

Gloucester announces 2009 History & Adventure Trail Plans

On the second Saturday of each month from June through October, between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m., you will have the opportunity to visit local sites not usually open to the public, and some sites that you may not know about.

New this year is Geocaching. Geocaching is a treasure hunt for anyone with a Global Positioning System (GPS). The idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using longitude and latitude coordinates. Once the cache is found, you sign the log book, take a token of your visit to the cache and move on to the next site. (All geocachers are asked to put something back in the cache box if they remove an item.)

Participating on this year's Trail are Abingdon Episcopal Church, Abingdon Glebe, Holly Knoll, Mobjack Bay Coffee, Nuttall Store, Rosewell and Walter Reed's Birthplace. Bethel Baptist Church will join us in July only, with a special gospel concert in celebration of their 142nd Anniversary, and Fairfield will be open for a public dig in September so please watch for more details.

Nuttall's Store in Ware Neck has a special treat in store for History Trail visitors...purchase your takeout lunch there and receive directions to a beautiful spot on the river where you can sit and enjoy the food and scenery.

Admission to History & Adventure Trail sites is free with the exception of Rosewell; however, donations are gladly accepted to help fund other sites' upkeep.

Other local, second-Saturday events are the Gloucester Farmers' Market from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at Susanna Wesley Church, and *Second Saturday on Main* with special sidewalk sales and entertainment on Gloucester's Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

A brochure and map of all sites is available at the Gloucester Visitor Information Center on the historic Court Circle or online at www.gloucesterva.info/pr/tourism/ht.htm. For more information, call 804-693-0014.