

Troop 349

George Mason District Fall 2011 Camporee

Fort Frederick State Park

Big Pool, MD



Theme: “The Militia Musters”
September 30-October 2, 2011

**Deadline for permission slip & payment:
September 13, 2011**

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What is a “Militia”?

The early colonists of America considered the militia an important social structure, necessary to provide defense and public safety. *“They were a group of citizens who would be ready to fight in any emergency.”* All able-bodied males were expected to be members of the local militia.

At this George Mason District Camporee, Scouts are challenged to live in the field like a soldier of the French and Indian War (1754-1763).

What was a soldier’s life like in the 18th century? Can you camp in the field like the soldiers did without modern conveniences?

Start a fire with flint and steel?

Cook over a wood fire?

Eat well without refrigeration, cans, or tin foil?

Sure we can. We are Boy Scouts!

Troops will compete for Honor Troop. Build a Troop campsite gateway, show Scout Spirit, and how well you can keep your campsite neat and safe.

Patrols with a minimum of four Scouts each will compete for prizes by visiting demonstrations and participating in activities which include a tour of Fort Frederick with period re-enactors, a scavenger hunt, learning how soldiers cooked in the field and trying it, learning about a soldier’s life, watching a musket demonstration, learning to drill, participating in a mass drill, lighting a fire with flint and steel, and throwing an axe.

So what are you waiting for?



Fort Frederick State Park is a 585 acre park in Big Pool, Maryland. It borders the Potomac River, and the C&O canal passes through the park.

Fort Fredrick is unique because of its strong stone wall, large size and roomy barracks. The stone fort was built in 1756. It protected Maryland's settlers during the French and Indian War and was used as a prison for British soldiers captured in the American Revolution.



For the next 131 years the fort and surrounding areas were farmed. During the Civil War, Union troops used the Fort as a guard area for the C&O canal.

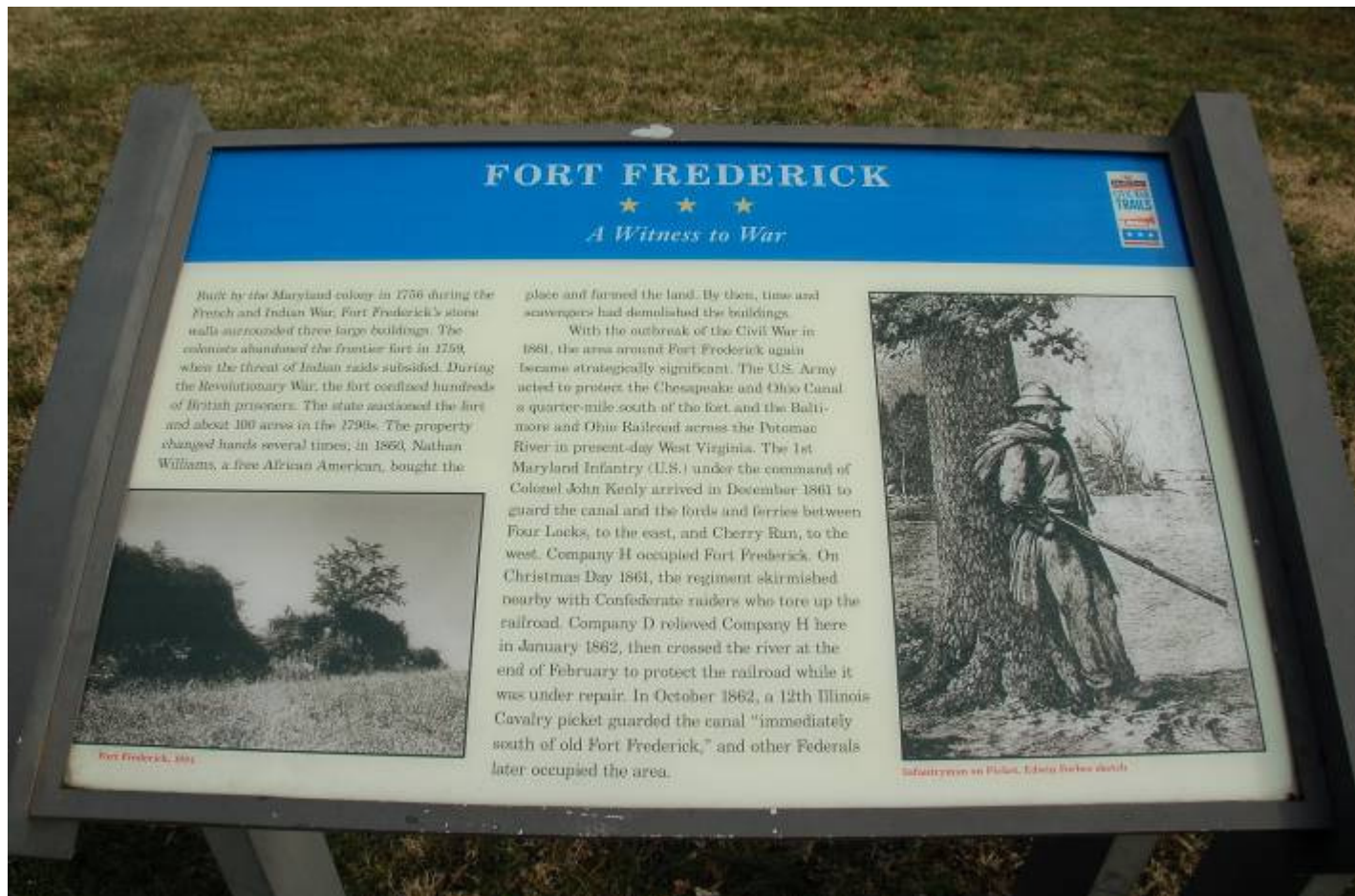
In 1922 the State of Maryland acquired the fort. During the Great Depression, a company of the Civilian Conservation Corps restored the fort and began to develop the state park. In 1975, the park reconstructed the soldiers' barracks.

