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CROMWELL VALLEY PARK PROGRAMS AND EVENTS SPRING 2021

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****REGISTRATION FOR SPRING PROGRAMS BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 16 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 will remove invasive plants from the Park and plant/seed natives and maintain restored habitat – great opportunities for high school students for community service and volunteers who like to work outdoors. **Saturdays from 2 to 4 PM on MARCH 13, 27; APRIL 10, 24 MAY 15, 29. Meet at the Sherwood House Parking Lot at Cromwell Valley Park.** RSVP Laurie Taylor-Mitchell, Ltmitchell4@comcast.net

Saturdays, March 27; April 3,10,17,24; May 1,8,22,29 at 8 AM to 10 AM

Saturday Morning Bird Walks – Ages 14+. This spring join a Park Naturalist for an early morning bird walk. **FREE! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Meet at the sign at the **Willow Grove Gravel Parking Lot.**

Saturday, March 6 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Mad as a March Hare – Ages 2 to 10 with Adult. Where did this saying come from? Rabbits and hares are related, but they're not the same! Join us to learn some of their differences, meet one, and then make a rabbit or hare craft to take home. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, March 7 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Wet Boots and Frog Snoots – Ages 5+. Wear waterproof boots and join a Naturalist as we search for Cromwell Valley's awesome amphibians! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, March 13 at 1 PM to 3 PM

The Emerald Isle – Ages 6+. The Isle gave us leprechauns, pots of gold and soda bread. Learn more about Ireland and help make soda bread in our Nature Center Earth Oven. **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, March 14 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Nature Quest Hop Along – All Ages. Get an early start on your 2021 Nature Quest Passport. Bring your own, **"Parker the Frog"** along on a guided adventure to CVP's Nature Quest Markers. For more details on **Parker the Frog**, visit: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/> **FREE! Registration Required. Nature Center**

Saturday, March 20 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

To BEE or not to BEE – Ages 5+. Spring is in the air! Learn all about bees including the native species such as the Mason and Leafcutter bees. You'll do your part in supporting the habitat of these low-maintenance insects by creating a nesting can for your yard. **\$3 members /\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, March 21 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Spring Chicken – Ages 2 to 10 with Adult. Join a Naturalist as we meet & greet our resident egg layers. We MAY even answer the age old question- What came 1st: the chicken or the egg? **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25 from 10 AM to 12 PM

Trail Guide Training - Adults. We are looking for volunteers to help teach about nature! **March 24 at Cromwell Valley Park and March 25 at Baltimore County Agriculture Center.** Trail guides assist with school programs, special events and animal care. Training will familiarize you with our most popular programs as well as the ecology of Cromwell Valley Park. Coffee and tea will be provided. *Please bring water with you each day.* **New guides pay a \$5 tuition fee.**

Friday, March 26 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Nature Quest Night Hike – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist as we head off in the woods to locate Cromwell Valley Park's Nature Quest markers. Please bring your Wegman's Nature Quest Passport Booklet with you or pick one up at the Nature Center when you arrive. *Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.* **\$3 members /\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, March 27 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Scrambled Eggs – All Ages. Help unscramble the mystery behind the different egg masses in our ponds. *Wear waterproof boots!* **\$2 members/ \$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturdays, March 27; April 3,10,17,24; May 1,8,22,29 at 8 AM to 10 AM (NO BIRDWALK ON MAY 15)

Saturday Morning Bird Walks – Ages 14+. This spring join a Park Naturalist on Saturdays, March 27 through May 29. **FREE! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Meet at the sign at the ***Willow Grove Gravel Parking Lot.***

Saturday, March 27 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! – Ages 13+ (with an Adult.) Join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools, and water. You bring a hat, sunscreen and a little energy. **FREE! REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Children's Garden.**

Sunday, March 28 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

A Walk in the Park – All Ages. Join a Naturalist as we take in the sights and sounds of Spring around the Park. *Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.* **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, April 3 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Natural Dyes – Ages 5+. Before commercial dyes, bright hues were derived from plants, animals, and minerals found in nature. Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs and learn to make your own natural dyes. **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, April 4 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Self-Guided Easter Trail Hunt – All ages. Stop by our Nature Center, pick up a trek booklet and set off on a self-guided hike on our trails. When you have completed the trek return to the Nature Center to pick up your EGG-citing prize! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, April 10 at 1 PM to 2 PM

Critter Craft - All ages. Meet one of our critters at the Nature Center and make a critter craft to take home with you. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, April 10 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! –Ages 13+ (with an Adult.) Join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools, and water. You bring a hat, sunscreen and a little energy. **FREE! REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Children's Garden**

Sunday, April 11 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Water, Water, Everywhere! – Ages 5+. Join a Naturalist as we use nets to learn about our many streams at the Park. *Wear boots/shoes that can get wet.* **\$2 members/ \$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Mondays from April 12 to October 25 at 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Thursdays from April 15 to October 28 at 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Adult Garden Club - Ages 18+. Do you enjoy gardening but don't have the space or a deer-proof fence? Join like-minded green thumbs (and beginner brown thumbs) to grow your own vegetables, herbs, and flowers and tend to our shared garden plots. We'll provide the seeds, seedlings, and tools. Attend one or both days each week. Register for ONE session only. **\$40 members/ \$50 non-members. Children's Garden**

Saturday, April 17 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Fish Traps – Ages 13+. These fishing devices have been used all around the world for thousands of years. Learn to make a simple basket-style trap using vine and other local natural materials. **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Primitive Technology Lab***

