



## PLEASE PRINT, POST AND ANNOUNCE

### CROMWELL VALLEY PARK PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

December 2017 & January/February 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](mailto: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 Work 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. **Clothing:** Long pants protect your legs! Please also wear toe-closed shoes. Please bring a water bottle with you. For colder weather, vests inside a jacket really help. If interested, please RSVP to Laurie Taylor-Mitchell, [Ltmitchell4@comcast.net](mailto:Ltmitchell4@comcast.net). We meet at the back of the Sherwood House.

**Volunteer Dates for December 2017 through February 2018:**

**Wednesdays from 2 to 4 PM:** Dec. 6, 20; Jan. 10, 17; Feb. 7, 28.

**Saturdays from 2 to 4 PM:** Dec. 16; Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24.

**Friday, December 1 at 5:30 PM to 7 PM**

**Full Moon Owl Night Hike - Ages 8+.** We'll start off with a short talk in the center and then go on a search for "Mr. Hooty". Dress for the weather!

**\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

**Saturday, December 2 at 10 AM to 1 PM**

**Holiday Open House – All ages.** Find all of your holiday excitement on one farm. Come help decorate the Sherwood House for the holidays. Seasonal crafts, cookie decorating, hot cider, music, and visit with **SANTA!** Then stop by **TALMAR** for your tree & poinsettia! Reservations **NOT** required. **\$3 per person/\$10 per family. You may pay at the door. Sherwood House**

**Sunday, December 3 at 1 PM to 2 PM**

**Nature Story Time – All ages.** Listen to a story and meet one of our animal friends.

**\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

**Saturday, December 9 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Tools of Bone – Adults.** Tools of bone represent some of mankind's earliest technology. Learn how to make a simple bone tool. **Space is limited! \$2 members/\$4 non-members. Willow Grove Primitive Tech Laboratory**

**Sunday, December 10 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

**Wellington Woods Winter Walk – Adults.** Join a Naturalist to make discoveries along the way. **FREE! Willow Grove Nature Center**

**Saturday, December 16 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

**Holiday Centerpieces – Ages 13+.** It's time to deck the halls! The fresh greens in your arrangement will bring the scent and beauty of the outdoors into your home. Please bring thin garden gloves if your hands are sensitive to the sap and prickles of the pines. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

**Sunday, December 17 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Solstice Candle Making – Ages 8+.** Technically we are 4 days away from the first day of winter, but help make the longest night of the season a little brighter with a homemade candle. **\$4 members/\$6 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

**Saturday, December 23 at 10 AM to 2 PM**

**Trivia Trail Trek - All ages.** Pick up a self guided trail book, answer the trivia questions, and return to the Nature Center for your prize! Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Sunday, December 24 at 9 AM to 12 PM**

**Visit the Nature Center** - Visit the Nature Center and have a cup of hot chocolate or coffee on us! **Reservations NOT** required. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Monday, December 25**

**Merry Christmas!** *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed*, but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County Holiday.

**Saturday, December 30 at 1 PM to 2 PM**

**Law of Claw & Fang – All ages.** Join a Naturalist to learn about food chains and help us feed our animal collection. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Sunday, December 31 at 9 AM to 12 PM**

**Visit the Nature Center** - Visit the Nature Center and have a cup of hot chocolate or coffee on us! **FREE!** **Reservations NOT** required. *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Monday, January 1**

**Happy New Year!** *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed*, but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County Holiday.

**Saturday, January 6 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Wintertime Natural Ornaments – Ages 8+.** The holidays are over and the tree is down; but you can still make some wintertime decorations and use nature's art supplies. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Sunday, January 7 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

**Winter Tree Identification – Ages 8+.** Join a Naturalist to discover our local trees. The East Coast has more types of trees than anywhere else in the U.S.! Dress for the weather. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Saturday, January 13 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Gourd Bowls With Stone Tools – Adults.** Gourds were some of mankind's earliest containers. Using flint, we will open and shape our containers and then decorate with ochre. **Space is limited! \$3 members/\$5 non-members.** *Willow Grove Primitive Tech Laboratory*

**Sunday, January 14 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Nature Quest Winter Hike – All ages.** Pick up your Nature Quest Passport at the Nature Center and join a Naturalist to find the markers. Dress for the weather. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Monday, January 15**

**Happy Birthday Martin Luther King!** *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed*, but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County Holiday.

**Saturday, January 20 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

**Animal Adaptations to Cold - All ages.** Where do turtles go? Where are the frogs? Where are the snakes? Join us at the Nature Center to find out. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Sunday, January 21 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

**Edible Greens & Pizza In Winter - All ages.** Yes, there are edible plants found in winter. Head out with a Naturalist to find them and use them for toppings on your pizza! Dress for the weather!  
**\$3 members/\$5 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Saturday, January 27 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Build A Model Tree House – Ages 7+ with Adult.** Let your imagination soar while building a tree house using natural materials. For inspiration, we'll first watch a clip of the best tree house ever, from the movie Swiss Family Robinson. We'll provide the base and "tree" - you create the rooms. **Space is limited!**  
**\$5 members/\$7 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Sunday, January 28 at 1 PM to 2 PM**

**Winter Tales – Ages 3 to 10.** In years past, stories were shared to pass the winter months. Listen to some tales while sipping hot cocoa. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Friday, February 2 at 5:30 PM to 7 PM**

**Woodchuck the Weather Man Night Hike – Ages 5+.** Is this true? Can the woodchuck tell the weather? Where did this myth come from? Join a Naturalist for a night hike to a groundhog burrow. Dress for the weather! **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Saturday, February 3 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Mayan Chocolate Making – Ages 8+.** *Theobroma Cacao* in Latin means “Food of the Gods” and is sacred to the Mayan people. Learn the traditional Mayan method for turning cacao beans into chocolate. **\$10 members/\$12 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Sunday, February 4 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

**Dead Leaves, Cheese, Butter and Kimchi - Ages 8+.** What do they have in common? Fermentation of course! Learn how fermentation allows the planet to work, and then make your own kimchi. Bring a mason jar if you have one. **\$3 members/\$5 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Saturday, February 10 AND Sunday, February 11 Drop in anytime between 11 AM to 3 PM**

**Maple Sugaring Weekend – All ages.** Native people made sugar from the sap of our native maples. Join a Naturalist for this ongoing program to tap a tree, boil some sap and make a pancake. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required.

*Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Saturday, February 17 at 10 AM to 3 PM**

**Great Backyard Bird Count – Ages 8+.** Become a citizen scientist for a day as we collect data, look for birds, and discover ways to help our feathered friends. Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Sunday, February 18 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Recycled Bird Feeders - All ages.** Learn about our feathered friends and then make a bird feeder, complete with bird seed! **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*

**Monday, February 19**

**Happy President’s Day! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed, but the Park will be open for this Baltimore County Holiday.***

**Saturday, February 24 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Slate Composite Tools – Ages 10+.** Inuit people used slate extensively in the high arctic. Learn how to shape slate into useful tools. **Space is Limited! \$3 members/\$5 non-members.** *Willow Grove Primitive Tech Laboratory*

**Sunday, February 25 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

**Tracks on T-Shirts – All ages.** Learn to identify animals by the clues they leave behind and make your very own animal track t-shirt. You **MUST** bring a light color t-shirt from home. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** *Willow Grove Nature Center*