

Marshy Point Nature Center

Program and Event Calendar



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Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks



Special Events

Maple Sugaring - How do you get sap from a tree? How is maple sugar made? Who originally created maple syrup? Join us for a hike where we'll answer these questions and provide interactive demonstrations: participants will help tap a tree, collect sap, learn how to make maple syrup, and have the opportunity to taste different types of syrup. February 17, 18, 24, 25 from 10am—2pm. \$5 per person; hikes run every hour on the hour. Last hike at 3pm.

Traditional Bow Making - Marshy Point is offering a bow making course this winter. Participants will make their own hickory flatbow, joining a human tradition that dates back thousands of years. Tuesday evenings in late February through early March from 6pm to 9pm. \$115 for five sessions. All materials provided. Limited to 10 participants. 5 Week Course, Tuesdays, February 27, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6 – 9pm.

Spring Festival - The Spring Festival celebrates the change of season and the return of warm weather. Admission and parking are free, with family-friendly activities for all ages. Activities include live music, animal talks, crafts, canoe rides, wood carvers, and more! Saturday, April 13th, 10am—4pm.



Program Registration Information

Advance registration required for all programs. Programs begin promptly at start time.

- ◆ Call 410-887-2817 M-F, 9am - 5pm for availability & information.
- ◆ Registration can only be completed in-person or by phone; online registration is unavailable at this time.
- ◆ Payments can be made with cash, by check payable to MPNCC, or online at www.marshypoint.org.
- ◆ Organizations and groups, including scouts, must schedule private programs; programs in this calendar are meant for individuals and families.

Rain/Inclement Weather Policy

- ◆ All special events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.
- ◆ Staff determine program cancellations on the scheduled day. Please call one hour before start time for updates.

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 participation to any visitor based on behavior that could jeopardize others' safety.

Should you require special accommodations (i.e. language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the recreation office at 410-887-2817. TTY users call via Maryland Relay.

January 2024

Pre-K Nature January Schedule

Monday, January 8 (Sleepy Season) &
Monday, January 29 (Chilly Chesapeake)
11am – 12pm

Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while
enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities.
\$5 non-member; \$2 member

Mon, Jan. 1 Center Closed for Holiday - Park open sunrise to 5pm.

All day

Sat, Jan. 6 First Hike of the Year - Celebrate 2024's start with a hike through Marshy Point's trails. Free!

1-3pm

Sun, Jan. 7 Sunday Bird Walk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.

Sun, Jan. 14 Junior Naturalist - Become a Jr. naturalist for a day as we explore the world of conservation work. Get insider knowledge and try your hand at creating animal enrichment with one of Marshy Point's naturalists. Free!

Mon, Jan. 15 Center Closed for County Holiday - Park open sunrise to 5pm.

All day

Fri, Jan. 19 Full Moon Hike - Explore Marshy Point at night under the full moon's light. Warm campfire and treats to follow. \$5 non-members, \$2 members.

6-7:30pm

Sat, Jan. 20 Winter Wildlife - Cold weather may bring a deep slumber for some, but many animals are still active. Walk our trails and discover who is still awake during this chilly season. Free!

10-11am

Sun, Jan. 21 Chilly Chesapeake - Winter's chill has drastically changed our landscape, including Dundee Creek. Find out how the park and bay are transforming for winter. Free!

11am-12:30pm

Sat, Jan. 27 Winter Scavenger Hunt - Find all the items on the list and collect a prize! Offered throughout the day. One prize per map. Free!

10am-4pm

Sun, Jan. 28 Winter Plant ID Hike - Join a naturalist for a hike through the park. Along the way we will identify the different species of plants that call Marshy Point home. Free!

2-3pm

February 2024

Pre-K Nature February Schedule

Monday, Feb. 5 (Feathered Friends) &
Monday, Feb. 26 (Maple Syrup)
11am – 12pm

Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while
enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities.
\$5 non-member; \$2/member

Sat, Feb. 3 Raptor Chat - Meet our resident raptors and learn about our positive-reinforcement training methods. Free!

1-2pm

Sun, Feb. 4 Winter Family Hike - Bring your family for an educational hike through Marshy Point's trails. Free!

2-3pm

Fri, Feb. 9 Timberdoodle Quest - *Meet naturalist at 7131 Brinkman's Road—parking area* Timberdoodle, Bog Sucker, Labrador Twister, Mud Snipe; all of these are nicknames for the American Woodcock. Join us for a night hike through the fields to listen for this fascinating bird as they begin their breeding season. Free!

