

Stones, Bones and Metal

Friends Members Program



WHAT: A fascinating exploration of old pre-military building ruins, cemeteries and military places on the North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge. This tour will be conducted by Dennis Green, volunteer and cultural history buff for the North Tract. The old cemeteries pre-date Fort Meade, Maryland, and are in areas closed to the public. A few of the sites that we hope to visit: the last pet cemetery that was on Fort Meade, the Mystery cemetery (name of cemetery unknown and not shown on maps), Woodward & Hopkins cemeteries, and maybe Indian Springs meeting house, to name a few. We also may see a few of the many arborglyphs (tree carvings) that are on the North tract. Additionally, we hope to see a few old ruins, some old military fire hydrants and dug-outs. So this won't be the typical tour, since we will go where few venture to go.

WHEN: Saturday, March 11, 2017; 8:45 AM – 12 Noon.

WHERE: Participants will meet at North Tract Contact Station at 8:45 AM. Tour will take about 2 and ½ hours. Note: if it's raining hard, we will try to reschedule the tour.

WHAT TO WEAR & BRING: Comfortable hiking shoes, long-sleeve shirt, hat; camera, water, and a sense of discovery.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Call 301-497-5887 to sign up. Space is limited to 8 people.

NOTE: Travel will be in USFWS 4x4 vehicles and over some rough roads. There will be some hiking on non-maintained roads and trails. For more information contact Dennis Green at brgx4@verizon.net. All visitors to North Tract must check in at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station, and we will sign in as a group. For directions, see: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html> .