



CROMWELL VALLEY PARK FALL 2018 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Park & Cromwell Valley Park Council
2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS, unless stated otherwise.

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These programs are designed to provide a healthy and enjoyable experience for your child and are not designed to provide childcare. Therefore, parents are encouraged to discuss attendance expectations with their children.

Department staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave at any time.

Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Should you require special attention (i.e. sign language interpreter, large print, etc.), please give us as much notice as possible by calling the Park Office and/or Therapeutic office at 410-887-5370 or 410-887-5319 (TTY/Deaf)

Habitat Restoration Team - Weed Warrior Days!

We will remove invasive plants from the Park, and in warmer weather, also plant natives and maintain restored habitat – great opportunities for high school students for community service and volunteers who like to work outdoors. **Wednesdays** from 2 PM to 4 PM ~ September 5, 26; October 3; November 7, 14, 28. **Saturdays** from 2 PM to 4 PM ~ September 15, 22; October 13, 20; November 17. **Meet at the Sherwood House Parking Lot.** Reservations **NOT** required. Questions? Please contact Laurie Taylor-Mitchell

Saturday, September 1 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Hunt for the Wild Banana – Adults. Hike with a Naturalist to find one of Maryland's native fruits ~ the Pawpaw ~ and then enjoy Pawpaw ice cream! **This is a strenuous hike uphill ~ 3 miles round trip.** Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, September 2 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Fairie Gardens – Ages 2 to 10. Welcome to the realm of Fairies! Make furniture for your own fairie garden and then head into the forest to share in the magic. Come dressed in your fairie finery! **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, September 7 at 7 PM to 9 PM

Night Out with Nature: “Chesapeake Search Dogs” with Jay King - Adults. Spend your evening at Cromwell Valley Park with our guest speaker and enjoy dessert. Chesapeake Search Dogs is a fully volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit search dog organization dedicated to ensuring professionally trained canine search teams are available to search for lost or missing persons within the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Pennsylvania Region. Jay King, the organization's Assistant Director of Operations and the team's Law Enforcement Liaison, will begin his presentation outside with his canine partner where he will lead a search demonstration. Then join him to hear more about the numerous ways the Chesapeake Search and Rescue Dog Association supports the local community and beyond. **\$10 per person. Sherwood House**

Saturdays, Starting September 8 at 8 AM to 10 AM

Saturday Morning Bird Walks – All ages. Join a Park volunteer for bird walks on **September 8, 22, & 29; October 6, 20, & 27.** **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. Meet at the **Willow Grove Farm Gravel Parking Lot.**

Saturday, September 8 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Traditional Gourd Instruments – Adults. Gourds have been used throughout cultures all over the world as both a functional tool, but also to make music. Learn how to craft this useful plant into a traditional instrument. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Primitive Tech Laboratory**

Sunday, September 9 at 1 PM to 3 PM

From Flint to Flame – Ages 10+ with adult. Learn to make fire using a variety of traditional methods. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Wednesday, Sept. 12; Thursday, Sept. 13; & Friday, Sept. 14 at 10 AM to 1 PM

Trail Guide Training! - Adults. We are looking for volunteers to help teach about nature! **We will meet on Sept. 12 at Marshy Point; Sept. 13 at Cromwell Valley Park; and Sept. 14 at Oregon Ridge Park.** Trail guides work with programs, special events and animal care. Training will familiarize you with our most popular programs and the ecology of Cromwell Valley and Marshy Point. Each day will feature new subjects and techniques to enjoy the great outdoors. Breakfast, snacks & coffee provided, but bring your lunch and drinks for carpool trip to Oregon Ridge Park to hike to Ivy Hill pond and learn the history of Ivy Hill Forest **New guides pay a \$5 tuition fee. Please call to reserve your space!**

Saturday, September 15 AND Sunday, September 16 starting at 9 AM

Hawk Watch Weekend! – All ages. Join Park volunteers and participate in Citizen Science to help us count the **Broad-winged Hawks** as they migrate through the Valley. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. ***Willow Grove Hawk Watch Site***

Friday, September 21 at 7:30 PM to 9 PM

Autumn Solstice Bonfire & Smores – Ages 5+. Join a Naturalist for some fun around the campfire. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, September 22 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! - Individuals/Families ages 13+. Volunteers join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools and water. You bring a hat, sun screen and a little energy. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. ***Children's Garden***

Saturday, September 22 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Bees Wax Bowls – Ages 8+. Honey bees provide us with many benefits. Learn about our relationship with these social insects and craft a small bowl from their wax. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, September 23 at 11 AM

A Walk in the Park & Nature Quest Hike – All ages. Start the beginning of autumn by enjoying the great outdoors! Join a Naturalist for a hike to enjoy the fall splendor on our way to the **Nature Quest** markers. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. ***Nature Center***

Tuesdays, September 25 to October 30 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Wednesdays, September 26 to October 31 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Polliwog Preschool Club – Ages 2 to 5 with Adult. Discovering nature is a lifelong journey. In this class, you and your little one will explore the natural world through hands-on activities, nature play, stories and crafts. **Non-mobile siblings only, parent/guardian must be an active participant. Dress for the outdoors. \$20 members /\$30 non-members for 6 sessions. Register for ONE series only. Nature Center**

Saturday, September 29 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! - Individuals/Families ages 13+. Volunteers join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools and water. You bring a hat, sun screen and a little energy. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. ***Children's Garden***

Saturday, September 29 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Monarch Madness – Ages 5+. Join a Park Naturalist to learn about and tag this migratory butterfly! **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, September 30 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Apple Press & Prints – Ages 2 to 10. Discover the true story of Johnny Appleseed and try squeezing some cider at the apple press. Use apples to make your very own hand-printed craft to take home. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, October 5 at 7 PM to 9 PM

