



Mason-Dixon 250th Anniversary

Presented by the Dunkard Creek Watershed Association

Oct. 13, 14, & 15, 2017

Schedule of activities for Mason-Dixon 250 in 2017

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Last update: Sept. 19, 2017

**Mason-Dixon Historical Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core, WV 26541
Just 3 miles southwest of Mount Morris, Pa.**

Please note: There are no Civil War-era events being held during MD 250. The Mason-Dixon Line was drawn a century before the War Between the States. Re-enactors at MD 250 will represent the years from about 1754 to 1784.

Friday, Oct. 13

Surveyors instruction day; set-up day for participating groups.

The park is open, but there are limited general activities for MD 250. Saturday and Sunday are the best days for the general public to visit.

All day – Off-site activities. Visitors are encouraged to visit local historic sites, such as Friendship Hill, Fort Necessity, etc. Mason-Dixon Historical Park will be open for hiking, and the 1883 marker atop Brown's Hill will be accessible.

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Surveyors instruct local high school students about methods of surveying, baseball field near Dunkard Creek, and at Mason-Dixon Line:

- **10:30 a.m. to noon** – An overview of surveying, and field exercises of early surveying methods and equipment used during the time of Mason and Dixon.
- **Noon to 12:30 p.m.** – Lunch break. Brief talk about the Mason-Dixon Line led by Pete Zapadka, MD 250 organizer.
- **12:30 to 2 p.m.** – Field exercises and demonstrations of modern surveying methods and equipment used today.

Noon to 6 p.m. – Setup for vendors, crafters, historical societies, re-enactors.

6 p.m. – Welcome dinner reception: Open to the public. Meet the historians. Red Barn. Food and discussion. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of dinner.

Saturday, Oct. 14

All family festival and historic activities are under way. Come out to Mason-Dixon Historical park and walk in the footsteps of history!

All day – Historical re-enactment activities along the Mason-Dixon Line at the South Bottom area of the park. Walk the main trail along Dunkard Creek and enjoy the fall foliage, or ride on a golf cart to the historical area! The re-enactments will feature Native American and colonial-era encampments.

10 a.m. – Festival opens for the day. Craft show opens in Annex building, quilt show opens in the park's historic log cabins. Ham radio demonstrations. Astronomers with displays, information, solar observations during the day. **Mason-Dixon store** opens in the Annex building – the place to buy books, souvenirs, mugs and more.

- **Also starting at 10 a.m.** – *Vendors, historical societies, authentic re-enactors in South Bottom area along the Mason-Dixon Line, displays and instruction by surveyors.*

10 a.m. – Opening ceremony at park amphitheater's main stage. Clay-Battelle High School band will perform. The band is under the direction of Miss Cassandra Nelson. MD 250 chairman Pete Zapadka will introduce special guests.

10 a.m. – Golf cart shuttles begin. Two shuttles will operate between the main parking area and the quilt show in the log cabins; eight shuttles will run between the ballfield area to the Mason-Dixon Line along Dunkard Creek to the historic re-enactment camp area.

11 a.m. to noon – Surveying: Colonial surveying demonstration on the Mason-Dixon Line with compass and chain technique and the use of levels or poles, and a circumferentor.

11:30 a.m. – Discussion: Pete Zapadka, who annually leads the Mason-Dixon hike in the park, will talk about Mason and Dixon and their famous survey, and their contemporaries, including Andrew Ellicott, David Rittenhouse, Cephas H. Sinclair and C.H. van Orden. Gather in the Red Barn.

12 p.m. – Music: Cherylann Hawk, folk singer. Main stage.

Noon to 12:30 p.m. – Surveying: Transit and tape demonstration at the ball field.

1 to 1:30 p.m. – Surveying: Electronic distance meter and theodolite and total station demonstration.

2 p.m. – Music: Dave Iglar, rock and blues. Main stage.

2 to 2:30 p.m. – Surveying: Robotic total station demonstration.

3 to 3:30 p.m. – Surveying: GPS demonstration.

3:45 p.m. – Discussion: Surveyor and historian **Don Teter** will discuss West Virginia's border with Maryland known as the Deakins Line. Gather in the Red Barn.

4 p.m. – Music: 2 Bridges Road, rock, country. Main stage.

4 to 4:30 p.m. – Surveying: Scanning technology demonstration.

5 to 5:30 p.m. – Surveying: Drone/UAV demonstration.

6 p.m. – Golf cart shuttles end.

6 p.m. – Music: Jenny Wilson Jazz. Main stage.

7 p.m. – Public star party. Carnegie-Mellon and Pitt astronomers, Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, others. Come see the stars that guided Mason and Dixon!

7 p.m. – Craft show, quilt show close.

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10 a.m. – Golf cart shuttles begin.

11 a.m. to noon – Surveying: Combination of compass and chain and transit and tape demonstration.

Noon – Music: Weary Space Wanderer, Appalachian folk. Main stage.

Noon to 12:30 p.m. – Surveying: Total station and robotic total station demonstration.

1:30 p.m. – Special guest speaker! **John Dixon**, a great grand nephew of Jeremiah Dixon,

will talk about Jeremiah's hometown, the village of Cockfield in County Durham in the United Kingdom.

2 p.m. – Music: Soldiers and Sons. Spiritual, folk. Main stage.

1 to 2 p.m. – Surveying: GPS, scanning and Drone/UAV demonstration.

3 p.m. – **Main dedication event** at the main crossing of the Mason-Dixon Line, main trail, next to Dunkard Creek.

- Speakers and dedication of the **Third Crossing of Dunkard Creek Recreation Area**. This is a newly established location in the park with recently installed stone crossing markers next to the main trail near to Dunkard Creek at South Bottom.
- To honor the United Kingdom and the United States, the Clay-Battelle concert choir will sing "God Save the Queen" and the "Star-Spangled Banner." The choir is under the direction of Miss Cassandra Nelson.
- Kevin Hamric of Weary Space Wanderer to perform "Country Roads" to honor West Virginia as a Mason-Dixon state, and finally, the Mason-Dixon anthem, "Sailing to Philadelphia."
- Event will include reading of proclamations and statements from MD 250 supporters who cannot attend. Notables to be introduced: John Dixon, a great grand nephew of Jeremiah Dixon, other Dixon relatives. Todd Babcock and others of the Mason-Dixon Line Preservation Partnership. Government officials from the local to the state levels.
- Rededication of the Mason-Dixon Line as it turns 250!
- Afterward, an unguided visit to the 1883 marker atop Brown's Hill and to the nearby site of Mason and Dixon's last observation station just shy of the top of the hill.

4 p.m. – Craft and quilt shows close.

4:30 p.m. – Golf cart shuttles end.

5 p.m. – Event closes.

See you in October, 2018, as we continue walking in the footsteps of history on The Line at Mason-Dixon Historical Park!