



CROMWELL VALLEY PARK PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



December 2018 & January/February 2019
Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks
Cromwell Valley Park Council
2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Parkville, MD 21234

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS, unless stated otherwise.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION ~ PHONE: 410.887.2503, **TDD:** 410.877.5319, **EMAIL:** info@cromwellvalleypark.org
ON LINE: <https://cromwellvalleypark.campbrainregistration.com/>

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)

RESERVATIONS BEGIN ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 9 AM.

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 We meet at the back of the Sherwood House, **Sherwood Farm** on the left and follow the signs to the parking lot.

Volunteer Dates for December 2018 through February 2019:

Wednesdays from 2 to 4 PM: Dec. 5; Jan. 16, 30; Feb. 6, 27.

Saturdays from 2 to 4 PM: Dec.8, 15; Jan. 26; Feb. 9, 23.

Saturday, December 1 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Holiday Ornaments – Ages 5+. Join us to make your own holiday ornaments out of natural materials. Reservations **NOT** required. Drop in program, please pay at the door. \$2 for 2 ornaments for members/\$4 for non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Center**

Sunday, December 2 at 1 PM to 2 PM

Holiday Feast for our Feathered Friends – All ages. Come on in to the Nature Center to create edible ornaments for our feathered friends. **\$2 members/\$4 non-members.** **Willow Grove Nature Center**

Saturday, December 8 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Holiday Swags – Ages 5+. Create a holiday swag with a bow for your door. Reservations **NOT** required. Drop in program, please pay at the door. \$5 members per swag/\$7 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Center**

Sunday, December 9 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Animal Tracks – Ages 4 to 10. Join a Naturalist to discover where animals go and what they leave behind. We'll provide t-shirts for you to create a "track" shirt to take home. **\$2 members/\$4 non-**

members. ***Willow Grove Nature Center***

Saturday, December 15 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Holiday Centerpieces – Ages 13+. The fresh greens in your arrangement will bring the scent and beauty of the outdoors to your table. Please bring thin garden gloves if your hands are sensitive to the sap and prickles of the pines. **\$7 members/\$10 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Center***

Sunday, December 16 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. Drop in program **FREE!** ***Willow Grove Nature Center***

Friday, December 21 at 5:30 PM to 7 PM

Full Owl Moon 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 22 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***

Sunday, December 23 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Visit our Nature Center Day! - All ages. Visit the Nature Center, enjoy the exhibits, visit with our animals, and have a cup of hot chocolate or coffee on us! Drop in program. Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!** ***Willow Grove Nature Center***

Tuesday, 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 29 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. Drop in program. Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!** ***Willow Grove Nature Center***

Sunday, December 30 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Debris Shelters – Ages 10+. Learn how to make a winter debris shelter that could save your life. **FREE!** ***Primitive Technology Laboratory***

Tuesday, 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 5 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 6 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Bread and Butter – Ages 5+. Learn how to use a clay earth oven, make bread and butter! **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Center***

Tuesdays, January 8 to February 12 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Wednesdays, January 9 to February 13 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Registration for this program is available ONLY through our on-line system.

Polliwog Preschool Club – Ages 2 to 5 with Adult. 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. **\$60 members /\$80**

non-members for 6 sessions. Register for **ONE** series only. **Willow Grove Nature Center**

Saturday, January 12 at 10 AM to 12 PM

Winter Birding in the Valley – Adults. Join expert birder John Canoles for a hike to discover our avian friends. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather! **FREE! Willow Grove Nature Center**

Sunday, January 13 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**

Friday, January 18 at 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Night Hike - Ages 8+. Hike to the old stone shelter and listen for “Mr. Hooty”. Dress for the weather! **\$2 members/\$4 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

Saturday, January 19 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Edible Greens & Pizza in Winter - All ages. Yes, there are edible plants found in the winter. Head out with a Naturalist to find them and use them for toppings on your pizza! Dress for the weather! **\$4 members/\$6 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

Sunday, January 20 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. **\$5 members/ \$7 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

Monday, January 21

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 26 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!** **\$5 members/\$7 non-members. Primitive Tech Laboratory**

Sunday, January 27 at 1 PM to 2 PM

Where Do They Go? – Adults. Streams and rivers seem devoid of fish in the winter. What happens to them and where do they go? Dress for the weather! **FREE! Willow Grove Nature Center**

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

Whistle Pigs - All ages. Whistle Pigs, Pasture Poodles, Land Beaver, Woodchuck and Groundhog are all the same animal. Join a Naturalist to discover the world of this animal of mystery and look for a den! **FREE! Willow Grove Nature Center**

Sunday, February 3 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Visit our Nature Center Day! - All ages. Visit the Nature Center, enjoy the exhibits, visit with our animals, and have a cup of hot chocolate or coffee on us! Drop in program. Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE! Willow Grove Nature Center**

Saturday, February 9 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 10 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Happy Hearts! – Ages 3 to 10. Join a Naturalist to make heart shaped pizzas and heart shaped bird feeders for our feathered friends. **\$4 members/\$6 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

Friday, February 15 at 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Full Maple Moon Night Hike – Ages 5+. Native people made sugar during this moon. Join a

Naturalist to hike to the sugar bush and then head back to the center for maple flavored hot chocolate. Dress for the weather! **\$3 members/\$5 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center**

Saturday, February 16 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Fat Lamps – Adults. Fat Lamps have been found in the famous caves of Lascaux France. Make your own soapstone lamp with deer tallow fuel. **Space is Limited! \$3 members/\$5 non-members. Primitive Tech Laboratory**

Sunday, February 17 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, 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 23 AND Sunday, February 24 at 11 AM to 3 PM each day

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. Drop in program. **FREE!** Reservations **NOT** required. **Willow Grove Nature Center**