Hidden in the landscape, Maryland’s Underground Railroad sites await your exploration. See where freedom fighters altered the course of history with their bravery, courage, and sacrifice. In 2021, these sites joined the more than 80 Maryland Network to Freedom Underground Railroad sites and programs verified by the National Park Service’s Network to Freedom.

For the full list of sites and to plan your trip, go to www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/underground-railroad.
Elkridge Furnace was one of the largest operating iron furnaces in colonial Maryland and used enslaved, indentured, and convict labor. At least five people escaped from this site. Some individuals escaped multiple times and suffered severe punishment but persisted in pursuit of freedom.

Mount Clare Station
At least eight people seeking their freedom traveled through this station on the B&O Railroad on their way north, including Henry “Box” Brown, who endured a 27-hour journey hidden in a box marked as “dry goods,” and William and Ellen Craft, who disguised themselves as a white male planter and his servant.

Lizzie Amby fled from slavery at this site in early October 1857, escaping with her husband, Nat, and fourteen other freedom seekers. William Still recorded their journey in his book The Underground Railroad. The site includes the property that once belonged to Lizzie Amby’s enslaver, Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly.

This site exemplifies the contrasting symbolism found along freedom seekers’ journeys. The Turkey Point Light Station was a beacon of hope and guidepost for those navigating the Chesapeake Bay and Elk River north to freedom. Meanwhile, people enslaved to fish and cultivate the Turkey Point Farm fled from the very land on which the light station sat.

Discover the heart-wrenching choices Sidney Still made to be free. On landscapes where she was enslaved, a period cabin tells of her family’s legacy, including escape, capture, punishment, separation, and finally, family reunification in freedom. Sidney changed her name to Charity once free and had a son named William. William Still managed a busy Underground Railroad station in Philadelphia, documenting freedom seekers on their journeys northward.

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