

Open House Bermuda

A Heritage Month Event from the Dept. of Planning and the Ministry of Community, Culture and Sports

Date Saturday May 10th 10:00am – 4:00pm

All sites are open to the public with free admittance.

No sign in required, simply turn up.

Sandys

National Museum of Bermuda, 1 the Keep, Royal Naval Dockyard

At the National Museum of Bermuda, the historic Keep includes Graham Foster's iconic mural in the Hall of History. The new Shipwrecks Exhibit at the Queen's Exhibition Hall is also a must see, as are the views from the battlements and the upper verandah of the Commissioner's House and its unique collections and exhibits on Bermuda's history. The Prisoners in Paradise exhibit in the High Cave Magazine is also recommended.

At **1:30pm** the Heritage Officer, Richard Lowry, will be leading a special tour of the Casemates Barracks site. **Meet up opposite the High Cave Magazine in the National Museum** to begin the tour beginning along the western bastion wall (the yellow star on the map below).

Parking available

Wheelchair accessible (Casemates is partially wheelchair accessible)



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Westover Farms and Butcher Shop, 22 Greenfield Lane, Somerset

Richard Bascome's farm in Somerset is a West End institution. Including arable and dairy farming, it is also home to one of the Bermuda's only abattoirs, providing the island with a supply of fresh meat.

Parking available



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City of Hamilton

Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Church Street

You may know that the Cathedral was begun in 1886 and finished in 1911, and it was designed by the Edinburgh architect William Hay in the neo-Gothic style, and that the Unfinished Church in the Town of St. George was built using the same plans. However, did you know that you can climb 155 stone and cedar steps to a rooftop viewing platform 143 feet above the City that offers truly breathtaking panoramic views? Indeed, preserving the tower access was one of the main reasons that the Cathedral became the island's first Listed Building, as the original steps could be kept for public access. Get a workout and bring your camera!

To access the tower, go into the church and turn right toward the altar. The tower door is on your right and is posted.

Normal Saturday City Parking



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Devonshire

Devondale, 33 South Road

This property was held by the Cox family for almost 400 years, until it was recently gifted to the Bermuda National Trust. The current house, a Grade 2 Listed Building, was built ca. 1730s and boasts a beautiful covered verandah with a West Indian inspired stone arch base. The property contains sweeping pastoral vistas, and it links with another BNT property, Locust Hall, to the north. Please take in the 10 acres of Devondale's grounds but we ask that you please stay on the farm tracks.

Parking available

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St. George's

Fort St. Catherine, 15 Coot Pond Road

The Jewel of the East, Fort St. Catherine was one of Bermuda's first forts that guarded nearby Gates Bay. The fort has been rebuilt five times with the current structures dating to 1840-1880. The exhibits were recently upgraded and refurbished, while many of the cannons have been restored and remounted on replica carriages. The fort also boasts some of the most majestic views in the East End.

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Martello Tower, Ferry Reach National Park

Built in the 1820s, this fortification guarded the Ferry Reach Channel. The tower was restored in 2008 and new exhibits were installed. In addition, a giant 18 pounder cannon, weighing over 2 tonnes, was mounted on the top. The acoustics inside the tower are so good that you can hear someone whisper in the ground floor magazine while standing in the second floor barracks. There are also fabulous views from the gun deck of Ferry Reach, Coney Island, Castle Harbour, and along the North Shore.

Parking available

