

Sacred Places: Historic Rockbridge Church and Cemetery Tour Along Buffalo Creek

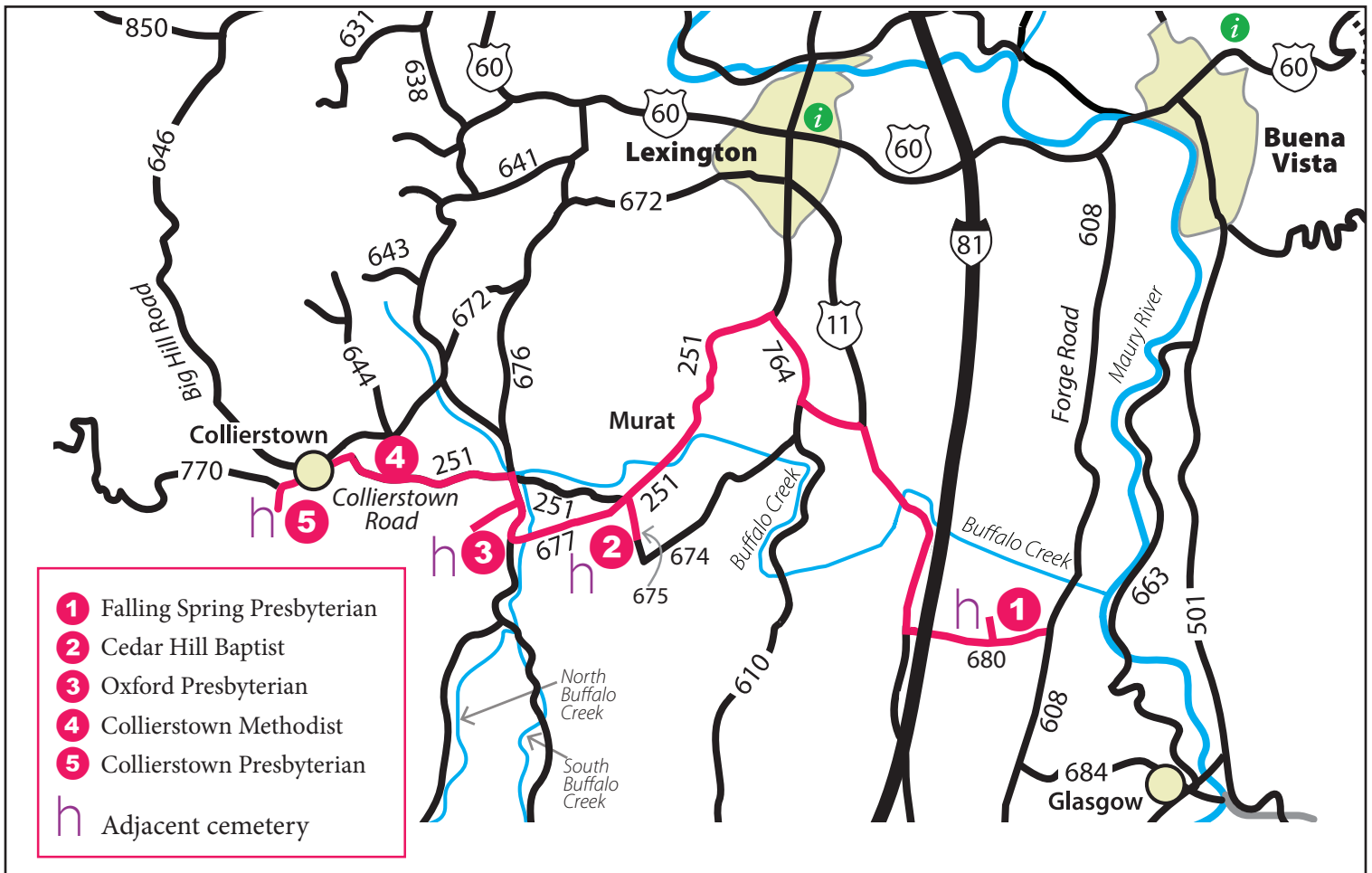


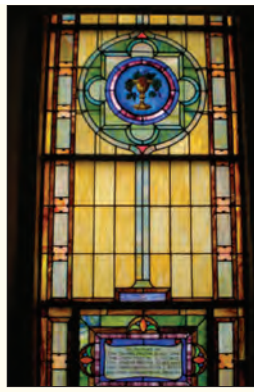
OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

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FALLING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

410 Falling Spring Rd., Glasgow

Falling Spring Presbyterian was founded in 1746. The first structure was log. Early pastors included James McConnell and Samuel Houston, first cousin of the father of Gen. Sam Houston. The present brick Gothic Revival-style church was completed in 1865. Among the graves in the church cemetery are those of "Soldier John" Grigsby of Fruit Hill and William Weaver of nearby Buffalo Forge.

