This event features a two-mile hike that will require a moderate level of fitness to keep pace with the tour. Also, topics will include a realistic discussion of slavery. This material is intended for adults and children over 12.

Blackbird: Landscape for Freedom Seekers

Harriet Tubman noted a place called “Blackbird” as one of her landmarks as she journeyed through Delaware, but her precise pathways are unknown. She may have referred to one or more free black communities that existed in the area. The 6,000-acre Blackbird State Forest evokes the landscapes freedom seekers and their guides would have encountered. These rich natural resources both hindered and enabled enslaved people on their perilous journeys to the north. Blackbird is part of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Historic Byway. Learn more: http://harriettubmanbyway.org

Your Guide: “Conductor” Dee Patterson

Dee Patterson takes you on a powerful journey on the Underground Railroad as you experience the natural world that shaped the inspirational life of Harriet Tubman. An acclaimed storyteller, historian and nationally certified cultural interpretive guide, she founded UGR3DAY Underground Railroad Experiences Inc. Patterson brings her unique research-based narratives, poetic storytelling and creative energy to each visitor experience. Learn more: https://ugr3day.com/