The fort is a large stone quadrangle. Each side of the outer walls is about 179 feet long, 17.5 feet high and 3 feet thick at the base. The main gate is located in the center of the south curtain wall. Two of the three barracks have been restored. The west barracks is reconstructed to its 1758 appearance, while the east barracks contains displays on the history of the fort. The north barracks, known as the Governor's House, has not been reconstructed.



Historic exhibits are in the Fort, barracks, CCC Museum and Visitor Center. The park annually holds programs such as artillery firings, junior rangers day, colonial children's day and the 18th Century Market Fair.

Barracks are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day seven days a week. During those times, staff and volunteers dress in 18th century clothing and occupy the fort, demonstrating daily life in the 18th century.



The French and Indian War (1754-1763)

To learn more about the events leading up to the French and Indian War and the War itself, here are some links:

<http://www.kidport.com/reflib/usahistory/frenchindian/frenindwar.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_and_Indian_War

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/frenchandindianwar1.htm>

Park Facilities



Do you recognize this flag?

Fort Frederick Visitor Center



The CCC Museum



Confederate Civil War cannon



Artifacts

A 10-minute orientation film, "Legacy of Fort Frederick," is shown upon request at the Visitor Center.

Captain Wort's Sutler Shop

Captain Wort's Sutler Shop sells souvenirs, food, camping supplies, and firewood. You may purchase historical books, flags, toy muskets, Fort Frederick clothing, patches, magnets, maps, and hiking staff medallions. Items related to the Western Maryland Rail Trail can also be purchased. Captain Wort's is open weekends in the spring and fall, and seven days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Picnicking

One picnic pavilion that seats 50 people may be used by permit only for weddings, reunions, company picnics, etc. Picnic tables with grills are conveniently located near the pavilion at no charge. The day use area has playground equipment for children.

Camping

Camping is available on 29 unimproved sites, each of which includes a fire ring and picnic table. The family campground is first come, first served and includes portable toilets only. Four youth group campsites are available for organized youth groups.



Boating and Fishing

Within Fort Frederick State Park lies Big Pool Lake. Big Pool is a natural depression that was filled with water when the C & O Canal was created. Big Pool provides excellent opportunities for both the angler and boater. No gas motors are allowed on Big Pool, only electric trolling motors. Because of this, Big Pool is a premiere destination for canoeing and kayaking. A boat ramp provides access for canoes and other boats. Big Pool is primarily a warm water fishery, offering good fishing for largemouth bass, catfish, carp, bluegill, and many others.

The historic Potomac River also provides excellent opportunities for boating and fishing. It runs along the southern edge of the park and can be accessed by a foot path located across from the Beaver Pond parking lot. The foot path is suitable for carrying a lightweight canoe or kayak.