Night Out with Nature: “Game Wardens ~ The Thin Green Line” with Loren Lustig – Adults. Spend your evening at Cromwell Valley Park with our guest speaker and enjoy dessert. What happens to Game Wardens when they are out and about in the forests and aquatic areas of the Commonwealth? There is nothing unique about the PA experience for such Officers. The very same joys and sorrows would be experienced by the Maryland DNR Police. Loren promises a “boat load” of true stories, some of which will be humorous, some ridiculous, and some tragic. Loren Lustig became a dedicated and lifelong conservationist as a young child growing up in northern Illinois. He now lives with his wife, Louise, on a farm north of Gettysburg, PA. **\$10 per person. Sherwood House**

Saturday, October 6 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Hiking Sticks – Adults. Make one of our ancestors' earliest tools to help you on your next hike. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Primitive Tech Laboratory*

Saturday, October 13 at 10 AM to 4PM (Rain Date: Sunday, October 14)

Fall Harvest Festival – All ages. Join us for family fun in the Valley! Pony & Hay Rides, Music, Earth Oven Cooking, Apple Pressing, Apple Butter Making, Face Painting, Beekeeping, Family Games & Crafts, Native American Activities, Food and 4-H Animals! Reservations **NOT** required. **Suggested donation is \$5 per car.** *Willow Grove Farm*

Saturday, October 20 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Paint a Pumpkin – Ages 2+. Choose a pumpkin from our “pumpkin patch” to decorate. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members PER PUMPKIN.** *Nature Center*

Sunday, October 21 at 12 PM to 2 PM

Nature Quest Fest at Lake Roland - All ages. Complete at least 5 trails in your **Nature Quest Passport** to receive free admission to this exciting event. Activities will include canoeing, dam tours, live animals, and more! Pick up your Quest Passport at Wegmans grocery stores and our Nature Center. **\$5 per person, or FREE with Quest course completion.** Reservations **NOT** required. *Lake Roland Park*

Friday, October 26 at 7:30 PM to 9 PM

Spooky Stories Campfire and S'mores - Ages 8+. Swap spine-tingling tales around a campfire and then enjoy a sweet treat. Come prepared with a (not too) scary story to share! **\$3 members/\$5 non-members.** *Nature Center*

Saturday, October 27 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! - Individuals/Families ages 13+. Volunteers join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools and water. You bring a hat, sun screen and a little energy. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. *Children's Garden*

Saturday, October 27 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Bucks, Deer & Antlers – Ages 5+. Join a Park Naturalist to look for signs of deer and make a venison taco back at the Nature Center. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members.** *Nature Center*

Sunday, October 28 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Self-Guided Halloween Treat Trek – All ages. Bring your whole family to the Nature Center, where your adventure will begin. Follow clues on this self-guided journey and then return to the center for a treat! Reservations **NOT** required. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Nature Center*

Friday, November 2 at 7 PM to 9 PM

Night Out with Nature “Rumor or Fact? A Town Under Loch Raven Reservoir” with Cynthia Mann - Adults. Spend your evening at Cromwell Valley Park with our guest speaker and enjoy dessert. Ever drive over the Warren Road Bridge crossing the Loch Raven Reservoir and wonder if the large water expanse has always been there? Ever wonder what else could have been there? Cynthia Mann, a researcher and volunteer with the Historical Society of Baltimore County, will share with us an illustrated presentation on Loch Raven Reservoir and the “lost” town of Warren. The program will cover the time period from 1800's until the 1920's, at which time the town was eliminated to make way for our drinking water supply. **\$10 per person.** *Sherwood House*

Saturday, November 3 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Sling Making – Adults. The sling is one of man's oldest weapons – think “David and Goliath”, and it was used on many different continents for warfare and hunting. Come make your very own! **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Primitive Tech Laboratory*

Sunday, November 4 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Earth Oven Bread – Ages 8+. Discover the secret of no-knead bread that you can make at home. We will bake a loaf here in our wood fired Earth Oven. **\$4 members/\$6 non-members.** *Nature Center*

Thursday, November 8 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Project Feeder Watch Training - Adults. Count birds for science, but first, attend this training to learn how! After the training, we will meet weekly at the Nature Center on Tuesdays OR Thursdays for your 1-hour shift beginning on 11/13 until 4/4. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. *Nature Center*

Saturday, November 10 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Our Feathered Friends – Ages 5+. Learn more about the birds who will call Cromwell Valley Park home throughout the oncoming winter and then make a bird feeder. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, November 11 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Native Americans of Maryland – Ages 5+. Native people hunted, fished and grew crops. Join a Park Naturalist to try out the tools they used ~ bows, arrows, spears and rabbit sticks. **FREE! Nature Center**

Saturday, November 17 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Let's Talk Turkey - All ages. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our national symbol. Meet our resident wild turkeys and learn what makes them special. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, November 18 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Fort Garrison Feast – Ages 10+. The fort was built on the Maryland frontier in 1693. Meet the Rangers and find out how they lived and what they ate. Limited to 10 people! **Reservations required.** Directions given at time of registration. Don't miss this once a year event! **\$12 members/\$15 non-members. Historic Fort Garrison**

Friday, November 23 at 7PM to 8:30 PM

Black Friday Hike – Ages 5+. Skip the crowds at the mall on this busiest shopping day of the season and enjoy a night hike with a Naturalist that ends around the campfire with s'mores. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, November 24 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Autumn Leaf Lantern – Ages 2 to 10. Gather up all the colors of Fall on a short hike with a Naturalist and then use them to craft a mason jar lantern. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, November 25 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Goodnight Groundhog - All ages. The woodchuck is a remarkable animal and has to put on fat for the winter. Join us to learn more about this CVP resident and hike to search for their burrow. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**