

Special Events

“The Fort is Pretty Full”

July 2nd to 4th

Fort Frederick during the American Revolution

Join park staff in celebrating America’s birthday by learning about Fort Frederick role as a Prisoner of War Camp during the American Revolution. Highlights of the event include talks on the fort in the Revolution, musket firing demonstrations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and military drills. Programs will be held daily from 10 am to 5 pm. Entrance fees may apply.

Astronomy Program

July 9th

Come join our park naturalist and the Tri-State Astronomers for a night of star gazing and sky navigation. Visitors will learn the basics of sky navigation and telescope use while looking through our 10 inch Dobsonian reflecting telescope. Visitors are welcome to bring their own viewing devices as well. In the case of clouds or rain an indoor astronomy education program will be offered. Park entrance fees may apply.

“Repair to the Fort” Pontiac’s Rebellion July 16th & 17th

Experience life at the fort as civilians and militia flee to the fort for safety during Pontiac’s uprising. Highlights of the event include musket presentations, hearth cooking demonstrations, a clothing talk and militia drills. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

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Program Schedule

July 2, 3, & 4

- 10:00: Flag Raising
- 10:30: Musket Firing
- 11:00: “British Prisoners at Fort Frederick”
- 11:30: “...to guard the Prisoners at Fort Frederick”
- 12:00: Militia Drill
- 12:30: Musket firing
- 1:00: The Story of Yankee Doodle
- 1:30: “...to guard the Prisoners at Fort Frederick”
- 2:00: “British Prisoners at Fort Frederick”
- 2:30: Musket Firing
- 3:00: Militia Drill
- 3:30: The Story of Yankee Doodle
- 4:00: “...to guard the Prisoners at Fort Frederick”
- 4:30: Musket Firing
- 5:00: Flag Lowering

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to Honor America!**

Nature Center Programs

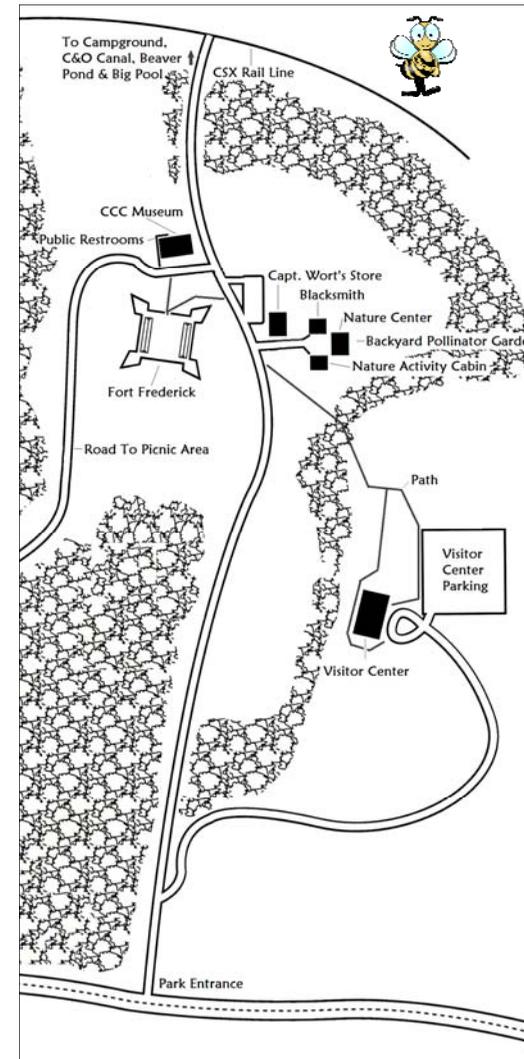
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

11 am Nature Hike

1~5 pm Environmental Education & Outdoor Fun

See the calendar for details.

During Special Events
the Daily Program Schedule
is subject to change.



Pets on a leash are permitted in all areas of the park except the fort and park buildings.



If you enjoyed your experience at Fort Frederick State Park please tweet it out. #happy@fortfrederick

Park Programs

July 2016



Fort Frederick State Park

11100 Fort Frederick Road
Big Pool, MD 21711
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<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/fortfrederick.aspx>



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr, *Governor*
Boyd K. Rutherford, *Lt. Governor*
Mark J. Belton, *Secretary*

Monday ~ Friday Park Programming

Nature Center Open
Fridays ~ 1-5 pm

Nature Center Programs

Friday, July 1

11 am Hike ~ Potomac River Hike: Thoreau's Method
2-3 pm ~ Appalachian Trees & Forest
4-5 pm ~ Summer Wild Flowers

