



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: <https://RECANDPARKS.BALTIMORECOUNTYMD.gov/> 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.

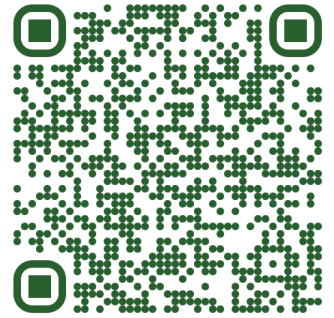
Rain/Inclement Weather Policy

- ◆ 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.



September 2024



16th Annual Fall Festival
September 21st, 2024
10am-4pm



Enjoy hay rides, apple cider, boat trips, animal chats, crafts, live music, and more!
Admission and parking are FREE; individual costs apply for some activities.

Sat, Aug. 31
2pm-3pm

Bye Bye Butterflies- Join us for the seasonal farewell to our beautiful butterfly friends. Free!

Sun., Sept. 1
10am-1pm

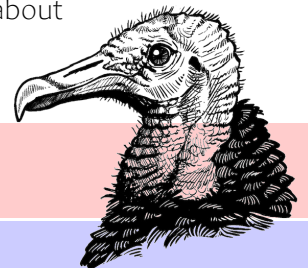
SAV Watch Kayak Trip- In coordination with Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative, Marshy Point will be hosting kayak trips to collect data on the Dundee Creek SAV. Join us to learn more about these important habitats and paddle out for a fun afternoon of community-based science. Free!

Mon, Sept. 2
All day

Center Closed for Holiday- Park open sunrise to sunset.

Sat, Sept. 7
2-3pm

International Vulture Awareness Day- Nature's cleanup crew takes the stage as we celebrate International Vulture Awareness Day! Come meet our resident black vulture, Dumplin, and learn what role vultures play in our environment. Free!



- Sun, Sept. 8 9am [Sunday Bird Walk](#) - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!
- Mon, Sept. 9 11am-12pm [Pre-K Nature](#) - “Forest Friend Picnic” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.
- Mon.—Fri. Sept. 9-13 10am-1pm [Volunteer Training](#) - We are looking for adult volunteers to teach programs and take part in special events! Training schedule: 9/9 at Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 9/10 at Marshy Point Nature Center, 9/11 at Cromwell Valley Park, 9/12 at Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, and 9/13 at Lake Roland Park. Refreshments provided. \$5 for new volunteers; free for returning volunteers.
- Tues, Sept. 10 6-8pm [Council Members Dinner](#) - We invite current Marshy Point members to join us for a free, member exclusive event. Dinner, drinks, and desserts are provided.
- Sat, Sept. 14 10am-12pm [Canoe the Creek](#) - Join us to limber up your muscles and paddle Dundee Creek with a naturalist. Ages 8 and older to paddle. limited availability, \$6 per person.
- Sun, Sept. 15 10-11am [Pawpaws](#): The fruit so nice they named it twice! - Visit our pawpaw groves and learn about North America's largest, edible, wild fruit. \$5 per person.
- Sat, Sept. 21 10am-4pm [16th Annual Fall Festival](#) - Enjoy hay rides, apple cider, boat trips, animal chats, crafts, live music, and more! Admission and parking are FREE; individual costs apply for some activities.
- Sun, Sept. 29 10-11am [Colorful Nature](#) - The colors of the park are changing! Join a naturalist on a hike to observe the fantastic fall foliage. Free!
- Mon, Sept. 30 11am-12pm [Pre-K Nature](#) - “Apples” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

October 2024

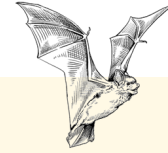
- Sun, Oct. 6 2-3pm [Pumpkin Painting](#) – Bring your creativity and decorate a small pumpkin for the fall season. Cost per pumpkin: \$5 per person. Supplies provided, registration limited.
- Mon, Oct. 7 11am-12pm [Pre-K Nature](#) - “Fall Fun & Pumpkins” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.
- Fri, Oct. 11 5:30-7pm [Going Batty](#) - Look to the skies and discover the secrets of nature’s only flying mammals. \$5 per person.
- Sat, Oct. 12 2-3pm [Stupendous Spiders](#) - Explore the park as we search for our 8 legged friends and learn what makes these unique creatures so important to our natural ecosystem. Free!
- Sun, Oct. 13 9am [Sunday Bird Walk](#) - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!
- Sun, Oct. 13 10-11:30am [Changing Seasons Hike](#) - Join us for a ranger-led hike to explore the changes autumn has brought to Marshy Point. Free!
- Mon, Oct. 14 All day [Center Closed for County Holiday](#) - Park open sunrise to sunset.
- Sat, Oct. 19 2-3pm [Owl About It?](#) - Join us to find out ... whooo lives in the marsh and what makes them such amazing hunters? Free!
- Sun, Oct. 20 10-11am [Talking Bones](#) - Tibia-nest, bones provide key insight into local ecology. Explore some of our skeletal artifacts and talus your favorite bone puns! Free!
- Mon, Oct. 21 11am-12pm [Pre-K Nature](#) - “Bats” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.



