

Winter Calendar ~ Website and Social Media Posts (Dec 2020 through Feb 2021)

****REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMS BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 18 at 9 AM.****

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS ONLY ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

TO REGISTER VISIT ~ <https://cromwellvalleypark.campbrainregistration.com/>

You will be required to sign a Baltimore County Waiver of Liability and COVID-19 Waiver as part of the registration process.

Pre-registration CLOSSES AT 4 PM ON FRIDAY for weekend programs.

NO "WALK IN'S" WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Children under 18 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult. Should you require special services (i.e. sign language interpreter, large print, etc.), give us as much notice as possible by calling our Park Office or the Therapeutic Recreation Office at 410.887.5370 or 410-887-5319 (TTY/Deaf).

Habitat Restoration Team - Weed Warrior Days!

We remove invasive plants from the Park and in warmer weather, plant natives and maintain restored habitat – great opportunities for high school students for community service and volunteers who like to work outdoors: **Saturdays** from 2 PM to 4 PM ~ **December 5, 19; January 9, 30; February 13, 27. Meet at the Sherwood House Parking Lot.**

Reservations **NOT** required. You will be required to sign both a general waiver of liability and a COVID-19 waiver.

Questions? Please contact Laurie Taylor-Mitchell, lmitchell4@comcast.net

Saturday, December 5 at 1 PM to 2:30PM

Creative Camouflage – All ages. Join a Naturalist as we discover how various creatures blend into their surroundings. **\$2 per person/ \$4 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

Sunday, December 6 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Winter Debris Shelter – Ages 8+. Known as a Wickiup in the Southwest. Learn how to make a winter debris shelter that could very well save your life. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Primitive Technology Lab**

Saturday, December 12 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Holiday Swags – Ages 8+. Create a holiday swag with a bow for your door that will surely impress the neighbors! Dress for the weather. **\$5 members per swag /\$7 non-members per swag. Nature Center**

Sunday, December 13 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Natural Holiday Ornaments – Ages 5+. Join us as we collect natural materials to make holiday ornaments. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, December 19 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Holiday Centerpieces – Ages 13+. The fresh greens in your arrangement will bring the scent and beauty of the outdoors to your table. Please bring thin garden gloves if your hands are sensitive to the sap and prickles of the pines.

Dress for the weather. \$7 members per centerpiece /\$10 non-members per centerpiece. Nature Center

Sunday, December 20 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Winter Solstice Hike – Ages 5+. Join us on a hike as we welcome Old Man Winter on the shortest day of the year. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed,* but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County holiday.

Saturday, December 26 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Visit the Nature Center– All Ages. Stop by Willow Grove Nature Center to visit with our animals, our exhibits and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate on us! **Reservations NOT required. Drop in program. FREE! Nature Center**

Sunday, December 27 at 10 AM to 2 PM

Trivia Trail Trek – All Ages. Pick up a self-guided trail book from Willow Grove Nature Center, answer the trivia questions, and then return to the Nature Center for a prize! **Reservations NOT required. Drop in program. FREE!**

Nature Center Friday, January 1

Happy New Year! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed,* but the Park will be open for this Baltimore

County holiday.

Saturday, January 2 at 1 PM to 3 PM

1st Weekend Walk – Ages 5+. Say goodbye to 2020 and start 2021 off right by being outside! Join a Naturalist as we take a walk in the great outdoors. Wear sturdy shoes. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, January 3 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Hibernation Hideouts – All ages. Just who are our winter hibernators at the Park? Where do amphibians hide during cold weather? Join a Naturalist to find out. Dress for the weather! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, January 9 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Twig and Leaf Creatures – Ages 2 to 10 with Adult. The woods are bare, but there are a lot of twigs and leaves we can collect. Come take a walk to gather some up and then return to the Nature Center to make to make our very own, "Valley Creature." Parent must attend program with their child. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, January 10 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Scout Day: Fire Making – Ages 8 to 13 with Adult. This program is for both Boy AND Girl Scouts. Learn how to make a fire using flint & steel and matches. Participants will receive a steel fire striker if registered by December 30th. Please do NOT bring siblings as this program is intended for the Scout and their parents or leader. **\$10 per Scout. Primitive Technology Lab**

