

HEROISM ON MARYLAND'S

UNDERGROUND Railroad

NETWORK TO FREEDOM

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

5745 Furnace Avenue Elkridge, MD 21075 410-461-5005

https://patapsco.org/heritage-2/history-of-elkridge/

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

901 W. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21223 410-752-2490

https://www.borail.org

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.



EASTERN SHORE SITES

Lizzie Amby Escape Site / Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly House

207 High Street

Cambridge, MD 21613

https://visitdorchester.org/bayly-house/

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.

Turkey Point Farm & Light Station

4395 Turkey Point Road North East, MD 21901 410-287-5333

https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/central/elkneck.aspx

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.

William Still Interpretive Site: Tragedy and Triumph on the Road

to Freedom

Caroline County 4H Park 8230 Detour Road

Denton, MD 21629 443-448-4720

https://harriettubmanbyway.org/william-still-interpretive-center/

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.

Learn more at www.visitmaryland.org/network-to-freedom.