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Elk Neck State Park
4395 Turkey Point Road, North East, MD 21901
2018 Events Calendar

Elk Neck State Park, situated between the Elk and North East Rivers in Cecil County, Maryland, provides an opportunity for visitors to explore the diverse landscapes that overlook the Chesapeake Bay. Join a Ranger for these family fun events. Please call (410) 287.5333 for more information and to make your reservation.

January 1st “First Day Hike: Under the Frost!” 1-3pm

Ring in the New Year by breaking in your hiking boots! Join a Ranger on an invigorating one and a half mile trek on the Wapiti Pond Trail, learning about the winter behaviors of Elk Neck’s critters along the way. Meet at the Park Store in the Elk River Campground. Attending this program will allow you free access into the park for the day. Donations welcomed!

March 3rd “Run with a Ranger!” 1pm

Ever wanted to get out and run the trails at your local park? Join a Ranger before the hot weather takes hold to run some of the trails at Elk Neck State Park. Learn running basics such as proper form, proper attire, nutrition and more. Meet at the Rogues Harbor boat store in the Rogues Harbor area for this program featuring a fifteen to thirty (15-30) minute trail run. Day-use fees apply (\$3 per Maryland resident, \$5 per out-of-state resident).

April 22nd “Eagle Watch” 9am

Celebrate Earth Day by catching a glimpse of the majestic Bald Eagle along the banks of Elk Neck State Park. Join a Ranger at the Rogues Harbor Area to learn more about this bird of prey through various activities, including an ambassador from the Scales & Tales program and a river boat cruise with NorthBay Education. \$10 per person. Call for more details and to make your reservation today!

May 6th “Birding 101” 8am

Join a Ranger and a representative of the Cecil County Birding Club on a hike to the Turkey Point Lighthouse looking for local and migrating songbirds along the way. Learn more about birding with and without binoculars, examining bird size, silhouette and song. Call for more details and to make your reservation today!

June 2nd “National Trails Day - Dogs and Dogwoods” 10am-12pm

Get a jumpstart into celebrating ‘Great Outdoors Month’ by joining a Ranger on National Trails Day to explore the forested areas of the park. This pet friendly hike will let you view the native flora of the Wapiti Pond and Farm Road Trails, including beautiful Dogwood trees and more. Dogs on a leash are encouraged to join us! Meet at the North East River Area. Day-use fees apply (\$3 per Maryland resident, \$5 per out-of-state resident).

June 16th “9th Annual Cecil County Wade-In” 10am-2pm

Join us as we pull up our pant legs and wade into the Upper Chesapeake Bay at the beautiful North East Beach to measure water quality the way retired Maryland State Senator Bernie Fowler did 25 years ago with his “sneaker index.” No reservations required.

June 30th “Evening Paddle” 6-8pm

Enjoy an evening paddle on the serene waters of the Elk River. Discover the wonders that abound on the water as the sun sets. Meet next to the boat launch facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area. \$20 per canoe, \$15 per single kayak. Have your own canoe or kayak bring it along for just \$5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations.

July 21st “Elk River Exploration” 9-11am

Explore the banks of Turkey Point by paddling the Elk River. Along the way learn to identify some of the animals that call this watery habitat home. \$20 per canoe, \$15 per single kayak. Have your own canoe or kayak bring it along for just \$5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations.

August 25th “Evening Paddle” 6-8pm

Enjoy an evening paddle on the serene waters of the Elk River. Discover the wonders that abound on the water as the sun sets. Meet next to the boat launch facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area. \$20 per canoe, \$15 per single kayak. Have your own canoe or kayak bring it along for just \$5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations.

September 8th “Junior Hunter Field Day” 7am-5pm

Under the guidance of wildlife professionals, Junior Hunter Field Day provides safe, enjoyable, and hands-on opportunities for young people, ages 8 to 16, to learn about hunting/trapping and its important role in Maryland’s wildlife conservation. Preregistration is required. To learn more and to register, please visit: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/Education/JrHunterFieldDays.aspx>

September 29th “National Public Lands Day” 9am-12pm

Come out and celebrate Public Lands Day at Elk Neck State Park! You will be among thousands of people nation-wide who volunteer their time to benefit America's public lands. Work side-by-side with park staff and afterwards enjoy a live animal program featuring some of Maryland’s most common reptiles. Meet in the North East River area. Volunteering with this program will allow you free access into the park for the day! Call for more details.

October 14th “Hawk Watch” 10am

Look high in the sky at Turkey Point and you will see migrating hawks and falcons. Join volunteers from Turkey Point Hawk Watch and Cecil County Birding Club (and animals from the Scales & Tales program) to learn how to identify these birds of prey by color, shape, size, and silhouette. Meet at the Turkey Point Lighthouse parking lot. Donations welcomed. Call to make a reservation today!

October 20th “Turkey Point by Moon Light!” 8pm

Hike to the light of the moon around “International Observe the Moon Night” by joining a Ranger on an approximately two mile round-trip hike to the Turkey Point lighthouse. Learn more about the earth’s “natural satellite” along the way. Parking is limited; reservations required! \$3 per person or \$10 for a family of four.



To learn more about the Maryland Junior Ranger program, please visit:
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/jrranger.aspx>
