

Brookside Nature Center
Wheaton Regional Park
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An adult must accompany all children. Programs for “Ages xx – adult” and “All ages” require adult registration. Register online for programs at parkpass.org. The course number (#####) is next to the title.

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1 Fill the Feeders (101153)
Hike with us and help fill feeders with seeds for the birds. Reservations reqd. 9:30 – 10:15 am, Ages 2 – 5

1 Deer Trails (101154)
Explore our trails, searching for the places that deer feed and sleep, and discover the deer trails they make to get there. Find out when baby deer are born and how they hide. Reservations reqd. 10:30 – 11:30 am, Ages 6 – 9
Fee: \$4

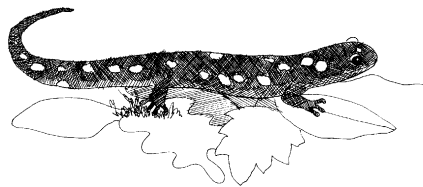
1 Spring Hike (101112)
Spring is here! Discover early signs of the season and hike the natural surface trails in the park. Wear hiking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring a water bottle for about a 3 mile hike. Reservations reqd. 2 – 3:30 pm, Ages 6 – adult

2 Billy Goat Trail Hike (101155)
There’s no school today—so pack a lunch and go rock scrambling with us as we hike Section A of the Billy Goat Trail along the Potomac River. Be prepared—this is moderate to strenuous hike. Under age 12 must have a parent/guardian register and hike with them. Reservations required. 10 am – 2 pm, Ages 8 – adult (under 12 must hike with an adult)
Meet: Parking lot across from Old Angler’s Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd. Potomac, MD 20854

2 Family Fossil Foray (101156)
Look for fossils – you might find shark teeth, sea ray dental plates, whale bone or ancient shells. Find out how fossils are made. Meet at a field trip location to be announced. Program is free but visitors are responsible for any park entrance fees. Reservations required. 1 – 3 pm, All ages

3 Nature Tales and Trails (101157)
Hop into spring with a story & search for frog eggs in our pond. 10 – 10:45 am, Ages 3 – 8
Fee: \$3

3 Amphibian Search (101158)
We’ll hike a mile or two along a dirt trail searching woodland vernal pools for salamander and frog eggs. Dress to get muddy! Reservations required for all, adults free. 2 – 3 pm, Ages 3 – adult
Fee: \$4/child
Meet: Maydale Park--1638 Maydale Drive, Silver Spring 20905, off Briggs Chaney Rd. and Claude Lane



4 Nature Movie at BNC (101159)
Enjoy watching the exploits of 2 famous rabbits—Peter Cottontail and Benjamin Bunny. 1:30 – 2 pm, All ages
No reservations required.

5 Carderock Hike (101160)
Enjoy a moderate hike along Section C of the Billy Goat trail in the Carderock Recreation Area. We’ll have wonderful views of the Potomac River and spring wildflowers. Reservations required. 10 am – noon, Ages 6 – 12
Meet: Carderock Picnic Pavilion From 495, take Exit 41 (Carderock/ Great Falls) onto the Clara Barton Parkway westbound. From the parkway, take the Carderock exit and turn left to cross over the parkway towards Carderock. Go under the canal aqueduct and turn left, proceeding to the parking area at the end of the road.

5 Flying Squirrels (101101)
Catch a glimpse of these nighttime gliders and find out how they live. Rain cancels program. 7:30 – 8:15 pm, All ages
No reservations required.

6 Puppet Show “Arbor Day” (101129)
Discover how important trees are to people and animals. Reserv. required. 10 – 10:30 am, Ages 1 – 12
Fee: \$2

6 Kid’s Stream Adventure Series (101116)
What do fish, birds, rocks and deer all have in common? You can find them all in our stream valley! Search for them and more as you explore the stream valley. Today we’ll focus on fish. Registration required. 4 – 5 pm, Ages 6 – 9
Fee: \$4

7 Puppet Show “Arbor Day” (101130)
Discover how important trees are to people and animals. Reserv. required. 1:30 – 2 pm, Ages 1 – 12
Fee: \$2

10 Hummingbirds on the Move (101249)
Discover these amazing birds and make a feeder to take home with you. Under age 6 with adult assistance. Reservations required. 11 am – noon, Ages 2 – 12
Fee: \$5

11 Ladies Hike Out “Turkey Run” (101250)
Today we’ll hike just off the GW Parkway and enjoy spring flowers as we descend to the flood plain and climb back up to the parkway. Trail is steep at times, bring water, snack, and wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Reservations required. 9 am – noon, Adult women
Meet: Turkey Run Park, Area B parking lot by the restrooms

11 Birds Eggs and Nests on Display (101252)
Drop in and look at a variety of birds’ eggs and nests from our collection. 2 – 3 pm, All ages
No reservations required.

13 Baby Birds (101254)

Learn about the nests and eggs of different birds, and search outside for them. Reservations required.

