



# Bethania

ESTABLISHED 1759

## Trails of Historic Bethania



MAP LEGEND			
	HISTORIC BETHANIA VISITOR CENTER		PICNIC AREA
	PARKING		RESTROOMS
	TRAIL HEAD		MARKED TRAIL

### BLACK WALNUT BOTTOMS TRAIL

The 1.4 mile Walnut Bottoms Loop Trail begins at the Bethania Visitor Center and loops through the Walnut Bottoms area, beginning with shady paths in a forested region, continuing along the base of Walnut Bluffs, then traveling beside fields that were part of the original agricultural parcels farmed by the residents of 18th-century Bethania. Along the well-marked trail, you will find planned resting places, beautiful views and serene shaded pathways.

### GRAVEYARD TRAIL

This trail starts from behind the Bethania Mill Shops, includes a short two-tenths of a mile loop in an upland field and leads to the eroded bed of the colonial era road that led from Bethania to Bethabara. Because it passes through an old field and attractive woods near God's Acre, it is called the "Graveyard Hill Trail."

### ORCHARD TRAIL

The Orchard Trail begins at the restored orchard lot along Bethania – Rural Hall road, where it travels uphill and loops back down for a short under-one-mile walk. Orchard Lots were two-and-one half acre plots allocated to the initial occupants of the Residential Lots as extensions for orchards, gardens, farm buildings, and other domestic activities. The site of Bethania's African American schoolhouse, Cedar Grove, can be seen from the top of the loop.

### REUTER TRAIL

The Reuter Survey loop trail leads to the top of Bethania Knoll, a high ridge and bluff above Muddy Creek, and then to a half-mile loop in deep woods that were once the site of "medieval" style strip fields that were assigned to individual farming families who lived on "house lots" in Bethania. The strip fields were surveyed by the Moravian surveyor P.C.G. Reuter in the 1760s. The location of the old fields is now a pine forest and is now called "Reuter Old Fields."