

SERVICE FIELD TRIP: Evergreen Cemetery Tour

Led by Jason McGarvey and Joanna Green

MAXIMUM 20 participants

Meet at 1 p.m. on April 8 at the main entrance to the downtown Hilton.

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This African-American cemetery was created in 1891, and was exempted from a 1919 law that required perpetual care to be included in the price of a lot. Leaders of Richmond's African-American community are buried here, including Maggie Walker, but the graves are in disrepair. Join the Dept. of Historic Resources, Enrichmond and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for this in-depth tour of the cemetery. Following the tour, participants can give back by helping to clear brush and debris from a section of the cemetery.

Each participant will need to be able to-

- Get on and off a van from the hotel
- Stand or sit for several interpretive talks, approximately 15 minutes each over a 1 hour period
- Walk through the cemetery, which may have some trip hazards
- Clear brush and debris from gravesites for approximately 1 hour

Things to know and bring if you will be traveling along the trail-

- The group will walk through the cemetery to prominent gravesites where the historic significance of the deceased will be interpreted
- Dress for the weather, we will go no matter what, unless there are thunderstorms
- Wear comfortable close-toed shoes and socks, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty
- Bring: at least 1 liter (or quart) of water, rain and sun protection (jacket/poncho and hat/sunscreen), any medications you may need, and work gloves

Specific meeting point: Main Entrance to downtown Hilton: 37.5421° N, 77.4375° W

Give yourself time to park and register at the hotel before meeting promptly at 1 p.m. to leave on the van.

After a brief safety instruction, trip leaders will walk with you through the cemetery.

Some sections of the cemetery may be littered with debris and overgrown. Some vagrancy and vandalism has been reported.

This field trip is sponsored by the Dept. of Historic Resources, Enrichmond and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation