



James Madison's
MONTPELIER

Visitor Guide

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THINGS YOU CAN DO AT MONTPELIER

Historic Core

- *The Mere Distinction of Colour* exhibition in House cellars and South Yard
- 8+ miles of walking trails through old-growth forests and meadows
- Annie duPont Formal Garden
- The Madison Family Cemetery
- Montpelier Burial Ground - final resting place of those enslaved at Montpelier
- Mr. Madison's Temple
- Reconstructed Quarters for the Enslaved
- Outdoor picnic area

David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center

- Joe and Marge Grills Gallery with *The Mysteries of Montpelier* exhibition; the duPont Gallery; the Potter Theater and Museum Shop
 - Potter Theater has 2 short videos on the half hour

Outside the Main Gate

- The Gilmore Cabin, a freedman's farm
- 1910 Train Depot with *In the Era of Segregation* exhibition
- Civil War encampment site and trail

WELCOME TO MONTPELIER

Home of President James Madison, Father of the Constitution and Architect of the Bill of Rights, Dolley Madison, America’s first “First Lady,” and at least six generations of enslaved African Americans.

Montpelier is a memorial to James Madison & the Enslaved community, a museum of American history, and a center for constitutional education that engages the public with the enduring legacy of Madison’s most powerful idea: government by the people.

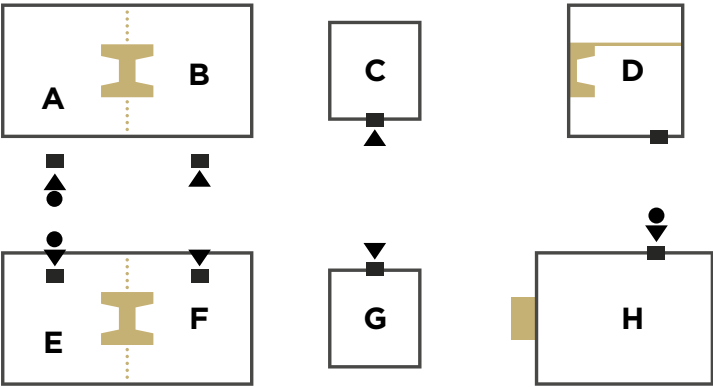
Montpelier is more than the home of one of America’s Founding fathers. It’s a place

where we can learn how our Constitution affects our everyday lives. It’s an ongoing archaeological dig that tells us more about daily life in the 18th and early 19th centuries. It’s a place to examine the institution of slavery in the Founding Era, celebrate the humanity of Montpelier’s enslaved people, and confront the legacies of slavery in today’s world.

It’s a destination for everyone.

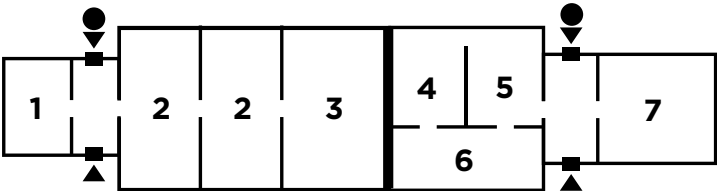
THE MERE DISTINCTION OF COLOUR

South Yard
Adjacent to the House



- A - The Stewarts
- B - Sawney
- C - What is Slavery...?
- D - South Kitchen (opening soon)
- E - Paul Jennings
- F - The Taylors
- G - Literacy Connects the Community
- H - Color Through A Child’s Eyes
- ▲ Entrance
- ▼ Wheelchair Accessible Entrance

Cellar of the Madison House



- 1 - The Enslaved of Montpelier
- 2 - People or Property?
- 3 - Fate in the Balance
- 4 - Slavery Debated
- 5 - Economics of Slavery
- 6 - Slavery and the Constitution
- 7 - Legacies of Slavery

As a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation, Montpelier receives no ongoing federal or state funding. Your donation today enables us to share the enduring legacy of James and Dolley Madison, the humanity of the Enslaved Community, and the significance of civic engagement and the U.S. Constitution for generations to come.



Gilmore Farm: A Freedman's Home
10:00-4:00 The Cabin is located across from the Montpelier entrance on Rt. 20

1910 Train Depot
10:00-4:00 The Depot is located adjacent to the Montpelier entrance on Rt. 20

WALKING TRAILS



Scan QR code for trail information and map

Montpelier's 8+ miles of well-marked walking trails are one of the Virginia Piedmont's best-kept secrets. Winding through horse pastures, wildflower meadows, and forests, the trails offer spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and intimate encounters with native plants and wildlife.

MEMBERSHIP

With your membership, you can visit as often as you like for an entire year, experience the enduring legacy of James and Dolley Madison, follow the progress of our archaeologists, explore our gardens, and hike our trails. Our flexible options mean you can share your discoveries with friends and family.

