



Natural Resources

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Policies

HOW TO REGISTER



ONLINE

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Programs are sponsored by the Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Division. Registration required. Online registration for programs will be given priority. Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted online only.

REGISTRATION DATES

SUMMER CAMPS

Members March 7, March 21

JUNE PROGRAMS

Members April 7, Nonmembers April 21

JULY PROGRAMS

Members May 7, Nonmembers May 21

AUGUST PROGRAMS

Members June 7, Nonmembers June 21

REFUNDS

Calvert Nature Society will refund payments made for program fees over \$10 when the cancellation occurs a month before the event less a \$5 administrative fee. Program fees under \$10 will not be refunded. Dues payments are nonrefundable.

Programs for Families

Families experience the fascinating natural world found in our area. These programs incorporate activities for learners of all ages. Most programs spend time outdoors: dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. Reservations required (www.calvertparks.org). Adult participation required unless noted. Children must be the age indicated for each program.

Fees unless noted: Free for society members.
 Nonmembers pay \$8 per family.

River Critters

The river is home to many animals that we don't often get to see. We will use a seine net to discover the animals that call the Patuxent River home. Parents and children should come dressed to get in the water.

Location: Kings Landing Park

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
3-5	M	9:30AM-10:30AM	6/10
3-5	M	11:00AM-12:00PM	6/10

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Berry Bonanza

Nature is full of colorful berries in the summer. We'll explore the berries in season at the park and sample the edible ones.

Location: Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
All ages	Th	9:00AM-10:00AM	6/20

Naturalist: Amy Werking



Frog Fest

Come celebrate and learn about frogs. After a brief overview of why frogs are important to the environment, meet our resident frog and then set out to find them in the wild.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
All ages	Sa	10:00AM-11:00AM	7/6

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

All About Snakes

Come learn about a snake's place in our environment. Meet a local snake and enjoy a craft afterward.

Location: Kings Landing Park

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
3-5	F	10:00AM-11:00AM	8/2

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Cricket Crawl

Learn to identify different species of crickets by their calls and go for a short hike to see what species we can hear.

Adult participation is required. No younger siblings, please. This hike is not suitable for younger children or strollers as it will be off-trail on uneven ground.

Location: Kings Landing Park

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
8+	Sa	7:00PM-9:00PM	8/31

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Kayak Trips

Kayaks, paddles and life jackets are provided. Wear shoes that can get wet and bring water, hat and sunscreen. Participants must be at least nine years of age to accompany an adult in a double kayak, and at least 12 years old to ride in a single kayak. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations and payment are required in advance. Bring your own kayak for a \$10 discount.

Fees unless noted: \$15 for society members.
Nonmembers pay \$30 per person.

Full Moon Kayak Paddle

Come experience a kayak trip like no other as we paddle under the full moon and learn about animals of the night. Participants may bring their own kayaks and paddle at a discounted rate.

Location: Kings Landing Park

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
18+	Sa	7:30PM-10:30PM	8/17

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Homeschool Fridays

Homeschool Fridays is a series of environmental education programs developed especially for homeschoolers ages 4 to 12 years. These classes are a great way to get hands-on science and nature lessons, receive help on projects and research and network with other homeschooling families. This homeschool series is centered around animal classification. Each month we will focus on a different animal group to discover what makes them special. Each two-hour program will consist of indoor and outdoor hands-on learning. Please come prepared to be outside (adults too). Students will be grouped by age to allow for age-appropriate topic exploration. Parents with younger children will stay with the group; parents of older children have the option to stay and participate as mentors and teachers. Siblings younger than 3 are welcome but must be under the care of a parent/guardian at all times and should not distract other participants. Reservations required (www.calvertparks.org).

Fees unless noted: Free for society members.
Nonmembers pay \$8 per family.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
4-12	F	10:00AM-12:00PM	4/12
4-12	F	1:30PM-3:30PM	4/12
4-12	F	10:00AM-12:00PM	5/3
4-12	F	1:30PM-3:30PM	5/3
4-12	F	10:00AM-12:00PM	6/7
4-12	F	1:30PM-3:30PM	6/7

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Events for Teens

Adult participation is not required. Reservations required (www.calvertparks.org). Fees are listed with each program.

