

Directions

Beltway, I-695 to Exit 29, Cromwell Bridge Rd.
At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, turn **LEFT** (East) onto **Cromwell Bridge Rd.**

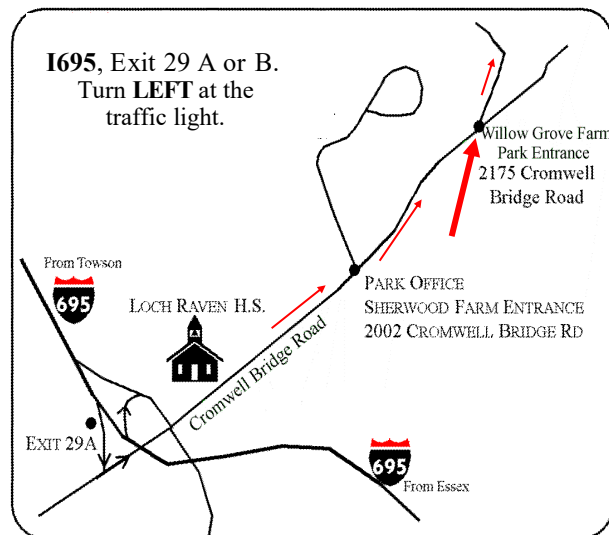
Continue on **Cromwell Bridge Rd** past Loch Raven High School.

The 1st entrance to the Park is Sherwood Farm. Do Not turn into the Sherwood Farm entrance!

Go $\frac{1}{2}$ mile past the Sherwood Farm entrance to the **2nd entrance, Willow Grove Farm.**

Turn **LEFT** into the driveway and continue across the bridge to the gravel parking lot.

BUSES - DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!



Program Information

- Registration begins **January 4** for programs scheduled for **January 18 to May 30**
- Registration begins **September 1** for programs scheduled for **September 13 to December 15**
- Masks **MUST** be worn **AT ALL TIMES** and **MUST** be provided by the parent, school, or teacher.
- A COVID-19 waiver **MUST** be received for each participant prior to the start of the program.
- We recommend that you bring hand sanitizer.
- Please **do not bring** siblings as capacity is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Teachers and chaperones are expected to be fully involved in the program and **MUST** provide oversight.
- Programs are **LIMITED** to **40 students** and with a minimum of **10 students**.
- All requests **MUST** be submitted using our Program Request Form. We highly encourage you to contact us prior with any questions.
- A confirmation will be sent by Email. Please review it carefully to avoid scheduling errors.
- For all programs, a donation of \$25 is always appreciated to help cover expenses.
- School program requests are limited to 2 trips per season, Tuesday through Thursday.
- Weekday Pre K & K programs are 1 hour in length, with the exception of Fall Harvest, which is 2 hours in length.
- All other school age group programs are 2 hours in length from 10 AM to 12 PM.
- Scout program requests are limited to 2 per season, Saturday & Sunday, 1 hr. in length.
- Trips are held **OUTSIDE RAIN or SHINE!**
- Port-a-pots are available.
- We have picnic tables for you to eat your lunches on. Please bring bags & carry trash out with you.



Please arrive on time!

Cromwell Valley Park Willow Grove Farm Nature Education Center



Department of
Recreation and Parks

Programs for Schools, Groups & Scouts

September through May



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About the Park

Cromwell Valley Park is 470+ acres of natural beauty nestled between Towson and Parkville in Baltimore County, MD. The Park is a stream valley, with a mixture of wetlands, pasture, cultivated fields, orchards, gardens, & woodlands. Settled for farming in the late 1700s, the Park has a little something for everyone: hiking, bird & wildlife watching, vegetable gardening, community service projects, and more! At our **Willow Grove Nature Center**, we offer Naturalist guided programs on nature, conservation, farming, local and natural history. (revised 01/22)



Most of our programs align with Baltimore County Public Schools science units.

PROGRAM DAYS & TIMES

School Field trips are scheduled at 10 AM on Tuesday through Thursday.

Scout Programs are scheduled at 10 AM on Saturday and Sunday.

Rain or Shine! Dress for the Weather. Wear closed toe shoes. Bring a Mask!

Questions?

Contact Ranger Laura
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(Key: S = Spring F = Fall W = Winter)

- **Kinder Nature (SFW) 1 hour - Pre K & K only.** Explore a seasonal topic with a Naturalist.
- **Outdoor Living Skills (SFW) Grades 2 and up.** Learn how to make fire, build shelter, and other survival skills.
- **Colonial Life at Fort Garrison (F) - Grades 2 and up.** Who were the Rangers stationed at the old Fort in 1693? Emphasis is on skills, tools and 17th century history.
- **Reptiles & Amphibians (SF).** Snakes, turtles and frogs have fascinating lives. Hike with us to look for and observe them.



- **Geology of Maryland (SFW).** Rocks and the minerals within them are like cookies which have ingredients. We'll hike to discover & collect specimens.
- **Hike into History (SFW).** Join a lime kiln worker and hike to the log cabin and lime kilns to learn about life in Cromwell Valley 160 years ago.
- **The Native Americans of Maryland (SFW).** What was life like for Native Americans before Europeans arrived? Learn by doing some of the things they did daily.
- **Habitat Explorers (SFW).** All animals need food, water, shelter, and living space. Learn how animals have adapted to thrive in their habitats.

- **Stream Strollers (SF).** How does the health of our stream affect the health of the Chesapeake Bay? Wade in with us to catch the critters that live there. Water shoes or boots are a must.
- **Discovering Insects (Late S & Early F).** Explore the park's diverse insect life. Collect and observe insects. Learn about their life cycles and behavior.
- **"Tree"mendous Trees (SFW).** All living things, including us, depend on trees. Hike and identify trees by their shape, leaves, branching, smell, taste, bark, fruit, and seeds.
- **Spring Planting (S).** Learn how plants grow & why farms are important and then plant a sunflower seed to take home.
- **Fall Harvest (F).** What was it like to live on Willow Grove Farm 160 years ago? Join in the harvest as we learn about the crops we harvest in the Fall.
- **Custom Programs (All year round). 1 to 2 hours.** We can customize any of our programs to suit your needs.
- **Scout Programs (All year round). 1 hour on Weekends.** We offer hands-on nature & animal programs that satisfy scout requirements.
- **Visiting Ranger (All year round) 1 hour.** Schedule a Ranger to visit your school!

