The Button Farm Living History Center

16820 Black Rock Road
Germantown, MD 20874

Hours of Operation
The Button Farm is open seasonally from April to November.
Saturdays, 12-4pm, FREE to the public.
Weekdays for schools, groups and volunteers by appointment only.
For specific dates & times of operation visit www.buttonfarm.org or call 301.916.7090

“where present meets past, and past meets future”

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Discover the Past
The Button Farm sits on 40 pristine acres in Seneca Creek State Park and is Maryland’s only living history center interpreting 19th c. plantation life. Our site is home to The Underground Railroad Immersion Experience depicting the inspirational journey from slavery to freedom.

Learn a Skill
Artisans skilled in 19th century trades such as weaving & textiles, woodworking, period-cooking and blacksmithing provide workshops and learning opportunities for visitors at the Button Farm Living History Center.

Commune with Nature
Outdoor adventuring is an excellent way to experience the farm, its history and environs. Onsite camping and over 6,000 surrounding acres of hiking, biking and equestrian trails awaits you.

Hands-On History
Button Farm offers outdoor education and living history programs to public, private and home school groups. In addition to our Plantation Life and Underground Railroad programs, we also offer programs on Pre-Colonial, Revolution to Civil War, Industry and Great Depression era history.

Our Green Kids program focuses on historical and modern methods of sustainability through composting, recycling, animal habitat creation and native grasslands restoration.

Lend a Hand
Volunteers help us plant and harvest crops, care for animals, build period-style fencing and much more. Activities are ideal for youth, adults, corporate and civic groups, scouts and private associations. Earn Student Service Learning Hours or design your own team-building event. If history is your thing, then please consider becoming a Button Farm docent or tour guide!