

# Visit Fairfax County and experience Mount Vernon



George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of American forces in the Revolutionary War and the first President of the United States, called Mount Vernon home for more than 40 years. Washington and his wife Martha Washington lived at Mount Vernon, which is now the most popular historic estate in America. Situated along the Potomac River in Northern Virginia, Mount Vernon is just 16 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Today, guests to Mount Vernon can visit the mansion, more than a dozen original structures, Washington's Tomb, and nearly 50 acres of his extensive plantation. The estate also includes a working blacksmith shop and the George Washington: Pioneer Farmer site, a 4-acre demonstration farm with a reconstructed slave cabin and 16-sided treading barn.

The Ford Orientation Center features an inspiring film, *We Fight To Be Free*. The Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center is home to 25 theaters and galleries, which tell the detailed story of George Washington's life with more than 500 original artifacts, 11 video presentations and even an immersion theater experience.

Just 3 miles down the road from the Mansion, George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill have been reconstructed and are open seasonally. Both fully functioning, Washington's fascinating mill and distillery tell their story of Washington as a master entrepreneur.

Mount Vernon is an American landmark and a lasting reminder of the life and legacy of the Father of Our Country. Visit Mount Vernon, and discover the real George Washington.

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