

Marshy Point Nature Center

Program and Event Calendar



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Middle River, MD 21220
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Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks



Program Registration Information (May—June, 2024)

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.
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May 2024

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| Fri. May 3
10am | Friday Walks —Join us for a leisurely, staff/led hike down one of Marshy Point's Trails. We will explore a new trail each outing. Free! |
| Mon. May 6
11am-12pm | Pre-K Nature —"From Tadpoles To Frogs" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. \$2 members / \$5 non-members per child. |
| Sun. May 12
8am | Sunday Bird Walk — Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free! |
| Sun. May 12
10am-12pm | Mother's Day Canoe Trip — Celebrate Mother's Day with a naturalist as we explore Dundee Creek. Ages 8+ to paddle; limited to 8 canoes (2-3 people per canoe). Life-jackets provided. \$6 per person, mothers are free! |
| Fri. May 17
6-8pm | Sunset Canoe Trip — Take to the water as the sun sets on Marshy Point. Ages 8+ to paddle; limited to 8 canoes (2-3 people per canoe). \$6 per person. |
| Sat. May 18
10-11am | Turtle Talk — Come meet some of Marshy Point's resident turtle ambassadors and learn about the local species found in our park. Free! |
| Sun. May 19
6-8am | Sunrise Kayak Trip — Join us for an early morning paddle on Dundee Creek. Ages 8+ to paddle; limited to 10 kayaks (tandems available); life jackets provided. \$6 per person. |
| Mon. May 20
11am-12pm | Pre-K Nature —"Hungry Little Caterpillar" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. \$2 members / \$5 non-members per child. |

Sat. May 25 **Seasonal Scavenger Hunt**— Stop by the nature center for a scavenger hunt. Find all the items and win a prize!
Sun. May 26 One prize per map. Free!
10am-4pm

Mon. May 27 Center Closed for County Holiday—Park open sunrise to sunset.
All Day

June 2024

Sat. June 1 **Growing Up In The Bay**— Join a naturalist to discover why the upper Chesapeake is called a nursery.
10am-12pm *Water program; participants will get wet, please dress accordingly. Free!

Sun. June 2 **Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Watch Kayak Trip**—In coordination with the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative, Marshy Point will be hosting kayak trips to collect data on the Dundee SAV. Join us to learn more about these important habitats and paddle out for a fun afternoon of community-based service. Free!
10am-1pm

Fri. June 7 **Friday Walks**—Join us for a leisurely, staff/led hike down one of Marshy Point's Trails. We will explore a new trail each outing. Free!
10am

Sat. June 8 **Maryland Rocks**— Maryland rocks! Marshy Point rocks! You rock! Find out what makes up the geological structure of the park and its components. Free!
2-3pm

Sun. June 9 **Sunday Bird Walk**— Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!
9am

Sat. June 15 **Archeology Dig Day**—Help us uncover Marshy Point's history by digging shovel test pits, sifting soil, and analyzing relics; all found relics will be cataloged and displayed in Marshy Point's auditorium. Dress for the weather and bring work gloves. Lunch provided. Free!
10am-3pm

Sun. June 16 **Father's Day Canoe Trip**— Celebrate Father's Day with a naturalist as we explore Dundee Creek. Ages 8+ to paddle; limited to 8 canoes (2-3 people per canoe). Life-jackets provided. \$6 per person, fathers are free!
1-3pm

Wed. June 19 Center Closed for County Holiday—Park open sunrise to sunset.
All Day

Fri. June 21 **Solstice Campfire**— Join us for a night hike followed by a campfire to celebrate the summer solstice. The sun is at it's highest position in the sky making it the longest day of the year! \$5 per person.
7:30-9pm

Sun. June 23 **Wetlands Alive**—From the cattails to ponds, to the reeds in between, you can find life everywhere in Marshy Point's Wetlands. Prepare to get wet and muddy! Free!
10-11:30am

Mon. June 24 **Pre-K Nature**—“*Fishy Friends*” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. \$2 members / \$5 non-members per child.
11am-12pm

Sat. June 29 **Rad Reptiles**—Marshy Point's repto-dudes and dudettes are anything but bogus. Join us for a most excellent adventure in search of these cool-blooded creatures. Free!
10-11am

Sun. June 30 **Morning Kayak Trip**— Take to the water and observe Dundee Creek's morning life. Ages 8+ to paddle; limited to 10 kayaks (tandems available); life jackets provided. \$6 per person.
10am-12pm



