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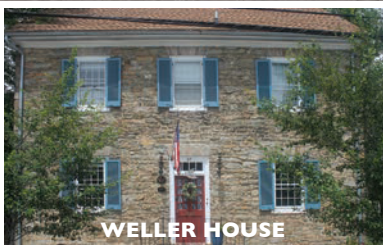
TOUR THURMONT

Walk, Bike & Drive

Just
15 minutes
South of
Gettysburg



CATOCTIN IRON FURNACE



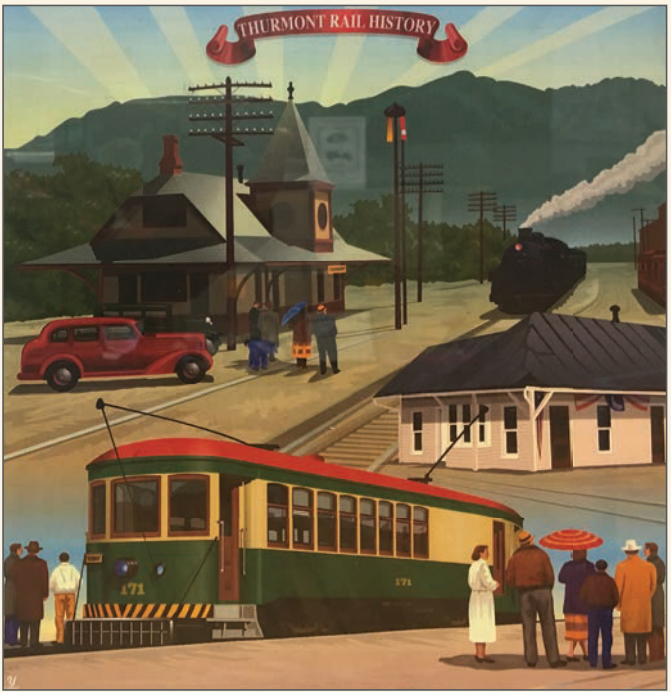
WELLER HOUSE



CATOCTIN BREEZE VINEYARD



SPRINGFIELD MANOR WINERY,
BREWERY, & DISTILLERY



THURMONT RAIL HISTORY

In 1871, the Western Maryland railroad found its way to then Mechanicstown (Thurmont) and by 1890; six trains ran through Thurmont each day. By 1914, a milk service train ran from Thurmont to Baltimore. With popularity of the automobile, the passenger service ended in 1957 and by early 1967, the Western Maryland Railroad closed the Thurmont depot and the building was demolished on April 4, 1967. Trains would continue to pass through Thurmont but they would not stop in our town. In 1908, the Hagerstown & Frederick Railway began transporting people and freight to and from Frederick and during its hay day the trolley was making four round trips a day. Again with the onset of the automobile, the H&F Railway made its last run to Thurmont in February 1954.



THURMONT COMMUNITY PARK

The Town of Thurmont Streets and Parks Department maintains passive and active parks and recreational areas for your enjoyment. The Thurmont Community Park is one of the many parks, and is the site of many large events throughout the year including the Catocin Colorfest. Basketball, fitness trail, grills, horseshoes, tennis, and playground. The Community Park is located at 21 Frederick Road. The park is open from sunrise to sunset, unless posted otherwise.

Thurmont Town Walking Tour



Exit the 7-I I and turn right onto Frederick. Road. At a safe place, cross Frederick Road and continue on the left side of Frederick Road.

- 1 The **Cozy Restaurant** was located on the site where *Criswell Chevrolet* currently operates. Look for the large American flag. The Restaurant, built in 1929 by Wilbur R. Freeze, grew from a 12 stool restaurant to become one of the most popular eating places in Maryland. Well known guests included Sir Winston Churchill, Condoleezza Rice, Maureen Reagan, Barbara Walters, and David Axelrod just to name a few!

Turn left onto Water St.

At the traffic light, turn left onto West Main St.

- 2 The stone house at 28 W. Main St. is known as the **Match House**. Jacob Weller purchased the property in 1805 and shortly afterwards built the 1 1/2 story stone building, probably with a workshop behind it. Weller is credited with the manufacture of the first friction matches in the United States, copied from French models imported to Frederick around 1825. Unfortunately Jacob failed to patent his invention; copy-cat manufacturers sprang up in the wake of his sales route. The first patent for friction matches was issued to a man in Massachusetts in 1836.

