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Outdoor Tours

Fredericksburg, VA

Rich in history, Fredericksburg offers a wide variety of outdoor tour options.





Chancellorsville Battlefield

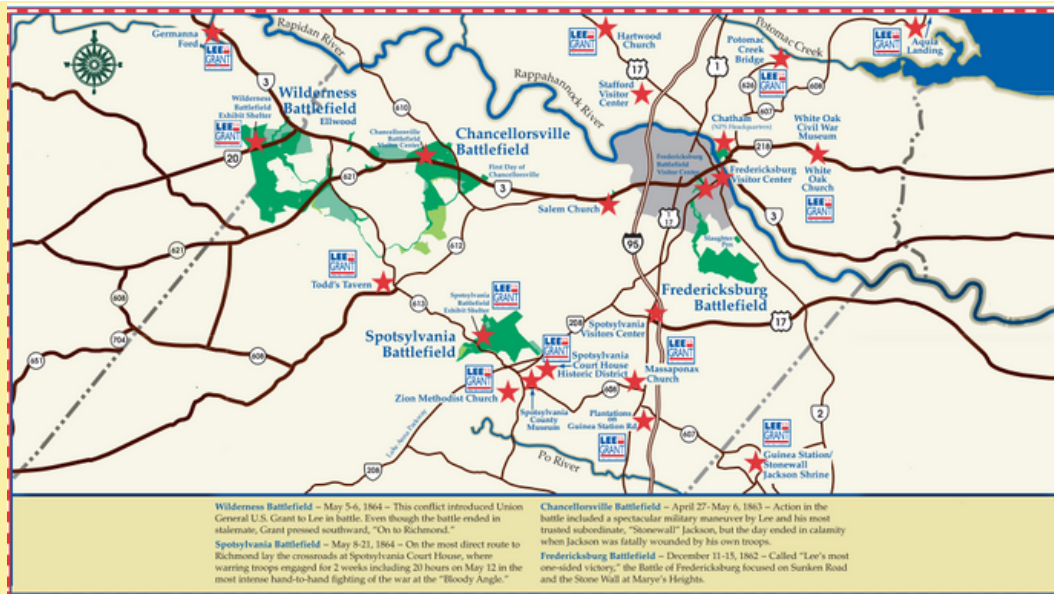
Option 1 – The Civil War Battlefield Tour

Stop 1 – Arrive at the **Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center** and take a short walking tour of the Sunken Road, scene of the Battle of Fredericksburg. Located on Sunken Road, a focal point during the Battle of Fredericksburg. Relive "Lee's most one-sided victory" against Union General Ambrose E. Burnside; the action took place at Marye's Heights and Chatham in December 1862.

Stop 2 – Proceed to **Harry's Alehouse** for a sit down group meal or head off to the **Battlefield Country Store** for a visit and to purchase lunch.

Stop 3 – Proceed to **Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center**. Located 13 miles west of Fredericksburg, Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was mistakenly and mortally wounded here by his own troops during the May 1863 battle known as Robert E. Lee's greatest victory.

Stop 4 – Proceed to **Wilderness Battlefield**. This cataclysmic battle marks the beginning of Lee vs. Grant – The 1864 Overland Campaign as the two generals pitted men, equipment and strategy to decide the fate of the nation.





Option 2 – A Lesson in Architecture from Fredericksburg to Washington, DC

Stop 1 – **Bricks An' Boards in the 'Burg** – Tour guides will discuss examples of four centuries of architecture and unravel the history of people who helped shape the Fredericksburg community. These tours offer a glimpse into the rich layers of history that make up the community. Each tour lasts about 1 – 1 1/2 hours and are gentle walks of approximately 8 – 10 blocks. *(minimum 15 people required)*

Stop 2 – Proceed to **Downtown Fredericksburg** for lunch. A number of restaurants along Caroline Street and William Street offer outdoor dining year round. Several restaurants are able to accommodate larger groups with advance reservations.

Stop 3 – Cross the Rappahannock River into Stafford County and visit **Government Island**, the quarry where the U.S. Government's most famous buildings were born. Government Island, a historic 18th and 19th century quarry site provided Aquia sandstone for the construction of the U.S. Capitol, the White House and other historic buildings in Washington, D.C. Today this 17-acre park is a historic scenic nature preserve and archaeological site. It has a boardwalk, ideal for observing aquatic and native plants, birds and other wildlife. Other amenities include a 1.5 miles trail (the first two trail segments are handicap accessible), and interpretive signs to help depict its rich, nationally significant history. Government Island is a scenic heritage trail, and also on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Stop 4 – Proceed to the **Stafford Civil War Park**, the site of 1863 winter encampments and fortifications for the Union Army's 11th Corps, 1st and 3rd Divisions, following the December 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg. Many of the soldiers referred to the site and that winter, then and afterwards, as their "Valley Forge." Over 3,500 soldiers died throughout Stafford County that winter. Situated on 41 acres, park visitors can see and learn about Civil War era battery and winter hut site remains, a corduroy road, a late 18th and early 19th century sandstone quarry and the remnants of the 1660s Potomac Church Road bed.

Step-on guides available.



Option 3 – Battle of Fredericksburg and the Trail to Freedom

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Stop 2 – Proceed to **Downtown Fredericksburg** for lunch. A number of restaurants along Caroline Street and William Street offer outdoor dining year round. Several restaurants are able to accommodate larger groups with advance reservations.

Stop 3 – At the **Fredericksburg Visitor Center**, meet a guide for a walking tour of the Trail to Freedom in historic Fredericksburg. This tour follows the story of John Washington and his life as an enslaved Black man in Fredericksburg. John Washington escaped across the Rappahannock to the Union Army. Several years after he gained his freedom, he wrote an account of his enslavement in Fredericksburg. This trail takes visitors to sites that are associated with John Washington. *Mileage .8*

John Washington, Civil War, A Slave Narrative can be purchased on:
<https://www.amazon.com/John-Washingtons-Civil-War-Narrative/dp/0807133027>

Stop 4 – Cross the Rappahannock River into Stafford County and visit **Chatham Manor**, a Georgian mansion home which served as a vital Federal headquarters, communications center and hospital during the Battle of Fredericksburg. From its elevated vantage point in Stafford, Union artillery at Chatham bombarded the town before Union troops advanced over the Rappahannock River into the streets of Fredericksburg. Walk the impressive gardens and see the skyline of Fredericksburg. Learn about connections to John Washington.

Step-on guides available.

About Fredericksburg, Virginia

Fredericksburg VA tells America's story – from 1608 when Captain John Smith sailed up the Rappahannock River to George Washington's childhood and adolescence to John DeBaptiste, a free Black man fighting in the Revolutionary War to the Civil War with four major battles and where 10,000 enslaved people crossed the river to freedom, to Reconstruction and the fight for Civil Rights and social justice. The region is filled with historic sites and compelling stories, a phenomenal food and drink scene and is all easily accessible just off the interstate.

Location

Fredericksburg, VA is located fifty miles south of Washington, D.C. on Interstate 95, midway between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Virginia.



Mileage From Major Cities to Fredericksburg

Albany.....	437
Baltimore.....	106
Boston.....	529
Charleston, WV.....	309
Cleveland.....	427
Detroit.....	577
Montreal.....	655
Newport.....	472
New York City.....	290
Philadelphia.....	210
Pittsburgh.....	295
Toronto.....	592
Washington, DC.....	50
Wilmington, DE.....	178

Services

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