1:30 – 2:15 pm, Ages 3 – 5

Fee: \$4

15 Home School Series “Earth Unearthed” (101134)

Drop off your homeschooler for this monthly spring series where we’ll experiment, sort through soils and rocks, and explore how earth is formed. Today we’ll look at minerals and rocks.

Reservations required.

May 20 (101135) - Landforms

2 – 3 pm, Ages 11 – 17

Fee: \$5

17 Planting Spring Flowers (101255)

Plant seeds that will grow in to beautiful spring flowers in a plant pot that you decorate yourself. Reservations required.

10:30 – 11:30 am, All ages

Fee: \$4

17 Fox Family in Spring (101256)

Visit our fox dens and find out when young foxes are born, how they play and how they learn to hunt. Wear good walking shoes for this one-half mile walk. Reservations required.

2 – 3 pm, All ages

Fee: \$4

18 Spring Flower Walk (101257)

Look for spring wildflowers in our woods. We’ll learn how to identify the tiny spring beauty flowers and violets that carpet the forest floor and some of our lovely flowering trees and shrubs. Find out how to use a wildflower field guide. Beginners welcome. Reserv. reqd.

11 am - noon, Adults

Fee: \$4

19 Woodlawn Plantation and Pope-Leighey House (101253)

We’ll travel to Alexandria, VA to visit Woodlawn Plantation. On the grounds is the historic red brick mansion bequeathed to the nephew and granddaughter of George and Martha Washington as well as the re-located Frank Lloyd Wright Pope-Leighey House. We’ll have guided tours of the mansion as well as the Pope-Leighey House, followed by a 19th century tea of sandwiches, fruits, scones, dessert, and tea. Reservations required.

9:30 am - 3 pm, Adults

Fee: \$40 (includes transportation, guided house tours, high tea)

20 Pre-K Swimmers (101259)

Look for birds, fish, frogs and other exciting swimmers. Reserv. required.

1:30 – 2:15 pm, Ages 3 – 5

Fee: \$4

20 Climb to the Clouds (101260)

It’s Sky Awareness Week so let your thoughts drift toward the clouds! Learn about weather, how clouds form and make your own clouds. Reservations required.

4 – 5 pm, Ages 8 – 12

Fee: \$5

22 Home School Special “Earth Day” (101118)

Learn about Earth Day and nature conservation, then help our park by pulling invasive plants. Reservations required.

2 – 3 pm, Ages 6–17 (under 8 w/adult)

22 Earth Day Invasive Plant Pull (101261)

Do something good for the earth today - join us to remove invasive plants.

Students can earn SSL hours for their work! Bring gardening gloves & wear long sleeves & pants.

4 – 6 pm, All ages (under 12 w/adult)

No reservations required.

24 Spring Flowers with the American Girls (101262)

Celebrate the beauty of the season by studying and drawing flowers like Samantha. Make a flower crown to take home for your doll. Reservations reqd.

10 – 11:30 am, Ages 8 – 11

Fee: \$10

24 Garlic Mustard Pull (101263)

Join today’s all-county Garlic Mustard Challenge and help us clear this invasive weed from the park. Bring your filled bags to the garlic mustard weigh-in (see below) -- you may win the grand prize! Bring work gloves, or borrow ours. No reservations required for individuals; organized groups please call 301-962-1346 to register.

Noon – 1:30 pm, All ages

No reservations required.

24 Garlic Mustard Weigh-In (101264)

Bring your bags of garlic mustard to be weighed at our weigh station. Thank-you gifts for all, and one grand prize to the person or group pulling the most weeds (by weight).

1:30 – 2 pm, All ages

No reservations required.

25 Invasive Plant Pull (102099)

Help us clear garlic mustard from the park. Bring work gloves, or borrow ours; you may even get a prize for helping! No reservations required for individuals; organized groups please call 301-962-1346 to register.

10:30 – 11:30 am, All ages

No reservations required.

25 Woodland Wildflowers (101265)

Enjoy a stroll through our woods looking for woodland wildflowers. Reservations required.

Noon – 1 pm, Adults

**27 Awesome****Amphibians (101123)**

Meet some of the nature center’s amphibians, then go on a hike to look for wild ones. Reservations required.

11 am – noon, Ages 3 – 5

Fee: \$4

27 Nature Book Group (101266)

Join our book group and learn about local wildlife through contemporary nonfiction on natural history and ecology. Come prepared to discuss Marie Winn’s delightful book *Red-Tails in Love*, the true story of a red-tailed hawk pair that nests in New York City. The group will meet every other month, and the naturalist will share a list of upcoming books and meeting times. Reservations required.

7 – 8:30 pm, Adults

28 Time for Tots “Beautiful Birds”

Join us for a story, craft and easy walk to see different kinds of birds. Reservations required.

Session 1 (101267): 10:30 – 11:15 am

Session 2 (101268): 11:30am–12:15pm

Ages 18 – 36 months

Fee: \$4

29 Home School Special “Bird Migration” (101119)

Learn about birds that migrate through our area in spring, and join a migration simulation to experience the challenges birds face on their long journeys.

Reservations required.

2 – 3 pm, Ages 6 – 12

Fee: \$4