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- 3 The large stone building on the corner of West Main St. and Altamont Ave was the **first hotel** in Thurmont. Jacob Weller purchased the property in August 1805 and the date "1805" is inscribed on the west side chimney gable. This building was used as both a home and the first inn in town, with a large stable area on the east side. The building has been minimally altered and is now restored as a significant example of Anglo-German architecture.
- 4 **Weller United Methodist Church** is one of the oldest churches in Thurmont, dating back to 1830. Jacob Weller, Jr., the third generation of the Weller family, in what was Mechanicstown but is now known as Thurmont, donated the ground for the building of a Brethren church & cemetery on Altamont Avenue. The cornerstone of the 40-foot square stone building was placed in October 1830. Jacob Weller, Jr. died in 1831 and his grave was the first in the Brethren Church cemetery. President Carter attended Weller UMC with his daughter Amy in May 1977.

Turn right onto Church St.

- 5 **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church** - A March 1828 manuscript at Mt. St. Mary's University identifies that the priests at the college were taking care of a Catholic congregation in Mechanicstown (known since 1892 as Thurmont). The Rector of the Seminary at Mt. St. Mary's advocated the construction of a church in 1856; the present Gothic-styled church was dedicated, Sunday, June 5, 1859. President and Mrs. Kennedy attended mass here once while at Camp David.
- 6 The **Thurmont Historical Society** is located inside the "**Creager House**". This house is really two houses in one - a small, log house dating to the 1820's inside an enlarged Victorian brick house of 1876. The original house was owned by Daniel Rouzer and appears on the 1825 tax records. His grandson, John R. Rouzer, purchased this house in 1865. During the Civil War he was promoted twice for bravery and also endured a brief period of imprisonment. The house was sold in 1926 to Edwin Creager who was the local Chevrolet Dealer. The Creagers only son Edward was a naval aviator when he lost his life in WWII. He was the first war casualty from Thurmont and the American Legion post is named after him. In 1990, Mrs. Creager donated the house to the Thurmont Historical Society.

Cross and turn left onto East Main St.



2 Match House on Main Street



13 Gene Long Bridge



5 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

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- 8 The **Acacia Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons** is located at 12 East Main Street. The lodge was constituted on March 31, 1871.

- 9 **Former Creager's Furniture Store** The store began in 1840 when James Kreiger expanded his coffin-making business to include furniture in what was then called Mechanicstown. Later, both the town and the business changed names and the store became James Creager & Son Furniture, Undertaking and Embalmers; and later M.L. Creager. Today the historic building is once again a family run furniture and home décor business with little changes to the main structure.

- 10 **Thurmont Memorial Park** (across the street) is the only park in Maryland that commemorates soldiers from every American war from the French & Indian War to Iraq and Afghanistan.



9 Creager's Furniture Store



10 Thurmont Memorial Park

Cross Street and walk to the Trolley Car and Murals

- 11 The **Trolley Car** is the Hagerstown and Frederick Rail Road (H&FRR) Motor Freight No. 5. It is unusual in that its purpose was to carry freight — not passengers. Trolley transportation came to its end February 20, 1954.

With private donations the Town of Thurmont, Thurmont Lions Club, and Acadia Lodge have installed **murals** on the building depicting the history of Thurmont and all the natural resources that surround Thurmont. Murals were painted by Yemi Fagbohun.



11 Trolley Car and Murals

Cross in the crosswalk to the other side and go onto the Trolley Trail.

- 12 The **Thurmont Trolley** life began in 1886 – 1956 when the Monocacy Valley Railroad Company built a steam train line to haul iron from Catocin Furnace to Thurmont and the Western Maryland Railroad. The Thurmont Lions Club have created the Thurmont trolley trail which is a ¾ mile trail that will take you to the Thurmont Regional Library, and future connector to the Gateway Trail which will take you to Catocin Mountain Park.

- 13 **Gene Long Bridge** along the Thurmont Trolley Trail

Cross and turn right onto Moser Rd. Pass Thurmont Regional Library (restrooms).

- 14 **Lime Kiln** (to the left)

- 15 The **Thurmont Regional Library** opened in August 2008. Its unique 40 foot tall stone entrance tower is in the style of the nearby historic Catocin Furnace. Thurmont Regional Library was recently featured in 2017 by MSN as an "Amazing Libraries" in All 50 States.

Turn left onto Frederick Rd. Return to the finish at the 7-I I.

