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Please register
for all programs.**

Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road
Middle River, MD 21220
410-887-2817, www.marshypoint.org
Department of Recreation & Parks

September 2017

**Programs begin
promptly at
start time.**



Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.) 410-887-5370/ TDD: 410-877-5319

Sat, Sept 2
2 – 3:30 pm

Miraculous Monarchs – These brightly colored butterflies make an amazing migration ever year. We will search for them and their host plants.

Sun, Sept 3
1 – 3:30 pm

*Canoe Dundee Creek with a Naturalist – Travel with us to Gunpowder State Park to sample the bounty of the Bay. Wear shoes that can get wet. Ages 8 & up. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration required.* \$7 per person, \$5 for members.

Mon, Sept 4

Center Closed for Labor Day, Park open.

Fri, Sept 8
7 – 11 pm

Pokémon Late Night Madness - We will re-open gates 7 pm and place lures. Join us for raffles, food and snacks for sale, and rare Pokémon. \$10 per carload (carpool if possible).

Sat, Sept 9
2 – 3:00 pm

The Wild Banana – Join us to search for the elusive Paw Paw. The little known fruit belongs to the custard apple family as is the largest fruit native to North America.

Sun, Sept 10, 9 am

Sunday Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.

Sun, Sept 10
10 – 11:30 am

Late Summer Sketching - Join our artist in residence to capture the scenes of the changing season. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.

Mondays

Sept 11, 18, 25
11 am – 12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In - Sept 11 (Bee-utiful Honey), Sept. 18 (Migration), Sept 25 (Apples). Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, & outdoor activities. Dress for the weather, arrive & sign-in at start time. This program is for families. *Groups must call the office to schedule a trip.* Donations needed. No Pre-K Sept 5.

**Wed, Thur, Fri
Sept 13, 14, 15
10 am – 1 pm**

Trail Guide Training - Persons who enjoy nature, children, and the Chesapeake Bay are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for schools visiting the Nature Center. Training takes place twice yearly. *Registration required.* \$5 per person, free to returnees.

Sat, Sept 16
10 am – 12 pm

*Basic Paddling Course - Learn basic strokes from our American Canoe Association certified instructors and then practice your new skills on Dundee Creek. Ages 8 & up. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration required.* \$7 per person, \$5 for members.

Sun, Sept 17
1 – 2:30 pm

Spiders and Their Kin – These eight legged creatures may seem strange and scary but play an important role in the environment. Join us to learn more.

**Tues, Sept 19
7 pm**

Free Speaker Series, Monarchs and Milkweed – Dr. Susan Greshens, Professor of Biology at Towson University will discuss these intriguing butterflies, and their host plants. Light refreshments provided by Marshy Point Nature Center Council.

**Sat, Sept 23
10 am – 4 pm**

10th Annual Fall Festival - Animal talks, honey extraction, apple cider pressing, food, music & more! Canoe rides available too, weather & tide permitting. Marsh Mucker Obstacle Course for Kids. \$5 to register for Marsh Mucker. Don't miss it! Free admission and parking.

Sun, Sept 24
2 - 3 pm

The Law of Claw and Fang – Jack London was referring to survival of the fittest. We will look at predator and prey relationships as we feed our animal collection.

Sat, Sept 30
1 – 2 pm

Make a Scarecrow – Bring old clothes to make a scarecrow or pick one of our baby outfits to make a scare-baby. \$7 per scarecrow, \$5 members.



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October 2017

- Sun, Oct 1
11 am – 1 pm 2nd Annual Walk in the Park - Get out and get active. Join us at Marshy Point as we lead two guided hikes to showcase some of the highlights of our park. Hikes begin at 11am & 12n.
- Mondays**
Oct 2, 16, 23, 30
11 am – 12 n **Pre-K Nature Drop-In – Oct 2 (Around the Campfire), Oct 16 (Pumpkins), Oct 23 (Nocturnal Animals), Oct 30 (Halloween - all boys & ghouls dress up in costumes, get tricks & then treats!)** Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders, games, songs, & outdoor activities. Program is for families, **groups must schedule a trip. No Pre-K on Oct 9.**
- Fri, Oct 6
6 – 8:00 pm The Full Buck Moon Hike and Campfire - Deer are getting frisky and their antlers are bright. Join a naturalist to find the signs where deer have been. Then gather around the campfire for some deer chili. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.
- Sat, Oct 7
6 pm to 9 am Family Camp Out in the Park – Enjoy an evening under the stars at Marshy Point. Bring your own tent and camping gear. We'll provide the campfire with s'mores and a night hike. A parent must attend. Limited space. \$5 per person, \$3 pp for members. *Registration required.* No walk-ins.
- Sun, Oct 8
Sun, Oct 8, 9am Sunday Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sun, Oct 8
2 – 3:30 pm Pumpkin Painting – Decorate mini pumpkins and make a tasty treat. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.
- Mon, Oct 9
Center Closed for Columbus Day – Park Open
- Fri, Oct 13
7 – 11 pm Pokémon Late Night Madness - We will re-open gates 7 pm and place lures. Join us for raffles, food and snacks for sale, and rare Pokémon. \$10 per carload (carpool if possible).
- Sat, Oct 14
2 – 3:30 pm Apple Crafts and Recipes – It's that time of year when apples are abundant. Try some apple recipes and make an apple craft. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.
- Sun, Oct 15
2 – 3:30 pm Carvin' and Whittlin' - Join our naturalists to carve up some useful and decorative items.
- Tues, Oct 17**
7 pm **Free Speaker Series, Maryland Biodiversity Project** – Jim Brighton of the Maryland Biodiversity Project will discuss the project to catalog the flora and fauna of the state. Light refreshments provided by Marshy Point Nature Center Council.
- Sat, Oct 21
1 – 3 pm Fall Colors Canoe Trip – Enjoy the changing colors as we ply the waters of the creek. Ages 8 & up. *Registration required.* \$7 per person, \$5 for members.
- Sun, Oct 22
1 – 2:30 pm Apple Head and Corn Husk Dolls - Before toy stores, people made toys for their children. Learn how apple heads are made. Then create your own corn husk doll.
- Fri, Oct 27
7 – 8:30 pm Scary Story Campfire – Join Ranger John for hot cider and chilling tales. \$3 person, \$2 members.
- Sat, Oct 28
2 – 3:30 pm Trick or Treat at Marshy Point – Search for treats and find our tricks along the trails. Dress up and enter the costume contest. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.
- Sun, Oct 29
1 - 2:30 pm Zombie Apocalypse – Are you prepared for a zombie invasion? Learn the wilderness survival skills necessary to stay alive if modern technology fails.



