



80-022 River View Pavilion

12325 Hatton Point Road

Fort Washington

Built in 1885 and remodeled in 1921, the River View Pavilion is a large, gable-on-hip-roof frame building constructed as an amusement park dance pavilion. The River View Park operated from 1885 to 1918 and boasted many amusement facilities, lawns, and picnic groves. After the park closed, the pavilion (a single large space open to the roof and surrounded by porches on four sides) was converted into a residence for the family of Colonel James Gillespie. The Pavilion has recently been renovated and is a unique landmark, noticeable from both water and land; it is the only surviving reminder of the Victorian-period amusement park.