Friday July 8

11 am Hike ~ Field & Forest
2-3 pm ~ Owl Food Chain (Children's Activity)
4-5 pm ~ Birds, Pollinators & Butterflies

Friday July 15

11 am Hike ~ Birding for Beginners
2-3 pm ~ Mammals: Past & Present
4-5 pm ~ Tree Diseases

Friday July 22

11 am Hike ~ The Potomac River
2-3 pm ~ Owls
4-5 pm ~ Stories from the Appalachian Trail

Friday July 29

11 am Hike ~ Herpetology Habitat
2-3 pm ~ Owl Pellet Dissection
4-5 pm ~ Honeybee Waggle Dance

*All Nature Programs
start at the
Nature Center
unless otherwise noted.*

Fort Programs

10:00 to 4:45 ~ Living History Programs

Participate in the daily tasks performed by the soldiers and women inside the walls of the 1756 fort during the French & Indian War.
~Various locations around the fort ~ ask someone in 18th Century clothing for location

Below are listed a few programs scheduled for certain times:

10:00 ~ Flag Raising & Fort Open for the Day

Learn about the unique flag that flew over Fort Frederick during the French & Indian War.
~Parade Ground

11:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 4:00 ~ Musket Firing Demonstration

Discover how the flintlock weapons of the 18th Century worked.
~Musket Firing Area

11:30 ~ The People of Fort Frederick

Learn about the different people who lived and worked at Fort Frederick during the French & Indian War.
~Various locations around the fort ~ ask someone in 18th Century clothing for location

12:00 & 3:00 ~ Volunteer Company Drill

All visitors can take part in a drill session to understand why the soldiers fought the way they did during the French & Indian War.
~Parade Ground

2:00 ~ "Teach my men your ways of war" Cherokee at Ft. Frederick

Learn about the Cherokee Indians who fought with Maryland during the French & Indian War.
~Large center room in the East Barracks

4:45 ~ Flag Lowering

Learn about the unique flag that flew over Fort Frederick during the French & Indian War.
~Parade Ground

5:00 ~ Fort Closed for the Day

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Saturday ~ Sunday Park Programming

Nature Center Open
Saturdays & Sundays ~ 1-5 pm

Nature Center Programs

Saturday, July 2

10:30 am-12 pm Hike ~ Beaver Pond Exploration & Turtles
1-2 pm ~ Owl food Chain Children's Activity
2-3 pm ~ Bug Bingo
4-5 pm ~ Weather Window Activity

Sunday, July 3

11 am Hike ~ A Walk with Henry David Thoreau (Readings from Walden)
2-3 pm ~ Mammals
4-5 pm ~ Monarch - Milkweed Connection

Saturday, July 9

11 am Hike ~ Edible Plants
2-3 pm ~ Leaf Art
4-5 pm ~ Forest Products

Sunday, July 10

11 am Hike ~ The Potomac River & Vicinity
2-3 pm ~ Animal Tracks
4-5 pm ~ Measuring Tree Height

Saturday, July 16

11 am Hike ~ Monarchs & other Butterflies
2-3 pm ~ Honeybee Waggle Dance
4-5 pm ~ Pollinator Gardening

Sunday, July 17

11 am Hike ~ A Walk with Henry David Thoreau (Readings from Walden)
2-3 pm ~ Spiders & Insects
4-5 pm ~ Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, July 23

11 am Hike ~ Towpath along Big Pond
2-3 pm ~ Animal Tracks Bingo
4-5 pm ~ Creating Monarch Way Stations

Sunday, July 24

11 am Hike ~ Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic
2-3 pm ~ Frog Lifecycle Obstacle Course
4-5 pm ~ Bats

Saturday, July 30

11 am Hike ~ Beaver Pond: Turtles & Herons
2-3 pm ~ Bug Bingo
4-5 pm ~ Black Bears

Sunday, July 31

11 am Hike ~ Edible Plants
2-3 pm ~ Leaf Art
4-5 pm ~ Forest Products

Fort Programs

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Discover the fort's story as a POW camp in the American Revolution
~ Fort

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~ Parade Ground

1:30 ~ "Old Fort Frederick" and "A Shrewd operator" Nathan Williams and the Civil War

Learn about the life and time of the Williams family African American owners of the fort and about the men and skirmishes that took place here.
~ Fort Gate

2:30 ~ "Sundry Persons" People of Fort Frederick

Learn about the different people who lived and worked at Fort Frederick during the French & Indian War.
~ Various locations around the fort - ask someone in 18th Century clothing for location

3:30 ~ A New Deal, the CCC

Learn about the role the Civilian Conservation Corp played in the development of Fort Frederick State Park
~ Fort Gate

5:00 ~ Flag Lowering and Fort Closing for the Day

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