Key

P Parking

Restrooms

Bike Fix It Station

Thurmont Driving Tour



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3 Weller House

- 4 **Weller United Methodist** is one of the oldest churches in Thurmont, dating back to 1830. Jacob Weller, Jr., the third generation of the Weller family, in what was Mechanicstown but is now known as Thurmont, donated the ground for the building of a Brethren church and cemetery on Altamont Avenue. The cornerstone of the 40-foot square stone building was placed in October 1830. Jacob Weller, Jr. died in 1831. At the time of his death, Weller's Church was still unfinished. His grave was the first in the Brethren Church cemetery.

President Carter attended Weller UMC with his daughter Amy in May 1977. They arrived unannounced and shook hands with nearly everyone after the service.

The United Brethren in Christ (UBC) congregation was aligned with the disciplines of the Evangelical Church and the two united in 1946 to become the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB). In 1968, the EUB and the Methodist Church joined.



2 Match House on Main Street



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President and Mrs. Kennedy attended mass here one time and the Secret Service used the turret on the Hammaker House to provide security.

- 6 The Thurmont Historical Society** is located inside the "Creeger House". This house is really two houses in one - a small, log house dating to the 1820's inside an enlarged Victorian brick house of 1876. The original house was owned by Daniel Rouzer and appears on the 1825 tax records. His grandson, John R. Rouzer, purchased this house in 1865. During the Civil War he was promoted twice for bravery and also endured a brief period of imprisonment. After the War he returned a hero. He was elected to the Maryland State Legislature in 1867, followed by six years as Register of Wills for Frederick County. He would serve three more terms in the Legislature.



6 *Thurmont Historical Society*

The house was sold in 1926 to Edwin Creeger who was the local Chevrolet Dealer. The Creegers only son Edward was a naval aviator when he lost his life in WWII. He was the first war casualty from Thurmont and the American Legion post is named after him. In 1990, Mrs. Creeger donated the house to the Thurmont Historical Society.

Turn left onto East Main St.

- 7** The building at 11 E. Main St. that is now the Thurmont Barber & Styling, was once the **Gilbert House Hotel**. John B. Gilbert was the proprietor of the old (ca. 1816) hotel "on the square" in Mechanicstown beginning in 1865. With the arrival of the railroad, the local tanneries and factories boomed. In addition the town's access by train made it a popular summer resort. The Gilbert House hotel hosted many of these businessmen and visitors and its dining room was the center of both commercial and social activity in town.
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Key



Parking



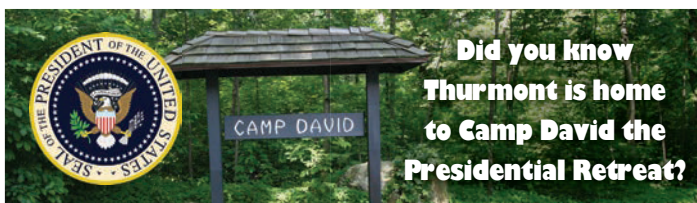
Bike Fix It Station



Restrooms



Covered Bridge



**Did you know
Thurmont is home
to Camp David the
Presidential Retreat?**

- 10** Go to the **green and white trolley** and view the **painted mural** on the building behind the trolley. The trolley is the Hagerstown & Frederick Rail Road (H&FRR) Motor Freight No. 5. It is unusual in that its purpose was to carry freight — not passengers.

The building was the **Hagerstown & Frederick Trolley Station**. The building that was once used to house all the electrical components that operated the trolley.

The Town of Thurmont and the Thurmont Lions Club has installed murals on the building depicting the history of Thurmont.

The **Thurmont Trolley** began life in 1886 when the Monocacy Valley Railroad Company built a steam train line to haul iron from Catocin Furnace to Thurmont and the Western Maryland Railroad. Two years later, the Northern Railroad Company extended the line to Frederick. In 1908, the lines became electric.

Finally in 1913, the Northern Railway Company connected to the Washington County railroad lines, and the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway Company was formed.

It was in 1907 when the Washington, Frederick, and Gettysburg Railroad purchased the Monocacy Valley Railroad and began building the connecting link of three miles between Lewistown and Catocin Furnace. When this link was completed it provided a continuous track from Frederick to Thurmont, where it made connections with the Western Maryland Railroad. The line between Frederick and Washington and from Thurmont to Gettysburg never materialized.

Not long after the line was completed from Frederick to Thurmont, the Frederick Railroad Company was formed and took over the operation of the railroad from Frederick to Thurmont, and operated a steam railroad between the two communities. In 1909, electrification of the Thurmont—Frederick division was accomplished, thus making it the very first electric railroad in the United States to handle freight cars with electric locomotives. In that same year the first electric passenger car made its maiden run from Frederick to Thurmont.

