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Please register
for programs.

Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

410-887-2817, www.marshypoint.org

Department of Recreation & Parks



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Programs begin promptly at start time.

March 2018

Sat, March 3
1 – 2 pm

Nature Story Time – *Salamander Room, Tales of the Possum's Tail, and 8 Moons on Turtle's Back*. Bring your little ones for a snack and a story about our animal friends.

Sun, March 4
10 am – 12 n

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

Mondays, March 5,
12, 19, 26
11 am – 12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In - March 5 (Baby Animals), March 12 (Signs of Spring), March 19 (Counting on Nature), March 26 (Baby Birds & Chicks) - Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders. Dress for the weather, arrive by start time. This program is for families. Groups must schedule a separate trip.

Sat, March 10
2 – 3:30 pm

Mud Season Colonial Skills – We'll get a fire going, make an herbal tea, and learn about when people lived in touch with the seasons.

Sun, March 11, 9 am

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

Sun, March 11
2 – 3:30 pm

A Changing World – Nothing ever stays the same. Climate cycles, weather patterns and invasive species place stresses on the ecosystem. We'll look at how different habitats might adjust to these and other factors.

Wed/Thurs/Fri
March 14, 15, 16
10 am – 1 pm

Trail Guide Training - Marshy Point and Cromwell Valley Parks are looking for volunteers to help teach about nature! Guides work with group programs, and special events. Training will familiarize you with our most popular programs, and the special ecosystems of Baltimore County. March 14 at Marshy Point, March 15 at Cromwell Valley Park, March 16 at the last Falls of the Gunpowder. *Registration required. \$5*

Sat, March 17
2 – 3:30 pm

Wood Carving and Whittlin' – Join a Naturalist to carve up some handy, decorative wood crafts. All materials provided. \$3, \$2 for members.

Sun, March 18
2 – 3:30 pm

Bluebird Workshop * – Build a bluebird box to take home and learn why bluebirds need our help. \$12 per box, \$10 for members. *Registration required. See Courses**

**Tues, March 20
7 pm**

Speaker Series – “The Most Important Fish in the Sea” by Loren Lustig. Mr. Lustig serves as a commissioner on the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission and will provide an overview of the critical decisions being made on menhaden management. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of Marshy Point Nature Center Council.

Sat, March 24
2 – 3:30 pm

Fundamentals of Archery – The spring of a wooden bow has been feeding humanity for thousands of years. Join a Naturalist to learn the history and use of the venerable tool.

Sun, March 25
2 – 3:30 pm

Wet Boots and Frog Snoots – Wear waterproof boots to join a Naturalist in search of Marshy Point's amphibians.

Tues, March 27,
April 3, 10, 17, 24
1 – 3:00 pm

Homeschool Nature Meet-up – Homeschool families are invited to this 5-session meet-up. Each session will focus on a different nature topic. Ages 5 to 11. Registration required. \$50 per participating child for all 5 sessions. Parents are required to attend. Space is limited.

Sat, March 31
1 – 2 pm

Natural Egg Dyes – **Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs** and we'll show you how to use natural dyes and pigments from the earth to color them.



