



## Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

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Department of Recreation & Parks

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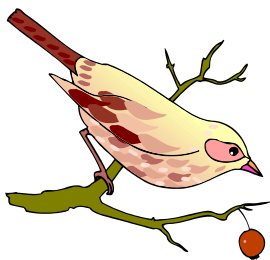


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### December 2014

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

- Mondays, Dec 1, 8, 15, 29** 11 am - 12 n **Pre-K Nature Drop In - Dec 1 (Feed your feathered friends), Dec 8 (Evergreens), Dec 15 (Walk like the animals), Dec 29 (Owls)** - 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. **No Program on Dec 22.**
- Sat, Dec 6 2 – 3 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 7 10 am – 4 pm **Winter Trivia Quest** – Drop in throughout the day with your family for a self-guided hike, both indoors and outside, to discover clues about nature and animals and collect a prize.
- Sat, Dec 13 & Sun, Dec 14 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.
- Sun, Dec 14 9 am **Second Sundays Birdwalk** - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Bring your binoculars.
- Tues, Dec 16 7pm **Holiday Party!** - Decorate the center, sing Carols. Bring goodies to share and make a wreath to take home. Santa may stop by!
- Fri, Dec 19 7 – 8:30 pm **Owl Prowl and Campfire** – Meet Mr. Biter the owl and learn about the adaptations of these nocturnal hunters, then enjoy s'mores by the campfire. \$3 person, \$2 members.
- Sat, Dec 20 1 – 2:30 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 21 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.
- Thurs, Dec 25 **Center Closed for County Holiday - Park Open.**
- Sat, Dec 27 2 – 3:30 pm **Recycled Bird Feeders** – Make a feeder from everyday trash. Give your garbage new life to feed our feathered friends. **\*Bring a plastic 2-liter bottle or milk carton.**
- Sun, Dec 28 2 – 4 pm **Earth Oven Pizza with Winter edible plants** – Some plants hide out there during the winter. Help find some, then build a pizza. \$3 per person, \$2 members.
- Sat, March 7 12 n – 2:30 pm **9th Annual Popsicle Plunge**- \*Registration forms are online at: [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org), mail in your form or stop by the Nature Center, 7130 Marshy Pt Rd. Early registrants receive a free shirt. **Held at Rocky Point Park**, the plunge will take place at 2 p.m. There will be free games, activities & animals to see beforehand. Food & drinks for sale. Registration is \$25. Proceeds go toward funding MPNC's many activities & programs. For info call 410-887-2817.



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- Thurs., Jan 1      Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open
- Sat, Jan 3  
2 – 4 pm      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.
- Sun, Jan 4  
2 – 3 pm      Endangered Species – What are some threatened and endangered species in Maryland? Do any of them inhabit Marshy Point? We'll learn about some and meet a state endangered salamander.
- Mondays**  
**Jan 5, 12, 26**  
11 am – 12 n      **Pre-K Nature Drop-In - Jan 5 (Tracks), Jan 12 (Snow), Jan 26 (Winter Animals).** 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. **No Program on Jan 19.**
- Sat, Jan 10  
2 – 3 pm      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 and meet "Biter" the owl.
- Sun, Jan 11, 9 am      Second Sundays Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sat, Jan 17  
1 – 2:30 pm      Bird Party! – Come and meet our avian stars: Lovey the Duck, Clarice the Starling and Dan the Quail in this program designed to introduce your little ones to our bird collection. Wear a hat as Clarice might land on your head.
- Sun, Jan 18  
2 – 4 pm      Cabin Fever Campfire – Got the fever? We've got the cure. Join us for a nature hike to Iron Point for s'mores and hot chocolate. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.
- Mon, Jan 19      Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open. No Pre-K nature program.
- Tues, Jan 20  
7 pm      Speaker Series, "Life on the Last Frontier" – Ranger Rebecca Ward spent eight seasons in Alaska with the National Park Service. She will discuss the National Park Service, life in Alaska and share tales of bears, boredom, and bedlam.
- Fri, Jan 23  
7 – 8:30 pm      Seasonal Astronomy for the Casual Stargazer – Learn your way around the winter sky as we look for some of our winter constellations. Weather dependant.
- Sat, Jan 24  
2 – 3 pm      Slashing Claws and Snapping Beaks – Predators need to eat too! Join a Naturalist as we feed our animal collection, to learn why animals eat what they do.
- Sun, Jan 25  
2 – 3:30 pm      Winter Pizza – Learn the history of pizza as we bake one in our outdoor Adobe Oven. \$3 per person, \$2 members.
- Sat, Jan 31  
10 – 11:30 am      Winter Bird Walk – Join us for a hike to look for winter feathered friends. Bring your own binoculars.
- Sat, March 7  
12 n – 2:30 pm      9th Annual Popsicle Plunge- \*Registration forms are online at: [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org), mail in your form or stop by the Nature Center, 7130 Marshy Pt Rd. Early registrants receive a free shirt. **Held at Rocky Point Park**, the plunge will take place at 2 p.m. There will be free games, activities & animals to see beforehand. Food & drinks for sale. Registration is \$25. Proceeds go toward funding MPNC's many activities & programs. For info call 410-887-2817.



