

# August 2024

SENECA CREEK STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Dress for the weather and activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p> <p>Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Please call (301) 924-2127 or email <a href="mailto:scspnaturalist@gmail.com">scspnaturalist@gmail.com</a> for more info.</p>				1	2	3 Take Me Fishing <b>8:30 – 10 a.m.</b> Healthy Parks, Healthy People Hike <b>1 p.m.</b>
4 Bird Bingo Hike <b>4 p.m.</b>	5	6 Weeknight Nature Hike <b>6 p.m.</b>	7 Act Like a Tree <b>10 a.m.</b>	8	9	10 Bookworm Craft <b>11 a.m.</b> Aquatic Invaders <b>2 p.m.</b>
11 Hike and Paint <b>4 - 6 p.m.</b>	12 Reptile Feeding <b>1 p.m.</b>	13 Nature Crafts – Dragonflies <b>10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> Weeknight Nature Hike <b>6 p.m.</b>	14 Act Like a Tree <b>10 a.m.</b>	15	16	17 Take Me Fishing <b>8:30 – 10 a.m.</b> Healthy Parks, Healthy People Hike <b>1 p.m.</b>
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*All events are held rain or shine, free and fun for all ages unless otherwise noted.*

*Be advised some programs have applicable entrance fees.*

### **Take Me Fishing**

**8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. at the Boat Center**

Join us for a free fishing clinic! This family-friendly event will be held every other Saturday and is perfect for beginners and those looking to improve their fishing skills. Enjoy a beautiful morning on Clopper Lake, learn from an experienced angler, and discover the joys of fishing! The park will supply rods, reels, and bait, or you may bring your own. *A Maryland non-tidal fishing license is required for ages 16+.*

### **Healthy Parks, Healthy People Hike**

**1 p.m. at the Park Office**

August is National Wellness Month! Join us every other week to get active, relieve stress, and breathe fresh air along the beautiful trails of Seneca Creek State Park! Hikes will be approximately 3 miles and last about 2.5 hours. Please bring plenty of water, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and dress for the weather.

### **Bird Bingo Hike**

**4 p.m. at the Nature Shack by the Tire Playground**

August 4<sup>th</sup> is International Owl Awareness Day! Join us for a hike to complete a Bird Bingo Activity to look for these beloved nocturnal raptors and other avian residents of Seneca Creek State Park. Please bring plenty of water and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Binoculars and bug spray are also recommended. Perfect for birders of all ages and skill levels!

### **Weeknight Nature Hike**

**6 p.m. at the Park Office**

Join a volunteer ranger for an easy loop hike on natural surface trails. Listen for birds, look for blooms, and smell the trees to unwind at the end of the day. Please bring drinking water and wear comfortable hiking shoes.

### **Act Like a Tree**

**10 a.m. at the Nature Shack by the Tire Playground**

Learn about and connect to nature in a fun and imaginative way using science, song, creative movement, art, and more! Join us under the “Grandmother Tree” near the Nature Shack!

### **Bookworm Craft**

**11 a.m. at the Nature Shack by the Tire Playground**

August 9<sup>th</sup> is Book Lovers Day. Join us at the Nature Shack to check out the new Lending Library and create your own nature-themed bookmark for your literary adventures!

### **Aquatic Invaders**

**2 p.m. at the Boat Center**

National Catfish Month is celebrated in August. Learn how non-native invasive species, like the Blue Catfish, can cause problems for Maryland’s native catfish and other aquatic species. See how you can help prevent the spread of invasive species during your visit to Clopper Lake!

### **Hike and Paint**

**4 - 6 p.m. at Pheasant Run Picnic Area**

July is National Watercolor Month – join us for a hike and painting session! Each program will explore a different trail and include a freeform painting session. Supplies will be provided. Rain cancels the program. RSVP required to [SCSPNaturalist@gmail.com](mailto:SCSPNaturalist@gmail.com). *\$5 suggested cash donation to Friends of Seneca Creek State Park.*

### **Reptile Feeding**

**1 p.m. at the Park Office**

Join our resident corn snake, box turtle, and diamondback terrapin for lunch and learn some fun facts about the different reptiles found in Maryland.

### **Nature Crafts – Dragonflies**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Nature Shack by the Tire Playground**

The shore of Clopper Lake, Great Seneca Creek, and nearby wetlands are wonderful places to find and watch dragonflies and damselflies. Learn about these wonderful insects and make your own dragonfly pin for your shirt or backpack!

### **Nature Crafts – Soap Bubbles**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Nature Shack by the Tire Playground**

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!

### **Beaver Family Values Hike**

**2:30 p.m. at Chickadee Picnic Area**

Did you know that there is a new beaver colony starting on the Longdraught branch? Join a volunteer ranger – and beaver enthusiast – for a hike to see the new lodge. Learn the many benefits that beavers provide to the environment. The hike will be approximately 2 miles round trip with some off-trail action to see beaver activity! Please bring drinking water and sturdy hiking shoes.

### **Nature Crafts – Spiders**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Nature Shack by the Tire Playground**

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

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