

# Marshy Point Nature Center

## Program and Event Calendar

Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks  
7130 Marshy Point Road, Middle River, MD 21220  
410-887-2817



<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/parks-directory/marshy-point-nature-center/>



### Program Registration Information

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

- ◆ Go to: [www.BaltimoreCountyMD.gov/CivicRec](http://www.BaltimoreCountyMD.gov/CivicRec) for availability & information.
- ◆ Registration and payments can only be completed online.
- ◆ 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.

#### 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 2025

Mon, Jan. 1	<u>Center Closed for Holiday</u> - Park open sunrise to 5pm.
Thurs, Jan. 2 7-8:30pm	<u>Marsh After Dark</u> - A special <b>adults only</b> program series! Participants must be <b>18+</b> to attend. "Raptors: Killer Birds" - With razor-sharp talons and hooked beaks for tearing flesh, these birds are natural-born killers! Join us as we explore the deadly traits and behaviors of birds of prey. \$10 per adult.
Sat, Jan. 4 10-11:30am	<u>First Hike of the Year</u> - Celebrate 2024's start with a hike through Marshy Point's trails. Free!
Mon, Jan. 6 11am-12pm	<u>Pre-K Nature</u> - "Who's Hibernating" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.
Thursdays, 5 Week Course Jan. 9—Feb. 6 6 – 9pm	<u>Traditional Bow Making</u> - Marshy Point is offering a bow making course this winter. Participants will make their own hickory flatbow, to join a human tradition that dates back thousands of years. Thursday evenings in late January through early February from 6pm to 9pm. \$150 for five sessions. All materials provided. Limited to 10 participants.
Fri, Jan. 10 6-7:30pm	<u>Full Moon Fire</u> - Explore Marshy Point at night under the full moon's light. Warm campfire and treats to follow. \$6 per participant.
Sat, Jan. 11 10-11am	<u>Winter Wildlife</u> - 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!



Sun, Jan. 12 10-11:00am Junior Naturalist– Become a junior 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. 13 11am-12pm Pre-K Nature - “Snow Much Fun” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

Sun, Jan. 19 2-3pm 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!

Mon, Jan. 20 Center Closed for County Holiday - Park open sunrise to 5pm.

Sat, Jan. 25 10am-4pm Winter Scavenger Hunt - Find all the items on the list and collect a prize! Offered throughout the day. One prize per map. \$3 per map.

Mon, Jan. 27 11am-12pm Pre-K Nature - “Clouds” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

Wed, Jan. 29 9am-3pm Project WILD Training - Become a certified Project WILD instructor! This professional development workshop will fit the needs of all educators pertaining to awareness, appreciation and understanding of wildlife. Curriculum materials provided. \$20 per person.

## February 2025

Sat, Feb. 1 1-2pm Raptor Chat– Meet our resident raptors and learn about our positive-reinforcement training methods. Free!

Sun, Feb. 2 2-3pm Winter Family Hike - Bring your family for an educational hike through Marshy Point’s trails. Free!

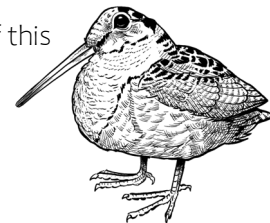
Mon, Feb. 3 11am-12pm Pre-K Nature - “Groundhogs” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

Thurs, Feb. 6 7-8:30pm Marsh After Dark - A special **adults only** program series! Participants must be **18+ to attend**. “Critter Courtship ”- Discover the wild world of animal courtship as we meet dancing spiders, luminous beetles, and trilling toads. Each animal species has its own unique way of finding a mate. \$10 per adult.

Fri, Feb. 7 5:30-6:30pm Timberdoodle Trek - **\*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. \$6 per participant.

Sat, Feb. 8 10am-12pm 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!

Sun, Feb. 9 9am Sunday Bird Walk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!



Mon, Feb. 10 11am-12pm Pre-K Nature - “For the Love of Nature” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.



Join Baltimore County **PARK EXPLORERS**

Explore local parks! Complete fun challenges! Win prizes!

Pick up a booklet at **Marshy Point Nature Center** to begin your exploration.

