

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING PROGRAMS BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 9 AM

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ONLY ARE BEING ACCEPTED

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

You are required to sign a Baltimore County Waiver of Liability Waiver as part of your registration process.

Pre-Registration CLOSSES at 10 AM on Friday for weekend programs

NO "WALK-INS" WILL BE ACCEPTED!

All programs begin promptly at designated start time

Meet at the Willow Grove Nature Center, unless otherwise specified

ALL programs will be held OUTSIDE, so please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes

Please DO NOT BRING YOUR PETS to our programs

Children under 18 years of age MUST be accompanied by an Adult

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 call and/or email registered participants **only in the event of cancellation** and at least 1 hour before the start of the program.



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 and **ALL** dog walkers using **ALL** areas of the Park!

Please be considerate to all Park patrons & use our **MUTT MITT STATIONS.**

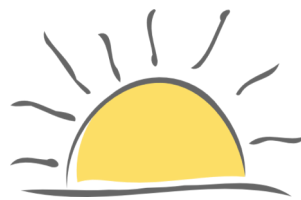
Leash your pets and clean up after them!



CLOSURE OF PARK GATES

Cromwell Valley Park is open for public visitation 365 days a year from **SUNRISE** to **SUNSET**.

The gates at Willow Grove & Sherwood Farms are **LOCKED** each evening at sunset & re-opened at sunrise. **All Park visitors should use their cell phone to determine sunset times and make sure that they leave the Park before the gates are closed.** This procedure will ensure that the Park remains a safe and secure place for everyone in Baltimore County to enjoy. If your vehicle is left in the park overnight, you **WILL** receive a citation.



Space is limited.
Please arrive **PRIOR** to start of program as programs begin promptly at designated start time.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS CALENDAR

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK
2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234
410-887-2503, www.cromwellvalleypark.org
Department of Recreation & Parks

MARCH 2023



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

Fantastic Freezers! – All Ages. Wood Frogs and Spring Peepers have some amazing adaptations to allow them to survive. Let's learn about these cool amphibians while visiting our park ponds to see who's thawing out. **FREE!** Registration required.

Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 AM to 12 PM

Jeepers Peepers – All Ages. Spring peepers and wood frogs are some of our earliest breeders. Grab a net and join us for a hike to discover them in the park. **Wear waterproof boots!** **FREE!** Registration required.

Friday, March 10 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Full Worm Moon Hike – Ages 8+. Native Americans took note of when worms appeared each year as the ground thawed. Join a Naturalist to look for their castings and discover other early signs of spring. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** Registration required.

Saturday, March 11 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Early Spring Wildflowers – Ages 14+. Learn about Cromwell Valley's earliest wildflowers while taking an easy stroll through the park. Get to know the stories behind their names. **FREE!** Registration required.

Sunday, March 12 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Stinging Nettle Pizza – Ages 8+. The nettle is a plant that can sting, but loses those properties when cooked. It is an incredibly nutritious plant. Join a Naturalist on a hike to collect some, then head back to the Nature Center to try them on pizza. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** Registration required.

Saturday, March 18 at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Bluebird Training – Adults 18+. Want to become a citizen scientist? Interested in helping out our Eastern Bluebird population at the park? Come join us for this year's bluebird nest box volunteer training. Learn how to identify common species of cavity nesting birds, how to safely observe and monitor adults and their young, and how to accurately report your observations. Witness firsthand all the stages of these amazing bird species! **FREE!** Registration required.

Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 AM to 12 PM

Scrambled Eggs – All Ages. Help unscramble the mystery behind the different egg masses in our ponds. **Wear waterproof boots!** **FREE!** Registration required.

Wednesday, March 22, Thursday, March 23 and Friday March 24 at 10 AM to 1 PM

Trail Guide Volunteer Training – Ages 18+. We are looking for volunteers to help teach about nature! **We will meet on 3/22 at Marshy Point Nature Center, 3/23 at Cromwell Valley Park, and 3/24 at Loch Raven Fishing Center.** Trail Guide Volunteers assist with school programs, special events and animal care. Training will familiarize you with our most popular programs as well as the ecology of the local area. Each day will feature new subjects and techniques to enjoy the great outdoors. Breakfast snacks and coffee provided, but pack a lunch and drinks for the trip to Loch Raven Fishing Center. **Please bring water with you each day.** **New guides pay a \$6 tuition fee.** Registration required.