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Sat, Nov 4
2 – 3:30

Fall Colors Painting Class – Join our artist in residence to paint the colors of fall. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.

Sun, Nov 5
2 – 4 pm

*Late Autumn Canoe Trip – Cruise the cool waters of Dundee Creek with a naturalist. Limited space. Ages 8 & up. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration required.* \$7 per person, \$5 for members.

Mondays
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27
11 am – 12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In – Nov 6 (Native Americans), Nov 13 (Animal Tracks), Nov 20, (Thanks for Turkeys, Gobble Gobble!), Nov 27 (Hibernation). Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. This program is for families. *Groups must call the office to schedule a trip.* Donations needed.

Fri, Nov 10

Center Closed for Veterans Day – Park Open.

Sat, Nov 11
1 – 3 pm

Fall Photography – Wear your boots and bring your camera to explore the photographic opportunities around Marshy Point.

Sun, Nov 12, 9 am

Sunday Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.

Sun, Nov 12
2 – 3:30 pm

Native Americans of the Chesapeake - What was life really like for the Algonquian people that lived along the shores of the Chesapeake? Find out what they ate, where they lived, and how they understood the environment.

Sat, Nov 18
1 – 2:30 pm

Talking Turkey – Learn about the wild turkeys of Maryland and then meet our own Bronze Birds "Gravy" and "Tater".

Sun, Nov 19

Fort Garrison Feast – Ages 10+. The fort was built on the Maryland frontier in 1695. Meet the Rangers and find out how they lived and what they ate. Limited to 10 people! Reservations required. Directions given at time of registration. Don't miss this once a year event! \$15 per person, \$12 for members.

Tues, Nov 21
7 pm

Free Speaker Series, Alaska's Inside Passage – Retired Baltimore County Naturalist, Bob Stanhope traveled up the passage in search of bald eagles, brown bears and whales. He will share his travels. Light refreshments provided by Marshy Point Nature Center Council.

Thurs, Nov 23

Closed for Thanksgiving – Park Open

Sat, Nov 25
1 – 3 pm

Holiday Candy Making – Learn how to make homemade chocolate dipped nuts, dried fruits, & other confections to give as Holiday gifts. \$5 per person, \$3 for members. Age 18 & up.

Sun, Nov 26
1 - 2:30 pm

Frontier Fire – Knowing how to start a fire, make traps and cook food was essential on the Chesapeake frontier. You can learn how they did it.



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Special Events

Baltimore County Nature Quest – Grab your Nature Quest passport and hike 13 trails throughout Baltimore County to find Nature Quest posts. Complete a rubbing of the plaque in your passport. Collect five rubbings and you're on your way to free tickets to the Nature Quest Fest at Lake Roland Park on October 22nd. Collect nine, and you'll earn Fest prizes.

Trail Guide Training - Persons who enjoy nature, children, and the Chesapeake Bay are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for schools visiting the Nature Center. Training takes place twice yearly. For this Fall, the dates are Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 13, 14, 15, (10 am to 1 pm) \$5 pp.

Marshy Point Fall Festival - Saturday, September 23, 10am – 4pm. Enjoy live music, animal talks, honey extraction, apple cider pressing, food, & more! Canoe rides available too, weather & tide permitting. **Marsh Mucker Obstacle Course for Kids! \$5**

2nd Annual Walk in the Park - Sunday, October 1st, 11am – 1pm. Get out and get active. Join us at Marshy Point as we lead two guided hikes to showcase some of the highlights of our park. Hikes at 11am and 12n.

Join us for a Holiday Celebration! – Tuesday, December 19, 7pm. Decorate the center, make a wreath to take home, sing carols. Santa may stop by! Bring goodies to share. Light refreshments provided by MPNCC.

Program Registration

To register, check the status of programs as they may be filled, by calling, 410-887-2817 or visiting our office, Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. If you make a phone reservation, payment must be received within three days of making the 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.

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.
- * **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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