

Resources for Continued Exploration

Natural and Cultural History of the Potomac River

Added Resources for all Three Programs

- **Places to visit:**
 - **Native Peoples Sites:**
 - Hans Herr House
 - State Museum, Harrisburg
 - MD Historical Society
 - HSMC
 - CMM
 - Frontier Culture Museum
 - Jefferson Patterson
 - **Recommended Colonial Sites:**
 - Mount Vernon
 - MD Historical Society
 - HSMC
 - Sotterley Plantation
 - Jonathan Hager House
 - Schifferstadt
 - **Recommended 1812 Sites**
 - Fort Washington
 - MD Historical Society
 - CMM
 - Sotterley Plantation
 - Jefferson Patterson Park
 - Book of 1812 Sites

- **Glacial Refugia** (Places preserving Boreal/Canadian Species) in Western Reaches: Cranesville Swamp; Canaan Valley; Finzel Swamp; Dolly Sods Wilderness

BOOKS:

[*America as Art*](#) by Joshua Taylor, Smithsonian Institution Press, 1976 1st ed. Several newer editions. Available on the used book market outlets. **READ THIS BOOK!** I love this book for the way in which art is used as a door into the American psyche through which we can see and feel the shifts in collective thinking as we went from post-Revolution squabbling former colonies each with their own agenda to something resembling an actual union of states where many persons subscribed to a larger, over-arching mythos and national story. This book is an eye-opener. After reading it you will both have a better appreciation for American art and a better appreciation for the American story. Forty years after its publication, I will argue it is still as fresh and pertinent as the day it was printed. Get it and read it.

Shipwrecks on the Chesapeake: Maritime Disasters on the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tributaries by Donald Shomette, Tidewater Publishers, 1982. Chapter 13 has an excellent account of the USS Princeton disaster in 1842.

Tumult On The Mountains: Lumbering in West Virginia 1770-1920 by Roy B. Clarkson, McLain Printing 2002 (11th edition) A depressingly thorough look with lots of pictures of the progressive deforestation of West Virginia. An eye-opener!

Montgomery C. Meigs And the Building of the Nation's Capital ed. William Dickinson et al., Ohio University Press, 2001 A fascinating look at a fascinating man who helped build the city we see today and the system that provides it water.

Washington on View: The Nation's Capital Since 1790 by John w. Reys, University of North Carolina Press, 1991 A lavishly illustrated and well-researched book that is a 'must have' for anyone who is a fan of DC history.

TV Programs: Tribal Histories <https://pbswisconsin.org/watch/tribal-histories/> and <https://www.pbs.org/show/tribal-histories/> REALLY worth looking at. If you want to get a real, no nonsense, truthful look at the histories, beliefs, and sorrows of Native Peoples in the Americas, here is the place I recommend you start. The speakers in this series are so radiant, true and humble (but proud) that is almost impossible not to be impressed and touched by their stories. To have this much grace and determination after what they and their forebears went through speaks volumes about an inner resilience and power that these people possess. Of all the programs that I have seen that look to illuminate Native traditions, beliefs, and culture, this series wins hands down – it is truly wonderful. Watch this!!

A Great Article on DC Deep History and Regional Geology: **'The Great Outdoors'** by Howard Means, Washingtonian Magazine, April 1990. Truly a wonderful article – one 'Gee Whiz' moment after another. Very readable, comprehensive, and enjoyable. If you are looking for one piece of writing to turn you onto regional geological history, this is it – you will LOVE it!