Saturdays, March 25 through May 27 at 8 AM to 10 AM

Saturday Morning Bird Walks – Ages 14+. This spring join a Park Naturalist for an early morning bird walk on Saturdays, March 25 through May 27. **Bring binoculars, if you have them!** **FREE!** Registration required. Meet at the bird walk sign in the **Willow Grove Gravel Parking Lot.**

Saturday, March 25 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Primitive Fish Hooks – Ages 18+. Indigenous people made fish weirs, spears, and fishing lines. Join us at the Primitive Tech Lab to learn how to turn hawthorn thorns into effective fishing equipment. **FREE!** Registration required. **Primitive Technology Lab.**

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

Feathers: Not Just for Flying – Ages 8+. Learn all the ways feathers help birds survive. We will view different kinds of birds in the park and make a feather craft. **FREE!** Registration required.



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APRIL 2023

Saturday, April 1 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! – Ages 13+ (with an Adult). Join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools, and water. You bring a hat, sunscreen and a little energy. Drop-in program. FREE! *Registration required.* **Children's Garden**

Saturday, April 1 at 1 PM to 2 PM

Animal Fools' Day – All Ages. How do prey animals trick their predators? Join a Naturalist to make sense of these clever defenses. FREE! *Registration required.*

Sunday, April 2 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Palm Sunday – Ages 18+. Palms are one of mankind's most important trees. Learn which palms grow food, medicine, basket and weapon materials. Bring an open mind to taste food while we manufacture tools from this plant of many uses. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*
Primitive Technology Lab.

Wednesdays, Starting April 5 through May 31 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Spring Senior Stroll – Ages 55+. Walking in nature provides benefits to both the mind and body. Enjoy a relaxing stroll with one of our Naturalists along some of Cromwell Valley's less strenuous trails. April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. FREE! *Registration required.*
Meet at Willow Grove Gravel Parking Lot.

Saturday, April 8 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Natural Dyes – Ages 5+. Before commercial dyes, bright hues were derived from plants, animals, and minerals found in nature. Bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs and learn to make your own natural dyes. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*

Sunday, April 9 at 10 AM to 2 PM

Self-Guided Hippy-Hoppity Trail Hunt – All ages. Stop by our Nature Center, pick up a trek booklet and set off on a self-guided hike on our trails. When you have completed the trek, return to the Nature Center to pick up your EGG-citing prize! **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*

Mondays from April 10 to October 23 at 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Thursdays from April 13 to October 26 at 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Adult Garden Club - Ages 18+. Do you enjoy gardening, but don't have the space or a deer-proof fence? Join like-minded green thumbs (and beginner brown thumbs) to grow your own vegetables, herbs, and flowers and tend to our shared garden plots. We'll provide the seeds, seedlings, and tools. Register for ONE session only. **\$48 members/ \$58 non-members.** *Registration required.* **Children's Garden**

Saturdays, Starting April 15 through October 21 at 10 AM to 11:30 AM

Children's Garden Club – Ages 5 to 13 (with an Adult). Grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs while exploring the natural world of a garden. Join us to play, learn, craft, and eat tasty foods you grow yourself. We meet approximately twice per month in the Children's Garden and our Nature Center. Only registered children may attend – no siblings. **Dates:** 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21.

\$48 members/ \$58 non-members for all sessions in the 2023 season. *Registration required.* **Children's Garden.**

Saturday, April 15 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Scout Day: Garlic Mustard Pull and Pizza – Ages 5 to 11 (with an Adult). Garlic mustard is an obnoxious invasive, but also happens to be edible! Girl and Boy Scouts will help pull these plants from around the Nature Center and then try some on a pizza. All Scouts will receive a Cromwell Valley Park logo patch. Please do NOT bring siblings as this program is intended for the Scout and their parents or leader. **\$6 per Scout.** *Registration required.*

Sunday, April 16 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Water, Water, Everywhere! – Ages 5+. Join a Naturalist as we learn about our many streams at the park. Wear boots/shoes that can get wet! FREE! *Registration required.*

Tuesdays, April 18 to May 23 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Wednesdays, April 19 to May 24 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Polliwogs – Ages 2 to 5 (with an 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. Dress for the outdoors! **Non-mobile siblings only, parent/guardian must be an active participant.** (Register for ONE series only) **\$60 members/ \$72 non-members for all 6 sessions.** *Registration required.*

Friday, April 21 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Earth Day Campfire – Ages 8+. Join us around a campfire to learn about the history of Earth Day and ways to celebrate this important holiday. Then stick around to toast marshmallows and make s'mores! **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*

