

August 2024

PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dress for the weather and activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks. Registration advised for programs that are not reoccurring, call (443) 962-0216 or email patuxentriver.statepark@maryland.gov . For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park or Maryland State Parks Facebook page. Programs with a * are volunteer opportunities with the park.				1	2	3 History of the Upper Patuxent River Valley 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open</i> <i>10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</i>
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11 Sweet Sunday Jelly Making Demo 2:30 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open</i> <i>10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</i>	12 Nature Crafts – Dragonflies 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	13	14 Wednesday Workday* 9 – 11 a.m.	15	16	17 Nature Scavenger Hunt 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open</i> <i>10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</i>
18 Reptile Encounter 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Snake Craft 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open</i> <i>11 a.m. – 3 p.m.</i>	19 Nature Crafts – Soap Bubbles 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	20	21 Wednesday Workday* 9 – 11 a.m.	22	23	24 Monarch Madness 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open</i> <i>10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</i>
25 Nature Journaling 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open</i> <i>11 a.m. – 3 p.m.</i>	26 Nature Crafts – Spiders 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31 Moms of the Animal Kingdom 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open</i> <i>10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</i>

All events are held rain or shine, free and fun for all ages unless otherwise noted.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

History of the Upper Patuxent River Valley

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

The history of the upper Patuxent River valley has been determined by its geology and colonial and post-colonial settlements. Learn about the geology and history of the area near the Nature Center. At 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., we will hike to view some earlier settlement areas, including the former Freedmen's community and Howard Chapel Cemetery.

Volunteer Workday*

11 a.m. – 12 Noon at the Nature Center

Do you enjoy hiking in the park? Keeping the trails free of vegetation is a constant endeavor! Help Volunteer Rangers perform routine maintenance to keep the trails beautiful. Please bring drinking water, work gloves, and wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty. **RSVP is required to Dylan.Wagner@Maryland.gov. All participants must register as a volunteer by visiting <https://ec.samaritan.com/custom/1528/>.*

Reptile Encounter

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Reptiles play a vital role in the ecology of our natural world. Learn more about this interesting group of animals and get the chance to see a live corn snake.

Nature Crafts – Dragonflies

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Nature Center

The shore of the Patuxent River and nearby wetlands are wonderful places to find and watch dragonflies and damselflies. Come learn about these wonderful insects and make your own dragonfly pin for your shirt or backpack!

Wednesday Workdays*

9 – 11 a.m. at the Nature Center

Help volunteer rangers perform routine maintenance to keep the trails beautiful. Please bring your work gloves and wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty. **RSVP is required to Dylan.Wagner@Maryland.gov. All participants must register as a volunteer by visiting <https://ec.samaritan.com/custom/1528/>.*

Sweet Sunday Jelly Making Demo

2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center

Learn how to turn non-native wineberries into delicious jelly in the kitchen of the old miller's house. Rain or shine. Space is limited so RSVP recommended to SCSPNaturalist@gmail.com to reserve a spot. *\$5 suggested cash donation to Friends of Seneca Creek State Park.*

Nature Scavenger Hunt

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Follow the clues to find answers to the Nature Scavenger Hunt on the trails at Patuxent River State Park! Trails are natural surface and the scavenger hunt will include about a mile of hiking. What will you see and learn?

Snake Craft

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Make your own paper snake to take home!

Nature Crafts – Soap Bubbles

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Nature Center

A traditional way to keep occupied on a lazy summer afternoon was to blow soap bubbles. Come make and decorate your own bubble wand to play with the bubbles and learn a little about the physics!

Monarch Madness

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Learn about monarch butterflies as they leave our area to migrate to Mexico for the winter. Explore their amazing life cycle while playing the Monarch Migration Game. Will you survive the challenges faced by these wonderful creatures?

Nature Crafts – Spiders

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Nature Center

Come learn about the amazing array of spiders and try a new pipe cleaner spider craft!

Nature Journaling

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Deepen your appreciation of the natural world! Nature journaling is away to sharpen your curiosity and observation skills and bring a new perspective to the world around you. Join a Volunteer Ranger and make a nature journal (or bring your own) to keep a record of the things you see in nature. We'll talk about the different ways you can keep a nature journal and then spend some time observing nature in the park.

Moms of the Animal Kingdom

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

How do they do it? Animal moms have a variety of ways to raise their young. Drop by the Nature Center to learn about the varying degrees of care provided by different animal mothers, from nurturing their young for years to sending them off on their own shortly after birth.

****Check our Website for Up-To-Date Program Information****

