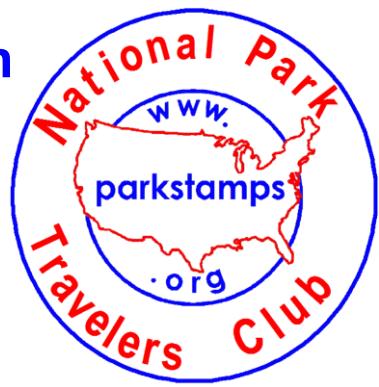




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## GROUP TOURS/EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

**3:30 – 5:30 PM** **Registration will be open for bag pickup**  
*Washington Boardroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

**6:00 – 8:00 PM** **Welcome Reception & Express Registration – Capital Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf**  
Join fellow NPTC members to kick off the weekend. We will have a baked potato bar (blue cheese crumbles, cheddar cheese, bacon bits, whipped butter, green onions, and sour cream), fresh fruit fondue (cubes of juicy pineapple, assorted melons and fresh berries, pound cake squares, marshmallows, and rice crispy cubes with warm dark chocolate fondue and whipped cream), and vegetable kebabs. Hotel bar will be near our location as well for all your beverage needs. If you are attending the reception, your registration bag, which will include any items ordered like T-Shirts and mugs, will already be prepared for you to pick up outside the reception room. **No need to go through the registration line. Bags will be ready outside the reception room after 3:30 PM.**

**Cost: Adult/Teen \$32.50 (13 and over) / Child (12 and under) Free** **Maximum of 125**

**8:00 – 10:00 PM** **National Parks Game Night**  
*Lobby Area, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*  
Join fellow NPTC members and play some games! Bring cards or national park themed games and join a group.

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**7:00 – 7:30 AM** **Registration will be open for bag pickup**  
*Washington Boardroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

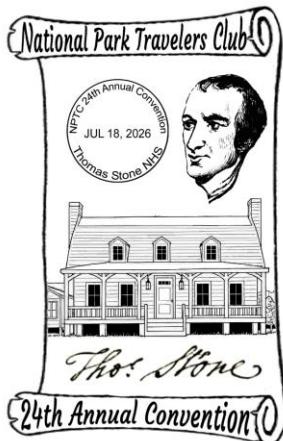
**7:30 AM** **History of George Washington & Family Bus Tour A – Bus departs at 7:45 AM**  
*Lobby, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*  
*Bus A (Ferry Farm first) will depart at 7:45 AM. Be in the lobby at 7:30 AM.*

**3 Stamping Locations Available**  
Join fellow NPTC members for a tour that takes you to sites associated with George Washington, including the George Washington Birthplace NM, George Washington's Ferry Farm (boyhood home), Historic Kenmore (home of George Washington's sister Betty and her husband, Fielding Lewis, who also was Washington's second cousin and a commissioned colonel during the American Revolution), and Stratford Hall (historic home of the Lee family - loosely tied to Washington since Robert E. Lee was the last to live there as a child and later married Martha Washington's great granddaughter, Mary Anna Custis). Some guided tours will be provided as well as time on your own. If desired, lunch is available to choose below. We will be having a plated lunch in a private room at *Brock's Riverside Grill* (see options below). The venue has an awesome balcony that overlooks the Rappahannock River and view of a bridge used by Amtrak and the VRE line. If you are there at the right time, you can see the train come through since Fredericksburg station is close by. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch. Bus A will begin the day at George Washington's Ferry Farm and Historic Kenmore with lunch at 12:00 PM. **See description of Bus Tour B for lunch options.** Both buses will visit the same sites and return to the hotel around 6:30 PM.

**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$120.50 w/lunch or \$93.75 w/out lunch** **Maximum of 56**

**Child (6-12) \$100.50 w/lunch or \$73.75 w/out lunch**

**Child (under 6) \$87.50 w/lunch or \$60.75 w/out lunch**



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#### 8:00 AM History of George Washington & Family Bus Tour B – Bus departs at 8:15 AM

Lobby, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf

Bus B (Stratford Hall first) will depart at 8:15 AM. Be in the lobby at 8:00 AM.