Saturday, January 16 at 8 AM to 10 AM

Winter Birding with Expert Birder, John Canoles – Ages 12+. Our winter residents are tough adaptive birds. Learn their markings with John and his father, Noot. Bring binoculars, if you have them. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, January 17 at 1 PM to 2 PM

Feast for our Feathered Friends – All Ages. Join a Naturalist as we make edible winter treats for our feathered friends. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Monday, January 18

Happy Birthday Martin Luther King! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed, but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County holiday.*

Saturday, January 23 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Bear Necessities – Ages 4 to 10 with Adult. Black bears have been found throughout North America. Do we have bears in Maryland? We sure do! Find out where they can be found, what they do during the winter, and how they survive. You'll also go home with your BEAR-y own craft! Parent must attend program with their child. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, January 24 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Cabin Fever – All Ages. Have cabin fever? We have the cure! Get plenty of Vitamin D and help ward off those winter blues while we hike on our trails. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, January 29 at 6 PM to 8 PM

Creatures of the Night Hike – Ages 8+. From Owls to Opossums, learn about our amazing nocturnal animals and their adaptations they possess to roam the nighttime landscape. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, January 30 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Calling all Conifers! – All Ages. Join a Naturalist as we hike to identify conifers then create a cone craft! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, January 31 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Woodchuck, Groundhog, Whistle Pig, Pasture Poodle, Land Beaver, or Punxsutawney Phil? – Ages 8+.

They're all the same mysterious animal. Learn about the woodchuck, search for a burrow, and predict if we will have 6 more weeks of winter or an early spring. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, February 6 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Animal Tracks & Clues – Ages 8+. Learn the art of reading clues left behind by animals. We'll hike in the park and try to

figure out what animals have been up to and where they might be. Let's see if we can solve the mystery!

\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center

Sunday, February 7 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Winter Entomology – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist as we see how freezing temperatures effect the insects that live in our streams. Wear shoes that can get wet and dress for the weather! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, February 13 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Love Birds? – All Ages. Did you know people of all ages are counting birds all around the world for the Great Backyard Bird Count? Come join in on the annual bird-watchers tradition. We'll take a hike through our park and count birds along the way! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, February 14 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Who Doesn't LOVE Scat? - Ages 2 to 10 with Adult. Animal droppings come in all shapes and sizes. Become Scat Detectives and track the scat around the park. We will find out just who is leaving their droppings behind and what they've been eating. Don't be a party pooper, join us and make your own edible scat to take home.

Parent must attend program with their child. **\$3 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Monday, February 15

Happy President's Day! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed,* but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County holiday.

Saturday, February 20 AND Sunday, February 21 at 11 AM to 3 PM each day

Maple Sugaring Weekend – All ages. Native people made sugar from the sap of our native maples. Join our Naturalists for ongoing cooking demonstrations, spile making, tree tapping, and sap boiling. **Reservations NOT required. Drop in program. FREE! Nature Center**

Friday, February 26 at 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Frozen Solid Night Hike– Ages 8+. Let's go outside and explore the world of cold temperatures during this Snow Moon. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, February 27 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Oh My Gourd! – Ages 8+. Picasso's, Rembrandts, and Michelangelo's unite! Our gourds that were grown in the Children's Garden have all been cut into bowls and are ready for you to decorate! **\$5 members /\$7 non-members. Primitive Technology Lab**

Sunday, February 28 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Antifreeze in the Natural World – All Ages. Where do Turtles go in the cold winter months? Join a Naturalist to discover what turtles, frogs and toads do to survive. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**