

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.

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Salamanders Went Out on a Rainy Night (101099)

Once a year, on warm, rainy nights, elusive spotted salamanders migrate to breeding pools to mate & lay eggs. Sign-up now to join us on that unknown date this month. We'll call you the day of the hike.

7:30 - 8:30 pm, All ages

Meet: Maydale Park, 1638 Maydale Dr., off Briggs Chaney & Claude La., 20905

3 Flying Squirrels (101100)

Catch a glimpse of these nighttime gliders and find out how they live. Rain cancels program.

6 - 6:45 pm, All ages

No reservations required.

6 Pine Lake Walk (101105)

Look for signs of spring during a 1.5 mile round trip walk on natural surface trails. Reservations required.

10:30 - 11:45 am, Ages 3 - 12

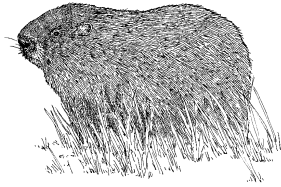
Fee: \$5

6 Who's Been Hibernating? (101109)

Find out who has been asleep this winter, and look for signs of animals waking up from a long winter's nap. Reservations required.

1 - 2 pm Ages 3 - 7

Fee: \$4



7 Riley's Lock Walk (101111)

We'll visit a pond in search of wood frogs, and look for other emerging wildlife along the canal and Potomac River. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

9:30 - 11 am, Adults

Meet: Parking lot closest to the C & O towpath at the end of Riley's Lock Road (Poolesville, MD 20837).

9, 23, and April 6 Kid's Stream Adventure Series (101114)

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 stream geology (bring a shoebox). Registration required. Join us for one program or all three!

March 23 (101115) - Stream Valley Search

April 6 (101116) - Fish!

4 - 5 pm, Ages 6 - 9

Fee: \$4

11 Home School Special "Animal Tracks and Traces" (101117)

We will sort out clues to see what the park animals do during the day. Reservations required.

2 - 3 pm, Ages 6 - 12

Fee: \$4

13 Awesome Amphibians (101122)

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

10 - 11am, All ages

Fee: \$4/child

13 Wheaton Walkabout (101124)

Join the naturalist on a one mile loop of some of the natural surface trails in Wheaton Regional Park. We'll look for early signs of spring plants and see what animals are up and about. Reservations required for all.

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

Fee: \$4/child

14 Pioneer Games Drop-In (101125)

Drop by during program hours for self-guided play with some pioneer toys & games!

2 - 3 pm ongoing, All ages

No reservations required.

16 Amphibian Search (101126)

We'll search woodland vernal pools for salamander and wood frog eggs. Dress to get muddy! Reservations required.

10 - 11 am, Adults

Fee: \$4

Meet: Maydale Park--1638 Maydale Drive, Silver Spring 20905, off Briggs Chaney Rd. and Claude Lane

17 Puppet Show "The Caterpillar and the Polliwog" (101127)

A silly tadpole thinks he'll turn into a butterfly. See if he does! Reservations required.

1:30 - 2 pm, Ages 1 - 12

Fee: \$2

18 Home School Series "Earth Unearthed" (101133)

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 soil and erosion. Reservations required.

April 15 (101134) - Minerals & Rocks

May 20 (101135) - Landforms

2 - 3 pm, Ages 11 - 17

Fee: \$5/session

20 Meet the Big Box Turtles (102299)

Get the story on why they live at the nature center and not in the wild.

Learn about wildlife rehabilitation. Reservations required.

9 - 9:30 am, Ages 6 - adult

21 Make it and Take it “Spring Sights and Sounds” (101137)

An easy-to-make craft that you can take home. Stop in during program hours to make two crafts that welcome spring.

2 - 3:30 pm ongoing, All ages

Fee: \$2

No reservations required.

23 Hoppers (101139)

Hoppers, hoppers everywhere. Hear a hopping good story and then look in our woods for frogs, toads, birds, bugs and other animals that hop!

Reservations required.

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

Fee: \$4



23 Kid’s Stream Adventure Series (101115)

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 searching the stream valley.

Registration required.

4 - 5 pm, Ages 6 - 9

Fee: \$4

24 Pre-K Bird Families (104014)

Spring is when birds make new families. Learn about different kinds of bird families and how people are like crows. Reservations required.

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

Fee: \$4

26 Time for Tots “Slimy Frog Eggs”

Frogs and salamanders are busy laying jelly-like, slimy eggs! Join us for a puppet show and hike to our frog pond. Reservations required.

Session 1 (101141): 9:30 - 10:15 am

Session 2 (101142): 10:30 - 11:15 am

Ages 18 - 36 months

Fee: \$4

27 Possum and the Peep (101143)

Peep! Peep! Peep! Possum wonders who's making the awful racket that's waking him up! Hear a story and take a hike to see who else wakes up in the spring. Reservations required.

10 - 11 am, Ages 1 - 12

Fee: \$4

27 Wind’s Wonders (101144)

Through experiments and a craft we'll explore wind and how it affects our lives. Reservations required.

3 - 4 pm, Ages 4 - 12

Fee: \$5

28 Scavenger Hunt on your Own (101145)

Drop-in during program hours, pick up a scavenger hunt sheet, then search outside for different plants and animals. Return your completed sheet for a prize.

2 - 3:30 pm ongoing, All ages

No reservations required.

28 Maydale at Sunset (101146)

We'll hike through the woods and around the pond looking for who's out and about in the park as the sun goes down. Reservations required.

7:30 - 8:30 pm, Ages 5 - adult

Fee: \$4

Meet: Maydale Park--1638 Maydale Dr. off Briggs Chaney and Claude Lane, Silver Spring, 20905

29 Bike About for Teens (101147)

Bring your bicycle in ready-to-ride condition, water, snack and a bike helmet. We'll ride about 10 miles along the bike trails in Wheaton Park and Sligo Creek. Reservations required.

10 am - 12:30 pm, Ages 13 - 16

Meet: Wheaton Park ice rink parking lot

30 Puppet Show “The Caterpillar and the Polliwog” (101128)

A silly tadpole thinks he'll turn into a butterfly. See if he does! Reservations required.

10 - 10:30 am, Ages 1 - 12

Fee: \$2

30 Bluebirds in your Backyard (101148)

Hear a story about bluebirds and then help us as we get our park boxes ready for nesting season.

Reservations required.

11 am - noon, Ages 4 - 12

Fee: \$4

30 Pioneer Living (101149)

Find out what life was like on a pioneer homestead. Play games, do chores, and make a candle.

Reservations required.

2 - 3 pm, Ages 6 - 12

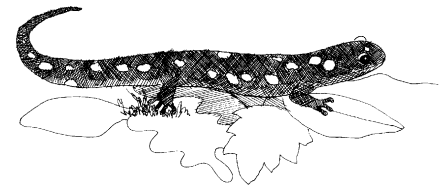
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31 Vernal Pool Hike (101150)

The life cycle of frogs, salamanders and other creatures depend on pools that form temporarily in the spring. Learn about vernal pool ecology and visit one in the park. Reservations required.

10:30 am - noon, Ages 6 - 17

Fee: \$6



31 Phar-Out Physics(101151)

Have fun learning how physics affects you everyday by carrying out some neat experiments. Reservations required.

1:30 - 3:30 pm, Ages 6 - 12 (8 and under with adult help)

Fee: \$10

31 Out Like a Lamb (101152)

March came in like a lion and goes out ... Find out how March weather helps the nature center's plants and animals. Reservations required.

5 - 6 pm, All ages

Fee: \$4