#### 3 Stamping Locations Available

Bus B will begin at Stratford Hall and George Washington Birthplace NM with lunch at 1:00 PM. Both buses will visit the same sites and return to the hotel around 6:30 PM.

Lunch includes a choice of: (1) caesar salad with grilled chicken – grilled chicken breast served on a salad of romaine lettuce tossed with caesar dressing, sprinkled with parmesan cheese and crunchy croutons; (2) cheddar burger – half pound black angus burger, hot off the grill cooked to medium well and topped with cheddar cheese, served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, and a side of french fries (**NOTE: all burgers will be cooked medium well, other temperature requests cannot be accommodated, no exceptions**); or (3) roasted beet cous cous (vegan) – roasted beets, carrots, tri-colored cous cous, and chimichurri sauce.

*All lunches include unlimited non-alcoholic beverages, including soda, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, hot tea, and water.*

**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$120.50 w/lunch or \$93.75 w/out lunch**

**Maximum of 56**

**Child (6-12) \$100.50 w/lunch or \$73.75 w/out lunch**

**Child (under 6) \$87.50 w/lunch or \$60.75 w/out lunch**

#### 9:00 AM Indian Head Rail Trail Hike – Drive on your own or carpool

Meet at the Mile 13 Trail Head located at 10390 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains, MD 20695. It is an approximately three-mile drive from the hotel.

Join fellow NPTC members for a hike along the Indian Head Rail Trail, a paved, gentle grade, 13 mile long, ten-foot-wide path that runs from the town of Indian Head to White Plains. Along the trail, visitors have an opportunity to view beaver dams, bald eagles, wild turkey, deer, and herons and experience an array of surroundings including mature forests, natural wetlands, and farmland.

At the Theodore Green Trail Head, you can view the restored caboose and historic trail signage. The group can then decide how far to hike based on time and interest. **Allow 15 minutes travel time to the site from the hotel.**

**Cost: All Ages Free**

**Maximum of 25**



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**1:45 – 2:45 PM** **Lunch at Brock's Riverside Grill – Drive on your own or carpool**  
*Brock's Riverside Grill, 503 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401*

**MUST be pre-registered (no walk-ins)**

Planning to be out sightseeing near Fredericksburg on your own on Thursday? Don't mind having a late lunch? Join your fellow NPTC members who are on the bus tour at our lunch venue, *Brock's Riverside Grill* (see description of lunch options in **History of George Washington & Family Bus Tour B above**.). The venue has an awesome balcony that overlooks the Rappahannock River and view of a bridge used by Amtrak and the VRE line. If you are there at the right time, you can see the train come through since Fredericksburg station is close by.

**NOTE: DO NOT sign up for this if you are on the Thursday bus tour – choose to add the lunch option for that event instead. Also, the venue is ONLY for those who sign up for this lunch OR the lunch with the bus tour. No walk-ins will be permitted due to limited seating. If you choose this option, please keep in mind that the buses will be on a schedule and will need to be served first. Your patience will be appreciated so if you think you will be pressed for time, this may not be a good fit for you.**

**Cost: All Ages \$26.75**

**Maximum of 40**

**Evening** **Dinner on your own** – Head out on your own or meet in the lobby and head out in groups of old and new friends. The Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf has a full-service restaurant and there is a plethora of dining options nearby.