5:30-6:30pm

Sat, Feb. 10 [Before Chocolate Drop-In](#) - From cacao plant to the chocolate box, learn the history of this delectable confection and try your hand at dipping your own Valentine's treat. Free!
10am-2pm

Sun, Feb. 11 [Sunday Bird Walk](#) - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!
9am

Sat, Feb. 16 [Maple Sugaring](#) - How do you get sap from a tree? How is maple sugar made? Who originally created maple syrup? Join us for a hike where we'll answer these questions and provide interactive demonstrations; participants will help tap a tree, collect sap, learn how to make maple syrup, and have the opportunity to taste different types of syrup. Tree tapping hikes every hour until 2pm. \$5 per person.
Sun, Feb. 17
10-2pm



Mon, Feb. 19 [Center Closed for Holiday](#) - Park open sunrise to 5pm.
All day

Sat, Feb. 23 [Maple Sugaring](#) - How do you get sap from a tree? How is maple sugar made? Who originally created maple syrup? Join us for a hike where we'll answer these questions and provide interactive demonstrations; participants will help tap a tree, collect sap, learn how to make maple syrup, and have the opportunity to taste different types of syrup. Tree tapping hikes every hour until 2pm. \$5 per person.
Sun, Feb. 24
10-2pm



March 2024

Pre-K Nature March Schedule

Monday, March 4 (Nature's Rainbows) &
Monday, March 25 (Spring Time)
11am – 12pm

Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities.
\$5 non-member; \$2/member

Sat, March 2 [Skunk Cabbage Hike](#) - What is that plant sprouting out of the snow? Take a hike with a naturalist to explore our Skunk Cabbage Trail and learn all about this curious plant. Free!
1-2:30pm

Sun, March 3 [Wake Up Nature](#) - Come seek out spring's early signs and learn how nature wakes up from its long, winter slumber. Free!
1-2:30pm

Sat, March 9 [Traces & Tracks](#) - Who left this print? What made a mark on that tree? Answer these questions and more as we learn about local wildlife's traces and tracks in Marshy Point. Free!
1-2:30pm

Sun, March 10 [Sunday Bird Walk](#) - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!
9am

Sun, March 10 **PARK CLOSING AT SUNSET**
Sunset Daylight savings, park closes at **sunset** everyday until fall.

Sun, March 17 [Birds On The Move](#) - The birds are returning! Find out where they've been and what they will do once back at their marshy residence. Free!
2-3pm

Sat, March 23 [Salamander Safari](#) - Join us on a hike to explore the marsh's vernal ponds and some of our resident salamanders favorite hiding spots. Free!
1-2pm

Sun, March 24 [Life In The Undergrowth](#) - Life is all around us, even in covert areas. Explore our undergrowth to learn what life lives in and contributes to the dense vegetation. Free!
1-2pm

- March, 26-28 Volunteer Training - We are looking for adult volunteers to teach programs and take part in special events!
10am-1pm Training schedule: 9/26 at Marshy Point Nature Center, 9/27 at Cromwell Valley Park, and 9/28 at Baltimore City Conservatory. Refreshments provided; bring a lunch and drinks on 9/27. \$5 for new volunteers; free for returning volunteers.
- Fri, March 29 Wet Boots & Frog Snoots - Explore the marsh's shallows with a naturalist to find frogs and other amphibians.
7-8:30pm Prepare to get wet and muddy! Free! *Limited to 25 participants.
- Sat, March 30 Puddles and Ponds - Get wet as we explore Marshy Point's ponds! Look for amphibians & reptiles and learn how these small bodies of water play a key role in our local ecosystem. Free!
10-11:30am

Traditional Bow Making

5 Week Course

Tuesdays, February 27, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

6 – 9pm

REGISTRATION FULL - WAITLIST ONLY

April 2024

Pre-K Nature April Schedule

Monday, April 8 (Incredible Eggs) &
Monday, April 29 (Earth Day)
11am – 12pm

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2024 Spring Festival

* Saturday, April 13th * 10am—4pm *

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- Sat, April 6 Canoe The Creek - Our first canoe trip of the season. Join us to limber up your muscles and paddle Dundee Creek with a naturalist. \$6 non-member, \$4 member. Ages 8+ to paddle; U8 may ride along with properly fitting life jacket.
1-3pm
- Sun, April 7 Sunday Bird Walk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!
9am
- 11am-12pm Feathers, Eggs & Nests - Soar to new educational heights as we discuss our avian residents— both wild and under human care. Free!
- Fri, April 26 Spring Night Chorus - Amphibians are filling the air with symphonious sounds. Learn whose call goes with which species while you explore the vernal ponds. Prepare to get wet and muddy. Free! *Limited to 25 participants.
6-7:30pm
- Sat, April 27 Saving Species - What rare or endangered species live at Marshy Point? How can we protect them and their habitats? Take a hike with a naturalist to answer some of these questions and explore the marsh. Free!
1-2:30pm
- Sun, April 28 Canoe Exploration - Navigate Dundee Creek with a naturalist to observe local flora and fauna from the water. \$6 non-member; \$4 member. Ages 8+ to paddle; U8 can ride along with a properly fitting life jacket.
10am-12pm