

ACTIVITY MAP



2025 HOME EDUCATORS' DAY AT MONTICELLO



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Thomas Jefferson
MONTICELLO

WELCOME TO HOME EDUCATORS' DAY AT MONTICELLO!



MOUNTAINTOP TOURS & TIMED ACTIVITIES

GUIDED TOURS

Meet on the East Walk, near the Shuttle drop off, 10 minutes before your ticket time.

GUIDED GARDENS & GROUNDS TOURS

11 a.m., 1 p.m., & 2 p.m. / Meet on the north side of the West Lawn

Explore the restored flower and vegetable gardens and grove. 45 min. tour, no reservations required. *This tour is great for middle and high school age learners.*

GUIDED SLAVERY AT MONTICELLO TOURS

11 a.m., 12, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. / Meet at the Hemmings Cabin on east end of Mulberry Row

Learn about the experiences of the enslaved people who lived and labored on the Monticello plantation. 45 min. tour, no reservations required. *This tour is great for middle and high school age learners.*

MEET THOMAS JEFFERSON

11:30 a.m., 2:30, & 3:30 p.m. / West Lawn, near Fish Pond
Meet Thomas Jefferson, our third President and author of the Declaration of Independence.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

12:30 p.m. / West Lawn
Do you remember the words to the Declaration of Independence? Come test your knowledge with this group activity led by Thomas Jefferson!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

LIVING HISTORY DEMONSTRATION

Mulberry Row

Join costumed interpreters along Mulberry Row to learn about the lives of African American people enslaved at Monticello. Experience cooking demonstrations, storytelling, and music.

VEGETABLE BINGO

Vegetable Garden

Play vegetable bingo and discover the many varieties of plants Jefferson grew in his experimental garden.

GETTING WORD ORAL HISTORY STATION

Kitchen Yard

Join *Getting Word* Oral History Project staff to learn how descendants of Monticello's enslaved community passed down their stories.

MOUNTAINTOP ACTIVITY CENTER

North Wing Yard

Write with a quill pen, crack a code with a wheel cipher, peer into a camera obscura, and explore mystery objects.

BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

West Lawn near North Terrace

Wander and explore the flower garden in search of specific species of butterflies and moths.

WEST LAWN ACTIVITY ZONE, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

ARCHAEOLOGY STATION

West Lawn

Learn about archaeological discoveries across the Monticello plantation and follow up with fun activities onsite and at home.

East Lawn, Archaeology in Action Program, 11 a.m. / 1 p.m.

See excavations taking place on the historic mountaintop and discover how Monticello's archaeologists unearth history every day. 20-min discussions.

East Lawn, Mountaintop Archaeology Walking Tour, 1:30 p.m.

Join archaeologists for a 45-min walking tour that explores what we've learned from current and past excavations on the mountaintop. Ideal for secondary learners.

RESTORATION STATION

West Lawn

Get a feel for some of the cool objects used in the construction of Monticello, and learn about how the house has changed over time.

COLLECTIONS STATION

West Lawn

Learn about caring for museum objects. Check out tools of the trade and get some hands-on experience!

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S MAILBAG

West Lawn

Join editors from the *Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series* to learn about the transcription, annotation, indexing and publishing of Jefferson's correspondence.

CIVICS RESPONSE SPACE

West Lawn

Students of all ages can respond with their thoughts about how civics impacts them and how the information they learned today can be used in everyday life.

HISTORIC GAMES

West Lawn

Roll hoops and enjoy other popular historic games.

AT THE DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN VISITOR CENTER

Museum Shop, Historic Chocolate Tasting & Demonstration, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Discover the rich and delicious history of chocolate with American Heritage Chocolate, inspired by historic recipes from the 18th century.

Woodland Pavillion, Griffin Discovery Room, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

A hands-on space to learn about the past, become an archaeologist, and channel your inner architect. Ideal for Pre-K through 5.

Enjoy the introductory film and exhibits in our [museum galleries](#).

Shop for souvenirs, books, and other learning materials at the [the Shop at Monticello](#).

Purchase lunch from our café, [Monticello Café](#), and enjoy at our outdoor tables.

Get close to nature as you hike the boardwalks of the [Saunders-Monticello Trail](#).