**7:30 – 10:00 PM** **NPTC Amazing Trivia Race**

*Starts in the Potomac Room, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

**NOTE: Though couples and families will be kept together, teams will be randomly pre-assigned in groups of no more than 4-5 players. You will NOT be allowed to choose your teammates. Additionally, the race will be a mix of mental and mildly physical challenges (think board game or cornhole level physical - though neither of those will be included). Also, while some trivia will be a part of the race, it will not be like the trivia events of the past. If you are NOT comfortable with any of these requirements, please do NOT sign up for this event. Signing up and then not participating will result in teams being unevenly divided.**

Ready for a challenge? What do you get when you take all the fun of the TV show (racing from place to place to test your mental and physical skills) and blend it with the clue-finding elements of an escape room and a dash of the familiar NPS trivia and mystery pictures you love? Answer: A trivia event like we've never done before!! Join fellow NPTC members in a race to complete challenges and solve clues to move through the nine regions. Don't worry, there won't be any eating or drinking anything gross. No getting messy. Just some great family fun that most anyone can enjoy. Challenges will be primarily mental with some lightly physical ones as well and all of the action will take place within the hotel. Teams will be randomly pre-assigned so it's also a chance to get to know some of your fellow club members. There is a modest fee for this event to cover the cost of supplies for the challenges and room rental.

**Cost: All Ages \$10**

**Maximum of 150**



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**7:00 – 8:00 AM** Registration will be open for bag pickup  
*Washington Boardroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

**8:45 AM** Follow in the Footsteps of Lincoln's Assassin Bus Tour w/Dinner – Bus departs at 9:00 AM  
NOTE: This option includes the bus tour w/optional lunch add-on as well as the BBQ dinner at Gilbert Run Park.  
*Lobby, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*  
*Bus departs at 9:00 AM. Be in the lobby at 8:45 AM*  
**Bonus Stamps May Be Available**

Join fellow NPTC members for an all-day bus tour and group BBQ at Gilbert Run Park. Start your day on a journey that takes you to discover the 'rest of the story' of the Lincoln assassination. Among the stops will be the Surratt House Museum (where Mary Surratt hosted John Wilkes Booth and fellow conspirators to plot the assassination), the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum (home of the doctor who set Booth's broken leg and helped hide him during the manhunt), and Rich Hill Farm House (childhood home of Thomas Stone's wife, Margaret Brown, and her brother, Dr. Gustavus Brown, who tended to George Washington on his deathbed, as well as being another site where Booth was given food and shelter during the manhunt). Rich Hill Farm House has never been open to the public until now and just completed a 10-year restoration project. Docents will be at each site to provide tours and answer questions. Bus will return to the hotel by 7:30 PM.

Following that tour, the bus will arrive at Gilbert Run Park where you will have some time to enjoy the park prior to dinner. Rent a paddleboat or kayak to go out on the man-made lake (extra fee applies, pay on-your-own), walk the trails and go birdwatching, or visit with the geese. A boxed lunch is available, and dinner is included with this tour. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch. Boxed lunch will be a choice of sandwich: **(1)** turkey & swiss - oven-roasted turkey breast with swiss cheese, lettuce, and signature sauce on honey wheat bread; **(2)** albacore tuna - the best fancy white albacore tuna with swiss cheese and crisp lettuce on sourdough bread; **(3)** roast beef & provolone (**\$1 additional charge**) - lean roast beef and provolone cheese with dijon horseradish sauce on 13-grain bread; **(4)** avocado smash - a blend of garbanzo beans, avocado, garlic, and spices on a bed of green leaf lettuce with tomatoes, roasted red peppers, cucumbers, and sprouts on sourdough bread; or **(5)** vegetarian - mushrooms, cucumbers, vine-ripened tomatoes, sprouts, roasted red peppers, and avocados on lettuce with cheddar cheese and pesto mayonnaise on 13-grain bread. *All sandwiches come with chips, fresh fruit, dill pickle, cookie, mint, soda, and bottled water.*

The buffet dinner at Gilbert Run Park will feature barbequed beef brisket, barbequed chopped pork, and barbequed pulled chicken with sides of mashed potatoes and turkey gravy, BBQ baked beans (contains pork), Mesclun garden salad with tomatoes, red onions, carrots, mushrooms, and red peppers (balsamic vinaigrette and ranch dressing on the side), traditional split potato rolls, and miniature honey jalapeno corn muffins. A vegan garden burger & vegan roll or grilled portobello mushrooms w/tomato basil relish is optional as well. Please choose, if needed, so we can plan accordingly. Beverages include soda and bottled water. Also, there may be some outdoor games.