The unique feature of this line was the standard gauge track, which made it possible to route freight cars over the tracks which provided many services to communities located along the scenic route. The trolley ran until February 20, 1954.

- Turn around and go back to the Square (where town clock is located) turn left at the red light (Water Street) take the first right at the intersection, and go passed the Community Park (on right) and make the next left onto Moser Road. Drive approximately ½ mile. Library is on your right.**

- 11** Lime Kiln - an example of one of many in the area.

- 12** The **Thurmont Regional Library**, listed by MSN as Maryland's Most Amazing library in 2016, provides 25,000 square feet of space for books, DVDs, CDs, computers, and meeting rooms. A beautiful covered deck welcomes visitors to read, relax, eat, and socialize. The library serves as a community gathering space with free Wi-Fi plus a variety of programs for people of all ages.



12 *Thurmont Regional Library*

The library is located at 76 E. Moser Road. Contact us at 301-600-7212.

ThurmontMainStreet.com

THURMONT MAIN STREET CENTER



Stop by the Thurmont Main Street Center located at 111 Water Street for a Thurmont souvenir & more information about Thurmont, Thurmont businesses, and attractions. The Main Street Center includes art from local artists on display and for sale, Thurmont history, brochures/information from all Thurmont business, locally made products, souvenirs, books, and much more for retail sale. Stop by every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 2 PM-4 PM for our Main Street Matinee with free popcorn! Hours are February through December, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Noon-4 PM. Closed on holidays.

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THINGS TO DO...

CATOCTIN FURNACE

- Catoctin Furnace Iron Works (1774-1903), is located four miles south of Thurmont on Route 806. It was built around a family owned iron business created by James Johnson, brother of the first Governor of the state of Maryland. The village of Catoctin Furnace is of historical interest as it is a compact, unified, "company town" aspect. There is a remaining furnace stack, ruins of the iron master's house, the church (Harriet Chapel) built for the workers, several original houses built for the iron workers and Catoctin is almost unique in the extent that surrounding buildings related to the iron-making have survived-and indeed, are still in use.

WINERIES

- Catoctin Breeze Vineyard - Catoctin Breeze is a boutique vineyard and winery producing small lots of fine quality Maryland wines. We offer a range of varietal and blended wines. Catoctin Breeze offers both general tastings and private tours. Visit our newly opened tasting room. Best in Class Winner of 2015 & 2016 Maryland Governors Cup Competition.
- Springfield Manor Winery, Distillery, & Brewery - Voted Frederick's Best Distillery! Sample award winning wines & handcrafted whiskeys, rum, brandies & gin at a gorgeous historic estate. Microv brewery. Perfect setting for fun afternoon, memorable evening, or romantic overnight. Delicious food, great atmosphere, live entertainment & special events. Weddings - Events - Overnight Accommodations.

ORCHARDS

- Catoctin Mountain Orchard is a family-owned business that has been in operation since 1948 and continues to provide quality Fruit, Vegetables, Baked Goods and much more. (Seasonal)
- Pryors Orchard is family owned and operated delivering fresh, high quality, and home grown fruit for three generations. (Seasonal)

WILDLIFE PRESERVE & ZOO

- Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo - located two miles south of Thurmont on Route 806, the Zoo houses many animals and is quite a tourist attraction. It was built in 1936 by Gordon Gaver and originally called "Jungland Snake Farm". Today it is owned by Richard Hahn and contains a large variety of animals both known and exotic creatures from many parts of the world.

HISTORIC COVERED BRIDGES

- Northern Frederick County is blessed to have three of only seven known remaining covered bridges in Maryland. See inside for more information on the Historic Covered Bridges Driving Tour.

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK

- Catoctin Mountain Park in Thurmont is filled with hiking trails for the beginner, to trails that offer challenges for even the most experienced hiker. Choose from over 12 different hiking trails that encompass eight square miles and is also home to Camp David the Presidential Retreat. The park offers around 18 miles of trails, which includes an 8.5-mile loop with several scenic overlooks and other trails that traverse different parts of the mountain. Pitch a tent, or rent a historic cabin or dormitory. Be sure to stop in the Visitor center to learn about the Park history and all it has to offer!
- Blue Blazes Whiskey Still in Catoctin Mountain Park-On July 31, 1929, Deputy Sheriff Clyde L. Hauver was fatally wounded in a raid on the Blue Blazes Still. It was a large commercial operation, a "steamer" still. More than 25,000 gallons of mash were found in 13 vats of 2,000 gallon capacity each. Police eventually tracked down several suspects, and two moonshiners were convicted in connection with the murder after several days of conflicting testimony. Tales of a double-crossing informant, a love triangle, arson, and other rumors spread throughout central Maryland. What exactly happened remains a mystery. Today another still sits on the banks of Distillery Run. It's quite different than the set up found that day. The new Blue Blazes still is more typical of the smaller moonshine still of an earlier day. Even more different - visitors are welcome - not challenged.

CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK

- Cunningham Falls State Park - located in Thurmont is home to Maryland's highest cascading waterfalls at 78 feet. A 43-acre lake is located in the William Houck Area. Popular activities include swimming, boat rentals, hiking & camping. Visit the Scales & Tales Aviary & see a bald eagle, & many other birds from just a few feet away. The trail system varies in terrain from short, flat hikes to steep and rocky ascents that will challenge even the experienced hiker. Trail distances vary from .5 mile to 7.5 miles. A 43-acre lake is located in the William Houck Area for swimming, boating & picnicking. The middle two weekends in March is Maple tapping! Watch park rangers demonstrate the traditional way to turn sap into delicious maple syrup.

OLDE MINK FARM

- Ole Mink Farm - Wonderful memories await you at Ole Mink Farm Recreation Resort. For over fifty years, the Irons Family has been hosting getaways for families and friends to make memories that last a lifetime. Experience "Seclusion so Close to Home" this beautiful resort! Offering Seasonal Campsites as well as Luxury Log Cabins and Camping Cabins, there is something for everyone! Located high atop the Catoctin Mountains - "the land of many deer" offers a relaxing stay while you Enjoy and Explore your trip to Thurmont!

MAIN STREET

- Take a stroll down Main Street and enjoy a blend of historical buildings, a mix of locally owned shops and restaurants and an art gallery with a variety of local artists. Thurmont is a great town to do business, and is a great place to have a business! Thurmont is a designated Maryland Main Street and a National Main Street under the Historical Trust for Preservation.

Thurmont Biking & Driving Tour



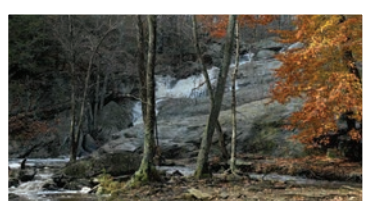
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Catoctin Mountain



Civil War History at Catoctin Breeze Vineyard



Cunningham Falls



Catoctin Mountain Visitor Center



Whiskey Still



Catoctin Iron Furnace



Cunningham Falls



Springfield Manor Winery & Distillery



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Catoctin Breeze Vineyard



Loy's Station Covered Bridge

Key

- 21 miles (3 bridges)
- 17.5 miles (1 bridge)
- 16 miles (2 bridges)
- Trails (no cars)
- Covered Bridge
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Bike Fix It Station

Locally Owned Restaurants

Bollinger's Family Restaurant	
210 N Church St.....	301.271.3500
Fratelli's	
140 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.0272
Hoffman's Market	
405 East Main St.....	301.271.4707
Mountain Gate Family Restaurant	
133 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.4373
New Win Hing	
211 Tippin Dr.....	301.271.3688
Peking Palace	
224 N Church St, Suite D.....	301.271.7280
Rocky's Pizza	
209 Tippin Dr.....	301.271.7181
Shamrock Restaurant	
7701 Fitzgerald Rd.....	301.271.2912
Simply Asia	
120 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.2857
The Furnace Bar & Grill	
12841 Catoctin Furnace Rd.....	240.288.8942
Thurmont Bar & Grill	
10 E Main St.....	301.271.7422
Thurmont Kountry Kitchen	
17 Water St.....	301.271.4071

Chains

7-11	
140 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.3333
Burger King	
427 N Church St.....	301.271.1041
Dunkin' Donuts	
130 Frederick Rd.....	240.288.8746
Highs	
201 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.4147
McDonalds	
200 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.3003
Pizza Hut	
205 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.3890
Roy Rogers	
203 Frederick Rd.....	301.271.3252
Sheetz	
428 N Church St.....	301.271.3270
Subway	
224 North Church St, Suite K.....	301.271.4239
Taco Bell/KFC	
1 Thurmont Blvd.....	301.271.5067
Wendy's	
303 Tippin Dr.....	301.293.664

EVENTS

THURMONT BUSINESS SHOWCASE - FOURTH SATURDAY IN APRIL
The Thurmont Business Showcase will feature businesses & nonprofit organizations from the Thurmont area. The Thurmont Business Showcase is a one day "Pop-Up Business Community" to experience what Thurmont businesses have to offer You! Located at the Thurmont Ambulance Event Complex, 13716 Stratford Drive.