Fri, Oct. 25 6:30-8:30pm [Nature At Night](#) - Explore the nocturnal wonders of the park along with a cozy campfire as we find out what marsh creatures go bump in the night! \$5 per person.

Sun, Oct. 27 11am-1pm [Trail or Treat](#) - Gather treats as you venture deeper into the Marshy woods. Encounter frights along the way. Costumes are welcome! \$5 per person

Mon, Oct. 28 11am-12pm [Pre-K Nature](#) - "Halloween" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.



November 2024

Sat, Nov 2 11am-12pm [Oh Deer](#) - New winter, new antlers! Learn about the rutting whitetail deer as they prepare for a new breeding season at the park. Free!

Sun, Nov 3 5pm PARK CLOSURES AT 5PM
Daylight savings, park closes at 5pm everyday through winter.

Sun, Nov 3 1-2pm [World of Rodents](#) - Over 2000 species are classified in the Rodentia order. Learn which ones are native to Maryland and which can be found at Marshy Point. Free!

Mon, Nov. 4 11am—12pm [Pre-K Nature](#) - "Falling Leaves" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

Tues, Nov. 5 All day [Center Closed for County Holiday](#) - Park open sunrise to 5pm.

Sat, Nov 9 10-4pm [Fall Scavenger Hunt](#) - Find all the items on the list and collect a prize! Offered throughout the day. One prize per map. Free!

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

Mon, Nov. 11 All day [Center Closed for County Holiday](#) - Park open sunrise to 5pm.

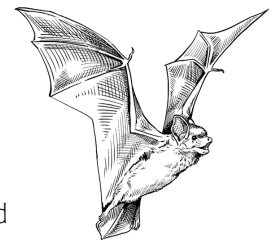
Fri, Nov 15 6-7pm [November Nights](#) - Keep winter at bay nestled by the campfire on a chilly November night. We'll end the evening with a warm treat! \$5 per person.

Sat, Nov 16 2-3pm [Turkey Talk](#) - Explore the wonderful world of turkeys with turkey tails and tales! Free!

Sun, Nov 17 2-3pm [Sleepy Season](#) - Hibernation, brumation, and aestivation are all forms of season-based dormancy. Learn who is preparing to take a "long winter's nap" and just how long that nap will be. Free!

Mon, Nov. 18 11am—12pm [Pre-K Nature](#) - "Slithering Snakes" Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

Sat, Nov 23 2-3pm [Nature's Menu](#) - Nuts, fruits, shoots and roots. See what wildlife is dining on during the wild harvest. Free!



Mon, Nov. 25 11am—12pm Pre-K Nature - “Turkey Talk” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

Thurs, Nov 28 All day Center Closed for County Holiday - Park open sunrise to 5pm.

Sat, Nov. 30 5:30-6:30pm Star Gazing- Observe the final November night sky over the Dundee Creek. Bring a camp chair and a blanket. \$5 per person.

December 2024

Sun, Dec. 1 10-11:30am Let It Snow!- The water cycle drives life in the marsh! Learn about waters many forms and how it moves through the environment. Free!

Mon, Dec. 2 11am—12pm Pre-K Nature - “Evergreens” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

Sat, Dec. 7 10am-2pm Holiday Celebration- Decorate the nature center, sing carols, enjoy baked goods and hot chocolate, and make a wreath or ornament to celebrate the holidays! Open to the public; activity costs vary.

Sun, Dec. 8 9am Sunday Bird Walk- Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!

Sun, Dec. 8 12-3pm Wreaths and Natural Ornaments: Make wreaths, ornaments, and other decorations using natural materials while enjoying the warmth of the fireplace. Supplies are limited. Registration required. Costs vary based on wreath size.

Mon, Dec. 9 11am—12pm Pre-K Nature - “Marshy Point Friends” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

Sat, Dec. 14 1-2:30pm Fur and Feathers- The weather has changed. See how animals bundle up to keep warm all winter! Free!

Sun, Dec. 15 11am-12:30pm Evergreens - Not all trees lose their leaves for the winter. Join a naturalist to explore the park and identify who is still green all year round. Free!

Mon, Dec. 16 11am—12pm Pre-K Nature - “It’s Winter” Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, songs, & outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

Sat, Dec. 21 10-11am Ugly Sweater Hike- Wear your best “ugly” holiday sweater—that’s family friendly– and take a hike with a naturalist. The best sweater wins a prize! Free!

Mon, Dec. 25 All day Center Closed for Holiday- Park open sunrise to sunset.

Sun, Dec. 29 1-2pm Last Hike of the Year- Say goodbye to 2024 with the last naturalist lead hike of the year through Marshy’s trails. Free!

