


James Madison's MONTPELIER

Homeschool Day

April 3, 2017, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Scheduled Programs

Each program is available at 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00

Guided Hike - *departs from mansion back lawn, next to formal garden* - Take a guided hike in the James Madison Landmark Forest, learning about local ecology and conservation. ❷ canceled if raining

In Service to Madison - *departs from visitor center courtyard* - Travel the Montpelier landscape, recounting the stories of the slaves who labored there and within the Madison home. ❶ canceled if raining

No Press Allowed - *Grand Salon in the visitor center* - Participate in a mock Constitutional Convention to learn what happened behind the closed doors of Independence Hall in 1787. ❶

Artifact, Evidence - *mansion south cellar* - Examine the types of artifacts uncovered in and around the Montpelier home to learn about James, Dolley, and the slaves who once lived here. ❸

duPont Formal Garden Tour - *meet at formal garden entrance adjacent to mansion back lawn* - Discover the wonders of the Formal Garden. We will explore how plants, animals, and people come together to create this beautiful space. ❸ canceled if raining

Drop-in activities

These activities are on-going throughout the day. Join us at your leisure.

Mansion Tours - *begin on mansion front porch* - running continuously, 9:30-4:00.

Strollers, food, and drink are not permitted in the house.

What a hat! - *mansion north cellar* - Make a James tri-corner hat, or a fashionable Dolley turban. ⑨

James and Dolley's Game Room - *mansion south wing* - Challenge yourself to the same indoor games James and Dolley did, like chess, backgammon, cards, and checkers. ④

Colonial Games and Early American Games - *mansion back lawn* - Roll a hoop, learn the Games of Graces, take a swing at Trap Ball and try your hand at other fun outside games popular during James and Dolley Madison's lifetime. ② canceled if raining

Master Gardeners - *formal garden central lawn* - Meet Kristin Meredith and the Master Gardeners and discover the world of pollinators. 10:30-3:30 ⑩

Scavenger Hunt - *next to front walkway* - Pick up a scavenger hunt and piece your way through the Montpelier landscape to solve the mystery of what James Madison held dearest. ⑤

Draw Your Montpelier - *Temple* - Become an artist and draw your version of Montpelier just as visitors did during James and Dolley's lifetime. 10:00-4:00 ⑪

Sign the Constitution - *visitor center courtyard* - Want to sign the Constitution? Now is your chance. ① moved to the duPont gallery of the Visitor Center if raining

Archaeology Lab - *downhill from the Temple* - Meet Montpelier's archaeologists and try your hand at digging and identifying artifacts! Open 9:00 - 4:00 ⑥

Gilmore Cabin - *.1 mile south of estate main entrance on Route 20* - Go inside the 1873 home of a former Montpelier slave, George Gilmore. Open 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Discover Montpelier this summer!

Join us this summer for a variety of Family Friendly tours and programs!

- Be the historian and uncover the story of Montpelier
- Participate in activities and take home part of history
- Learn about James, Dolley, and the enslaved community

Visit montpelier.org for more details

Points of Interest

Don't miss these important sites during your visit!

James Madison Landmark Forest - Hike at your leisure in this old growth forest. Pick up a Trail Map on the Colonnade (back porch).

Annie duPont Formal Garden - A garden created by the duPonts and as lovely as ever.

Madison Family Cemetery - The final resting place of James and Dolley Madison.

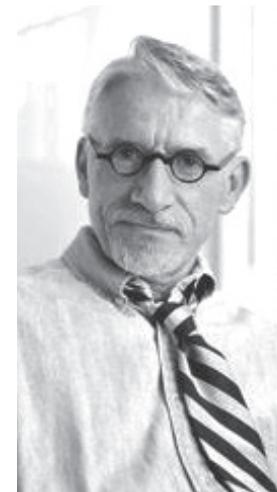
Slave Cemetery - The final resting place of approximately 40 of Montpelier's enslaved.

Joe and Marge Grills Gallery - *visitor center* - Get up close with the Madisons' treasures.

William duPont Sr. Gallery - *visitor center* - Learn more about Montpelier's 20th century owners.

1910 Train Depot - *1/5 mile north of estate main entrance on Route 20* - A unique museum documenting Jim Crow era segregation in Orange County.

Presentation and Book Signing with Kenneth C. Davis - Today only!



Join best-selling author **Kenneth C. Davis** for a presentation on his latest book, "In The Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives," followed by a Q&A session and book signing.

11:00am & 2:00pm

Alan & Louise Potter Theater in the
David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center

Seating is limited, plan to arrive early.

Book signing to follow in the
Visitor Center lobby.