Hiking



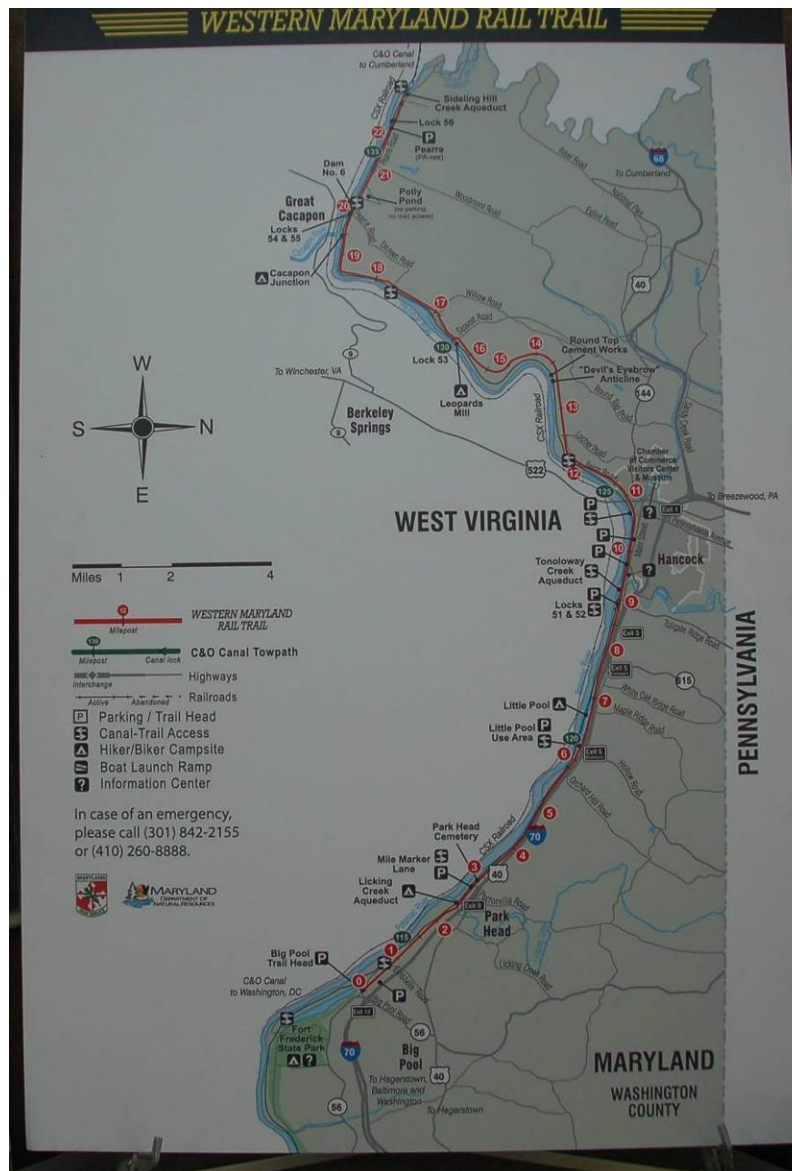
Fort Frederick State Park offers an easy trail for hikers. The Beaver Pond Trail, .3 miles in length, passes along a wetlands area behind the campground. Hikers can see turtles, waterfowl, birds, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.



Spot that deer!

Western Maryland Rail Trail

The Western Maryland Rail Trail (WMRT) is located just one-half mile west of Fort Frederick State Park. It is a 23-mile paved path that follows the former Western Maryland Railway line. This is an excellent trail for bicycling, hiking, cross country skiing, and other recreational activities. The Rails to Trails Conservancy, a non-profit organization, recently chose the Western Maryland Rail Trail as one of the top 12 trails in the United States.



Source of information:

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/fortfrederick.asp>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Frederick_State_Park

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/ftfredguide.html>

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Fort Frederick State Park
11100 Fort Frederick Road, Big Pool, MD 21711
301-842-2155

Directions from Falls Church: 86 miles; approx. 1 hour & 42 minutes

From the American Legion Hall via Capital Beltway (I-495):

1. Take I-495 N/Capital Beltway toward Baltimore
2. Slight left onto I-270 Spur N
3. Merge onto I-270N
4. Take Exit 32 to merge onto I-70W toward Hagerstown
5. 18 miles west of Hagerstown, take Exit 12 (Big Pool, Rt 56E)
6. Turn left at top of ramp
7. Follow road until sign for Fort Frederick
8. Park entrance is on the right



Weekend Car Camping Checklist:

- Note: This list is in addition to clothes worn to campout.
Wear your Class A Scout uniform for travel.
- Remember: "Cotton Kills" & "Always pack for one season *colder* than now."

