming from the north you will need to make a u-turn after passing the church and come back to the church. There is a small parking lot on the south side of the church. Park in that lot and explore the church grounds.

Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way.

Exit the parking lot. Turn right and get in the left lane to make a u-turn at the light for Frying Pan Road. Drive 3.3 miles to Route 50 Lee-Jackson Highway. Turn right and drive .3 miles to Route 28 and head north. Go 1.1 miles to the next exit and follow the signs for Sully Historic Site. Turn right on Sully Way. The home is at the end of the road.

Walney Visitor Center, 5040 Walney Road. Part of E. C. Lawrence Park.

Exit the Sully Historic Site and return to the intersection with Route 28. Take the ramp to head South on Route 28 towards Centreville. Go to the Route 50 Fairfax Exit and exit. Head east on Route 50 1.1 miles to Walney Road and turn right. Walney Road turns left in about 1.1 mile. Turn left and continue on Walney Road to the Walney Visitor Center, Visit the grounds.

Ox Hill Battlefield, 4134 West Ox Road in Fairfax, VA

Exit the park and turn left. Drive to Poplar Tree Road and turn right. Drive 1.2 miles to Stringfellow Road Route 645 and turn left. Go to Route 50, Lee-Jackson Highway and turn right. Go 2.9 miles to West Ox Road and turn right. Ox Hill Battlefield Park is on your right as you turn the corner.

Old Stone Church, 13941 Braddock Road.

Exit the parking lot of Ox Hill Battlefield Park and turn right. Go about 1.3 miles to Route 29 and head South. Travel about 3 miles to Braddock Road. Turn right on Braddock Road and look for a stone church on your left (Church of the Ascension).

Hunter Mill Road Historical Markers

Return to Route 29 and turn left. Go to 5.2 miles to Jermantown Road and turn left. Turn left 2.4 miles later onto Chain Bridge Road. Follow Chain Bridge for about .4 mile to Hunter Mill Road. Turn left and drive 3.7 miles to Hunter Station Road. Turn left and park in the parking area. Walk across Hunter Mill Road to the historical and interpretative markers for the area.

Freeman House Store, 131 Church St. NE. (park to walk, or drive)

Those who want to walk the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Trail to the Freeman House Store in Vienna may do so from here. It's about three miles from here.

Drive back Hunter Mill Road towards Chain Bridge Road. About 1.1 mile turn left onto Lawyers Road. Drive 2.4 miles to Church Street and turn left. Drive to the Freeman House Store, and park where convenient.

**You have now completed the first half of the *Footsteps of Fairfax Trail*.
You may continue on the trail or do Part 2 on another day.**

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Part 2 - 32 miles from Freeman House Store to Lake Accotink

Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

From in front of the store drive to the next corner and turn right. Go to the next stop sign and turn right. You should be on VA-123 Chain Bridge Road. Follow VA-123/Chain Bridge Road for 4.8 miles to downtown Fairfax. Turn left on North Street. Go to Old Lee Highway and turn left. Drive to Historic Blenheim, which will be on your left.

City of Fairfax Cemetery, 10561 Main Street.

From Historic Blenheim, turn right on Old Lee Highway and drive 0.9 miles. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn left onto VA-123 S/Chain Bridge Road. Turn right onto Judicial Drive. Turn right onto Main Street and cemetery entrance will be on the right.



Union Troops at Fairfax



Clara Barton

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road

Head southeast on Main Street toward West Street and VA-123/Chain Bridge Road. Turn right onto VA-123/Chain Bridge Road. Continue on VA-123 for 3.2 miles. Turn right onto Fairfax Station Road and stay to the right as the road curves, remaining on Fairfax Station Road. You will pass St. Mary's of Sorrows Historic Church, but will return to visit it on the way back. The museum and parking lot will be on the right in 0.3 miles.

St. Mary's of Sorrows Historic Church, Rt. 123 and Fairfax Station Road

On the return to route to VA-123, stop at the parking lot for St. Mary's Church on the right.

Burke's Station, 9415 Old Burke Lake Road, Burke

After visiting St. Mary's, return to VA-123. Turn right at the light and go 2.7 miles to Burke Lake Road, and then turn left. Drive 3.0 miles to Burke Road and turn right. Drive a short distance to Old Burke Road and turn left. Look for an historical marker in the first parking lot to the right.

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK , 7500 Accotink Park Rd, Springfield VA.

Return to Old Burke Road and turn left. Drive 1.6 miles to Rolling Road and turn right. Go 1.3 miles to Old Keene Mill Road and turn left. Drive 2.3 miles to Hanover Street and turn left. Travel 1.1 miles to Highland Street and turn left. Go a short distance to Accotink Park Road and turn right. Turn left and follow the park road to the historical marker and signs under the railroad trestle, before the dam.



Orange and Alexandria Railroad Trestle

This is the last stop on the *Footsteps of Fairfax Trail*.

It is hoped that you have enjoyed your experience and have learned some of the historical significance of Fairfax County in the American Civil War.
