

****REGISTRATION FOR WINTER PROGRAMS BEGINS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 at 9 AM.****

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
ONLINE RESERVATIONS ONLY ARE BEING ACCEPTED.

TO REGISTER VISIT ~ <https://cromwellvalleypark.campbrainregistration.com/>

You will be required to sign a Baltimore County Waiver of Liability and COVID-19 Waiver as part of the registration process.

Pre-registration CLOSSES AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY for weekend programs.

NO "WALK IN'S" WILL BE ACCEPTED!

All programs begin **PROMPTLY** at designated start time.

MEET AT THE NATURE CENTER upon arrival for check in.

MASKS MUST BE WORN at all times if entering the Willow Grove Nature Center or Barnatorium.

Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Please **DO NOT BRING YOUR PETS** to our programs.

All payments are donations and non-refundable unless CVP cancels the program.

RAIN / INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



All events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.

Program leaders will contact registered participants only in the event of cancellation at least 1 hour before program start.



*These programs are designed to provide a healthy and enjoyable experience for your child. They are not designed to provide childcare. Parents should discuss attendance expectations with their children. Department staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave at any time. **Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.** Should you require special attention (i.e. sign language interpreter, large print, etc.), give us as much notice as possible by calling our Office and/or Therapeutic office at 410-887-5370 or 410-887-5319 (TTY/Deaf).*



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Parkville, MD 21234

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS CALENDAR

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Department of Recreation & Parks

DECEMBER 2021



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****All Programs will meet at the Willow Grove Nature Center, unless otherwise specified****

****PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PROGRAMS MAY BE MODIFIED OR CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19****

We appreciate your continued support and wish you and your family a *HEALTHY* and *HAPPY* holiday season!!

Saturday, December 4 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Bone Tools ~ Osteotechnology - Adults, 18+. Bone was widely used by early man. Learn how to make an awl or a bone knife. We will grind on stone with sand and water. **\$3 member/ \$5 non-members. *Primitive Technology Lab***

Sunday, December 5 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Holiday Feast for our Feathered Friends – All Ages. Don't forget about the birds this holiday season! Join a Naturalist as we create edible ornaments for our feathered friends. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Saturday, December 11 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Natural Holiday Ornaments – Ages 5+. Join us as we collect natural materials to make holiday ornaments. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Sunday, December 12 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Holiday Swags – Ages 8+. Create a holiday swag with a bow for your door that will surely impress the neighbors! **Dress for the weather. \$5 members per swag /\$7 non-members per swag.**

Friday, December 17 at 5:30 PM to 7 PM

The Search for Mr. Hootie & Campfire Night Hike - Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist as we hike the trails to look for these nighttime predators. Keep your eyes peeled for Mr. Hootie! Then roast some marshmallows around the campfire! **Wear Sturdy shoes and dress for the weather! \$2 members/\$4 non-members.**

Saturday, December 18 at 1 PM to 3 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. **Dress for the weather. \$7 members per centerpiece /\$10 non-members per centerpiece.**

Sunday, December 19 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Solstice Candle Making - Ages 8+. Technically we are 2 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.**

Friday, December 24 and Saturday, December 25

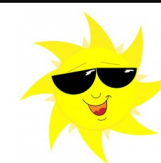
Merry Christmas! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed,* but the Park will be open.

Sunday, December 26 at 11 AM to 3 PM

Visit the Nature Center – All Ages. Stop by Willow Grove Nature Center to visit with our animals, our exhibits and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate on us! **Reservations NOT required. Drop in program. FREE! *Donations Welcome!***

Friday, December 31

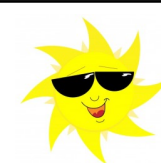
Happy New Year's Eve! *The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed,* but the Park will be open!



LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER NATURE CAMP 2022!

On-line registration for all Summer Nature Camps begins at **10 AM on January 18, 2022.**

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JANUARY 2022

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Saturday, January 1

Happy New Year! The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed, but the Park will be open!

Sunday, January 2 at 1 PM to 3 PM

1st Weekend Walk – Ages 5+. Say goodbye to 2021 and start 2022 off right by being outside! Join a Naturalist as we take a walk in the great outdoors. Wear sturdy shoes. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Saturday, January 8 at 1 PM to 2 PM

Bear Necessities – Ages 4 to 10 with Adult. Black bears have been found throughout North America. Do we have bears in Maryland? We sure do! Find out where they can be found, what they do during the winter, and how they survive. You'll also go home with your BEAR-y own craft! Parent must attend program with their child. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Sunday, January 9 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Sowing Native Plants and Vegetable Seeds in Winter – Ages 5+.