Shelter:

- ___ Backpack or duffle bag (lined w/plastic bag to keep contents dry)
- ___ Tent & plastic footprint for under tent
- ___ Sleeping bag
- ___ Sleeping pad

Clothes:

- ___ Raincoat, rain pants, & Rain hat
- ___ Warm cap
- ___ Light gloves
- ___ Hat (with brim for sun)
- ___ Pants
- ___ Shorts
- ___ Short sleeve shirt
- ___ 2 Class B shirts
- ___ Class B fleece or vest
- ___ 2 Underwear
- ___ Long underwear, top & bottom
- ___ 2 pair wool or acrylic socks
- ___ Hiking boots or walking shoes (*for safety, no open-toe sandals*)
- ___ Swim suit (may also desire shoes that can get wet for water events)
- ___ Shower flip flops
- ___ Towel

Safety, Kitchen, & Toiletry:

- ___ Personal 1st Aid Kit (BSA Handbook p. 289)
- ___ Mess kit (bowl, plate, cup, fork, spoon)
- ___ Water bottle, filled
- ___ Pen/pencil & pocket-sized notepad
- ___ Scout Handbook
- ___ Book for reading
- ___ Matches (provided you have earned Firem'n Chit)
- ___ Whistle on neck lanyard
- ___ Compass with a base plate
- ___ Toiletry kit (hand soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, comb, small towel)
- ___ Toilet paper (half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag)
- ___ Bug Repellent & sunscreen
- ___ Pocketknife, less than 3" blade (provided you have earned Tote 'n Chip)
- ___ Flashlight/head lamp & extra batteries (keep easily accessible in backpack)

Troop 349 Scout Permission Slip
Falls Church, VA
Event: George Mason District Fall Camporee 2011
Location: Fort Frederick, Big Pool, Maryland
Date: September 30 - October 2, 2011

As the parent or legal guardian of _____

I give my permission for him to participate in this activity with Troop 349.

I will provide transportation out back both ways.
Including driver, my vehicle holds _____ people

Name(s) of Parent(s) planning to attend _____ Parent cell# _____

My Scout understands: All travel is in Class A uniform
No electronics are allowed (iPods, MP3 etc.)

Funds attached _____ (Cost is \$ 40 per scout and \$ 25 per adult)

I give my permission to the leaders of Troop 349 to render first aid. In the event of emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader-in-charge to hospitalize, order anesthesia, order injections, or secure other medical treatment, as s/he determines to be appropriate. I further agree to hold Troop 349 and its leaders blameless for any mishaps that may occur during this outing, except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

In case of emergency, I can be reached by phone at _____ or _____

If I cannot be reached, contact _____ phone _____

Medical Insurance company _____ policy number _____

My son: Has the following **medical condition(s)** that leaders should be aware of

Has no medical conditions.

Requires the following **medication(s)** that the leaders should supervise and assist in administering (also provide time and dosage)

Takes no medication

Signed: _____ Date _____

(Parent/ Guardian)

Submit this form and payment NLT Tues, September 13, 2011
To Julie Custer, 606 N Oak St

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Location: Fort Frederick, Big Pool, Maryland
Date: September 30- October 2, 2011

As the parent or legal guardian of _____

I give my permission for him to participate in this activity with Troop 349.

I will provide for transportation and stay overnight (one adult must accompany scout)

Name(s) of Parent(s) planning to attend _____ Parent cell# _____

My Scout understands: All travel is in Class A uniform
No electronics are allowed (iPods, MP3 etc.)

Funds attached _____ (Cost is \$ 20 per scout and \$ 20 per adult)

I give my permission to the leaders of Troop 349 to render first aid. In the event of emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader-in-charge to hospitalize, order anesthesia, order injections, or secure other medical treatment, as s/he determines to be appropriate. I further agree to hold Troop 349 and its leaders blameless for any mishaps that may occur during this outing, except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

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