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The Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station is located at 8100 Georgia Avenue. Parking is available onsite and at nearby public parking garages. Located in the arts and entertainment district, a variety of shops and restaurants are close by. Visitors arriving by Metrorail or MARC train can take the free VanGO shuttle bus to the door.



Exhibits on the history of Silver Spring and the B&O Station are provided by the Silver Spring Historical Society and Montgomery Preservation. Amenities include a handicapped-accessible entrance and accessible restrooms.

The site is currently open to the public on the first Saturday of every month, April through December from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come and visit!



A sheltered trackside canopy and bench protected by a fence offers a safe place for children and adults to train watch.



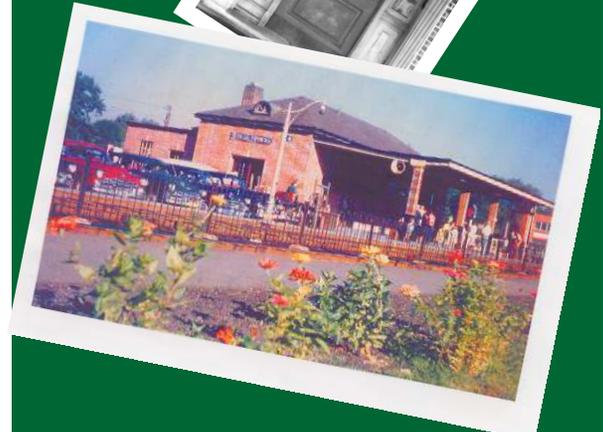
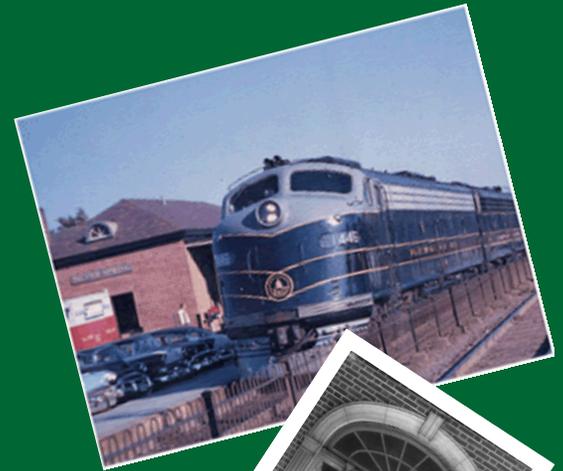
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HISTORIC SILVER SPRING BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD STATION



A Unique Landmark of 20th Century Rail History

Once Condemned - Now On Board for the Future

The Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station is Montgomery County's only twentieth century railroad passenger station. From 1945 to 2000, the station served travelers on the B&O line connecting Washington D.C. to destinations north and west.



Silver Spring B&O Station in 1945

Situated prominently along Georgia Avenue in downtown Silver Spring, it was returned to original condition in 2002 after years of damage and deferred maintenance. Montgomery Preservation led a community effort to raise \$500,000 in donations and grants to save this beloved landmark. No longer an active railway station, it has survived to delight train watchers, rail fans and visitors. The station was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

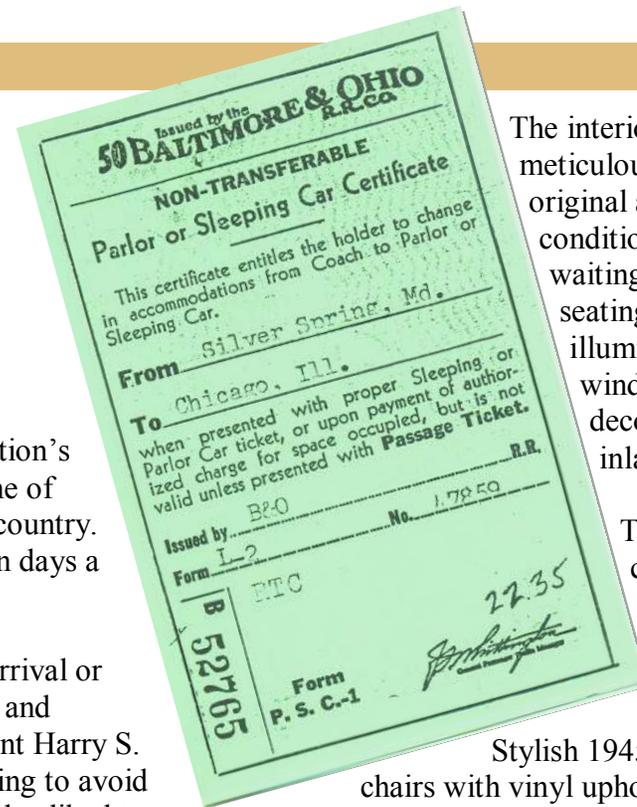
Built in 1945 on an earlier station's foundation, it soon became one of the busiest B&O stops in the country. At one time, it was open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

During its heyday, it was an arrival or departure point for celebrities and ordinary people alike. President Harry S. Truman often used Silver Spring to avoid crowds at Union Station. He also liked to motor up from the White House to meet his wife and daughter when they arrived from Missouri.

"The B&O station was new, on a double track. Great business houses were on both sides of the track, thick as they could be."

Harry S. Truman diary entry January 3, 1952

The exterior design of the station is a classically simple Colonial Revival style with a hipped slate roof, fanlight dormers, granite sills and keystones. Front and rear entrances welcome visitors with a combination of fanlights, sidelights, and fluted stone surrounds with keystones.

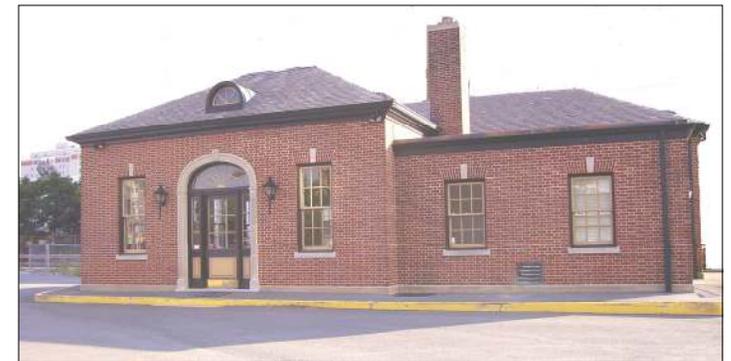


The interior has been meticulously restored to its original appearance and condition. The large waiting room, with seating for up to 60, is illuminated by nine windows and decorated by an inlaid terrazzo floor.

The original ticket counter is an imposing presence in the waiting room.

Stylish 1945 tubular chrome chairs with vinyl upholstery have been redone and reused.

The station is owned by Montgomery Preservation and is open to the public for tours once a month. The station may also be rented for meetings, special events, and parties.



Silver Spring B&O Station, 2008