Get a head start on your spring garden now! Learn how to make a miniature greenhouse out of old milk jugs. We'll plant the seeds and then let nature do the rest. **\$3 members /\$5 non-members.**

Tuesdays, January 11 to February 15 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Wednesdays, January 12 to February 16 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Polliwogs – 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! **\$60 members/\$80 non-members for 6 sessions.** (Register ONE series only)

Friday, January 14 at 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Creatures of the Night Hike – Ages 8+. From Owls to Opossums, learn about our amazing nocturnal animals and their adaptations they possess to roam the nighttime landscape. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Saturday, January 15 at 10 AM to 11:30 AM

Winter Birds and Nests – All Ages. Enjoy an easy walk through the Park with a Naturalist to observe our winter residents. We'll look and examine last season's nest and any eggs they left behind. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Sunday, January 16 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Scout Day: Animal Tracks – Ages 5 to 11 with Adult. This program is for both Boy AND Girl Scouts. Learn the art of reading clues left behind by animals. We'll hike in the park and try to figure out what animals have been up to and where they might be. Let's see if we can solve the mystery! Participants will receive a Cromwell Valley Park logo patch. Please do NOT bring siblings as this program is intended for the Scout and their parent or leader. **\$5 Per Scout.**

Monday, January 17

Happy Birthday Martin Luther King! The Nature Center & Park Office will be closed, but the Park will be open!

Saturday, January 22 at 1 PM to 3 PM

River Cane Vials – Adults, 18+. Southeastern Indigenous people created rigid containers made from sections of river cane. These were used for carrying oils, fish poison, needles, and other items needing a rigid container. We will use all stone tools to make these. **\$3 members /\$5 non-members. Primitive Technology Center**

Sunday, January 23 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Oh My Gourd! – Ages 8+. Create a gourd house for wrens, chickadees and swallows. The gourds were grown in the Children's Garden under the watchful eye of Ranger Anne. **\$5 members /\$7 non members.**

Saturday, January 29 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Woodpeckers in Winter – Ages 8+. We'll take a walk in the woods to learn all about these "Master Carpenters" of the bird world and discover how they benefit many other woodland species by creating new habit. Bring binoculars if you have them. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Sunday, January 30 at 10 AM to 11:30 AM

Woodchuck, the Weatherman – All Ages. Can Punxsutawney Phil predict the weather? Learn some more fun facts about this amazing animal and go in search of his home. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**



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FEBRUARY 2022

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Saturday, February 5 at 1 PM to 3 PM

C is for Conifer! – Ages 8+. Join us for a hike to learn about some of Cromwell's "cone-bearing" trees. Afterwards, we'll return to the Nature Center to do a little pinecone science, sip some pine needle tea, and eat pine nut cookies. **\$3 members /\$4 non-members.**

Sunday, February 6 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Cabin Fever? – All Ages. Have cabin fever? We have the cure! Get plenty of Vitamin D and help ward off those winter blues while we hike on our trails. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

Saturday, February 12 at 10 AM to 2 PM

The 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. **FREE!** Donations Welcome. Reservations **NOT** required.

Sunday, February 13 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Valentine's Heart Walk – All Ages. Love is all around! All you have to do is look for it. Let's go for a hike and see how many heart-shaped objects we can find out in nature. Afterwards, we'll return to the Nature Center for a sweet treat! Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather! **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**

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

Full Maple Moon Night Hike – Ages 8+. Sap in the Sugar maples begins to rise this time of year and Native people would make sugar from it. Travel with a naturalist to find a sugar maple tree, tap it, and then head back to the Nature Center for maple flavored hot chocolate. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. **\$3 members /\$5 non-members.**

Saturday, February 19 AND Sunday, February 20 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 our Naturalists for ongoing cooking demonstrations, spile making, tree tapping, and sap boiling. Drop in program. **FREE!** Donations Welcome! Registration NOT Required.

Monday, February 21

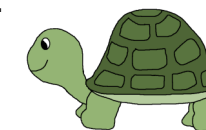
Happy President's Day! The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed, but the Park will be open!

Saturday, February 26 at 6 PM to 7:30 PM

River Cane Arrows – Ages 14+. River Cane is essentially American Bamboo. Learn to straighten, cut fletching, and glue your own primitive arrow with sinew and hide glue. **\$3 members /\$5 non-members. Primitive Technology Lab**

Sunday, February 27 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Antifreeze in the Natural World – All Ages. Where do Turtles go in the cold winter months? Join a Naturalist to discover what turtles, frogs and toads do to survive. **\$2 members /\$4 non-members.**



REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS!

COUNTY LAW REQUIRES THAT YOUR DOG MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES!

This law applies to ALL dog owners & ALL dog walkers using ALL areas of the Park!

Please be considerate to all Park patrons and use our **MUTT MITT Stations.**

Leash your pets and be sure to clean up after them!



PARK GATES REMINDER

Cromwell Valley Park is open for public visitation 365 days a year from **SUNRISE to SUNSET**. The gates at **Willow Grove AND Sherwood entrances are LOCKED each evening at sunset and are NOT RE-OPENED until sunrise. All Park visitors MUST LEAVE the Park before the gates are locked.**

These procedures help to ensure that CVP remains a **safe and secured** park for everyone in Baltimore County to enjoy!