

## 6 Pohick Church

This 1774 Episcopal church had among its members Washingtons, Masons, and other founding families of Northern Virginia. Services weekly, and special events throughout the year.

[www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org)



## 7 River Farm

One of Washington's five farms, River Farm has had many owners through the years. Today it is the headquarters of the American Horticultural Society. Visitors can enjoy lovely gardens, events, and programs throughout the year.

[www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)



## 8 Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism

Features books, journals, and artifacts celebrating the history of America. Unique collection of geneological and American Indian historic resources. Also a wedding and event venue.

[www.collingwoodlibrary.com](http://www.collingwoodlibrary.com)

## 9 Hollin Hills

The product of an envisionsary developer and architect Charles Goodman, mid-20th century homes with expansive glass were positioned on lots designed to enhance views and preserve the natural landscape. The 450-home neighborhood is currently seeking designation on the National Register of Historic Places. Don't miss the Spring 2012 house & garden tour!

[www.hollinhills.net](http://www.hollinhills.net)



## 10 Friends Meeting House

Quakers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania bought Woodlawn in 1846, settled in the surrounding area, and operated timber and agricultural enterprises. The modest c.1853 meeting house is located adjacent to Woodlawn, peacefully nestled in the trees.

[www.woodlawnfriends.org](http://www.woodlawnfriends.org)



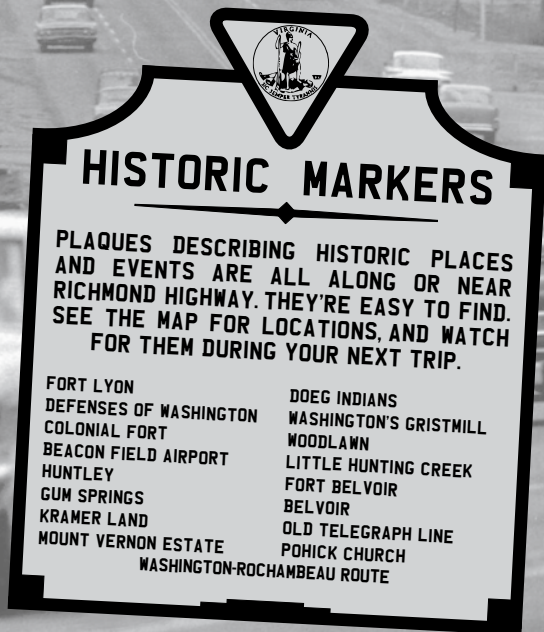
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### HISTORIC MARKERS

PLAQUES DESCRIBING HISTORIC PLACES AND EVENTS ARE ALL ALONG OR NEAR RICHMOND HIGHWAY. THEY'RE EASY TO FIND. SEE THE MAP FOR LOCATIONS, AND WATCH FOR THEM DURING YOUR NEXT TRIP.

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| FORT LYON              | DOEG INDIANS                |
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| COLONIAL FORT          | WOODLAWN                    |
| BEACON FIELD AIRPORT   | LITTLE HUNTING CREEK        |
| HUNTLEY                | FORT BELVOIR                |
| GUM SPRINGS            | BELVOIR                     |
| KRAMER LAND            | OLD TELEGRAPH LINE          |
| MOUNT VERNON ESTATE    | POHICK CHURCH               |
|                        | WASHINGTON-ROCHAMBEAU ROUTE |

### Map Quiz Hints

Blunt Rd. = Huntington Ave., F St. = Belle Haven Rd., Snowden Rd. = Collingwood Rd., Cedar St. = Elkin St., Hunter Station Rd. = Riverside Rd., Jackson Ave. = Woodley Dr., Jefferson Ave. = Mohawk Ln., W. Oak St. = Memorial St. Many segments of today's Old Mill and Old Mt. Vernon roads had other names. No Beltway.

## Learn More About Richmond Highway

Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) is a non-profit organization that promotes economic activity and redevelopment on Richmond Highway between the Capital Beltway and Ft. Belvoir.

SFDC partners with a variety of stakeholders to foster and promote a vibrant commercial and residential community in southeastern Fairfax County.

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HIGHWAY**  
History!



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VIRGINIA

# 1 George Washington's Gristmill & Distillery

One of Washington's most successful enterprises, the site produced high-quality flour and cornmeal for export. In 1799 the distillery was the largest in America, producing 11,000 gallons of whiskey. Cheers to that! The mill and distillery were restored and opened in 2007. Shop features many culinary gifts, including the famous corn meal.

[www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)



Cameron Villa

# 2 Pope-Leighey House

Young newspaper copy editor Loren Pope wanted a house that was special and satisfied his soul. Could one of America's most famous (and controversial) architects build a house for a family with a modest budget? Frank Lloyd Wright's "Usonian House" design was the answer. Visit to experience the house's innovative ideas, and discover how and why it was moved to the grounds of Woodlawn.

[www.popeleighey1940.org](http://www.popeleighey1940.org)



# 3 Woodlawn

The Woodlawn estate was a wedding gift from George Washington to his nephew Lawrence Lewis and bride. The 1805 house was designed by U.S. Capitol architect William Thornton. Later owners, Quakers from the north opposed to slavery, set up a revolutionary agricultural colony tended by free black and white farmers. Visit Woodlawn to learn about the history of the house and its people, and the new agricultural venture taking place there today.

[www.woodlawn1805.org](http://www.woodlawn1805.org)



# 4 Gum Springs Community

Gum Springs was founded and settled by many freed slaves from Mt. Vernon, and is the oldest African American community in Fairfax County. Freed men and women reunited with their separated families in Gum Springs, and runaways found refuge there. It became a place where free people could mutually support their newfound independent lives. Learn more about Gum Springs, and the Gum Springs Museum:

[gumspringsmuseum.blogspot.com](http://gumspringsmuseum.blogspot.com)



# 5 Fort Hunt

A local spot for picnicking and recreation today, Fort Hunt contains remains of fort batteries built during the Spanish-American War. During World War II, top-secret intelligence gathering operations and prisoner interrogations took place. Learn more about the mysterious activities of "P.O. Box 1142".

[www.nps.gov/gwmp/fort-hunt.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/fort-hunt.htm)

...and MORE!!

## Did You Know?

There were once two airports on Richmond Highway. In the 30's, Fairfax County officials lobbied hard for Hybla Valley Airport to become the main hub for the DC-area, but the National Airport site won out and was built in the 40's. For Beacon Field history, see the plaque at the south end of the Beacon Center parking lot, check out the historic photos at Starbucks, and see the official website:

[www.beaconfieldairport.com](http://www.beaconfieldairport.com)

## Pop Quiz!

This 1956 Shell highway map has many places you'll still recognize, but some of the street names have changed. Can you spot them?  
Answers on the back!

