



Nature Center  
in Wheaton Regional Park

## BROOKSIDE NATURE CENTER

1400 Glenallan Avenue • Wheaton, MD 20902 • 301-962-1480 • [www.BrooksideNature.org](http://www.BrooksideNature.org)  
Open Tuesday–Saturday, 9 am–5 pm; Sunday, 1–5 pm. Trails open daily, dawn to dusk.

### Recurring Programs

*Some of our programs are so popular that we offer them a number of times throughout the season. Please check below for the dates that work best for you.*

#### Dive Deeper

Now Streaming! Our new series is designed for family members of all ages looking for some summer fun in Brookside Nature Center's local stream, Northwest Branch. Get wet and go wild while contributing to an ongoing Citizen Science project that monitors the health of our waterways and learn each week through games, demonstrations and experiments about a unique aspect of stream life. Come once or every week to discover what lies beneath! Close-toed shoes or boots that can get wet are a must and you might even want a towel.

Ages 5-11 yrs. Fee: \$6

Course #34453 • Sunday, Jun. 25 • 2:15-3:15 pm  
Course #34454 • Sunday, Jul. 2 • 2:15-3:15 pm  
Course #34456 • Sunday, Jul. 9 • 2:15-3:15 pm  
Course #34458 • Sunday, Jul. 16 • 2:15-3:15 pm  
Course #34459 • Sunday, Jul. 23 • 2:15-3:15 pm  
Course #34461 • Sunday, Jul. 30 • 2:15-3:15 pm  
Course #34462 • Sunday, Aug. 6 • 2:15-3:15 pm

#### Soulful Supper at Harper's Cabin!

Join us for a taste of African American Heritage as we learn about the history of the Harper's Cabin. Observe and help with hearthside cooking techniques while learning the history, nutrition and rich culture of African American foods. Learn how soul food became a dominant theme among African American Family, their church and social gatherings during the 19th century and extending to the end of the 20th century. The program begins with preparing the food and continues until a tasty supper is ready for serving.

Ages 6 & up. Fee: \$7

Course #34469 • Sunday, Jun. 11 • 10 am-2 pm  
Course #34470 • Sunday, Jun. 25 • 10 am-2 pm  
Course #34471 • Sunday, Jul. 16 • 10 am-2 pm  
Course #34472 • Sunday, Jul. 30 • 10 am-2 pm  
Course #34473 • Sunday, Aug. 6 • 10 am-2 pm  
Course #34474 • Sunday, Aug. 20 • 10 am-2 pm

#### Superheroes in the Park!

Drop by the pavilion near the Shorefield playground in Wheaton Regional Park to learn about a different summer superhero! Each presentation will bring to light a spectacular plant, insect, reptile, bird or mammal that has mastered summer survival. Learn how they find food, or stay cool, or move around without being seen, or even breathe underwater. The natural world is full of heroes. Could you be one of them?

Ages 3-11 yrs. FREE

Course #34221 • Tuesday, Jun. 20 • 11 am-12 pm  
Course #34222 • Tuesday, Jul. 11 • 11 am-12 pm  
Course #34223 • Tuesday, Jul. 25 • 11 am-12 pm  
Course #34224 • Tuesday, Aug. 8 • 11 am-12 pm  
Course #34225 • Tuesday, Aug. 22 • 11 am-12 pm

#### Tyke Hikes

Summer time is full of surprises! From bumble bees buzzing around blossoms, salamanders slipping under the soil, to toads tumbling over turtles! On these hikes of discovery we'll open our senses to happenings small and large, and our minds to learning about nature's wonders. Note, our trails are not stroller-friendly. These hike are for walkers.

Ages 3-5 yrs. FREE

Course #34213 • Thursday, Jun. 29 • 11 am-12 pm  
Course #34214 • Thursday, Jul. 20 • 11 am-12 pm  
Course #34215 • Thursday, Aug. 3 • 11 am-12 pm  
Course #34216 • Thursday, Aug. 17 • 11 am-12 pm

#### Tales & Trails - A StoryWalk Adventure

A StoryWalk is a fun way to combine physical activity with reading! Pages of an engaging book are formed into signs on a trail inviting children and their caregivers to read as they move along the path. Explore books in a new way as you discover the next sign, imagine and act out each page, and find yourself within the story. One month will take you around the pond and by the stream while the next months will have you wander through the woods and meadow. On Saturday participants are invited to do a related craft or activity in the nature center once they've read the tale along our nearby trails. No registration is required.



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**JUNE 2017**

**6/4 Flying Squirrels**

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

Ages 4 & up. FREE

Course #22853 • Sunday, Jun. 4 • 8-9 pm

**6/23 Friday Foray - Ten Mile Creek**

The amount of nature activity filling the early summer scene is almost overwhelming. As the days lengthen and heat up, though, the summer forest sinks into a quiet siesta, not unlike winter's sleep. On our Friday forays we'll tune our senses to summer's ongoing and subdued wonders, listening and watching for birds, amphibians, insects and of course, observing the ever changing assortment of plants. Expect to walk on natural surface trails, covering anywhere from to 3 miles. Directions to the site will be emailed to registrants prior to the hike. Remember to bring water!

Ages 18 & up. FREE

Course #34229 • Friday, Jun. 23 • 9:30-11:30 am

**JULY 2017**

**7/21 Friday Foray - Pennyfield Lock**

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Ages 18 & up. FREE

Course #34395 • Friday, Jul. 21 • 7-8:30 pm

**7/22 Art in the Park!**

In Maryland, water and summer are natural partners. We'll make use of their compatibility by experimenting with watercolor paints, ice and other cool mixtures to create fluid and unique artwork.

Ages 4-11 yrs. Fee: \$6

Course #34399 • Saturday, Jul. 22 • 3-4 pm

**AUGUST 2017**

**8/6 Bonkers for Bats!**

As the sun prepares to set we will try and sneak a peak of these mysterious night time creatures. We'll talk about the different bats in our area, the issues they're facing, and what they might be up to on a summer's evening.

All Ages. Fee: \$6

Course #34394 • Sunday, Aug. 6 • 8-9 pm

**8/11 Friday Foray - Northwest Branch**

The amount of nature activity filling the early summer scene is almost overwhelming. As the days lengthen and heat up, though, the summer forest sinks into a quiet siesta, not unlike winter's sleep. On our Friday forays we'll tune our senses to summer's ongoing and subdued wonders, listening and watching for birds, amphibians, insects and of course, observing the ever changing assortment of plants. Expect to walk on natural surface trails, covering anywhere from to 3 miles. Directions to the site will be emailed to registrants prior to the hike. Remember to bring water!

Ages 18 & up. FREE

Course #34396 • Friday, Aug. 11 • 9:30-11:30 am

**8/12 Bird Bingo!**

Come join us for an exciting game of Bird Bingo as we walk the trails of Brookside in search of birds, their habits, and their behaviors.

Ages 4 & up. Fee: \$6

Course #34391 • Saturday, Aug. 12 • 10-11 am

