



## Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

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Department of Recreation & Parks

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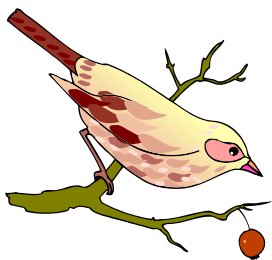


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Please register  
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## December 2018

Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.) 410-887-5370 TDD:410-887-5319

- Sat, Dec 1  
2 – 3:30 pm      Recycled Paper Holiday Cards – Send an environmentally friendly message this holiday season with cards made from recycled paper. \$3 per person, \$2 members.
- Sun, Dec 2  
9 am      Sundays Birdwalk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Bring your binoculars.
- Mondays,  
Dec 3, 10, 17  
11 am - 12 n**      **Pre-K Nature Drop In - Dec 3 (Animal Homes), Dec 10 (It's Winter!), Dec 17 (Evergreens)** - Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities together. Dress for the weather. Please arrive & sign-in before start time. This program is for families. Groups must call the office to schedule a trip. **No Program on Dec 24, 31.**
- Sat, Dec 8  
12 n – 4 pm      **Holiday Celebration** - This family friendly open house features activities for everyone, including wreath making from freshly cut greens, decorating trees with popcorn, cranberries, and seed to feed the birds and the ever popular pod and cone weird animal ornaments. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share. Light refreshments will be available. \$7 per wreath, \$5 members. No Registration required.
- Sun, Dec 9  
12 n - 4 pm      **Wreaths & Natural Ornaments** - Make wreaths, ornaments, and other decorations using natural materials while enjoying the warmth of the wood stove. Supplies are limited. Registration required. \$7 per wreath, \$5 for members.
- Sat, Dec 15  
2 – 3:30 pm      Winter Sketching – Join our very own artist in residence to sketch the beauty of the season. All materials provided. \$3 per person, \$2 members.
- Sun, Dec 16  
2 – 3 pm      Short Days Candle Making – Brighten up the longest nights of the year by making your own candles. All materials provided. \$5 per person, \$4 members.
- Fri, Dec 21  
6 – 7:30 pm      Long Dark – Hike and Campfire – The shortest days and longest nights are here. Learn how ancient people coped with the sun's absence and celebrated the changing seasons. \$5 per person, \$4 for members.
- Sat, Dec 22  
2 – 3 pm      Traps and Snares – People have been using materials available in the environment to catch small game for thousands of years. Our Naturalist will show you how to make some of the most common types.
- Sun, Dec 23  
1 – 2 pm      Predator & Prey – All animals need to eat. We'll learn about who eats who as we feed our animal collection.
- Tues, Dec 25      Center Closed for County Holiday - Park Open.
- Sat, Dec 29  
1 – 2:30 pm      Evergreen Plants – Some plants stay green in winter. We'll learn why and take a hike to find them.
- Sun, Dec 30  
1 – 2 pm      Feathers & Fur – These adaptations keep animals warm through the cold days of winter. Meet some furry and feathered animals.



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- Tues, Jan 1      Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open
- (5) Wednesdays      Bow Making Course – Humankind has been putting food on the table with wooden bows for thousands of years. Learn to make your own hickory flat bow in this intensive course. \$100, Members \$90, Snow date: Feb 7.  
Jan 9, 16, 23, 30,  
Feb 6, 6–9 pm
- Sat, Jan 5      Surviving Winter – Learn how humans have been able to withstand winter conditions through history. Dress for the weather as we will go outside to build a shelter.  
2 – 3:30 pm
- Sun, Jan 6      Endangered Species – What are some threatened and endangered species in Maryland? Do any of them inhabit Marshy Point?  
2 – 3 pm
- Mondays**  
**Jan 7, 14, 28**  
11 am – 12 n      **Pre-K Nature Drop-In – Jan 7 (Feed your Feathered Friends), Jan 14 (Snow), Jan 28 (Arctic Animals).** Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities together. Dress for the weather. This program is for families. Groups must call the office to schedule a trip. **No Program on Jan 21.**
- Sat, Jan 12      Owl Pellets – What goes into an owl comes out, too! What is in a pellet can provide clues about what they ate. Several owls inhabit Marshy Point. Learn their habits & meet Mr. Hooty.  
2 – 3 pm
- Sun, Jan 13, 9 am      Sundays Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sun, Jan 13      Bird Party! – Come and meet our avian stars: Frank the Duck, Clarice the Starling and Mr. Hooty the owl in this program designed to introduce your little ones to our bird collection. Wear a hat as Clarice might land on your head.  
1 – 2:30 pm
- Tues, Jan 15**  
7 pm      **Speaker Series - “Chesapeake Search Dogs”** Learn about the important and potentially lifesaving work of these talented canines and their volunteer handlers. Search demonstration included.
- Fri, Jan 18      Owl Prowl and Campfire – Meet Mr. Hooty the owl and learn about the adaptations of these nocturnal hunters, then enjoy s’mores by the campfire. \$5 person, \$4 members.  
6 – 7:30 pm
- Sat, Jan 19      Bears in Maryland – Do bears live in Maryland? Yes they do! Find out where!  
2 – 3 pm
- Sun, Jan 20      Tracks on Tees – Learn about the stories animals leave behind in their tracks. Bring your own shirt or buy one of ours for \$15.  
2 – 3:30 pm
- Mon, Jan 21      Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open.
- Sat, Jan 26      Winter Photography – Wear your boots and bring your camera to explore the photographic opportunities around Marshy Point.  
10 – 11:30 am
- Sun, Jan 27      Winter Plant ID – How can you identify trees with no leaves? Join a Naturalist to find out.  
2 – 3:30 pm



