



Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

410-887-2817, www.marshypoint.org

Department of Recreation & Parks

Programs begin
promptly at
start time.



Space is limited.
Please register
for all programs.

December 2019

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

Sun, Dec 1
1 – 3 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.

**Mondays,
Dec 2, 9, 16**
11 am – 12 n

Pre-K Nature Drop In – Dec 2 (Animal Homes), Dec 9 (It's Winter!), Dec 16 (Evergreens) - 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. This program is for families. Groups must call the office to schedule a trip. **No Program on Dec 23, 30.**

Sat, Dec 7
12 n – 4 pm

Holiday Celebration – This family friendly open house features activities for everyone, including wreath making from freshly cut greens, chocolate goodies, decorating trees with popcorn and seed to feed the birds, and the ever popular pod and cone weird animal ornaments. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share. Light refreshments will be available. \$7 per wreath, \$5 members. No Registration required.

Sun, Dec 8
9 am

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

Sun, Dec 8
1 – 3 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 15
2 – 3 pm

Short Days Candle Making – Brighten up the longest nights of the year by making your own candles. All materials provided. \$5 per person, \$4 members.

Fri, Dec 20
6 – 7:30 pm

The Long Night – Hike and Campfire – The shortest days and longest nights are here. Learn how ancient people coped with the sun's absence and celebrated the changing seasons. \$5 per person, \$4 for members.

Sat, Dec 21
10 – 11:30 pm

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

Sun, Dec 22
1 – 2 pm

Predator & Prey – All animals need to eat. We'll learn about who eats who as we feed our animal collection.

Wed, Dec 25

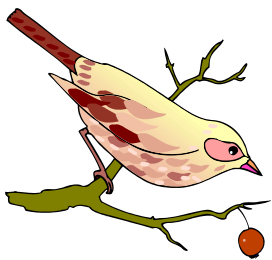
Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open.

Sat, Dec 28
1 – 2:30 pm

Evergreen Plants – Some plants stay green in winter. We'll learn why and take a hike to find them.

Sun, Dec 29
1 – 2 pm

Squirrels! – Find out about what those bushy-tailed critters do in the winter.



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- Wed, Jan 1 Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open
- Sat, Jan 4 2 – 3:30 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 5 2 – 3 pm Endangered Species – What are some threatened and endangered species in Maryland? Do any of them inhabit Marshy Point?
- Mondays**
Jan 6, 13, 27
11 am – 12 n **Pre-K Nature Drop-In – Jan 6 (Feed your Feathered Friends), Jan 13 (Snow), Jan 27 (Arctic Animals).** Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities together. Dress for the weather. This program is for families. Groups must call the office to schedule a trip. **No Program on Jan 20.**
- (5) Wednesdays
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29,
Feb 5, 6–9 pm Bow Making Course – Humankind has been putting food on the table with wooden bows for thousands of years. Learn to make your own hickory flat bow in this intensive course. \$100, Members \$90, Snow date: Feb 6.
- Sat, Jan 11 2 – 3 pm Bears in Maryland – Do bears live in Maryland? Yes they do! Find out where!
- Sun, Jan 12, 9 am Sunday Birdwalk – Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
- Sun, Jan 12 1 – 2:30 pm Bird Party! – Come and meet our avian stars: Frank the Duck, Clarice the Starling and Mr. Hooty the owl in this program designed to introduce your little ones to our bird collection. Wear a hat as Clarice might land on your head.
- Fri, Jan 17 6 – 7:30 pm Owl Prowl and Campfire – Meet Mr. Hooty the owl and learn about the adaptations of these nocturnal hunters, then enjoy s'mores by the campfire. \$5 person, \$4 members.
- Sat, Jan 18 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 & meet Mr. Hooty.
- Sun, Jan 19 2 – 3:30 pm Tracks on Tees – Learn about the stories animals leave behind in their tracks. Bring your own shirt or buy one of ours for \$15.
- Mon, Jan 20 Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open.
- Tues, Jan 21**
7 pm **Speaker Series – “History of Marshy Point” – John Sullivan.** US Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground, Edgewood Arsenal, Marshy Point and Carroll Island were once the site of many Ducking Clubs. John Sullivan will discuss what was there, and how land owners enjoyed the great sport of duck hunting from before 1854 and into the future.
- Sat, Jan 25 10 – 11:30 am Winter Plant ID – How can you identify trees with no leaves? Join a Naturalist to find out.
- Sun, Jan 26 2 – 3:30 pm Tin Can Lanterns – Bring an old tin can to give it a new life as a light!



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Sat, Feb 1
2 – 3 pm

Whistle Pig Whimsy – Gus, Punxsutawney Phil, woodchuck, sod poodle, land beaver & whistle pig, they are all the same critter. Learn about & search for this amazing rodent.

Sun, Feb 2
2 – 3:30 pm

Fish Print Pillow Cases – Learn the Japanese art of Gyotaku by printing fish on your pillowcase. All materials provided. \$7 pillowcase, \$5 for members.

Mondays
Feb 3, 10, 24
11 am – 12 n

Mondays Pre-K Nature Drop In – Feb 3 (Groundhogs), Feb 10 (Valentine’s Day), Feb 24 (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. This program is for families. Groups must call the office to schedule a trip. **No Program on Feb 17.**

Sat, Feb 8
1 – 2:30 pm

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

Sun, Feb 9
9 am

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

Sun, Feb 9
1 – 2 pm

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

Sat, Feb 15
1 – 2 pm

Feathers & Fur – These adaptations keep animals warm through the cold days of winter. Meet some furry and feathered animals.

Sun, Feb 16
10 – 11:30 am

Winter Waterfowl – Ducks, geese and swans depend on the Bay to spend the winter. We’ll look for them and learn about why they’re here.

Mon, Feb 17

Center Closed for County Holiday – Park Open.

Tues, Feb 18
7 pm

Speaker Series – “For Goodness Snakes” by Kerry Wixted. Snakes are fascinating yet highly misunderstood creatures. Kerry Wixted, Maryland DNR, Wildlife and Heritage Service specialist will discuss the basics about snake biology, why we should care about snakes, and information on several of the species that call Maryland home. From the secretive and colorful rainbow snake to the social timber rattlesnake, Maryland’s snake species are highly diverse.

Sat/Sun
Feb 22, 23
Feb 29, March 1
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. Tree tapping hikes every hour until 3:00.





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Join us for a Holiday Celebration, Saturday, December 7, 12n – 4pm

This family friendly open house features activities for everyone, including wreath making from freshly cut greens, decorating trees with popcorn, cranberries to feed the birds, and the ever popular pod weird animal ornaments. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share. Light refreshments provided. \$7/wreath, \$5/members. No registration required.

CHESAPEAKE ADVENTURERS PRE-K, Spring Session: Jan. 6 to May 29, 2020 (Register now, limited space)

Fall Session 2020: September 9 to December 18, 2020. Registration opens January 1, 2020.

9:30am to 1:30pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday. This is a drop-off program. Ages: 3, 4, 5.

Must turn 3 by Jan. 1, 2020 & be potty proficient.

Bow Making Course

Learn to make your own hickory flat bow in this intensive course. (5) Wednesdays
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 6 to 9 pm.

Trail Guide Training, March 11, 12, 13 10am until 1pm

Training includes the ecology of Marshy Point & Cromwell Valley Parks & techniques to share more and teach less.

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 Point Road, Baltimore, 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/Snow/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.
- *Snow closings: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/recreation
- *Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- *Fishing is not permitted from the shoreline.
- *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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