

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

2019 Country School Association of America Conference

June 16-19 Claggett Center (just south of Frederick MD)



There are many cultural and historic attractions in all directions from our conference venue—ranging from the nearby quaint but bustling city of Frederick to the multitude of sights in our nation’s capital just an hour away.

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Downtown Frederick (approximately 8 miles north of the Claggett Center, our venue)

- **Restaurants!** – Frederick’s wide variety of eateries have made the city an acclaimed culinary destination <https://www.visitfrederick.org/eat-and-drink/downtown-dining>
- **“Clustered spires”** –Dating back to colonial times, Frederick is known as the City of Clustered Spires for its beautiful historic churches and their tall steeples that still define the city skyline; many churches served as Civil War hospitals
- **Revolutionary War sites**
 - Hessian Barracks – on the grounds of the Maryland School for the Deaf
In 1765, 12 Frederick judges repudiated the British Stamp Act, an act of defiance pre-dating the Boston Tea Party by eight years (site no longer exists)
- **Civil War sites**
 - Barbara Fritchie House (replica) – Born a decade before the Revolutionary War, as an elderly woman during the Civil War Fritchie dared Confederate soldiers: *“Shoot if you must this old gray head, but spare your country’s flag”*
 - National Museum of Civil War Medicine <http://www.civilwarmed.org>
 - Kemp Hall – In 1861 after Southern sympathizing lawmakers were arrested via Lincoln’s *habeas corpus* suspension, the Maryland General Assembly met here—rather than in the Statehouse in Annapolis—and rejected secession, sparing Washington DC from being surrounded by the Confederacy
- **McCutcheon’s Factory Store** – selling fruit preserves and their famous apple butter at discount prices <https://mccutcheons.com> (*Frederick Visitors Center nearby*)

National Parks

- **Monocacy Civil War Battlefield** – commemorating the little-known 1864 battle that “saved Washington DC” <https://www.nps.gov/mono>
- **Antietam Civil War Battlefield** – battle site of the single bloodiest day in American history; Union victory led to issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation <https://www.nps.gov/anti>
- **Harpers Ferry WV** – restored quaint Civil War-era town (and National Park) at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers; site of John Brown’s 1859 raid and the first meeting on American soil of the Niagara Movement in 1906, which led to creation of the NAACP www.nps.gov/hafe
- **Gettysburg Civil War Battlefield** – site of the turning point of the war between the states and later Lincoln’s famous Gettysburg Address <https://www.nps.gov/gett>
- **Eisenhower National Historic Site**, Gettysburg – presidential retreat and retirement home of our 34th president and WWII general <https://www.nps.gov/eise>

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Major Tourist Attractions

- **WASHINGTON DC** – national monuments, the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court, Smithsonian Museums, National Zoo, Library of Congress, National Cathedral and so much more... <https://washington.org>
Airport: Reagan National
Union Station (*served by Amtrak daily and commuter train from Frederick weekdays*)
- **BALTIMORE** – Fort McHenry, National Aquarium, B&O Railroad Museum, and more <https://baltimore.org>
Airport: Baltimore-Washington Thurgood Marshall
Penn Station (*Amtrak*)

Other Spots of Interest

- **New Market MD** – charming nearby town is the “Antique Capital of Maryland” (*note that most stores only open Friday-Sunday*)
<http://www.destinationmainstreets.com/maryland/new-market.php>
- **Saint Seton Shrine**, Emmitsburg MD – shrine to first American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and home of first parochial school in America <https://setonshrine.org>
- **Gambrill State Park** – mountain hiking; dramatic views from New Deal-era overlooks and unique stone Tea Room (open only occasionally)
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/gambrill.aspx>
- **Covered bridges** of Frederick County – 3 historic bridges each of a different engineering style <https://www.visitfrederick.org/things-to-do/tours/historic-covered-bridges-driving-tour>
- **Frederick County Wine Trail** – connecting six award-winning wineries offering tastings <https://www.visitfrederick.org/frederick-wine-trail>
- **Brick Ridge Restaurant**, Mt. Airy MD – 1892 one-room schoolhouse now a restaurant <http://www.brickridge.com>
- **Turn the Page Bookstore**, Boonsboro MD – run by the husband of bestselling author Nora Roberts, who frequently signs books there; numerous signed copies in stock <https://www.ttpbooks.com>
- **Sugarloaf Mountain** – Registered Natural Landmark offering hiking or scenic drive
- **Camp David** – *sorry, by invitation only – otherwise, off limits!*