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Sun, Feb 1  
2 – 3:30 pm

Whistle Pig Whimsy – Gus, Punxsutawney Phil, woodchuck, sod poodle, land beaver and whistle pig, they are all the same critter. Join a Naturalist to learn about this amazing rodent, then search for a burrow.

**Mondays**  
**Feb 2, 9, 23**  
11 am – 12 n

**Mondays Pre-K Nature Drop In – Feb 2 (Groundhogs), Feb 9 (Valentine's Day), Feb 23 (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. **No Program on Feb 16.**

Sat, Feb 7  
2 – 3 pm

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

Sun, Feb 8  
2 – 3:30 pm

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

Sun, Feb 8  
9 am

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

Sat, Feb 14  
1 – 3 pm

Love is in the Winter Air – All animals mate, sometimes in interesting and complicated ways. Join us to find out more and meet some of our more unusual animals.

Sun, Feb 15  
1 – 3 pm

The Great Backyard Bird Count – Citizen science at its best. We'll learn some common feeder birds and observe who visits ours, and other birds around the park. Dress for the weather, we will be outside.

Mon, Feb 16

Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open. No Pre-K Nature Drop In program.

Tues, Feb 17  
7 pm

Speaker Series, The Complex World of Maryland's Bees - There are over 400 species of bees in Maryland. Sam Droege, of USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, will illustrate and illuminate the wide range of bees that pollinate many plants (and their flowers) with hi-resolution photography as well as share intriguing stories about their life history.

Sat/Sun  
Feb 21 & 22  
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.

Sat, Feb 28  
2 – 3:30 pm

Tracks on Tees – Learn about the stories animals leave behind in their tracks. We'll provide the materials to make an animal track tee shirt. \$5 per person, \$4 members.

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## 9th Annual Popsicle Plunge at Rocky Point Park, Saturday, March 7, 2015

**Activities/Games: 12 noon until Plunge at 2:30 pm, Go to [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org), for registration forms or to pledge any amount, large or small. To have forms mailed to you, contact Marshy Point Nature Center at 410-887-2817, All proceeds to benefit the Marshy Point Nature Center Council.**

Before sending this form: Check the availability of your program(s) by calling, 410-887-2817 or visiting our office, Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm. Please understand that payment must be received within three days of making a phone reservation or the reservation may be yielded to the waiting list. If you need to cancel your reservation, please notify us as soon as possible.

Date	Name	Age	Program Date	# in Group	Phone Number	Program Cost

**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 Pt Rd, Balto. 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/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.

**Other Important Information**

- Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Fishing is not permitted from the shoreline. You may fish from your kayak or canoe.
- 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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