



CROMWELL VALLEY PARK

Summer 2018

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks

Cromwell Valley Park Council

2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS, unless stated otherwise.

PLEASE CONTACT US at 410-887-2503, or info@cromwellvalleypark.org, to make your reservations.

These programs are designed to provide a healthy and enjoyable experience for your child. They 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, plant natives and maintain restored habitat – great opportunities for high school students for community service and volunteers who like to work outdoors.

Wednesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM on June 6, 27; July 11, 25; August 22, 29.

Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 PM on June 16, 23; July 7, 21; August 18, 25.

Meet at the Sherwood House Parking Lot. RSVP Laurie Taylor-Mitchell, Ltmitchell4@comcast.net

Saturday, June 2 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Forest Animals and Their Tracks – All ages. Animals leave distinctive marks which tell you when, where, and who they are. Join a Naturalist to make a plaster cast of a track to take home. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, June 3 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Bark Baskets – Adults 18+. This is the best time of year to collect and construct a tulip tree bark basket. Bring a folding pocket knife, or fixed blade. **\$2 member/\$4 non-members. Primitive Technology Laboratory**

Thursdays, Starting June 7 to October 18 at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Adult Garden Club – Adults 18+. Do you enjoy gardening but don't have the space or a deer-proof fence? Join like-minded green thumbs (or beginner brown thumbs) and tend to your own vegetable plot and community plots in our Children's Garden. We'll provide the seeds and seedlings for a summer and fall planting, and enjoy new recipes together with our harvest. **\$25 members/\$35 non-members for 10 sessions. Children's Garden**

Saturday, June 9 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Lady Bug Fun – Ages 4+. The lady bug is not a bug at all; it is a beetle, and an important beetle at that! Learn what kinds are in the area, search for one with a Naturalist, and then make a craft. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, June 10 at 1 PM to 2:00 PM

Identifying Pollinators – Ages 5+. Without pollination we would have no food, no flowers, and no trees. Join a Naturalist to discover and identify the pollinators that live here. **FREE! Nature Center**

Saturday, June 16 at 10 AM to 3 PM

Nature Quest Hike – All ages. Come to the Park with your Wegmans Nature Quest booklet (or get one here) and hike to find the Quest Trail marker. We'll supply the crayon to make your rubbing. Stop by the Nature Center after your self-guided tour to pick up your CVP sticker! **Reservations NOT required. FREE! Nature Center**

Sunday, June 17 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Geocaching with Dad – Ages 5+. Join a Naturalist as we learn how to search for hidden caches in the Park. Be sure to bring your smart phone. **FREE! Nature Center**

Saturday, June 23 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Just for Kids ~ Insects – Ages 3 to 10. What's an insect? Join a Naturalist to discover what an insect is and catch some creepy crawlies. You'll take home your own "pet beetle baby"! **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, June 24 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Earth Oven Pizza – Ages 5+. Join a Naturalist to search for watercress and other edible plants to put on your own delicious personal pizza. **\$5 members/\$7 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, June 29 at 8 PM to 9:30 PM

Summer Solstice Bonfire – All ages. Join a Naturalist for some fun & S'mores around the campfire. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, June 30 at 10 AM to 3 PM

Summer Adventure Trek – All ages. Your adventure begins at the Nature Center. Stop by to get started on a self-guided journey, and then return to the center to pick up your prize. **Reservations NOT required. FREE! Nature Center**

Sunday, July 1 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Boy Scout Day – Wear your Uniform with Pride! This program is for **Tigers, Wolves and Bears**. Meet some of the amazing animals that call Maryland home, then head outside to explore their natural habitat. **Participants will receive a Cromwell Valley Park Patch! \$5 per Scout. Nature Center**

Wednesday, July 4

Happy 4th of July! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed,* but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County Holiday.

