

# RUSTIC ROADS

2010 Calendar  
Rustic Roads Advisory Committee  
Montgomery County, Maryland







Black Rock Road, a rustic road, is thought to date from soon after Black Rock Mill was built beside Seneca Creek by Thomas Hilleary in 1815; the southern section of the road and Offutt's Grist & Saw Mill appear on the 1865 Martenet and Bond Map of Montgomery County. An up-and-down saw cut lumber year round, and millstones worked seasonally to grind grain to flour. From the Late Archaic Period or earlier, Native Americans traversed the area in small bands, hunting for deer, fishing in the creeks, and gathering the starchy seeds and tubers from wetlands. A 1712 map calls Seneca Creek the "Riviere de Senecards," noting its use as a canoe route by the Seneca Indians.

# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (Obs.)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Mouth of Monocacy Road, established in 1793, is an exceptional rustic road which ends at the Monocacy Aqueduct and the Frederick County line. The aqueduct, used to carry canal boats over the Monocacy River, was built between 1829 and 1833 at a cost of \$127,900. It was the largest of the eleven aqueducts built along the C&O Canal at 438 feet long with six piers and seven 54-foot arches. It was built mostly from granite quarried from the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. Lockett's Ferry, later known as Schink's Ferry, was located just below the aqueduct, and provided a westward link to the Virginia and Ohio frontier.

# February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day Chinese New Year	15 Washington's Birthday (Obs.)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						



Montevideo Road, an exceptional rustic road, was established by 1837 to connect Seneca Mill and Dawsonville. Benoni Allnut built Rocklands, shown above, of Seneca sandstone in 1870; the house is one of the finest Italianate mansions in Montgomery County, and the farmstead contains an noteworthy collection of outbuildings. The steel truss bridge crossing Dry Seneca Creek is a significant feature of the road. Seneca sandstone walls edge one side of the road north of where this photo was taken. Montevideo Road is within the Seneca Historic District which encompasses 3,850 acres from Riley's Lock House and the Seneca Sandstone Quarry north to part of Sugarland Road; the District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

# March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First day of spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Passover begins at sundown	30	31			



Mountain View Road, a rustic road, was established by the mid-1800s to serve Purdum, a small, nearly self-sustaining tobacco farming community; the road appears on maps by 1865. The early community included a school and church, with commercial enterprises appearing at about the turn of the twentieth century. The Doody Farm, left, includes a late Victorian farmhouse built in 1906 by Genoa and Vinnie King. The farm is now protected by a Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation easement.

# April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Dustin Road, a short, forested rustic road on the eastern edge of Montgomery County, ends at a c1750 log farmhouse, Water's Gift, which is not visible from the road. The Fairland Master Plan includes the historic property, its alignment, narrow pavement, curves and densely wooded character among the road's rustic features. Maps from 1954 to 1979 show parts of the road unpaved.

# May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day (Obs.)					



In 2009, the RRAC recommended that Game Preserve Road be designated a rustic road. Game Preserve Road is a narrow, winding road, running roughly parallel to Great Seneca Creek between Frederick and Clopper Roads, with St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, established in 1838, marking the intersection with Clopper Road. The road first appears on a 1908 map, but it likely predates that. The B&O Railroad underpass (above), a masonry underpass that is unique in the County, was constructed in 1906, and a house just north of the underpass is thought to date from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

# June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 First day of summer	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





Glen Road provided access to Glen Mill, an early nineteenth century milling complex on Watts Branch. By the late 1890s, George Fountain Peters had built a dwelling and general store, now known as Glen Store and Post Office. In 1910, the Travilah Town Hall was built near Travilah Road as a public meeting place. Glen Road is a rustic road between Query Mill and Piney Meetinghouse Roads (above) and an exceptional rustic road between Piney Meetinghouse Road and Beekman Place.

# July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Pennyfield Lock Road, a rustic road connecting River Road to the C&O Canal, was thought to have been established c1830-33. The lock, store and house remain. The road was named for the lockkeeper, George Pennyfield (spelled 'Pennifield' on a 1865 map). Tobytown, a small post-Civil War kinship community near River Road, contains a cemetery with graves of the former slaves who established the community. The structures of the original community were demolished and replaced in the 1970s, with descendants of the original families continuing to live there.