**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$149.25 w/lunch or \$133.25 w/out lunch**

**Child (6-12) \$118.25 w/lunch or \$102.25 w/out lunch**

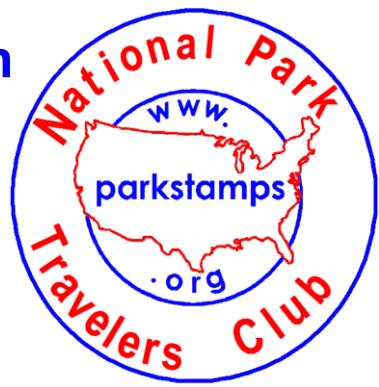
**Child (under 6) \$83.25 w/lunch or \$67.25 w/out lunch**

**Maximum of 56**



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**8:15 AM** Follow in the Footsteps of Lincoln's Assassin Bus Tour ONLY – Bus departs at 8:30 AM  
NOTE: This bus is for the tour ONLY. There will be no lunch stop during this tour and no transportation to Gilbert Run Park. If you wish to attend the BBQ, please sign up for that event separately. If you need transportation to the BBQ, sign up for the shuttle bus separately.

*Lobby, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

*Bus departs at 8:30 AM. Be in the lobby at 8:15 AM.*

**Bonus Stamps May Be Available**

Join fellow NPTC members for a half-day bus tour that takes you on a journey to discover the 'rest of the story' of the Lincoln assassination. Among the stops will be the Surratt House Museum (where Mary Surratt hosted John Wilkes Booth and fellow conspirators to plot the assassination), the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum (home of the doctor who set Booth's broken leg and helped hide him during the manhunt), and Rich Hill Farm House (childhood home of Thomas Stone's wife, Margaret Brown, and her brother, Dr. Gustavus Brown, who tended to George Washington on his deathbed, as well as being another site where Booth was given food and shelter during the manhunt). Rich Hill Farm House has never been open to the public until now and just completed a 10-year restoration project. Docents will be at each site to provide tours and answer questions. Bus will return to the hotel by 1:45 PM.

**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$85 / Child (6-12) \$65 / Child (under 6) \$60      Maximum of 56**

**9:00 AM** Indian Head Rail Trail Hike – Drive on your own or carpool

*Meet at the Mile 13 Trail Head located at 10390 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains, MD 20695. It is an approximately three-mile drive from the hotel.*

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**Cost: All Ages Free**

**Maximum of 25**

**10:30 AM** Thomas Stone NHS Tours – Drive on your own or carpool

*Meet at Thomas Stone NHS, 6655 Rose Hill Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677*

**1:00 PM  
2:30 PM  
& 4:00 PM**

Join fellow NPTC members for a tour of our host park and home to one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. **Allow 25 minutes travel time from the hotel.**

**Cost: All Ages Free**

**Maximum of 25 Per Tour (Total of 100)**



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**10:00 AM** Port Tobacco Village Tours – Drive on your own or carpool  
**12:00 PM** Meet at Stagg Hall on Commerce Street in Port Tobacco Village  
**& 2:00 PM**

Join fellow NPTC members for a tour of the historic Port Tobacco Village and learn the history of what was once Maryland's largest and busiest shipping port. **Allow 20 minutes travel time from the hotel. Port Tobacco Village is about 5 minutes by car from Thomas Stone NHS.**

**Cost: All Ages Free**

**Maximum of 24 Per Tour (Total of 72)**

**10:45 AM – 4:15 PM**  
**4:15 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Follow in the Footsteps of Lincoln's Assassin Bus Tour – Bus departs at 11:00 AM**  
w/Optional BBQ at Gilbert Run Park

NOTE: This bus is for the tour ONLY with an option of adding the BBQ at Gilbert Run Park. There will be NO lunch stop during this tour. This bus will start the tour later in the morning and will make a stop at the hotel at the end of the tour to drop off those not attending the BBQ before proceeding to Gilbert Run Park. While the bus will arrive in time for dinner, no additional time will be provided at Gilbert Run Park as on the full-day tour.

