

REVIVE THE SUNDAY DRIVE!

The "Sunday Drive" originated in the mid-century when automobiles were used more for pleasure and less for commuting and errands. During this time in our history, families delighted in heading out on Sunday afternoons with no schedule and no destination. The sole purpose of the Sunday drive outing was simply the pleasure of getting out of town and enjoying the scenery.

Initially the Sunday drive was primarily a custom of the wealthier class however, it grew in popularity with the mass production of automobiles in the 1920's & 30's. Cars packed with families wearing their Sunday best were a common sight along the country roads and this remained a popular pastime for decades. The 40's & 50's was a time when automobiles were affordable for most families - During this time, a leisurely drive with your loved ones was the tradition of almost every family.

Leisurely drives for pleasure were on the decline by the mid-sixties and virtually a pleasure of the past by the seventies. It's hard to say what led to the demise of this once highly regarded tradition - population growth and over development, increase in traffic, price of gasoline, environmental concerns, other novel things to do - who knows? What we do know is that it was a much simpler time - A time when schedules weren't overbooked, people weren't overwhelmed, families enjoyed an entire day of quality time together enjoying what nature had to offer.

In today's environment, what better way to practice social distancing than a relaxing drive full of picturesque views. Let's "Revive the Sunday Drive"!

"Revive the Sunday Drive" is a scenic 2-hour self-driving tour along the *rustic and **exceptionally rustic roads of the County's more rural areas.

For those with some extra time, the route also offers the opportunity to connect with nature and enjoy the fresh country air by including ideas for picnic spots (remember to pack it) and walking/hiking trails & scenic photo spots.

No matter how you choose to take your tour - the full non-stop drive, a drive with stops for exploring or a shorter partial tour - you will be glad you did!



Entire Route is approximately a 2-hour drive without stops

Tour Directions:

1. 270 North – Exit 10 – Turn Right onto Clopper Road (Rte. 117) (4 miles)
2. **Left** onto **Schaffer Road West** (4 miles)
3. **Left** onto **White Ground Road** (1.61 miles)
4. **Left** onto **Darnestown Road** (RT 28)
5. Immediate **Right** onto **Sugarland Road** (1.5 miles)
6. **Left** onto **Montevideo Road** (2.1 miles- Exceptionally Rustic)
7. **Right** onto **River Road**
 - Less than ½ mile on left – 1880 [Historical Seneca School House Museum](#) (visits by appt.)
8. **Left** onto **Hunting Quarter Road** (1.9 miles Exceptionally Rustic)
 - [McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area](#) on left
 - ✓ Walking/Hiking/Biking Trails & parking
 - ✓ Wildlife: deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, numerous reptiles & amphibians, over 200 species of songbirds
 - ✓ [Sunflower Fields](#) (mid-July)
9. Hunting Quarter Road changes names into **Hughes Road**
10. **Left** onto **River Road** (Portions are Rustic)
11. River Road changes names into **Mount Nebo Road** (Rustic)
12. Continue straight name changes again onto **West Offutt Road** (Rustic)
13. **Left** onto **Edwards Ferry Road** (Exceptionally Rustic)
 - Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park ([Edwards Ferry](#))
 - ✓ Walking/Hiking trails, fishing, boat ramp
 - ✓ Restrooms, Parking & Picnic Area
14. As you exit back onto Edwards Ferry Road, take **sharp bend to Right** which turns into **River Road** (1.3 miles Exceptionally Rustic)
15. Stay **Left** to continue on **River Road** (3.7 miles), then **left** into **Whites Ferry Road**
 - [Whites Ferry](#)
 - ✓ Parking and picnic tables on site
 - ✓ Scenic access point to Potomac River
 - ✓ Access to C&O Canal for hiking/biking/walking
16. Leaving Whites Ferry Leave, **left** onto **Whites Ferry Road** (2.5 miles)
17. **Left** onto **Martinsburg Road** (4.7 miles) to Dickerson Road
 - [Dickerson Conservation Park](#) entrance is on left
18. **Left** onto **Dickerson Road** (1.4 miles)
19. **Left** onto **Mouth of the Monocacy** (1.2 miles)
 - [Monocacy Aqueduct](#)
 - ✓ Access to C&O Canal for hiking/biking/walking
 - ✓ Scenic access point to Monocacy/Potomac Rivers
 - ✓ Picnic tables onsite
20. When you leave Monocacy Aqueduct, **Right** onto **Dickerson Road**
21. At railroad bridge, **Left** onto **Mt Ephraim Road** and follow (2.8 miles) to **Sugarloaf Mountain**
22. **Road**
 - [Sugarloaf Mountain](#)
 - ✓ Hiking/walking trails
 - ✓ Parking, porta johns and picnic area
 - ✓ Scenic overlooks
23. Leaving the Mountain, take **Comus road** then turn **right** onto **Route 109**
24. **Left** **Barnesville Road**
25. **Right** on **Clarksburg Road**
26. **Left** onto **Clopper Road** (4 miles) **Right** onto 270 South

**** Please note that some of the Exceptionally Rustic Roads are dirt/gravel and may contain large potholes. Please drive slowly and with caution on these roadways.**

