

ACTIVITY MAP



★ HED EXPLORER PASSPORT

Grab an Explorer Passport and make your way around the mountaintop! Stop by each activity station, answer a question with our staff, and collect a stamp along the way. See if you can complete them all!

Pick up your Explorer Passport at the Griffin Discovery Room in the Museum Galleries.

LEARN AT HOME

Visit the [For Educators' page](#) for resources, at-home activities, and more.

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2026 HOME EDUCATORS' DAY AT MONTICELLO



Thomas Jefferson
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WELCOME TO HOME EDUCATORS' DAY AT MONTICELLO!

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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 at the Fishpond

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 interpreter Marion Dobbins on Mulberry Row to explore the lives of enslaved African Americans at Monticello through 18th-century cooking demonstrations and storytelling.

VEGETABLE BINGO

Vegetable Garden

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

GETTING WORD AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Kitchen Yard

Join staff from Monticello's African American History Department to learn how descendants of the enslaved community passed down their stories using oral history, family records, and more.

MOUNTAINTOP ACTIVITY CENTER

North Yard

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

DECLARATION PRINT SHOP

11 a.m.- 2 p.m. / West Lawn

Join us for a hands-on letter press printing experience and print your own declaration broadside, using a working printing press.

BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

West Lawn near North Terrace

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

ARCHAEOLOGY STATION

North Yard

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

North Yard, Archaeology in Action Program, 11 a.m. / 1 p.m.

Join us for a 20-minute talk featuring the latest excavations on the mountaintop and discover how Monticello's archaeologists unearth history every day.

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

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!

DOCUMENT DISCOVERY

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

Griffin Discovery Room / 8:30- 5 p.m.

A hands-on learning space that puts young visitors in the role of historical investigators.

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.

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](#).