*Lobby, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

*Bus departs at 11:00 AM. Be in the lobby at 10:45 AM.*

**Bonus Stamps May Be Available**

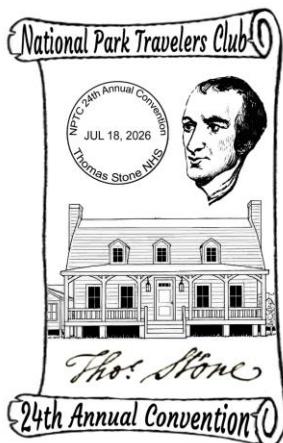
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Following that tour, the bus will make a stop back at the hotel for those not attending the BBQ, then proceed to Gilbert Run Park for dinner. **This tour will NOT include a lunch stop.**

The optional buffet dinner at Gilbert Run Park will feature barbequed beef brisket, barbequed chopped pork, and barbequed pulled chicken with sides of mashed potatoes and turkey gravy, BBQ baked beans (contains pork), Mesclun garden salad with tomatoes, red onions, carrots, mushrooms, and red peppers (balsamic vinaigrette and ranch dressing on the side), traditional split potato rolls, and miniature honey jalapeno corn muffins. A vegan garden burger & vegan roll or grilled portobello mushrooms w/tomato basil relish is optional as well. Please choose, if needed, so we can plan accordingly. Beverages include soda and bottled water. Also, there may be some outdoor games.

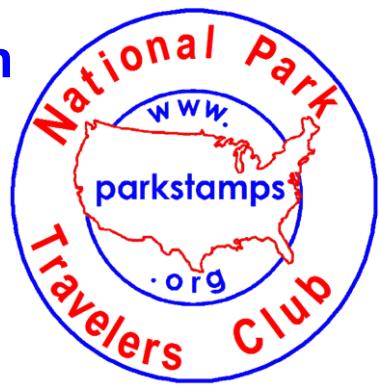
**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$126 w/BBQ or \$85 w/out BBQ**  
**Child (6-12) \$95 w/BBQ or \$65 w/out BBQ**  
**Child (under 6) \$90 w/BBQ or \$60 w/out BBQ**

**Maximum of 56**



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**4:15 PM** **Shuttle Bus for BBQ Dinner at Gilbert Run Park – Bus departs at 4:30 PM**  
*Lobby, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

**NOTE: DO NOT sign up for this if you are on the Friday bus tour that includes the BBQ Dinner. This is only being offered as a convenience for those who are NOT on the bus tour.**

Gilbert Run Park is about a 25-minute drive from the hotel. No car? Don't worry, you can sign up for this convenient shuttle to take you to and from the park. Bus will return to the hotel by 7:30 PM.

**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$10** **Maximum of 30**  
**Child (12 and under) Free**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM** **BBQ Dinner at Gilbert Run Park – Drive on your own or carpool**  
*Meet at Brookside Pavilion – Gilbert Run Park, 13140 Charles Street, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622*

**NOTE: This is included in the price of the bus tour. DO NOT sign up for this if you are on the Friday bus tour that includes the BBQ Dinner. Allow 30 minutes travel time from the hotel.**

Join NPTC members for a catered BBQ dinner at Gilbert Run Park. Enjoy a buffet dinner featuring barbequed beef brisket, barbequed chopped pork, and barbequed pulled chicken with sides of mashed potatoes and turkey gravy, BBQ baked beans (contains pork), Mesclun garden salad with tomatoes, red onions, carrots, mushrooms, and red peppers (balsamic vinaigrette and ranch dressing on the side), traditional split potato rolls, and miniature honey jalapeno corn muffins. A vegan garden burger & vegan roll or grilled portobello mushrooms w/tomato basil relish is optional as well. Please choose this option, if needed, so we can plan accordingly. Beverages include soda and bottled water. Also, there may be some outdoor games. Come early to enjoy paddleboats, rowboats, or kayaking on the man-made lake (extra fee applies, pay on-your-own).

