

Brookside Nature Center
Wheaton Regional Park
1400 Glenallan Ave.
Wheaton, MD 20902
301-946-9071
www.brooksidenature.org

Email us at mcp-brooksidenc@montgomeryparks.org

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.

MAY 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

1 Spring Wildflowers of Northwest Branch (101269)
Hike a leisurely two miles along Northwest Branch in search of woodland spring ephemerals such as trout lily, Virginia bluebells, and spring beauties. Van transportation provided from BNC to the trail head. Reservations required. 9 - 11 am, Adults
Fee: \$8

1 Springtime on the Homestead (101270)
Help us plant the herb garden, chink & whitewash the cabin & play games at our pioneer cabin. Take home herbs for your garden. Reservations required for children. 12:30 - 1:30 pm, All ages
Fee: \$8/child

2 Snakes Alive (101271)
Come learn about some of the local, native snakes in Maryland. What do they eat, where do they live, which ones are venomous? Look at snakes close-up and touch one if you like. Reservations required. 2 - 3 pm, All ages
Fee: \$4/child

3 Bike About (101952)
Bring your bicycle in ready-to-ride condition, water, lunch and a bike helmet. Today we'll start on the Capital Crescent Trail in Bethesda & ride about 20 miles to Alexandria, eat our lunches and then come back on the Metro. Reservations required. 9:30 - 3:30, Adults
Fee: \$3
Meet: At Bethesda Ave Capital Crescent trail across from Barnes and Noble book store.

4 Hands-on Science “Bubbles To Rainbows” (101949)
In this 4 week Hands-On Science series, we'll learn about solar energy. Create your own sun print picture with light sensitive paper. How does a sundial work? Find rainbows in your very own sun bouncer. How can you make ultraviolet beads change colors? This series is held on Tuesdays in May beginning May 4 and ending May 25. Reserv. required. 1 - 2 pm, Ages 4 - 5
Fee: \$25 (includes all 4 sessions)

5 Baby Animals (101950)
Listen to a story and look and listen for signs of baby animals. Reservations required. 1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5
Fee: \$4

5 Hike to the Planets (101951)
Take a tour of the solar system without leaving Earth! Visit each planet in our tiny portion of the universe. Reservations required. 4 - 5 pm, Ages 6 - 12
Fee: \$6

6 Home School Special “All About Bees” (101120)
Learn about differences between honeybees, bumblebees and mason bees. We'll see a honeybee hive and mason bee nest, and observe bees as they pollinate. Reservations required. 2 - 3 pm, Ages 6 - 12
Fee: \$4

8 Meet Divot the Box Turtle (101953)
Meet Divot up close and personal. Find out why he is so small and why his shell is deformed. Reservations required. 9 - 9:30 am, Ages 6 - adult

9 Scavenger Hunt on your Own (101954)
Celebrate Mother's Day at the nature center on a scavenger hunt with mom. Search for signs of spring. Pick up a scavenger hunt card at the front desk and head for the trails to see what you can find! 2 - 3 pm ongoing, All ages
No reservations required.

10 Flower and Herb Farm Foray (101955)
We'll travel to Willow Oak Flower and Herb Farm in Severn, MD for a guided garden tour, high tea, and herbal craft. The family-run farm and nursery has been in operation for 30 years and offers a variety of pesticide & herbicide-free herbs, vegetables, native plants, and shrubs. We'll tour the themed gardens, enjoy a high tea of quiche, savories, scones, desserts and tea. Our herbal craft will be planting a pot of culinary herbs and spring annuals. Reservations reqd. 9 am - 3 pm, Adults
Fee: \$50 (includes transportation, high tea, guided garden tour, and herbal craft)

11 Nature Poems (101956)
Listen to some wonderful poems about nature and then ramble on our trails looking for plants and animals that inspire people to write poems. Reservations required. 4 - 5 pm, Ages 9 - 12
Fee: \$4

12 Growing Spring Flowers (101999)
Plant a flower in a pretty pot that you decorate. Reservations required. 1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5
Fee: \$4

15 Wildflower Walk (102000)
Hike trails around the nature center in search of blooming native flowers. Reservations required. 9:30 - 10:30 am, All ages
Fee: \$4

15 Volunteer Garden Training (102001)
Are you interested in native plants and gardening for wildlife? Come learn about our native plant and butterfly gardens and how to care for them. No gardening experience necessary! For volunteers and volunteer applicants. Reservations required. 11 am - noon, Ages 8 - adult



16 Bird Bingo (102002)

Pick up a bingo sheet at the front desk and search outside for different bird behaviors. Collect a bird sticker if you get bingo! Drop in anytime during program hours.