From Lexington: From stoplight at bypass, take Rt. 11 South. In 6.7 miles turn left onto Rt. 680 (Falling Spring Road) and travel 2.4 miles to the church and cemetery.

From Buena Vista: From stoplight at Rt. 60 and Rt. 608 (Forge Road) travel 5.5 miles. Turn right on Falling Spring Road and go .8 miles to church.



CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cedar Hill Church Rd., Lexington

Built in 1874 for local black families of various faiths (although predominantly Baptist), the small Cedar Hill chapel is the picture of simplicity. Beaded matchboard sheathing covers the log walls. Fieldstones underpin the building and stand as tombstones in the field below. The church also served as a school. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places.

From Falling Spring Presbyterian: Return to Rt. 11. Go north for 3.6 miles and turn left on Rt. 764 (Possum Hollow Road). Drive 2 miles to Rt. 251 (Collierstown Road). Turn left and drive south 5.8 miles to Rt. 675 (Cedar Hill Church Road). Drive 0.2 miles to the church. Parking along roadside, on the side of the church.



OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

143 Oxford Ln., Lexington

Oxford Presbyterian was established in 1758. McConnell and Houston also served as ministers in the church. The present brick Greek Revival-style church was built in 1869. The church cemetery is full of graves of notable families from the area and a plaque memorializing James Hall whose home was near Oxford. A member of the Buffalo Militia, Hall was involved in the 1777 Battle of Point Pleasant against the forces of the Shawnee Chief Cornstalk.

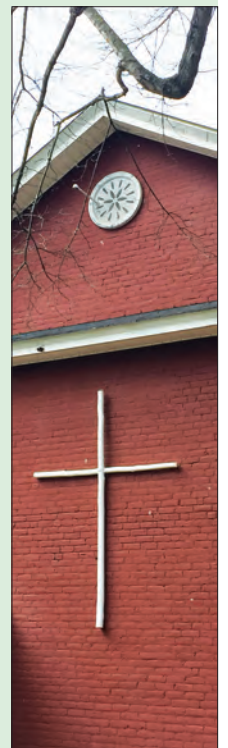
From Cedar Hill Baptist: Return to Rt. 251. Turn left onto Rt. 677 (Kygers Hill Road). As the road begins the ascent over the hill, you will see the newer Cedar Hill Cemetery on the left. Proceed a total of 1.9 miles; turn right onto Rt. 612 (Blue Grass Trail) and then left onto Oxford Lane at base of the hill.

COLLIERSTOWN METHODIST CHURCH

3998 Collierstown Rd., Lexington

Collierstown Methodist was organized in 1837. It sits along side Colliers Creek. The main block of this church dates from 1840. The tower and steeple are 20th-century additions.

From Oxford Presbyterian: Return to Rt. 612 (Blue Grass Trail). Turn left and drive 0.8 mile to Rt. 251 (Collierstown Rd.). Turn left at Effinger and travel 2.4 miles to Collierstown Methodist on the right.





**COLLIERSTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
31 Church Dr., Lexington

Collierstown Presbyterian was established in the early 1840s. Standing on the banks of Colliers Creek, the square block brick building of 1856 is an important example of Greek Revival-style in Rockbridge County. The exterior window shutters have raised panels with a cross. The building is crowned with a large cupola. From atop the cemetery behind the church are dramatic views of Little House and Big House Mountains.

From Collierstown Methodist: Continue west 0.6 miles on Rt. 251. The road becomes Rt. 770. Church Lane is on the left.

DRIVING TIMES

Lexington to Falling Spring	12 minutes
Falling Spring to Cedar Hill	20 minutes
Cedar Hill to Oxford	10 minutes
Oxford to Collierstown Methodist	10 minutes
Collierstown Methodist to Presbyterian	2 minutes



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