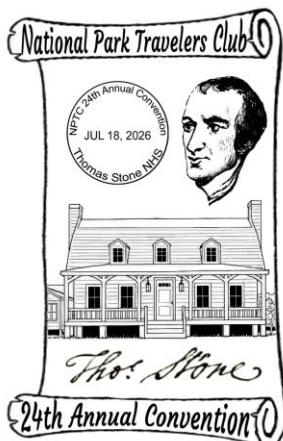
**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$41** **Maximum of 125**  
**Child (12 and under) \$30**

**8:00 – 9:30 PM** **Networking Event and Optional Ice Cream Social**  
*St. Charles Room, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf*

Join fellow NPTC members for an evening of information sharing on all things national parks. Current NPTC members as well as outside park-related organizations will host tables where you can gather information on their creative ventures, discuss ideas, and make new friends. **NOTE: No sales will be made during this event.** An optional ice cream social can be added for a fee. There will be chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry ice cream with lots of yummy toppings!

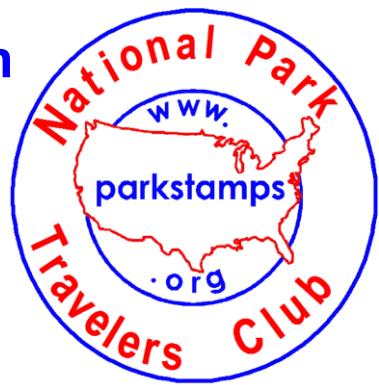
**Cost: Networking Event All Ages Free** **Maximum of 150**  
**Ice Cream Social: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$8 / Child (6-12) \$5 / Child (under 6) Free**

**9:00 – 9:30 PM** **Registration will be open for bag pickup**  
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## SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

**8:00 – 8:45 AM** **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** – Capital Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf

**9:00 – 10:30 AM** **SATURDAY MORNING LECTURE SERIES** – Capital Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf  
**MDB Q&A Session w/MDB Admin Scott Stieglitz**  
MDB Admin Scott Stieglitz will lead a session to answer members' questions about the MDB. Bring your questions to this session to get answers in real time.

**9:30 – 11:30 AM** **SATURDAY MORNING CRAFT ROOM** – Washington Boardroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf  
**Stitch-In Craft Forum w/Connie Corrigan**  
Bring a craft to work on (knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, cardmaking, coloring pages, etc.). This is a great activity for adults and children. If you do not have a project, you may find one in the room that you like. Mingle with other attendees like the old-fashioned quilting bees.

**10:00 – 11:30 AM** **Port Tobacco Village Tour – Drive on your own or carpool**  
Meet at Stagg Hall on Commerce Street in Port Tobacco Village  
Join fellow NPTC members for a tour of the historic Port Tobacco Village and learn the history of what was once Maryland's largest and busiest shipping port. **Allow 20 minutes travel time from the hotel. Port Tobacco Village is about 5 minutes by car from Thomas Stone NHS.**

**Cost: All Ages Free** **Maximum of 36**

**10:30 – 11:30 AM** **Thomas Stone NHS Tour – Drive on your own or carpool**  
Meet at Thomas Stone NHS, 6655 Rose Hill Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677  
Join fellow NPTC members for a tour of our host park and home to one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. **Allow 25 minutes travel time from the hotel.**

**Cost: All Ages Free** **Maximum of 25**

**10:45 AM – 12:15 PM** **SATURDAY MORNING LECTURE SERIES** – Capital Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf  
**The Battle of the Crater at Petersburg National Battlefield w/Jim Corrigan**  
Have you visited Petersburg National Battlefield only 2 hours down the street in Virginia? Listen to author Jim Corrigan discuss one of the most inventive and creative conflicts of The Civil War. The Battle of the Crater was an almost certain Union victory that ended up turning into an astonishing Confederate triumph.