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Sat, Feb 2  
2 – 3 pm

Whistle Pig Whimsy – Gus, Punxsutawney Phil, woodchuck, sod poodle, land beaver & whistle pig, they are all the same critter. Learn about & search for this amazing rodent.

Sun, Feb 3  
2 – 3:30 pm

Fish Print Pillow Cases – Learn the Japanese art of Gytaku by printing fish on your pillowcase. All materials provided. \$7 pillowcase, \$5 for members.

**Mondays**  
**Feb 4, 11, 25**  
11 am – 12 n

**Mondays Pre-K Nature Drop In – Feb 4 (Groundhogs), Feb 11 (Valentine’s Day), Feb 25 (Maple Syrup)**. Introduce your little ones to nature’s wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities together. Dress for the weather. Please arrive & sign in before start time. This program is for families. Groups must call the office to schedule a trip. **No Program on Feb 18.**

Sat, Feb 9  
1 – 2:30 pm

Before Chocolate – From cacao plant to the chocolate box. Learn the history of this food and make a Valentine treat. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.

Sun, Feb 10  
9 am

Sundays Birdwalk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.

Sun, Feb 10  
1 – 2 pm

Just for Kids, Five Senses Hike – Bring your little ones as we test their young senses in the winter woods.

Sat/Sun  
Feb 16, 17  
11 am - 4 pm

Maple Sugar Time – How do you get sap from a tree, how is maple sugar made, who made syrup? Join us for this ongoing weekend program where we’ll tap a tree, taste sap and boil up maple syrup. Tree tapping hikes every hour until 3:00.

Mon, Feb 18

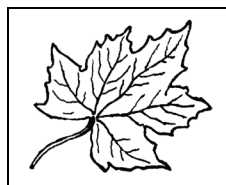
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**Tues, Feb 19**  
7 pm

**Speaker Series – “K-9 Honeybee Inspectors” by Cybil Preston.** Chief apiary inspector for the State of Maryland, Cybil Preston will share how Mack the bee dog is able to sniff out bee diseases.

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## NEW\* CHESAPEAKE ADVENTURERS PRE-K, Registration Now Open!

### Winter Session Dates: December 3 to March 1

9:30am to 1:30pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday (program closed, Dec 24 to Jan 4).

This is a drop-off program. Ages: 3, 4, 5 (must turn 3 by Dec. 1, 2018 and be potty proficient).

## Bow Making Course

Learn to make your own hickory flat bow in this intensive course. (5) Wednesdays  
January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 6 to 9 pm.

## Trail Guide Training, March 13, 14, 15 10am until 1pm

Training includes the ecology of Marshy Point & Cromwell Valley Parks & techniques to share more and teach less.

### Advance registration is required for all programs. Programs begin promptly at start time, please arrive on time.

- \*Call 410-887-2817, M-F 9am - 5pm for availability & information.
- \*Payments must be received within **three days of reservation** and can be made in person (hours: M-F 9am -5pm), by mailing a check payable to: MPNC Council, 7130 Marshy Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220, online: [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org).
- \***Organizations must schedule programs separately from the programs (for families) listed in this publication.**
- \*Canoe & Boat Trips - Space is limited, **ages 8** & older.
- \***Courses** - Registration required. Price includes all materials.

### Rain/Snow/Inclement Weather Policy

- \*All events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.
- \*Program leaders determine cancellations on the day of the program. Please call one hour before start time for status.
- \*Snow closings: [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/recreation](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/recreation)
- \*Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- \*Fishing is not permitted from the shoreline.
- \*Dept. of Rec. & Parks, MPNC, staff, & volunteers are not liable for loss, theft, or damage to personal property.
- \*We reserve the right to deny any visitor to participate based on behavior that could jeopardize the safety of individuals groups.



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