



# Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

410-887-2817, [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org)

Department of Recreation & Parks



Space is limited.  
Please register  
for programs.

Programs begin  
promptly at  
start time.

## March 2019

Should you require special  
accommodations (i.e., language  
interpreter, large print, etc.)  
410.887.5370 / TDD:410.887.5319

- Sat, March 2  
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 3  
10 am – 12 n  
Late Winter Photography – Wear your boots and bring your camera to explore the photographic opportunities around Marshy Point.
- Mondays, March 4,  
11, 18, 25  
11 am – 12 n  
**Pre-K Nature Drop-In - March 4 (Baby Animals), March 11 (Signs of Spring), March 18 (Counting on Nature), March 25 (Baby Birds & Chicks)** - Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders. Dress for the weather, arrive by start time. This program is for families.
- Sat, March 9  
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 10, 9 am  
Sundays Birdwalk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sun, March 10  
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 13, 14, 15  
10 am – 1 pm  
**Trail Guide Training** - Marshy Point & Cromwell Valley Parks are looking for volunteers to help teach about nature! Guides work with group programs & events. Training will familiarize you with our programs, & the special ecosystems of Baltimore County. March 13 at Marshy Point, March 14 at Cromwell Valley Park, March 15 at Eden Mill. \$5 per person.
- Sat, March 16  
2 – 3:30 pm  
Wake up Nature! – Spring is almost here! We'll venture out into the park to look at some early signs of the season.
- Sun, March 17  
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 19  
7 pm**  
**Speaker Series** – “Safe Skies Maryland” by Beth Decker. Beth will discuss some of the human caused hazards to birds and how we can help. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of Marshy Point Nature Center Council.
- Sat, March 23  
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 24  
11am - 12n  
Walk in the Park – Start Spring by enjoying the great outdoors! Join us for an easy hike observing nature's splendor.
- Sun, March 24  
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 26,  
April 2, 9, 16, 23  
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 30  
1 – 2:30 pm  
Salamander Time – Spotted salamanders migrate to our wetlands in March to breed. We'll search for them and their eggs.
- Sun, March 31  
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.



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### **Mondays**

April 1, 8, 15,  
22, 29  
11am – 12 n

**Pre-K Nature Drop-In** - April 1 (Wiggly Worms), April 8 (Frogs & Tadpoles), April 15 (Incredible Eggs), April 22 (Earth Day Celebration), April 29 (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.

Sat, April 6  
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.

Sun, April 7  
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 12  
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 13  
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 us for a hike to our ponds to unscramble the confusion.

Sun, April 14  
8 am

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

Sun, April 14  
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.

**Tues, April 16  
7 pm**

**Speaker Series** – "Surviving the Tropical Rainforest" by Bob Stanhope – The Amazon is the world's largest rainforest. Bob will share his trip to Manaus and beyond, by riverboat and canoe. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of the Nature Center Council.

**Sat, April 20  
10 am – 4 pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival** – Celebrate Spring and nature with crafts, animal talks, canoe and boat rides, egg hunt, food, music and more. Entrance and parking are free.

Sun, April 21  
2 – 3 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 27  
2 – 3:30 pm

**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 28  
10 am - 1 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\**



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Fri, May 3  
8 – 11pm

Pokemon Late Night Madness - We will re-open gates 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, May 4  
1 – 3:00 pm

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

Sun, May 5  
2 – 3 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 6, 13, 20  
11 am – 12 n

**Pre-K Nature Drop-In – May 6 (Baby Plants), May 13 (Rainbow Flowers), May 20 (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 27.**

Sat, May 11  
Starts 6 pm -  
ends, Sun  
May 12, 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. \$7 per person, \$5 for members. *Registration required.*

Sun, May 12, 8 am

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

Sun, May 12  
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.*

Fri, May 17  
7 – 9 pm

Full Planting Moon Canoe Trip – Native Americans 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 18  
1 – 2 pm

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

Sun, May 19  
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.

**Tues, May 21**  
**7 pm**

**Speaker Series** – “The Thin Green Line” - by Loren Lustig. Loren will share highlights, surprises and true tales from working on the front lines of conservation. All are welcome. Light refreshments compliments of the Nature Center Council.

Sat, May 25  
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. \$7 per person, \$5 members.

Sun, 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.

Mon, May 27

**Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open.**



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## Courses & Upcoming Events

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**Native Plant Sale –** Pre-order your native plants by April 26, for pick-up on May 18 and 19. Availability and pricing available by e-mail. [www.marshypoint.org/contact-us/](http://www.marshypoint.org/contact-us/)

### **Advance registration is required for all programs.**

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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](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. 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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