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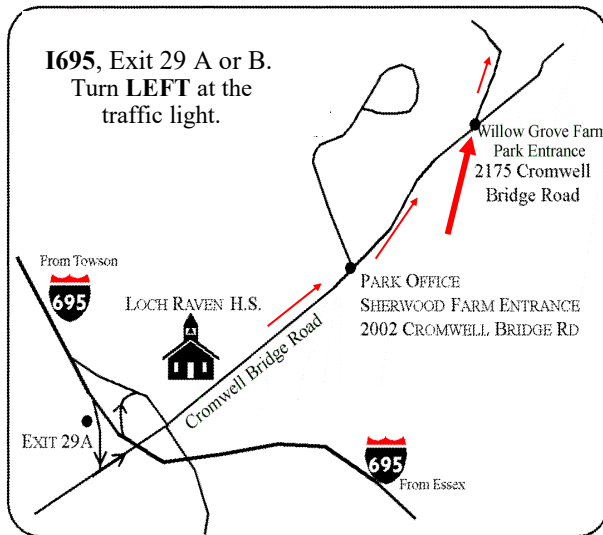
Beltway, I-695 to Exit 29, Cromwell Bridge Rd.
 At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp,
 turn **LEFT (East)** onto Cromwell Bridge Rd.
 Continue on Cromwell Bridge Rd past
 Loch Raven High School.

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

Go ½ 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.

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



Program Information

When to Register:

Spring Registration begins **January 8** for programs scheduled 4/1-5/23

Fall Registration begins **August 1st** for programs scheduled 9/14-11/14

Field Trip Days and Times:

- Weekday field trips are scheduled on **Tues / Wed / Thurs.**
 - Pre K & K programs are **1 hour** in length from **10am-11am**, with the exception of the Fall Harvest program, that is **2 hours, 10am-12pm.**
 - All other school age groups are **2 hours** from **10am-12pm.**
- Scout programs scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays are **10am-11am.**

NEW! Field Trip Fees:

- Baltimore County Public Schools: **Free**
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- Non-profit** Groups, Onsite Field Trip: **\$50 per hour**
- For-profit Groups, Onsite Field Trip: **\$100 per hour**
- Non-profit** Groups, Outreach Program: **\$100 per hour**
- For-profit Groups, Outreach Program: **\$150 per hour**
- Weekend Scout Programs: **\$6 per Scout**

** Non-profits are required to provide their EIN identification number to receive discounted rate.**

Field Trip Requirements:

- Field Trips are **LIMITED** to a max. of **40 students** (minimum of 12).
- Please **do not bring** siblings. Capacity is **LIMITED!**
- **Teachers & Chaperones** are expected to be fully involved in the program and **MUST** provide oversight.
- All Field Trip requests **MUST** be submitted using our Program Request Form and emailed to Ranger Laura at: LPage@baltimorecountymd.gov.

NEW! Confirmation/ Payment Process

Once a completed request form is received, the field trip will be entered into the county's CivicRec registration site. The teacher or representative of the school will then be requested to register online. If a fee is owed, payment must be completed at this time by card. (If a different form of payment is needed, please call 410-887-3014 for more information.) Upon registration and payment (if required) a confirmation email will be sent to the organizing teacher/representative.

Field trips will be at risk of cancellation if payment is not received in full at least 7 days prior to the scheduled Field Trip date.

What to wear? Where to eat? Where to "go"?

EVERYONE should dress for the weather!
 Programs are held **OUTSIDE -RAIN or SHINE!**
 Wear clothes and shoes that can and **WILL** get wet and dirty.
 Picnic tables and Port-a-pots are located out front of the Nature Center
 If you plan to eat your lunches here at the picnic tables, please take **ALL** your trash with you. (There is no fee for the time needed for lunch.)



Cromwell Valley Park

Willow Grove Farm
 Nature Education
 Center

Programs for
 Schools, Groups
 & Scouts!

2175 Cromwell Bridge Road
 Parkville, MD 21234

Nature Center: 410.887.3014
 Park Office: 410.887.2503

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Field trips are listed on CivicRec and payment can be made by visiting the link or scanning the QR code below

<https://recandparks.baltimorecountymd.gov/MD/baltimore-co-md/catalog>



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 07/24)



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

PROGRAM DAYS & TIMES

Weekday 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
LPAGE@baltimorecountymd.gov

(Key: S = Spring F = Fall)

- **Kinder Nature** (SF). *1 Hour- Pre-K & K*
Explore a seasonal topic with a Naturalist.
- **Outdoor Living Skills** (SF). *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. (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** (SF). Rocks, and the minerals within them, are like cookies which have ingredients. We'll hike to discover & collect specimens.
- **Hike into History** (SF). *Grades 2 and up.* 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.
- **Indigenous Peoples of Maryland** (SF). What was life like for the people of the First Nations before Europeans arrived? Learn by doing some of the things they did daily.
- **Habitat Explorers** (SF). 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. Wear shoes/boots that can get wet! Recommended for Sept and May only.
- **Discovering Insects** (Late S & Early F). Explore the park's diverse insect life. Collect and observe insects. Learn about their life cycles and behavior. Recommended for Sept and May only.
- **"Tree"mendous Trees** (SF). 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). *Pre-K & K.* Learn how plants grow & why farms are important and then plant a sunflower seed to take home.
- **Fall Harvest** (F). *2 Hours- Pre-K & K.* 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.* We offer hands-on nature & animal programs on weekends which satisfy scout requirements.
- **Community Outreach.** *Year Round- 1 hour.* Attention Teachers! Can't come to the Park? Schedule a Ranger to come to you! Fees apply.



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