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April 2018

- Sun, April 1
2 – 3 pm Egg Hunt at Marshy Point – Bring the kids for an “egg-citing” time with egg contests and a hunt around the park. \$4 per child, \$3 per child for members.
- Mondays**
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
11am – 12 n Pre-K Nature Drop-In - April 2 (Bunnies), April 9 (Frogs & Tadpoles), April 16 (Earth Day Celebration), April 23 (Incredible Eggs) April 30 (April’s Showers) – Introduce your little ones to nature’s wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities together. Dress for the weather, arrive by start time. This program is for families. Groups must schedule a separate trip.
- Fri, April 6
8 - 11 pm Pokemon Late Night Madness – We will re-open gates at 8pm and place lures at all of the 7 Pokestops that make a nice 5 minute walk around our parking lot. In the past, we've had many rare Pokemon spawn during our events and everyone has left satisfied. Join us for raffles, food and snacks for sale, and rare pokemon. \$10 per carload (carpool if possible).
- Sat, April 7
10 – 11:30 am Plein Air Sketching – Join our artist in residence to sketch some Spring scenes around Marshy Point. All materials provided. \$3, \$2 for members.
- Sun, April 8
8 am Second Sundays Birdwalk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sun, April 8
2 – 4 pm Canoe the Creek – Our first canoe trip of the season. Join us to limber up your muscles and paddle Dundee Creek with a Naturalist. \$7 pp, \$5/members. *Registration required.*
- Fri, April 13
7 – 8:30 pm Froggy Night Hike - Amphibians are singing. Learn whose call goes with which amphibian. Wear waterproof boots for a hike to the ponds.
- Sat, April 14
2 – 3:30 pm Scrambled Eggs – Each amphibian has a unique shape to its egg mass. Wear waterproof boots. We’ll provide the nets. Join a us for a hike to our ponds to unscramble the confusion.
- Sun, April 15
2 – 3:30 pm Edible Plants and Earth Oven Pizza – Many edibles grow around Marshy Point Park. Join a Naturalist to find them, then help build a pizza with those edibles to cook in our earth oven. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.
- Tues, April 17**
7 pm Speaker Series – “Mysteries and Magic of Clams” by Anthony Fredericks. Award winning author and educator Anthony Fredericks will share his book, *The Secret Life of Clams*. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of the Nature Center Council.
- Sat, April 21**
10 am – 4 pm 16th Annual Spring Festival – Celebrate Spring and nature with crafts, animal talks, canoe and boat rides, food, music and more. Entrance and parking are free.
- Sun, April 22
2 – 3:30 pm Earth Day Celebration – Environmentalism at Marshy Point. Come learn how we go green at Marshy Point and pick up a few tips and tricks you can try at home.
- Sat, April 28
2 - 4 pm Basic Paddling Course * – Learn the strokes needed to maneuver a canoe. \$7 per person, \$5/members. Ages 8 & older. Limited space. *Registration required. See Courses**
- Sun, April 29
1 – 2:30 pm Build a Frog Pond – Learn how to transform your property into the perfect wildlife habitat. Handouts and hike to a pond included. Wear waterproof boots. \$5 per family, \$3 members.



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Sat, May 5
1 – 2:30 pm

Workboat trip to Hart Miller Island - Islands of the bay have changed over the centuries. Join Cap'n Jim as he explains what you'll see on this trip and how it is different from just a few years ago. Ages 8 and older. Space is limited. \$10 per person, \$7 members.

Sun, May 6
2 – 4 pm

Cattails The Jack of all Plants - Cattails are one of the most useful plants in the marsh. Join a Naturalist to learn secrets that Native Americans knew about this plant.

Mondays
May 7, 14, 21
11 am – 12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In – May 7 (Baby Plants), May 14 (Rainbow Flowers), May 21 (Honeybees) – Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities together. Dress for the weather, arrive by start time. For families, groups must schedule a trip. **No Pre-K on May 28.**

Sat, May 12
Starts 6 pm -
ends, Sun
May 13, at 9 am

Spring Family Campout – Enjoy a night under the stars with other night owls. Bring your own picnic dinner and camping gear, we'll supply the fun and s'mores. Arrive at start time to set up. Bring all food and drinks needed for the evening. \$5 per person, \$3 for members. *Registration required.*

Sun, May 13, 8 am

Mother's Day Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.

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12 n – 2 pm

Mother's Day Canoe Trip - Mom is free on this trip! Bring your lunch and join a naturalist to explore the marshes and wildlife of Dundee Creek. \$7 per person, \$5 for members. Ages 8 & older. Space is limited. *Registration required.*

Tues, May 15
7 pm

Speaker Series – "The World of the Dragonfly" by Susan Minor. Maryland Master Naturalist Susan Minor will discuss the adaptations and importance of this often misunderstood insect. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of the Nature Center Council.

Sat, May 19
1 – 2 pm

The Hive and the Honeybee- Learn about our busy bees and see them up close.

Sun, May 20
10 – 11:30 am

Fishing the Dock - Bring your little ones to fish off our pier. \$2 per person. Space is limited. *Registration required.* Maryland fishing license needed for ages 16 and older.

Fri, May 25
7 – 9 pm

Full Planting Moon Canoe Trip – Native American Indians traveled Dundee Creek by canoe, why not you and your friends or family? It's a cheap date, not a cheap experience. \$7 per person, \$5 for members. *Registration required.*

Sat, May 26
2 – 3:30 pm

Estuary Exploration – Warmer water temperatures have brought animals back into the shallows. Join a Naturalist to net up some of the residents of Dundee Creek.

Sun, May 27
1 – 3 pm

Bluebirds on the Bay – The bluebird is a member of the thrush family. Join a Naturalist as we check our blue bird trail and collect data. 2 miles round trip.



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Courses & Upcoming Events

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Native Plant Sale – Pre-order your native plants by April 27, for pick-up on May 19 and 20. Availability and pricing available by e-mail. www.marshypoint.org/contact-us/

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- *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, or 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. In case of thunderstorms, programs will be delayed 30 minutes.
- *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.
- *Balto. Co. 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 the privilege to participate based on behavior that could jeopardize the safety of that individual or the group.



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