



## PROGRAMS & EVENTS CALENDAR

### CROMWELL VALLEY PARK

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Department of Recreation & Parks

## March 2024



**Saturday, March 2 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

Rise and Slime! It's Salamander Time! – Ages 6+ with an Adult. We'll take a walk in the woods to learn all about these secretive creatures. What their role is in the food web as both prey and predator and how humans use their presence as environmental indicators. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Sunday, March 3 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

Scout Day: To BEE or not to BEE – Ages 5 to 11 with an Adult. Spring is in the air! Learn all about bees including the native species such as the Mason and Leafcutter bees. You'll do your part in supporting the habitat of these low-maintenance insects by creating a nesting can for your yard. This program is for both Girl and Boy Scouts. 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. \$6 per Scout.

**Saturday, March 9 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

Fire, Flames and Flammables – Ages 10+ with an Adult. For thousands of years, nature has provided resins, fibers that are flammable. Hike with a Naturalist to find these materials and how to use them. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Primitive Tech Lab.*

**Sunday, March 10 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

Spring Awakening – Ages 5+ with an Adult. Discover how animals awaken in spring after hibernating all winter. We will go on a hike to search for signs of wildlife. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Saturday, March 16 at 8 AM to 10 AM**

Eastern Bluebird Training – Ages 18+. Want to become a citizen scientist? Interested in helping out our Eastern Bluebird population at the park? 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. This is a long-term commitment program from April to November after a fun training session. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Saturday, March 16 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

The Fine Art of the Paper Bag – Ages 5+ with an Adult. What better way to recycle those old newspapers than to make a paper bag with them! Join a Naturalist to learn the many uses of newspaper and how to use it in our everyday life. Afterwards we will head out in the park with our paper bags to go "shopping" for garlic mustard. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Sunday, March 17 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

The Emerald Isle – Ages 6+ with an Adult. The Isle gave us leprechauns, pots of gold and soda bread. Learn more about Ireland and help make soda bread in our Nature Center's kitchen. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Wednesday, Starting March 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17, 24 at 9:30 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 Naturalist along some of Cromwell Valley's less strenuous trails. **Registration Required - FREE!** *Willow Grove Farm Gravel Parking Lot.*

**Friday, March 22 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM**

Full Worm Moon Night Hike and Campfire – Ages 8+ with an Adult. 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.

**Saturday, March 23 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

Parker's Walk in the Pond – All Ages. Hop along with Parker the Frog to help unscramble the mystery behind the different egg masses in our ponds. *Wear waterproof boots!* \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Sunday, March 24 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

Run, Duck, Hide – All Ages. Learn about predator-prey relationships and how some of our park animals develop. "Super Skills" for survival. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Tuesday, March 26, Wednesday, March 27 and Thursday, March 28 at 10 AM to 1 PM**

Volunteer Training – Ages 18+. We are looking for volunteers to help assist with school field trip programs and special events. Training will familiarize you with our most popular programs as well as the Ecology at Marshy Point and Cromwell Valley Parks. Join us on March 26 at Marshy Point Park, March 27 at Cromwell Valley Park, and March 28 for a field trip to the Rawlings Conservatory. Light refreshments, coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring water with you each day. **New guides pay a \$6.00 tuition fee.**

**Saturday, March 30 at 1 PM to 3 PM**

Natural Dyes - Ages 5+ with an Adult. 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. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

**Sunday, March 31 at 11 AM to 2 PM**

Self-Guided Bunny Trail Hunt – All Ages. Stop by our Nature Center to pick up a trail booklet and set off on a self-guided hike on our trails. When you have completed the trek return for your "Egg-citing" prize! **Registration Required - FREE!**