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*Year of the Woman:
Suffragists, and the Suffragist
Hikes of 1912-1914*

Suffragists

Not everyone thought women should have the right to vote. It took a movement of people called “**Suffragists**” who rallied peacefully for many years, and eventually took to the streets of America, organizing a series of hikes throughout the country to gain attention and validity to their cause. These famous hikes came to be known as “**The Suffragist Hikes of 1912-1914**”.

Suffragist Hikes

The **Suffragist Hikes** were one of the earliest examples of “**Physical Activism**”, and took this woman's movement literally to their feet. Here in Garrett County Maryland, quite close to where you are Park Questing, was the site for one of these historic events- **The Garrett County Suffrage Hike**.

Did You Know?

Did you know that women in America did not always have the right to vote in elections? Most women were not allowed to vote until the **19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America** was passed in **1919**.

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

The first presidential election in America was in 1789, and only men, specifically white men, were allowed to vote. It was a long fought, arduous battle for women to finally gain their voting rights.

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The Garrett County Suffrage Hike

The Garrett County Suffrage Hike began in **Baltimore MD** on June 13, 1914. Women traveled by train to **Cumberland MD**, then on foot from **Frostburg MD** into **Garrett County**. These hikes could be considered the first **Walk-a-Thons**. If not for the **Suffragist Movement**, and the women who walked many miles to bring awareness and support for their cause, women may not have the right to vote today.



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1. Julia Slocum Walker Ruhl (1861-1956) Mountain Lake Park, MD

Ruhl was West Virginia's Equal Rights Suffrage Association President and very well known. She helped unite groups in the WV referendum and national campaigns. Ruhl's family spent summers at their Mountain Lake Park Park cottage in Garrett county.

Suffragists Colors: Purple, White & Gold

"Purple is the color of loyalty, constancy to purpose, unswerving steadfastness to a cause. White, the emblem of purity, symbolizes the quality of our purpose; and gold, the color of light and life, is as the torch that guides our purpose, pure and unswerving."

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/symbols-of-the-women-s-suffrage-movement.htm>

Your Turn!

As you work through this Quest, think about a very special woman in your life. This woman could be someone you know whose influence has had a positive effect on your life, or someone famous you admire.

Make a banner for your special woman. Make sure you include the woman's name on the banner, which you can proudly display. If you'd like to share- take a photo with your banner to honor your special person!

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2. Catherine Sweet (c.1850-?) Loch Lynn Heights, MD

The Suffragist Hikes of 1912-1914 were considered the first **Walk-A-Thons**. **Have you ever walked for a great cause? If so, what cause?**

Are there any causes today which you feel are worth walking for to bring awareness and support for? Why?

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3. "General" Edna Story Latimer (1878-1917) Baltimore, MD

Edna Story Latimer was considered the General of the Garrett County Suffragist Pilgrimage, which is commemorated with a historical marker at the Oakland Courthouse. Although not a military general, she is famous for always carrying a banner of purple, green and white.



Your Turn!

Take your own "Suffragist Hike" around the Park. As you hike and while completing your Quest, think about what some of the many obstacles women had to overcome, not only on these historic hikes, but on their journey to gaining voting rights. Imagine what it was like during "The Suffragist Hikes of 1912-1914" in Garrett County. **Can you list some obstacles?**

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4. Dr. Lorilla Bullard Tower (1870-1963) Oakland, MD

Dr. Tower practiced medicine for 10 years before moving to Garrett County. Local stories abound of her work to empower women for social and suffrage reform. She was the president of the Oakland Women's Civic Club in 1914 at the time of the Garrett County Suffrage Hike.



Sang Run Election House- It's Your Turn!

Stop by the original Sang Run Election House- this was an actual polling site for Sang Run residents up until the late 1970's.

Don't forget to cast your own vote in the Park Quest Ballot Box at The Friends Store.

Is there any law in America that you think needs to be amended?

Yes No

If yes, which one and why?