Teen Homeschool - Trail School

This fall we will explore the habitats present at Flag Ponds Nature Park. We will meet outside each month and spend the class out hiking the trails. We will explore the park, learn to identify the common plants and animals, build shelters and whatever else the season has to offer. We expect teens to attend all four sessions.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Fee per teen: Members: \$10; Nonmembers: \$20

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
12-16	W	10:00AM-12:00PM	9/11
12-16	W	10:00AM-12:00PM	10/9
12-16	W	10:00AM-12:00PM	11/6
12-16	W	10:00AM-12:00PM	12/11

Naturalist: Tania Gale



Events for Adults and Teens

Unless noted, children under 18 require adult participation. Reservations required (www.calvertparks.org). Fees are listed with each program.

M.A.P.S. Bird Banding

Visit our Monitoring Avian Production and Survivorship (MAPS) bird banding station. You will learn why bird banding is an important part of bird research and get to see some birds up close and in the hands of our banders during the banding process. We will be hiking five to six miles on natural surface trails while checking the nets. This hike could be at a fast pace with limited chances to rest if it's busy.

Location: Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

Fee: Free for members, \$8 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
10+	Tu	8:30AM-11:45AM	6/4
10+	W	8:30AM-11:45AM	6/12
10+	F	8:30AM-11:45AM	7/5
10+	M	8:30AM-11:45AM	7/15
10+	M	8:30AM-11:45AM	7/22
10+	Tu	8:30AM-11:45AM	7/30

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Senior Strides

Lace up your hiking boots and join us for an unforgettable journey through the great outdoors! Discover the hidden wonders of the park's diverse ecosystems and immerse yourself in the beauty of nature.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Fee: free for members, \$8 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
60+	M	9:00AM-10:30AM	7/29

Naturalist: Amy We

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

Want to help support Calvert County's nature parks and natural spaces?

For available volunteer opportunities visit calvertstewards.galaxydigital.com



Full Moon Hikes

Pink Moon

Tuesday, April 23 + 7-8:30 p.m.
Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park

The Pink Moon doesn't get its name based on its appearance but rather the moniker is inspired by the profusion of wild ground phlox (*Phlox subulata*) that tend to bloom in early spring. As spring unfolds its vibrant tapestry, April's full moon quietly reminds us to keep our heads up or we'll miss what's coming. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the beauty of renewal on a guided moonlit adventure.

Flower Moon

Thursday, May 23 + 7:30-9 p.m.
Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

As the natural world comes alive, May's full moon hike doubles as a joyful tribute to the vibrant floral panoramas adorning our fields, forests and streams. Join us and revel in the enchanting scenery where once-farmed lands now flourish as meadows, bursting into life with blossoms and the fierce spirit of spring.

Strawberry Moon

Friday, June 21 + 7:30-9 p.m.
Gatewood Preserve

Embark on an enchanting full moon journey and experience nature's bounty as it unfolds in the gentle glow of moonlight. Immerse yourself in the enchantment of the Strawberry Moon as we hike along fields once ripe with the sweetness of summer's early harvests that now flourish as captivating meadows.

Buck Moon

Sunday, July 21 + 7:30-9 p.m.
Kings Landing Park

Join us for a captivating adventure beneath the brilliance of the full moon on a guided night hike. The Buck Moon, aptly named for the regrowth of buck deer antlers during this season, sets the stage for a unique nocturnal experience. Nature's allure comes alive as the moon's silver glow illuminates the lush landscapes, reminding us of renewal and regeneration in the natural world.

Sturgeon Moon

Monday, Aug. 19 + 7:30-9 p.m.
Flag Ponds Nature Park

Journey with us as the full moon rises and casts its ethereal glow over the coastal landscape. The Sturgeon Moon, named for the abundance of sturgeon fish typically found during this season, invites you to dive into the mystique of the night to explore the trails under the filter of the full moon.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Summer

CAMPS

Visit www.calvertparks.org to register and for more details on camps. Reservations required. Adult participation is not required. Children must be entering the grade indicated for each program.



Art Adventures in Nature

Unleash creativity in the great outdoors! Join us for a week of artistic exploration, where campers immerse themselves in the beauty of nature to find inspiration. Through creating art inspired by nature as well as using natural materials, we will cultivate a love for art while fostering a deep connection with the natural world.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Fee: \$230 for members; \$320 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 3-5	M-F	10:00AM-3:00PM	8/5-8/9

Naturalist: Eva Blockstein

~~Camp~~ Night Owls Summer Camp

With frogs and crickets singing and fireflies glowing in the trees, summer can be magical. This camp will get us outdoors to experience the mysteries of the night. Campers will have fun together exploring the beach, swamp and forest while learning what makes night animals special. We will also play games, build shelters, make a campfire and enjoy campfire snacks!

