



## Marshy Point Nature Center

Who are we?

A facility of the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, the center provides public programs with the support of a non-profit Council of community volunteers. Marshy Point staff are public employees who design nature-oriented, hands-on field trips and programs for all schools in the Greater Baltimore area. Program leaders include staff naturalists and trained volunteers. Pre-K to adult, we tailor each trip to suit your needs, getting kids of all ages outdoors and learning.

Aside from field trips...

- Marshy Point Park is open every day sunrise to sunset and features a scenic overlook, canoe launch, and 8 miles of hiking trails.
- Marshy Point Nature Center is open 9 am to 5 pm and offers programs for families throughout the year on weeknights and weekends. To learn more, visit our web site!

Find out more!  
[www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org)

**Marshy Point  
Nature Center**

**Programs for  
Schools and Groups**  
September to May

**410-887-2817**  
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# School and Group Programs

## Habitat Explorers Maryland Green Schools, 1 hour

Supporting the Maryland Green Schools initiative, open to all grades, this program is designed to enhance learning through hands-on exploration. Students learn about habitats, wildlife management and local wildlife. **Habitat Explorers School Project.** Following your trip to Marshy Point, a naturalist will come to your school to teach students the value of wildlife and their habitats.

## Canoe Ecology Trips 3 hours, grade 3 and up \*

Our shallow creek is the perfect place to experience the watershed from the Bay's point of view. Our certified staff will have your crew paddling like pros while learning about the watershed.

## Chesapeake Classroom Canoe Trip 3 hours, grade 6 and up \*

This is a more intensive experience for older students to explore Bay ecology. We will learn about the ever changing conditions in the Bay and how animals adapt. Includes canoeing, water quality sampling, and net sampling.

## Estuary Exploration by Net 1.5 hours \*

Explore the ecology of Dundee Creek by getting in it! We will pull nets to sample fish and other creatures.



## Chesapeake History 1.5 hours

The shores of the Chesapeake have been home to many groups of people from the Native Americans to the present day. We will explore how people shaped the landscape and how the landscape shaped them.

## Pre-K and Kinder Nature 1 hour

Children learn about animals by exploring their habitats and meeting them up close.

## Amazing Insects 1 hour

Discover the world of insects. Hike to observe hoppers, crawlers, stingers, swimmers, and fliers.

## Woodland, Wetlands, and the Great Marsh, 1.5 hours \*

Learn about the interactions of wildlife at the water's edge on this guided hike through these neighboring habitats. Wade the shallows to find fish, insects, and amphibians and learn about their special adaptations.

## Predator and Prey 1 hour

Students learn about the relationship between predator and prey through an up-close encounter. Students will meet these animals and watch them eat or be eaten. This program includes a hike in search of predators and their prey.

## Birds of the Marsh 1 hour

Meet and learn about some of the common birds at Marshy Point. Includes a habitat hike with emphasis on adaptations for survival and identification.

## Geology of Maryland 1 hour

What rocks and minerals are found in the Marshy Point? How are they used today and in the past? Hike to find these rock and mineral specimens.

## Reptiles and Amphibians 1.5 hours \*

Learn about and meet turtles, frogs, toads, salamanders, and snakes. Take a hike to explore their habitats and find them in the wild.

## Colonial Life at Fort Garrison Oct. & Nov. only, 1.5 hours

Who were the Rangers at the Old Fort in 1693? Emphasis is on skills, tools, and 17th century history and technology. Limited availability.

## Scout Programs Sat. & Sun. only, 1 hour

These hands-on nature and animal programs satisfy scout requirements.

## Custom Programs 1 to 1.5 hours

Programs on this list can be customized to your needs. Includes homeschool and other groups.

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**Be prepared to get wet and muddy. No open-toed shoes.**

**\* = An extra set of clothes and shoes is recommended for aquatic-related programs.**

- Minimum group size 12.
- Groups are welcome to bring lunches.
- School and group program fee is \$50, except for public school and county-run programs.
- For-profit organization and away programs \$100.
- Limited number of participants for some programs.

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