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July 2024

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| Fri. July 5
10am | Friday Walks —Join us for a leisurely , staff/led hike down one of Marshy Point’s Trails. We will explore a new trail each outing. Free! |
| Fri. July 5
8pm-9pm | Nature’s Light Show — Join us for an illuminated night as we shine a light on fireflies’ role in nature. Free! |
| Sat. July 6
10-11am | Wings on the Water — Glide through the trails and flit to the waterfront in search of Marshy Point’s flighted residents. Free! |
| Fri. July 12
9am | Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Watch Volunteer Training — In coordination with the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative, Marshy Point will be hosting kayak trips to collect data on Dundee Creek’s SAV. This training event will cover basic SAV ecology, identification, and data collection methods. Upon completion, participants will be certified as volunteer leaders to assist in our upcoming SAV Watch kayak trips. This training is intended only for those interested in serving as group leaders on future kayak trips, as completion is not required for general kayak trip participants. Free! |
| Sat. July 13
2-3pm | Poison & Venom — What’s the difference? Join us to learn what makes poison and venom different and which animals contain these toxins. Free! |
| Sun. July 14
9am | Sunday Bird Walk — Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free! |
| Sun. July 14
10-11am | Pollinator Palooza — Come celebrate our pollinators: bees, butterflies, moths, wasps. and more! Learn their habits and beneficial roles as we observe them in nature. Free! |
| Sat. July 20
1-3pm | Canoe the Creek — Explore Dundee Creek with a naturalist. Ages 8+ to paddle. Limited to 8 canoes (tandems available); life jackets provided. \$6 per person. |
| Sun. July 21
10am-1pm | Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Watch Kayak Trip — In coordination with the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative, Marshy Point will be hosting kayak trips to collect data on Dundee Creek’s SAV. Join us to learn more about these important habitats and paddle out for a fun afternoon of community-based science. Free! |
| Sat. July 27
10-11:30am | Summertime Blooms — Join a naturalist for a hike as we explore the summertime flowers of the park. Free! |

Sun. July 28 **Amazing Arachnids**— What has 8 legs and plays an important role in our ecosystem? Come find out! Free!
2-3pm

Mon. July 29 **Pre-K Nature**—“Water Water Everywhere” Introduce your little ones to nature’s wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. \$5 per child.
11am-12pm

August 2024

Fri. Aug 2 **Friday Walks**—Join us for a leisurely , staff/led hike down one of Marshy Point’s Trails. We will explore a new trail each outing. Free!
10am

Sat. Aug 3 **Marvelous Monarchs**— Monarchs are preparing for their first migration. Take a peek inside Marshy Point’s butterfly house and pollinator garden to see if you can spot any of these regal butterflies. Free!
10-11am

Sun. Aug 4 **Hike to Harry’s Overlook**—Walk with a naturalist along Marshy Point’s white and red trails to Harry’s Overlook, and cool off by wading into Saltpeter Creek. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water; the hike is approximately 1.5 miles. Free!
10am-12pm

Sat. Aug 10 **Insect Safari**— Lets go netting in the fields and observe the world of insects. Free!
10-11am

Sun. Aug 11 **Sunday Bird Walk**— Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers.
9am
Free!

Sun. Aug 11 **SAV Watch Kayak Trip**—In coordination with the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative, Marshy Point will be hosting kayak trips to collect data on the Dundee SAV. Join us to learn more about these important habitats and paddle out for a fun afternoon of community-based service. Free!
10am-1pm

Fri. Aug 16 **Sturgeon Moon Canoe Trip**— Paddle as the sun sets and the sturgeon moon rises! Ages 8+ to paddle. Limited to 8 canoes; life jackets provided. \$6 per person.
6-8pm

Sat. Aug 17 **Carnivores**— Carnivores come in all shapes and sizes. Learn about some carnivores at Marshy Point. Free!
2-3pm

Sun. Aug 18 **Herbivores**— Rasping and grinding food; that’s how herbivores of Marshy Point eat. Join us to find out more. Free!
2-3pm

Sat. Aug 24 **Waddle & Wiggle**— Slither, hop and crawl. Join us to learn how animals move to find food and avoid predators. Free!
10-11am

Sun. Aug 25 **Sunday Paddle**— Bring your own canoe, kayak, or paddleboard, or use one of our canoes or kayaks for a fun day on the water! Ages 8+ to paddle. Limited to 8 canoes; life jackets provided. Limited availability. \$6 per person.
10am-12pm

Mon. Aug 26 **Pre-K Nature**—“Turtles” Introduce your little ones to nature’s wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. \$5 per child.
11am-12pm

Fri. Aug 30 **Like Moths to a Flame: Night Hike & Campfire**— We are setting up a sheet and light before our hike to see what inquisitive insects we can attract while we are away. Afterwards, enjoy a treat by the campfire. \$5 per person.
7:30-9pm

Save the Date
Fall Festival 2024

September 21
10am-4pm