# August 2010

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Ramadan begins at sundown	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Slidell Road, a ridge road connecting Comus and Barnesville Roads, was commissioned in 1865 by early County farmers: Carlin, Reid, Knott and Thompson. It was probably laid out as a connection to Boyd’s Station of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Metropolitan Branch. The Slidell community, with a post office, general store and one-room school, was located at the intersection of Slidell and West Old Baltimore Roads. To the north of Slidell, not far from Comus Road, is the c1873 Thompson Family Cemetery. Slidell Road is a rustic road.

# September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	9 Eid al Fitr (Ramadan ends) PHR conference	10 PHR conference	11 PHR conference
12 PHR conference	13	14	15	16	17 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	18
19	20	21	22 First day of fall	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



West Harris Road, an exceptional rustic road probably constructed in the mid-1800s, is named for the Harris family; Joseph Harris owned over 1,100 acres in the vicinity by the late 1700s. The road connects the Town of Barnesville (established 1747) and Mt. Ephraim, a 13-acre property on which Harris build a house, outbuildings, brick store, restaurant, two frame dwellings, blacksmith shop and stable between 1868 and 1888 (only the house and its summer kitchen remain). The restaurant inventory included 177 gallons of whiskey, so it may have been a saloon. Harris was postmaster, farmer and storekeeper.

# October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						



Burnt Hill Road is a rolling rustic road with long views, as far as Sugarloaf Mountain. The road was established between 1865 and 1879. Among the numerous historic properties along this road was the late nineteenth century King's Distillery and Saw Mill, near Burnt Hill and Prices Distillery Roads. The whiskey was sent to Baltimore in barrels where it was bottled under the King label. The distillery burned down about 1907.

# November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15 Eid al Adha begins at sundown	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30				



Mouth of Monocacy Road, an exceptional rustic road and one of the oldest in the County, was established in 1793. It was part of an important route to Baltimore, connecting to Old Baltimore Road which spanned the County to the Patuxent River. At \$175,000, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Metropolitan Branch Viaduct (above), was the single largest and most expensive structure on the B&O line. The viaduct was built in 1906 and 1907 out of Seneca sandstone, Washington County limestone, and white quartzite from Sugarloaf Mountain. The viaduct may include stone piers from an earlier (c1870) wooden trestle.

# December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 First day of winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31	

# Rustic Roads

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## **Rustic Roads Advisory Committee Montgomery County, Maryland**

Montgomery County's Rustic Roads Program preserves the character of road designated as *rustic* or *exceptional rustic* roads. These roads exemplify the rural and agricultural landscape of the County by their configuration, alignment, scenic quality, landscaping, adjacent views and historic interest.

The Rustic Roads Program was approved in 1993, and the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan was adopted in 1996. The County currently has 96 roads designated in its Rustic Roads Program.

The Rustic Roads Advisory Committee (RRAC) is comprised of seven citizen members who are appointed by the County Executive. They educate and promote public awareness of the Rustic Roads Program, and they review and provide comments to the County Executive, County Council, Planning Board and other agencies on roadway classifications, policies, and regulations.

In 2010, the RRAC will be working with the Preserving the Historic Road conference committee to offer tours of rustic roads at the 2010 PHR conference in Washington D.C.

### **More information:**

The Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan and RRAC meetings:

[http://montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan\\_areas/rural\\_area/rustic\\_roads.shtm](http://montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan_areas/rural_area/rustic_roads.shtm)

Preserving the Historic Road Conference:

<http://www.historicroads.org/>

### **About the cover:**

The background map is a detail of the 1865 Martenet and Bond Map of Montgomery County, available from the Library of Congress, [LOC.gov](http://LOC.gov).

Photos:

Top row: Hughes Road hedgerow at the Capitol Polo Club, Berryville Road in Potomac, the ford on West Old Baltimore Road

Second row: Monocacy and Potomac Rivers (from Monocacy Aqueduct), West Harris Road, Sugarland Road

