

# 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.**

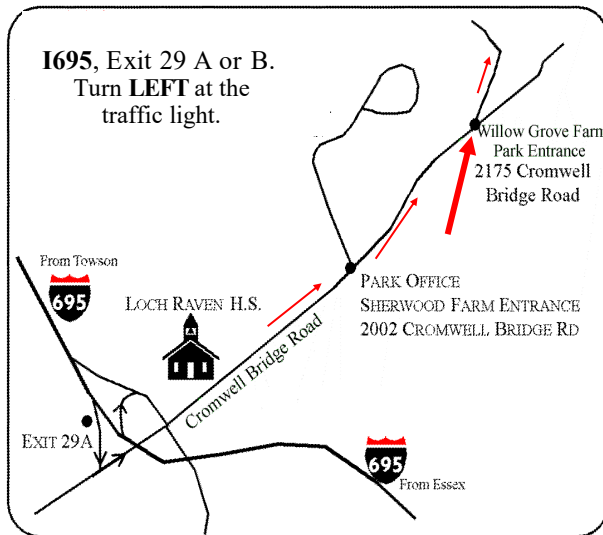
Continue on **Cromwell Bridge Rd** past Loch Raven High School.

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> entrance, Willow Grove Farm.**

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

**Please wait for Staff instructions BUSES - DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!**



# Program Information

- Registration begins **February 1** for programs scheduled for **March 19 to May 30.**
- Registration begins **September 5** for programs scheduled for **September 19 to November 16.**
- Please **do not bring** siblings. Capacity is limited.
- **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 **12 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 an hour and a half.
- 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.
- Dress for the weather, programs are held **OUTSIDE -RAIN or SHINE!**
- Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet/dirty.
- Port-a-pots are available.
- Please no tour buses as we can't accommodate such large buses.
- 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**

**Programs for  
Schools, Groups  
& Scouts**

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Parkville, MD 21234**

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**www.cromwellvalleypark.org**

**or scan QR Code below:**



# 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 08/22)



**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 clothes & shoes that can get wet.**

### Questions?

**Contact Ranger Laura  
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410-887-3014**

( **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 (SFW) - Grades 2 and up.** Who were the Rangers stationed at the old Fort in 1693. Emphasis is on skills, tools and 17th century history. (OFFSITE at Fort Garrison in Pikesville)
- **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).** Hike to the log cabin and lime kilns to learn about life in Cromwell Valley 160 years ago. Try your hand at some of the things they did back then.
- **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.
- **Scout Programs (All year round). 1 hour on Weekends.** We offer hands-on nature & animal programs that satisfy scout requirements.
- **Community Outreach (All year round) 1 hour. Attention Teachers!** Can't come to the Park? Schedule a Ranger to come to your school!



**Don't see what you are looking for?**  
Give us a call at 410-887-3014 or email  
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