Sunday, April 18 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Garlic Mustard Pull & Pizza – Ages 5+. Grab your work gloves and join us as we pull this invasive weed. Then follow us back to the Earth Oven to taste this invasive on your very own pizza! **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Nature Center***

Tuesdays, April 20 to May 25 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Wednesdays, April 21 to May 26 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Polliwogs – Ages 2 to 5 with Adult. Discovering nature is a lifelong journey. In this class, you and your little one will explore the natural world through hands-on activities, nature play, stories and crafts. **Non-mobile siblings only, parent/guardian must be an active participant. Dress for the outdoors. Register for ONE session only.** **\$60 members /\$80 non-members for 6 sessions. *Nature Center***

Saturday, April 24 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Scout Day ~ Stream Cleanup – Ages 5 to 11 with Adult. This program is for both **Girl AND Boy Scouts**. We'll do our part this Earth Day to help clean our streams. Join a Naturalist as we comb our streams looking for trash and debris. **Bring a pair of work gloves and wear boots/shoes that can get wet.** Participants receive a Cromwell Valley Park logo patch. Please do NOT bring siblings as this program is intended for the Scout and their parent or leader. **\$5 per Scout. *Nature Center***

Sunday, April 25 at 1PM to 3 PM

Wild Edible Spring Greens - Ages 12+. Spring greens are a welcome tonic after a long winter. Learn to identify, harvest, and prepare the earliest wild edibles of the season. **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Nature Center***

Friday, April 30 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Amazing Amphibians Night Hike - Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist with a net and we will hear who is singing and see who is egg slinging! **Wear sturdy boots/shoes that can get wet and bring a headlamp or flashlight!** **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Nature Center***

Saturday, May 1 at 10 AM to 12 PM

Earth Skills Weekend: Ancient Arts - All Ages. Join a Naturalist as we learn how to turn rocks into paint and clay into bowls and beads. **Bring a white shirt or bandana with you.** **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Nature Center***

Saturday, May 1 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Earth Skills Weekend: The Atlatl - Adults. Learn to make a simple atlatl from branches and one feathered dart to throw. **Bring a non-serrated pocketknife if you have one.** **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Primitive Technology Lab***

Sunday, May 2 at 10 AM to 12 PM

Earth Skills Weekend: Primitive Weapons - Adults. Join us as we learn the history, uses and forms of Primitive weapons like the Atlatl, Bow and Arrow, and Rabbit Sticks. **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Nature Center***

Sunday, May 2 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Earth Skills Weekend: Ancient Cooking Techniques - All Ages. Bring your appetite as we learn about and cook on an ancient style comal and finish the program with a sweet treat from the Adobe Earth Oven. **3 members/ \$5 non-members. *Nature Center***

Saturday, May 8 at 11 AM to 1 PM

Orioles ~ Neo-Tropical Migrants – All ages. **Bring binoculars** and join a Naturalist to spot a nest, listen for their songs, and find out where they've been. **\$2 members/ \$4 non-members. *Nature Center***

Sunday, May 9 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Tea for Two – Ages 8+. Spend Mother's Day afternoon learning about the health benefits of natural teas, gathering local plants, and enjoying a hot cup of tea, then taking the cup home with you! **\$5 members /\$7 non-members. *Nature Center***

Saturday, May 15 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! – Ages 13+ (with an Adult.) Join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools, and water. You bring a hat, sunscreen and a little energy. **FREE! REGISTRATION REQUIRED. *Children's Garden***

Saturday, May 15 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Colonial Coffee – Ages 14+. In 1773 Americans dressed like Native Americans and threw chests of British tea into the Boston Harbor in protest of the Stamp Act. Ever since then Americans became coffee drinkers. Learn where coffee came from and how it was processed in 18th Century America. **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, May 16 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Faeries and Elves of the Forest – Ages 3+. Welcome to the realm of the faeries! Make a wand and crown and then head into the forest to share in the magic. *Come dressed in your faerie finery.* **\$2 members/ \$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, May 22 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Hike through History – Adults. Historic homes, hidden civic works projects, and mysterious grave sites. Discover the secrets hidden inside Cromwell Valley Park. *Come prepared to walk! Wear sturdy shoes.* **\$2 members/ \$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, May 23 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Beaver Valley – Ages 8+. Cromwell Valley has beavers from time to time. Join us at the Nature Center to learn how these animals shape the landscape, then hike with a Naturalist to see beaver cut trees. **\$2 members/ \$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, May 28 at 8 PM to 9:30 PM

Flower Moon Night Hike & Campfire - Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist as we take a Moonlit stroll and then gather around the campfire for S'mores. *Due to COVID-19 regulations – we will provide the roasting sticks but please BYOS (Bring your own S'mores).* **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, May 29 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Cicada Crunch – Ages 5+. This brood of noisy insects is set to reappear after spending the last 17 years underground! Join a Naturalist and sample some delicious ways to enjoy these nuisance critters while also learning about the important role they play in our local food chains. **\$3 members/ \$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, May 30 at 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Frog Round Up – Ages 8+. *Wear your waterproof shoes or boots* as we hike to Marble Springs. We'll provide the nets and capture containers. After identifying our catch, we will release all critters back into the pond. **\$2 members/ \$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Monday, May 31

Happy Memorial Day! – The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed, but the Park will be open sunrise to sunset for this Baltimore County Holiday.