**ANNUAL MEETING – Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf, 10385 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603**

**11:00 AM** **REGISTRATION OPEN** – Foyer outside Capital Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf

**12:30 PM** **NPTC KIDS' (& FAMILY) ROOM** – Washington Boardroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf

**1:00 PM** **NPTC 24<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION & ANNUAL MEETING** – Capital Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf

**5:00 PM** **Adjournment**

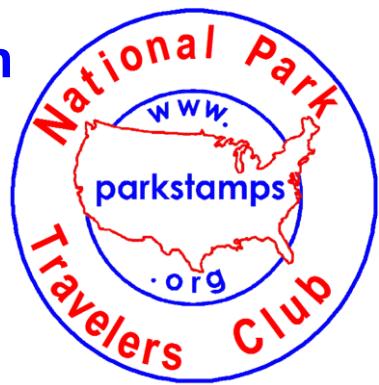
**7:00 – 9:00 PM** **President's Dinner – Drive on your own or carpool**  
Geissenbier Room, Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center, 3090 Crain Hwy, Waldorf, MD 20601  
Join fellow NPTC members for dinner at the Jaycees Community Center located about 2 miles (10-minute drive) from the hotel. Buffet dinner will include: Hand-carved roasted top round of beef slow cooked and seasoned served w/au jus or gravy; seafood newburg (shrimp, crab, and scallops in a sherry lobster sauce served over rice); pasta primavera w/grilled chicken (broccoli, carrots, cauliflower and boneless chicken breast strips tossed w/pasta served in alfredo sauce); squash medley; potatoes au gratin; garden salad bowl (ranch and italian dressings); rolls and butter; cupcakes for dessert; iced tea, water, and hot tea or coffee (on request). Please choose the vegan/vegetarian entree (a teriyaki stir-fry of peppers, onions, broccoli, and carrots served over rice) if needed. Kids' (12 and under) entree will be chicken nuggets and fries. These options also include items at the regular buffet. There also will be a cash bar. Doors open 30 minutes prior to dinner.

**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$70 / Child (12 and under) \$25** **Maximum of 200**



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## SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

**9:00 – 10:30 AM** **SUNDAY MORNING LECTURE SERIES – Potomac Room, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf**  
***The American Revolution in our National Park System w/David Kroese***

Over forty of our 430+ National Park Service sites have a direct connection to the American Revolution. We explore the sites that tell the revolutionary story, colonial events that preceded it, moments that changed its course, and battles that decided the outcome.

**10:30 AM** **Thomas Stone NHS Tours – Drive on your own or carpool**

**Meet at Thomas Stone NHS, 6655 Rose Hill Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677**

**& 2:30 PM**

Join fellow NPTC members for a tour of our host park and home to one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. **Allow 25 minutes travel time from the hotel.**

**Cost: All Ages Free**

**Maximum of 25 Per Tour (Total of 75)**

**10:45 AM – 12:15 PM** **SUNDAY MORNING LECTURE SERIES – Potomac Room, Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf**  
***The Quest – 428 in a Year w/Tom Wright***

Have you ever wondered what it would have taken to visit all 428 national parks in 2023? You are invited to listen to club member Tom Wright discuss the logistics of such an endeavor and to hear stories about his 125,000-mile quest and be ready to share some of your experiences involving America's greatest invention.

**11:30 AM & 12:30 PM** **Piscataway Park/National Colonial Farm Tour & Luncheon – Drive on your own or carpool**

**Meet at the Education Building (near parking lot), 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607**

**MUST be pre-registered (no walk-ins)**

Join fellow NPTC members for a guided tour of Piscataway Park and the National Colonial Farm, a certified organic farm used for education and a museum that demonstrates 18th century agriculture. The park has a variety of nature trails, a public fishing pier, and two boardwalks over freshwater tidal wetlands. **Allow 30 minutes travel time from the hotel.**

You can choose from an 11:30 AM Tour (w/optional 12:30 PM lunch) or a 12:30 PM Tour (w/optional 11:30 AM lunch). The optional luncheon will feature fruit and vegetable platters, finger sandwiches, chips, desserts, soda, and water.

