

April 2024 - Sneak Peek

Patapsco Valley State Park Soldiers Delight NEA

Register [here](#) or by contacting us at 410-461-5005. patapsco.statepark@maryland.gov

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Two weeks advance notice is requested.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 2- G&M: Mining History Hike	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 11- Bat Appreciation Day	18	19	20 8- Our Closest Neighbor, Luna the Moon
21	22	23	24	25	26 10- Invasive Pull with MCC	27
28	29	30	<p>Are you interested in setting up a private program for your family or friends? https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7 Unless otherwise noted, events are held rain or shine, free and fun for all ages; donations are always welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather/activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p>			

Centers of SDNEA & PVSP Hours of Operation

Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center: Daily, 11-3 p.m.

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Nature Center & William Offutt Johnson History Center: Closed, open for appointment requests and upon availability. [Request here.](#)

Nature Center: 1101 Hilton Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228

William Offutt Johnson History Center: 5120 South Street, Halethorpe, MD 21227

April 7: Grandparents & Me: Mining History Hike

2 - 4:30 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Join Volunteer Ranger and mining historian Johnny Johnsson on a two mile Mining History Hike to the historic Choate chromium mine. The history of mining in Soldiers Delight will be supplemented by demonstration of mining artifacts. Participants will have the opportunity to pan and buddle chrome sands, kind of like panning for gold. Great for families, ages 10 & up. For those that can only walk a short distance, they can drive part of the way, park, and then make a short walk over uneven terrain to the Choate Mine area where most of the program is conducted. [Sign up encouraged.](#)

April 17: Bat Appreciation Day!

11-1 p.m. at Hilton Nature Center

1101 Hilton Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228

Join park staff to celebrate flighted friends around the world and in your own backyard! Participate in games and activities to learn about bats and bat biologists. Rain or shine, for all ages. [Sign up encouraged.](#)

April 20: Our Closest Neighbor - Luna, the Moon

8-11 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

The exploration of the moon has been a fascinating journey, spanning decades and involving numerous countries and space agencies. Overall, the exploration of the Moon has been a testament to human ingenuity, curiosity and collaboration. As we look to the future, the Moon will likely serve as a stepping stone for further exploration of the solar system and beyond. In this presentation, we will traverse the annals of history, from the early days of lunar observation to the monumental achievements of the Apollo program and beyond. We will delve into the triumphs and tribulations of those intrepid explorers who dared to reach for the stars and touch the lunar surface. All programs are rain or shine. Time machines “telescopes” will be provided by the Westminster Astronomy Club. [Sign up encouraged.](#)

April 26: Invasive Species Removal

10 - 11 a.m., Location TBD

Join the Maryland Conservation Corps in our fight against invasive species! We'll be using shovels, loppers and other hand tools to remove various plants that have a harmful impact on our native ecosystem. [Sign up required](#) to ensure parking and tool quantities. Recommended for ages 10 & up. Shine only.