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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 2018

**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 1
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 2
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. \$7 per person, \$5 for members.

Mon, Sept 3

Center Closed for Labor Day, Park open.

Fri, Sept 7
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 8
2 – 3:30 pm

Carvin' and Whittlin' - Join our naturalists to carve up some useful and decorative items.

Sun, Sept 9, 9 am

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

Sun, Sept 9
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 10, 17, 24
11 am – 12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In - Sept 10 (Bee-utiful Honey), Sept. 17 (Migration), Sept 24 (Apples). Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, & outdoor activities. *Groups must call the office to schedule a trip.* No Pre-K Sept 3.

**Wed, Thurs, Fri
Sept 12, 13, 14
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 15
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 16
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.

**Tues, Sept 18
7 pm**

Free Speaker Series, The Most Important Fish in the Sea - This magnificent creature (menhaden) provides amazing "filter feeding" benefits that have the power to significantly improve the water quality in the Bay. Mr. Loren Lustig, will give a view of the critical decisions being made to encourage recovery of this essential species. Light refreshments provided by MPNCC.

**Sat, Sept 22
10 am – 4 pm**

11th Annual Fall Festival - Animal talks, hay rides, food, music & more! Canoe & boat trips, weather & tide permitting. Marsh Mucker Obstacle Course for Kids \$5, Free admission & parking.

Sun, Sept 23
11 am - 1 pm

3rd 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.

Sat, Sept 29
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.

Sun, Sept 30
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.



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Mondays

Oct 1, 15, 22, 29
11 am – 12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop-In – Oct 1 (Around the Campfire), Oct 15 (Pumpkins), Oct 23 (Nocturnal Animals), Oct 29 (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 Oct 8.**

Fri, Oct 5
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 6
1 – 2:30 pm

Pumpkin Painting – Decorate mini pumpkins and make a tasty treat. \$3 per person, \$2 for members.

Sun, Oct 7
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.

Mon, Oct 8

Center Closed for Columbus Day – Park Open

Sat, Oct 13
6 pm to 9 am
Sun, Oct 14

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. \$7 per person, \$5 pp for members. *Registration required.* No walk-ins.

Sun, Oct 14, 9am

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

Sun, Oct 14
2 – 3:30 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.

Tues, Oct 16
7 pm

Free Speaker Series, An Ecological History of the Chesapeake Bay - Dr. Grace Brush of Johns Hopkins University will discuss how the history of the bay and it's watershed is revealed in its depths and shallows. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of the Nature Center Council.

Sat, Oct 20
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 21
9 – 11 am

Birdwatch Boat Trip – Winter waterfowl begin to arrive in the fall. Join Captain Jim and our expert birdwatchers to observe the early arrivals. Ages 8 and older. Space is limited. \$10 per person, \$8 members.

Fri, Oct 26
6 – 8 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 27
1 – 3 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 28
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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- Fri, Nov 2
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, Nov 3
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 4
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 5, 19, 26
11 am – 12 n **Pre-K Nature Drop-In – Nov 5 (Native Americans), Nov 19, (Thanks for Turkeys, Gobble Gobble!), Nov 26 (Hibernation).** Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. *Groups must call the office to schedule a trip.* Donations needed. **No program, Nov. 12.**
- Tue, Nov 6 Center Closed for Election Day – Park Open.
- Sat, Nov 10
1 – 3 pm Fall Photography – Wear your boots and bring your camera to explore the photographic opportunities around Marshy Point.
- Sun, Nov 11, 9 am Sunday Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sun, Nov 11
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.
- Mon, Nov 12 Center Closed for Veterans Day – Park Open.
- Sat, Nov 17
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 18 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 20**
7 pm **Free Speaker Series, Brook Trout in Maryland** – DNR biologist Matt Sell will discuss the status of our only native trout. All are welcome. Light refreshments provided by Marshy Point Nature Center Council.
- Thurs, Nov 22 Closed for Thanksgiving – Park Open
- Sat, Nov 24
1 – 3 pm Holiday Candy Making – Learn how to make homemade chocolate dipped nuts, dried fruits, & other confections to give as Holiday gifts. \$7 per person, \$5 for members.
- Sun, Nov 25
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

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 12, 13, 14, (10 am to 1 pm) \$5 pp.

Marshy Point Fall Festival - Saturday, September 22, 10am – 4pm. Enjoy live music, animal talks, hay rides, apple cider pressing, food, & more! Canoe and boat trips available too, weather & tide permitting. **Marsh Mucker Obstacle Course for Kids! \$5.** Free parking and admission.

3rd Annual Walk in the Park - Sunday, September 23rd, 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.

Spring 2019 Chesapeake Adventurers Pre-K Program - Alongside two Adventure Guides, children will journey through the forests, wetlands, and tidal creeks that make up Marshy Point. We will explore vernal ponds, play in meadows and climb trees. Along the way, we will discover the flora and fauna that surround us, allowing each child to make their own special connections with nature. AGES: 3, 4, & 5 (must turn 3 by January 14, 2019 and be potty proficient). DATES: March 4th–May 31st, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30am-1:30pm. Registration begins December 3. (12 weeks, no class May 27).

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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