Saturday, April 22 at 4 PM to 7 PM

Members' Appreciation Picnic & Campfire – All Ages. Are you a member of Cromwell Valley Park? If so, we would like to show our appreciation with a celebration! Join us for a fun-filled evening of lawn games, music, catered food, and campfire. Open to members ONLY. Not a member yet? Go to: <https://cromwellvalleypark.org/membership/> to find out how to become one. Picnic is **FREE** for members! *Registration required.* **Sherwood House Lawn**

Sunday, April 23 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Cheeky Chipmunks – All Ages. Why do Chipmunks store food in their cheeks? Join a Naturalist outdoors, as we learn about these little woodland creatures and their "nutty" behaviors. Afterwards, we'll return to the nature center to make a chipmunk craft. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*

Saturday, April 29 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Baby Animals and Story Time – All Ages. Join your favorite Naturalist to meet our baby animal friends! Listen to a story and have a snack. FREE! *Registration required.*

Sunday, April 30 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Fairies and Elves of the Forest – Ages 3+. Welcome to the realm of Fairies! Come dressed in your fairy finest. We will make a wand and a crown, then head into the forest to share in the magic. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*



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Friday, May 5 at 8 PM to 9:30 PM

Who's Awake? Family Night Hike – All Ages. Let's explore some of our park's habitats at night and see who wakes up once the sun goes down. We will learn about what adaptations help nocturnal creatures thrive in the dark. FREE! *Registration required.*

Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM to 11:30 AM

Let's Go O's! – Ages 8+. These neo-tropical migrants return to Cromwell Valley each spring to build their nests and raise young. Come experience the Baltimore and Orchard Orioles in action as we walk the park's trails. Bring binoculars if you have them! FREE! *Registration required.*

Sunday, May 7 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Beaver Valley – Ages 10+. Cromwell Valley has beavers from time to time. Join us at the Nature Center to learn how these animals shape the landscape. Then hike with a Naturalist to see beaver cut trees. Come prepared to walk! Wear sturdy shoes. FREE! *Registration required.*

Saturday, May 13 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Drop in Gardening! – Ages 13+ (with an Adult). Join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools, and water. You bring a hat, sunscreen and a little energy. Drop-in program. FREE! *Registration required.* **Children's Garden**

Saturday, May 13 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Mother's Day Tea – Ages 8+. Celebrate the mom in your life by sharing Mother Earth's tea. Learn the health benefits of natural teas and gather local plants. Enjoy a fresh-brewed cup, then take the cup home with you! **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*

Sunday, May 14 at 10 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 tea or coffee on us. Drop-in program. FREE! *Registration NOT required.*

Saturday, May 20 at 1 PM to 3 PM

The Atlatl – Ages 18+. Learn about mankind's most ancient hunting tools. Make this throwing device plus one dart, then try it out at the park and take it home. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.* **Primitive Technology Lab**

Sunday, May 21 at 10 AM to 12 PM

Edible Plants – Ages 14+. Wild plants tend to be more nutritious and flavorful than grocery plants. Join a Naturalist to discover some of the abundant spring edibles all around us. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*

Saturday, May 27 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Corn and Dog Roast – Ages 5+. Join us for some fun and food. We'll show you how to make traditional tortillas over an open flame, which can then be wrapped around a hot dog to enjoy. Please BYOHD – bring your own hot dogs. We will provide the condiments, drinks, tortilla ingredients, and instruction. **\$4 members/ \$6 non-members.** *Registration required.*

Sunday, May 28 at 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Frog Round Up – All Ages. Wear your waterproof shoes or boots as we hike to Marble Springs. We'll provide the nets and capture containers. After identifying our catch, we will release all critters back into the pond. FREE! *Registration required.*

Monday, May 29

Happy Memorial Day! – The Nature Center and Park Office will be closed, but the Park will be open sunrise to sunset for this Baltimore County Holiday.



PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND

Previously held in MAY, this event will be on
Saturday, October 14 at 10 AM –4 PM and
Sunday, October 15 at 10 AM—1 PM

More details will be posted in our Fall Calendar. Stay tuned!

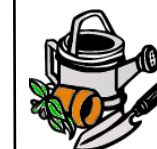


SATURDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS!

Join a Naturalist for a bird walk every Saturday
March 25 through May 27
at 8 AM to 10 AM
Ages 14+ (with an Adult)
FREE! Reservations REQUIRED.
Meet at the sign in the **Willow Grove Parking**



DROP IN GARDENING DAYS!



April 1 and May 13
at 9 AM to 12 PM
Ages 13+ (with an Adult)
Volunteers join us for a morning in the garden. We provide direction, gloves, tools and water.
FREE! Reservations REQUIRED.
Willow Grove Children's Garden