Saturday, July 7 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Frog Round Up – All ages. Join a Naturalist as we hike to the bubbling Marble Springs in search of our froggy friends. **Wear shoes that can get wet! \$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, July 8 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Leaf Berry Collecting Container – Ages 8+. Forest peoples use plants in amazing ways. Learn how to make your own tulip tree or sycamore container and collect fruit with a Naturalist. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, July 14 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Ochre: Humanity's Paint – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist and learn the history of red ochre pigments, used the world over. We'll hike in the Minebank Run to collect and process the rock into paint. Bring a bandana or white shirt to paint. **Wear shoes that can get wet. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.**
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Sunday, July 15 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Wild Edibles – Adults 18+. Many parts of plants are edible. Join a Naturalist to collect and cook what we find.
\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center

Saturday, July 21 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Mud and Fire ~ Part I - Adults 18+. Using clay from White Marsh Run, you'll learn how native people made pottery using their tools and techniques. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Primitive Technology Laboratory**

Sunday, July 22 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Poisonous Plants & Animals – Ages 5+. Poison Ivy, cherry leaves and nightshade are all poisonous; and the copperhead snake is under foot! Learn how to identify and avoid them. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, July 27 at 8 PM to 9:30 PM

Moths in the Moonlight – All ages. Come learn about these fabulous creatures of the night. After an indoor presentation about the impressive Saturniid Moths, we'll head outside to see what we can attract with bait and lights.
\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center

Sunday, July 28 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Just for Kids ~ "Little Free Library" Launch & Story Time – Ages 3 to 10. Help us unveil our own new "LITTLE FREE LIBRARY". We'll start with story time then head to the stream to search for fish & critters that live in the water and under the rocks. **Wear shoes that can get wet! \$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, July 29 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Butterflies Like It HOT! – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist to identify and observe our butterflies! Learn why they prefer the "dog days of summer". Bring binoculars so we can see them up-close without disturbing them. **FREE! Nature Center**

Saturday, August 4 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Discovering Dragonflies – Ages 5+. Did you know that the creature from *Alien* was partly based on insect lifecycles? Join us as we catch these creepy denizens of the pond. **Wear shoes that can get wet. \$2 members/\$4 non-members Nature Center**

Sunday, August 5 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Late Summer Wildflowers – Adults. Join a Naturalist for a hike to discover the wildflowers of our fields and the story behind their names. **FREE! Nature Center**

Saturday, August 11 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Mud & Fire ~ Part II – Adults 18+. A clay pot is just mud until it has been fired. Bring your pot from Part I and learn how pottery was fired on a campfire. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Primitive Technology Laboratory**

Sunday, August 12 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Go Wild for a Native! – Ages 8+. If you plant it, they will come! Learn how to turn even the smallest corner of your yard into a wildlife oasis. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Wednesday, August 15 at 10 AM to 12 PM

Preserving the Harvest: Salsa! – Ages 5+. Learn to can salsa using fresh ingredients from the Children's Garden. Participants will take home a jar of salsa! **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, August 18 at 1 PM to 2 PM

Just for Kids ~ Animal Story Time – Ages 3 to 10. Enjoy a story about our animal friends and make your own bookmark to take home! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, August 19 at 1 PM to 3 PM

The Earth Oven and A to Z Pizza! – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist as we harvest fresh tomatoes and herbs from our Children's Garden to make sauce, and grind wheat berries to make flour for the crust. **\$5 members/\$7 non-members. Nature Center**

Wednesday, August 22 at 10 AM to 12 PM

Preserving the Harvest: Pickle Party! – Ages 5+. Learn to make refrigerator and heat-processed pickles using a variety of ingredients from the Children's Garden. Participants will take home their jarred pickles! **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Nature Center**

Friday, August 24 at 8 PM to 9:30 PM

Owl Prowl – Ages 5+. Join a Naturalist to call in the flying tiger of the forest ~ the great horned owl. Wear dark clothing and sturdy shoes. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Saturday, August 25 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Migrating Monarchs – Ages 6+. Learn about our tropical migrant. Help us capture and tag these creatures as they head south to Mexico. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center**

Sunday, August 26 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Stream Search – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist on a hot summer's day to search a stream for creatures great and small. We'll provide the nets. **Wear shoes that can get wet. Free! Nature Center**

For those programs that require a reservation or a fee, you can do so through our new online registration system.

[Register here.](#)