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Fee: \$100 for members, \$135 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 3-5	Tu-Th	6:00PM-10:00PM	7/9-7/11

Naturalist: ~~Tania~~

Little Explorers Summer Camp

Little campers will spend this week taking a close look at the plants and animals that live at Flag Ponds Nature Park. Each day we will go on mini adventures throughout the park to explore our natural world. We'll use our senses and scientific tools like hand lenses and nets to explore. Nature-related games, songs and crafts round out our days.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Fee: \$110 for members, \$165 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
4-5	Tu-F	9:00AM-12:00PM	7/30-8/2

Naturalist: ~~Tania~~

Creature Feature Summer Camp

Send your children outside to explore nature with us! They will have a blast playing games, catching animals and having close encounters with some of our exhibit animals.

Location: Kings Landing Park

Fee: \$135 for members; \$195 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 1-2	M-Th	9:00AM-2:00PM	8/5-8/9

Naturalist: Kim Curren

☐ Bug Bonanza Camp

Embark on a buzzing adventure! Young nature enthusiasts are invited to dive into the fascinating world of insects. From captivating bug hunts to interactive learning sessions, children will explore, discover and cultivate a love for the smallest wonders of the great outdoors. Join us for a buggy blast!

Location: Kings Landing Park

Fee: \$135 for members; \$195 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 1-2	M-Th	9:00AM-2:00PM	7/8-7/11

Naturalist: Eva Blockstein

☐ Marvelous Mud Summer Camp

At the end of a summer day, if a child isn't dirty there is something missing. In this camp we will wade into the muddiest habitats in the park with nets, magnifying glasses and all our senses. We will investigate how different types of mud are created, what lives in the mud and, of course, play in the mud! Come prepared to get down and dirty... really dirty.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park / ~~Varies Park?~~

Fee: \$220 for members, \$325 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 3-5	M-F	9:00AM-3:00PM	6/24-6/28

Naturalist: Tania Gale

☐ Wet & Wonderful Water Camp

If you love everything the water has to offer in the hot summer months, this camp is for you! We will splash and play the week away, exploring different natural bodies of water every day and learning what makes each place special. Campers should be comfortable entering water up to their waist. We will be wading into local creeks, swamps, ponds and the Chesapeake Bay.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Fee: \$135 for members; \$195 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 4-5	M-W	9:00AM-3:00PM	7/1-3

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Birding Adventures Summer Camp

Take your interest in birds to the next level with this camp. From the forest to the shore we will be learning about the many species of birds that call our area home. We will teach you how to identify birds by their song and appearance. This year we will also be collecting data for the breeding bird survey, visiting a bird banding station and going on a cruise to Poplar Island! Bring your binoculars and your camera for a fun adventure.

Location: Varies see description

Fee: \$210 for members \$310 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 6-8	M-Th	Varies	6/24-28

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

☐ Trailblazers Hiking Camp

This camp is for ambitious hikers who love to explore nature trails on foot. Campers will also learn outdoor skills such as tracking, shelter building and orienteering. We will end the week with two nights of tent camping at Deep Creek Lake State Park in Western Maryland. We will hike the rock maze at Garrett State Forest, see the beauty of Swallow Falls State Park and conquer Maryland's highest peak, Hoya-Crest! On Wednesday, campers meet at 9 a.m. and depart for overnight adventures. We'll arrive back at Flag Ponds Friday at 5 p.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Fee: \$365 for members; \$510 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 6-8	M-F	9:00AM-3:00PM	7/22 - 7/26

Naturalist: Kim Curren

☐ Wild Waters Summer Camp

This week we will explore all things aquatic while learning the basics of getting around on the water safely. We will use a variety of watercraft to get us out onto and into these wild water habitats, investigating with nets, water quality testing equipment and our senses. The last two days of the week will be an overnight adventure to western Maryland. This includes a guided canoe experience with local guides, river rafting trip and camping overnight. On Thursday, campers meet at 7:30 a.m. We'll arrive back to Kings Landing Park Friday at 6 p.m.

Location: Varies, see details

Fee: \$500 for members; \$660 for nonmembers

AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
Grades 6-8	M-F	9:00AM-3:00PM	7/15-7/19

Naturalist: Tania Gale

