





In the 1720's the Quakers settled in Sandy Spring. By 1777 they outlawed any church member from enslaving people and a community of formerly enslaved people settled alongside the Quakers. These two groups eventually worked together to make Sandy Spring a major waypoint of the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad Trail Experience was established by the County Parks system in 1998 to commemorate the role the county had in the historic operation. The hike starts at Woodlawn Manor, ending at a 300 year old ash tree where those escaping slavery could find temporary shelter and supplies as they continued on their journey north. Along the route is the freshwater spring that gave the town its name.

The Sandy Spring Museum is not just a local history museum, it is where the community gathers to participate in a wide variety of events ranging from painting, arts and crafts, music, festivals and much more. Exhibits include a replica of a 19th-century classroom, a replica of a blacksmith's shop, a replica of a general store, and a tractor made from a Model T Ford. The museum has archived over 15,000 photographs and artifacts some dating as far back as 1650!

The Sandy Spring Adventure Park is a ziplining park offering 15 separate trails ranging from purple (15-20 feet in the air) being the easiest, to double black diamond (65 feet in the air) being the most difficult. Also offered is the climbing structure known as the Labrynth. Anyone ages 5 and up can participate in the zip lining adventures with their oldest climber so far being 95! The park also offers night climbing and a special adult only night climbing event known as "Keep It Lit".

A historic 204 year old brick meeting house stands on 2 acres of land deeded by James Brooke in the 1750's for the use of the Quaker meeting. The weekly meeting was essential to the formation of both the Sandy Spring Friends School, and the Sandy Spring Friends House. Nearby to the meeting house is the historic cemetery where James Brooke and his descendents are buried.