

Reenactors Network

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Happy Halloween!

We want to wish everyone a safe and happy halloween season. Here are a couple of night and halloween activities to enjoy in the DC area.

- * Candlelight Tours of Old City Cemetery: October 15-24, 2009
 - * Candlelight Ghost Tours of Frederick: June 6-November 7, 2009
 - * Ghost of Sotterley Plantation Tour: October 15-17, 2009
 - * Ghosts and Legends of Fort Ligonier: October 29, 2009
 - * Moonlight Hiking at Great Falls: October 2, 30 and November 27, 2009
 - * Spirits of Point Lookout: October 23-24, 2009
 - * Spirit Walk of Historic Downtown Charlottesville: October 23-25, 2009
 - * Three Centuries Walking Tour: April 1-October 5, 2009
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- * Annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival: October 2-3, 2009
 - * Blue Ridge Highlanders Festival: October 3, 2009
 - * Pennsylvania Renaissance Festival: August 8- November 1, 2009
 - * Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival: August 29- October 4, 2009
 - * Maryland Renaissance Festival: August 29- October 25, 2009
 - * The Medieval Feast at Riverside: September 26-November 15, 2009



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Point Lookout State Park

It is place at the edge of St. Mary's County Maryland. You can take you family there to fish, camping and other out door activities. It also has two historical land marks on its property a reproduction of a fort and Point Lookout Light House. During both the American Revolution and 1812 War it was used as a lookout point for the Americas. As well as it became a prisoners camp during the Civil War to hold confederates. Only 8 percent of the prisoners died at the camp due to disease, and starvation.

You can read more on its history at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/ptlookouthistory.html>. The point does have some of its haunted tell. Some have scene a women around the light houses property searching for graves and ask those who have seen her if they would help her in her search. As well as faint sounds of a general who haunts the fort. The park will be holding their Spirits of Point Lookout from October 23 to 24th. It is an interactive representative of some of the parks ghost tales. In the past we heard that it was a reenactment of a Civil War Hospital Field. You can find more information about this event at <http://www.stmaryskiwanis.org/spirits/index.asp>. To find more spooky tales that might occur in your area visit <http://www.realhaunts.com/> or <http://www.castleofspirits.com/>.

Fun Facts:

1. Halloween came from a pagan holiday called "Samhain". This celebrated the last harvest or summers end.
2. Placing a candle in a pumpkin originally came from an Irish belief. Instead they used turnips.
3. The Celts believed that Spirits and ghost would come on Halloween night. They wore mask to be not recognized as humans by the dead.
4. Depending on where you live black cats are thought of as bad luck or a witches familiar. In Europe it is white cats.

<http://www.halloween-website.com/>
<http://www.witchvox.com/>