1:30 - 3:30 pm ongoing, All ages
No reservations required.

19 Time for Tots "Honeybees"

Through a game and hike learn about the busy world of honeybees. Reservations required.

Session 1 (102003): 9:30 - 10:15 am

Session 2 (102004): 10:30 - 11:15 am

Ages 18 - 36 months

Fee: \$3

20 Home School Series "Earth Unearthed" (101135)

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 landforms. Reservations required.

2 - 3 pm, Ages 11 - 17

Fee: \$5

21 Puppet Show "Are You My Mommy?"

Help Billy Bunny find his mommy. Reservations required.

Session 1 (101131): 11:30 am - noon

Session 2 (101132): 1:30 - 2 pm

Ages 1 - 12

Fee: \$2

22 Fox Den Hike (102005)

Learn about the life of a fox, then hike about 1.5 miles (roundtrip) to a known fox den to look for activity--and maybe catch a glimpse if we're lucky.

Reservations required for all but adults are free

10 - 11 am, Ages 4 - adult (younger siblings welcome but must be strong walkers or be carried)

Fee: \$4/child



22 Animal Olympics (102006)

Think you can run faster, leap higher? Test your athletic skills and see how you stack up against the best animal athletes in the world. Reservations required.

1:30 - 2:30 pm, Ages 2 - 12

Fee: \$5

23 Explore a Park (101113)

New to the area? Or just want to get out for a hike! Join us as we explore different parks in the county. Today we'll hike at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood. Free, but reservations required.

9:30 - 11:30 am, Adults

Meet: Activity Center parking area, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855

23 Make it and Take it "Hummingbird Feeders" (101138)

An easy-to-make craft that you can take home. Today we'll make a hummingbird feeder. Drop-in anytime during program hours! Fee is per craft.

2 - 3:30 pm ongoing, All ages

Fee: \$2/feeder

No reservations required.

24 Hiker's Delight (102050)

Been looking to stretch your legs for more than a couple hours? Then dust off your boots, grab a daypack, and join a naturalist for an extended hike. We'll start this new hiking series by trekking all three sections of the Billy Goat Trail.

While Sections B and C are moderate to easy, Section A of this trail is often strenuous, so you should have good hiking skills. Pack a lunch and bring plenty of water to last the day.

Reservations required.

9:30 am - 4 pm, Adults

Meet: Parking lot across from Old Angler's Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd.

Potomac, MD 20854

25 After Work Nature Walk-Birds (102051)

Enjoy the evening bird concert provided by wood thrushes, cardinals and robins.

Learn to identify some of the beautiful birds that make the nature center their home. Find out how to use a field guide to identify birds. Beginners welcome.

Reservations required.

7 - 8 pm, Adults

Fee: \$4

26 Flying Squirrels (101102)

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

8:15 - 9 pm, All ages

No reservations required.

27 Home School Special "Earthworms" (101121)

Through a story and "hands on" exploration, we'll learn about these amazing creatures and make a worm farm to take home. Bring a wide mouth quart jar with lid for worm farm. Reservations required.

2 - 3 pm, Ages 4 - 12

Fee: \$5

29 Stream Splash (102052)

Explore the stream with aquatic nets looking for crayfish, salamanders, fish, insects, and more! Wear old shoes or water shoes--no flip-flops or sandals. Reservations required.

1 - 2 pm, Ages 2 - adult

Fee: \$4

29 Movies and Marshmallows (102053)

Roast marshmallows and watch a movie under the stars featuring a delightful cartoon creature who "speaks for the trees". Rain

cancel.

8:30 - 9:30 pm

All ages

Meet: campfire area

No reservations required.



30 Ladies Hike Out "Matthew Henson Trail" (101251)

Want to hike but don't know where to go? Meet other women and hike some park trails together. Today we'll hike the Matthew Henson Trail. Reservations required.

9 am - noon, Adult women

Meet: Winding Creek Local Park, 12326 Dewey Rd, Wheaton, 20906