

Brookside Nature Center
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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.

During inclement weather, call us at 301-962-1480 to find out if programs are being held or if the nature center is open. If a fee program is canceled by our staff, your fee will be returned to your ParkPASS account.

Cancellation policy: To cancel your registration, submit a written request to us (email is OK). If your written request is received at least five business days before the program begins, you may choose to receive a full credit on your ParkPASS account, or a refund less a 20% administrative fee. For programs with fees less than \$10, you can only receive a credit to your ParkPASS account.

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2 Home School Special “Raptors” (124099)

Learn about unique adaptations of hawks, eagles, owls and other raptors. Dissect a pellet to see what owls eat. Registration required.

2 – 3pm, Ages 6 – 12

Fee: \$4

4 Animal Homes (124149)

When all the leaves have fallen it’s much easier to see animal homes. Listen to a story and take a walk in our woods and meadow and see if you can find them. Registration required.

10 – 11 am, All ages

Fee: \$4/child

4 Winter Bird Feeders (124199)

Find out what birds like to eat in winter and listen to a bird story. Give the birds a mini-birdfeeder to help them to get through the winter months. Registration required.

11:30 am - 12:30 pm, All ages

Fee: \$5/crafter

5 Winter Forest Walk (124205)

Explore the woods without leaves and find out how much more you can see! Look for nests, nuts and animal homes and learn to recognize some trees by their bark. Registration required.

11 am - noon, All ages

Fee: \$4

5 Sunday Pre-K Story Time (124499)

Nature center volunteers will read a nature story about different animals or plants that live in the park. If the weather is nice we’ll take a short walk. Registration required.

3 – 3:30 pm, Ages 3 – 6

7 Winter Birding “Riley’s Lock and Hugh’s Hollow” (124201)

We will bird along the C&O Canal and Potomac River at Riley’s Lock before heading over to the impoundments at Hugh’s Hollow to look for winter waterfowl.

Registration required.

10 am – noon, Adults

Fee: \$8

Meet: Parking lot closest to the C & O towpath at the end of Riley’s Lock Road (Poolesville, MD 20837). Call 301-962-1488 before the program date if you need directions.

7 Pre-K Nature Art “Sock Critters” (124202)

Use a cozy sock to make a crazy critter. Bring your own sock – we’ll provide everything else. Registration required.

1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5

Fee: \$4

8 Holiday Decorating at the Homestead (124204)

Help us decorate the pioneer cabin using natural materials and see how pioneers lived long ago. Make and take a simple decoration home for your house! Registration required.

1:30 – 2:15 pm, Ages 3 – 6

11 Bird Walk (124206)

Look for dark-eyed juncos, white-throat sparrows and other birds around the nature center. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair from us. Registration required.

9:30 – 10:30 am, Adults

Fee: \$4

11 Home Sweet Hive (124207)

It may be cold outside, but it’s warm and toasty in the honeybee hive!

Learn how honeybees survive winter, make a honeycomb candle and taste a honey treat.

Registration required.

11 am – noon, Ages 3 - 12

Fee: \$5



12 Wild Montgomery “Blockhouse Point Hike” (124208)

Enjoy wonderful winter views overlooking the Potomac and C&O canal as we hike a 3-mile loop through an upland forest.

Registration required.

10 am – noon, Ages 8 – adult

Meet: Blockhouse Point large gravel parking lot at 14400 River Road (Darnestown, MD, 20854). Call 301-962-1488 before the program date if you need directions.

12 Sunday Pre-K Story Time (124500)

Nature center volunteers will read a nature story about different animals or plants that live in the park. If the weather is nice we'll take a short walk. Registration required.
3 – 3:30 pm, Ages 3 – 6

13 Meteor Shower Campfire at Maydale (124211)

View the Geminid meteors by the campfire and roast marshmallows. Bring a blanket or chairs. Rain or overcast conditions cancel program. Meet: Maydale Park, 1638 Maydale Dr, off Briggs Chaney Road and Claude Lane.
7 – 8:30 pm, All ages
No registration required.
Fee: \$1/marshmallow stick

14 Pre-K Nature Art “Holiday Decorations” (124203)

Get ready for the holidays by making a beautiful holiday decoration using natural materials and lots of sparkles. Registration required.
1:30 – 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5
Fee: \$4

17 Time for Tots “Treats for the Animals”

Listen to a story, leave a treat for animals in the park, and make a tasty treat for your neighborhood critters. Registration required.
Ages 18 – 36 mos.
Session 1 (124212): 9:30 – 10:15 am
Session 2 (124213): 10:30 – 11:15 am
Fee: \$5
Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.

18 Nature Critters (124214)

Make critters from natural materials such as pine cones, seeds, and pods for whimsical holiday decorations. Registration required for those making crafts.
Noon – 1 pm, All ages (under 8 with adult help)
Fee: \$5/crafter

18 Creature Feature (124215)

Have you ever seen a salamander or a box turtle? Meet and greet some of our resident reptiles and amphibians up close. Registration required for all.
2 - 3 pm, All ages
Fee: \$4/child

19 Animal Stories and Cookies (124218)

Make, bake, decorate, and eat cookies as we nestle indoors around the fireplace listening to animal stories. Registration required.
Noon – 1 pm, Ages 2 - 15
Fee: \$6

19 Snakes Alive (124219)

Meet and touch some of our live local snakes. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they move, & more. Registration required for all.
2 – 3 pm, All ages
Fee: \$4/child



19 Sunday Pre-K Story Time (124501)

Nature center volunteers will read a nature story about different animals or plants that live in the park. If the weather is nice we'll take a short walk. Registration reqd.
3 – 3:30 pm, Ages 3 – 6

21 Puppet Show “A Gift for Wildlife”

See what happens when the animals find an old Christmas pine tree. Registration required.
Session 1 (124221): 10:30 – 11 am
Session 2 (124222): 1:30 – 2 pm
Ages 1 - 12
Fee: \$2

22 Flying Squirrels (124249)

Catch a glimpse of these nighttime gliders and find out how they live. Rain/snow/ice cancels program.
4:45 - 5:30 pm, All ages
No registration required.

28 New Year Noisemakers (124252)

Get ready for the new year by making noisemakers and other party items from things you can recycle at home. Registration reqd.
10 – 11 am, All ages
Fee: \$6/child

28 Animal Tracks and Traces (124253)

Ever wonder what kind of wildlife visits your neighborhood? Learn how to identify some common tracks and traces left behind by wild animals. Registration reqd.
2 - 3 pm, All ages
Fee: \$4/child

29 Snowflake Mobiles (124254)

Learn about snow and make beautiful, glittery snowflakes to hang from a winter twig. Registration required.
10:30 – 11:15 am, All ages
Fee: \$4/child

29 Under the Ice (124255)

Find out what animals and plants do under the ice in the winter. Registration required.
1:30 – 2:15 am, All ages
Fee: \$4/child

30 Winter at Maydale (124256)

Explore the meadow, forest and pond in winter, looking for mammals and birds that make Maydale their winter home. Registration required.
10:30 – 11:30 am, All ages
Meet: Maydale Park, 1638 Maydale Dr, off Briggs Chaney Road and Claude La
Fee: \$4/child

30 Animals in Winter (124257)

Learn how animals cope with the cold as you listen to stories and feel different animal furs. Registration req.
12:30 – 1:15 pm, All ages
Fee: \$3/child

30 Creature Feature (124216)

Have you ever seen a salamander or a box turtle? Meet and greet some of our resident reptiles and amphibians up close. Registration required for all.
2 - 3 pm, All ages
Fee: \$4/child