**Cost: Adult/Teen (13 and over) \$48.50 w/lunch or \$21 w/out lunch**

**Child (6-12) \$25 w/lunch or \$12 w/out lunch**

**Maximum of 50 Per Tour (Total of 100)**

**Child (under 6) Free**

**12:00 PM & 2:00 PM** **Port Tobacco Village Tours – Drive on your own or carpool**

**Meet at Stagg Hall on Commerce Street in Port Tobacco Village**

Join fellow NPTC members for a tour of the historic Port Tobacco Village and learn the history of what was once Maryland's largest and busiest shipping port. **Allow 20 minutes travel time from the hotel.** Port Tobacco Village is about 5 minutes by car from Thomas Stone NHS.

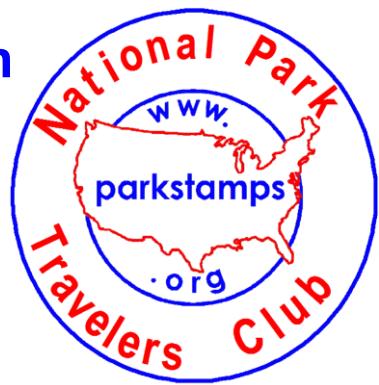
**Cost: All Ages Free**

**Maximum of 24 Per Tour (Total of 48)**



## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual NPTC Convention

Thomas Stone  
National Historic Site  
Waldorf, Maryland  
July 15 - 19, 2026



# Host Hotel

### **Hilton Garden Inn, Waldorf, Maryland**

10385 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland 20603 (240) 222-0000

- **Deadline June 15, 2026 - Note: the NPTC block of rooms often sells out early.**
- Room block is Tues, Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., & Mon. nights; July 14–20, 2026
- Rates are \$159 per night for a Single King Bed or Two Queen Beds. Taxes and Fees are extra. Nightly rate includes hot breakfast buffet, complimentary overnight and event parking, and complimentary WI-FI.
- Please follow the link below to be sure you receive a confirmation email and the club gets credit in our block. This helps lower meeting costs and ensures you get the group rate. **NOTE: The link automatically populates Tue-Tue dates, so you will need to click "edit stay" in the right corner and fill in the changes for your selected dates. If you wish to add days beyond the block, please contact the hotel directly AFTER making your reservation for the available dates. IF YOU TRY TO ADD A DATE THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE BLOCK WINDOW, THE SYSTEM WILL CHARGE YOU THE HIGHER REGULAR RATE FOR THE WHOLE RESERVATION.**

### **Hilton Garden Inn Waldorf Reservation Instructions – 2026 Convention for National Park Travelers Club:**

#### **USE THIS NPTC [BOOKING LINK](#)**

Contact: Eboni Kirkland ([eboni.kirkland@hilton.com](mailto:eboni.kirkland@hilton.com))

**Please email Eboni with any questions and allow at least 48 hours for all email responses to questions and reservation confirmations (please allow additional time if sent over the weekend). All emails must contain the following in the subject line:**

**2026 Convention for National Park Travelers Club**



**RESERVATIONS for Events** – To register online for events, tours, and group dinners visit: <https://www.parkstamps.org/registrations.php> (NOTE: you need to be logged into the Parkstamps website to access this link). **Registration opens January 10, 2026.**

**T-Shirts** – Official 2026 NPTC Convention T-shirts are available for pre-order **as part of our registration system**. You can add your T-shirt to your convention activity order and pick it up during the convention. There is also an option to pay and have it shipped to you ahead of time for a \$6.00 fee (for up to two shirts). Look for the link to be posted in the forums once registration opens. We will have Unisex and Ladies styles available.