THURMONT LIONS CLUB SCRUMPTIOUS SANDWICH SALE!
April 25, May 23, June 13, July 3, July 4, August 1, September 5
Pit Beef, Pit Pork, Pit Turkey & Pit Ham (as well as Barbeque Beef and Barbeque Pork) Sandwiches piled Catoctin Mountain high will be available along with Homemade Baked Beans, Fresh Cut Fries and locally made Cole Slaw, Drinks and a Baked Goods Table where you can buy dessert items will also be available. Route 15 South at Bell Hill Farm (near Catoctin Mountain Orchard).

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET - EVERY SATURDAY
JUNE 13 - SEPTEMBER 20
Fresh local produce, dairy, flowers, baked goods, & much, much more at the Main Street Farmers Market located on the Municipal Parking Lot on South Center Street behind PNC Bank. 9 AM-Noon

ART & WINE STROLL - MAY 15 & SEPTEMBER 18 (6-9 PM)
Take a stroll down Main Street to meet the many local artists & their creations. Artists are tucked inside businesses along Main Street. Enjoy the flavor of local wines along your stroll & entertainment too! Located on East Main & Water Street.

THURMONT CARNIVAL - SECOND FULL WEEK IN JULY
Looking for value-priced, family oriented entertainment in a local setting? Bring the kids, come out, & have some fun at our annual fun-filled Carnival! A wide variety of delicious food, entertainment, & lots of rides & games. The carnival is held at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds located at 123 East Main Street.

THURMONT-EMMITSBURG COMMUNITY SHOW - SECOND FULL WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER
The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin Area FFA Alumni, Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, & the Maryland State Grange. The community Show is held at Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Road.

CATOCTIN COLORFEST - SECOND FULL WEEKEND IN OCTOBER
A juried arts & craft show that is one of the largest outdoor craft shows on the East Coast. A wide variety of delicious foods along the way. Located in Thurmont Community Park, 21 Frederick Road.

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK - LAST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER
Haunted hayride, Little Shop of Horrors, a non-scary children's area, snacks, refreshments and more. Children's area (12 & under) will feature a variety of games and crafts, magic shows, & face painting. \$2.00 pp plus a canned food donation for the Thurmont Food Bank. Kids 5 & under are free. Located in Thurmont Community Park, 21 Frederick Road.

CHRISTMAS IN THURMONT - FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER
Pick a map up on the square of Main Street & visit local businesses to get your map stamped & enter for great prize drawings! Visit with Santa, get your picture taken, & enjoy a carriage ride. At the end of the day, head to Hobbs Hardware on Main Street for prize drawings, the lighting of the Thurmont Lions Club Remembrance Tree, & the lighting of the town Christmas Tree complete with Christmas Carols! An old time Main Street Christmas awaits! Located in the Main Street area.

For event dates & more info go to thurmontmainstreet.com.



Historic Covered Bridges

Northern Frederick County is blessed to have three of only seven known remaining covered bridges in Maryland. At least 34 such structures once graced the landscape of Frederick County, but storms, fires, progress, and neglect have claimed almost all of them.



Roddy Road Covered Bridge is located just north of Thurmont and was built in 1856. The single-span bridge over Owens Creek is found just east of US 15 where Roddy Creek Road intersects with Roddy Road. The smallest of the county's covered bridges, it features a King Post design and measures 40 feet in length.



Loy's Station Covered Bridge, an original truss bridge built around 1880, is located on Old Frederick Road, south of MD77, east of Thurmont. It is a barn-red, one-lane covered bridge that spans Owens Creek. The bridge's design utilizes multiple king post trusses covered with clapboard. It was rebuilt after an arsonist's fire nearly destroyed it in 1991. The bridge is 90 feet in length and 12.2 feet high.



The original **Utica Mills Covered Bridge** was built around 1850 and is located on Utica Road off of Old Frederick Road over Fishing Creek. It originally spanned the nearby Monocacy River but was washed away during a storm in 1889. Local citizens gathered the remains and reconstructed the 101-foot long Burr arch truss bridge at its present location crossing Fishing Creek.

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