Booklets also available at:

- \* Cromwell Valley Park
- \* MD Agriculture and Farm Park
- \* Lake Roland

- \* Benjamin Banneker Historical Park & Museum
- \* Holt Park & Center for the Art
- \* Oregon Ridge Nature Center
- \* Loch Raven Fishing Center (BONUS Seasonal Location)



Sat, Feb. 15 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. \$6 per person.

Mon, Feb. 17 Center Closed for Holiday - Park open sunrise to 5pm.

Mon, Feb. 24 Pre-K Nature - "Maple Syrup" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

## March 2025

Sat, March 1 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!

Sun, March 2 Wake Up Nature - Come seek out spring's early signs and learn how nature wakes up from its long, winter slumber. Free!

Mon, March 3 Pre-K Nature - "Wake Up Nature" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

Thurs, March 6 Marsh After Dark - A special **adults only** program series! Participants must be **18+ to attend**. "Skull Lab: Learning from Bones" - Even in death, animals have a lot to teach us! Examine real animals skulls and decode the tales bones have to tell in this hands-on program. \$10 per adult.

Sat, March 8 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. \$3 per participant.

Sun, March 9 Sunday Bird Walk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!

Sun, March 9 **PARK CLOSURES AT SUNSET**  
Daylight savings, park closes at **sunset** everyday until fall.

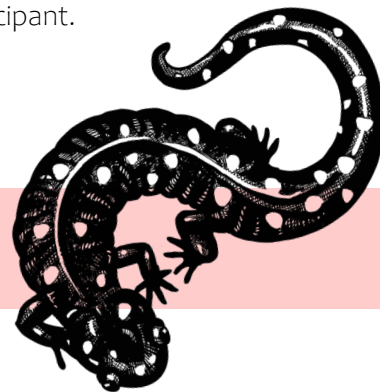
Sat, March 15 The Tides of Marsh - The creeks at Marshy Point are tidal. Learn what that means and discover the wildlife in the tides. Free!

Sun, March 16 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!

Mon, March 17 Pre-K Nature - "Nature's Rainbows" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

Sat, March 22 Salamander Safari - Join us on a hike to explore the marsh's vernal ponds and some of our resident salamanders favorite hiding spots. Free!

Sun, March 23 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!



March, 24-28  
10am-2pm

Volunteer Training - We are looking for adult volunteers to teach programs and take part in special events!  
Training schedule:

**INFO. COMING SOON—CHECK BACK FOR UPDATES**

\$6 for new volunteers; free for returning volunteers.

Fri, March 28  
7-8:30pm

Wet Boots & Frog Snoots - Explore the marsh's shallows with a naturalist to find frogs and other amphibians. Prepare to get wet and muddy! \$6 per participant. \*Limited to 25 participants.

Sat, March 29  
10-11:30am

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!

Mon, March 31  
11am-12pm

Pre-K Nature - "Animal Tracks" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

## April 2025

Thurs, April 3  
7-8:30pm

Marsh After Dark - A special **adults only** program series! Participants must be **18+ to attend**. "Animal Anomalies"- Colorless hummingbirds, silver foxes, and spangled squirrels – nature is full of unique individuals that break the mold! Take a deep dive into the inner mechanisms behind animal color mutations and other natural curiosities. \$10 per adult.

Sat, April 5  
1-3pm

Canoe The Creek - Our first canoe trip of the season. Join us to limber up your muscles and paddle Dundee Creek with a naturalist. \$12 per participant. Ages 8+.

Sun, April 6

Feathers, Eggs & Nests - Soar to new educational heights as we discuss our avian residents– both wild and under human care. Free!

Mon, April 7

Pre-K Nature - "Incredible Eggs" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

April 12th, 2025  
10am-4pm



## 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!  
Individual costs apply for some activities.

Sun, April 13  
9am

Sunday Bird Walk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!

Mon, April 14

Pre-K Nature - "Earth Day" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.

Fri, April 25  
6-7:30pm

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. \$6 per participant. \*Limited to 25 participants.

Sat, April 26

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!

Sun, April 27

Canoe Exploration - Navigate Dundee Creek with a naturalist to observe local flora and fauna from the water. \$12 per participant. Ages 8+.

Mon, April 28

Pre-K Nature - "Spring Scavenger Hunt" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$6 per participant.