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Clara Barton National Historic Site
George Washington Memorial Parkway

Clara Barton

"All seems so home-like, spring-like... and peaceful that I wonder what can draw me away again." - Clara Barton

Courtesy of Richard Cook

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Glen Echo, MD 20812
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The house is shown by free, 45-minute guided tours that begin on the hour between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., seven days a week. Groups of 10 or more require a reservation. Call 301-320-1410. The house is closed on Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1.

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Clara Barton National Historic Site preserves the last home of the Angel of the Battlefield and founder and first President of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton. The building was the first permanent home of the American Red Cross, serving as the National Headquarters, a warehouse for disaster relief supplies, and a home for volunteers. From this building, Miss Barton responded with her fellow American Red Cross volunteers to the Spanish American War in Cuba (1898) and the Galveston Hurricane (1900), among other disasters. The site was the first unit of the national park system to honor the accomplishments of a woman.

Miss Barton's story comes alive here. Her personal characteristics of determination, dedication, and creativity are echoed in this unique structure.

Tours: The site is shown by guided tour on the hour between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You may take a virtual tour of the house and kids can become Junior Rangers on-line at www.nps.gov/clba. Clara Barton National Historic Site is located next door to another part of the national park system, Glen Echo Park. As a Chautauqua Assembly when Clara Barton first came to Glen Echo, the site was a center for arts and culture. By the turn of the century, the site would morph into Washington's premiere amusement park. Today, Glen Echo Park is an art and culture site again. Visit galleries and studios while walking around the park. Both Clara Barton National Historic Site and Glen Echo Park have Junior Ranger booklets for children.