



Maryland Park Service

Signature Events — September 2017

National Public Lands Day

September 30

Description: Give back to our public lands by participating in Park clean-ups, trail maintenance, and other fun projects!

Cost: Free. Registration is not required, but large groups are encouraged to call the Park in advance.

Locations:

Elk Neck State Park

9:00am - 12:00pm

Contact: Michael Hyde, 410-287-5333, michael.hyde@maryland.gov

Tuckahoe State Park

9:00am

Contact: 410-820-1668, tuckahoe.statepark@maryland.gov

Western Maryland Rail Trail

9:00am - 11:00am

Contact: Bob Study, 301-842-2155, fortfrederick.statepark@maryland.gov

Seneca Creek State Park

9:00am - 1:00pm (Ages 10+)

Contact: Claudia Padilla, 301-924-2127, seneca.statepark@maryland.gov

Call your local State Park for more information about additional Public Lands Day projects!



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Signature Events — October 2017

Events at Fort Frederick State Park

Cost: Park entrance fees apply.

Phone: 301-842-2155

Fort Frederick in the Civil War

Oct. 7 & 8, 10:00am—3:00pm

Description: To commemorate Fort Frederick's role in the American Civil War, reenactors will assemble for a fascinating weekend of living history and tactics demonstrations.

A Pleasant Diversion

Oct. 21, 10:00am—4:00pm; 7:00pm campfire

Oct. 22, 10am—3pm

Description: Experience pleasant diversions from military life at the Fort during the French and Indian War. Highlights include musket firing presentations, colonial games, and other fun activities! Join us Saturday evening for a campfire program celebrating Guy Fawkes Night!

Point Lookout Lighthouse Open House

Oct. 7, 10:00am — 2:00pm

Location: Point Lookout State Park

Description: Come visit the historic Point Lookout lighthouse!

Cost: Park entrance fees apply.

Phone: 301-872-5688

Spirits of the Furnace

Oct. 21, 6:00pm — 9:00pm

Location: Cunningham Falls State Park

Description: Embark on an evening tour through the historic Catoctin Iron Furnace and Village. Reservations required. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Cost: Please call for prices.

Phone: 301-271-7574

Events at Soldiers Delight

Cost: \$5 per person

Phone: 410-922-3044

Haunted History Hike

Oct. 20-21 & 27-28, 7:00pm — 10:00pm

Description: Join us on a walk through the park after dark! Lantern light will guide your way as you hear ghost tales and see the Park's nocturnal critters!

Pumpkin Carving (Ages 8+)

Oct. 28, 6:00pm — 8:00pm

Description: Have some autumn fun and make your very own carved pumpkin! Which spooky designs will you choose?

October Events Continued →



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Martinak Fall Fest

Oct. 21, 12:00pm — 4:00pm

Location: Martinak State Park

Description: Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun fall activities! Events include an apple butter boil, corn shelling, pumpkin decorating, a bicycle rodeo, Scarecrow Wizardry, local artisans, food, and more! Our Scales & Tales critters will also be there to join in the fun!

Cost: Park entry fees apply.

Phone: 410-820-1668

Fair Hill International

Oct. 12-15

Location: Fair Hill NRMA

Description: Attend an exciting, four-day equestrian event competition! This Triathlon of equestrian sporting tests skilled horses and riders in show jumping, dressage, and cross country.

Cost: Thursday is free for everyone!

Adults

Fri: \$10 Sat/Sun: \$15 Multi-Day: \$35

Seniors 65+ and Juniors 12-17

Fri:\$5 Sat/Sun: \$10 Multi-Day: \$25

Free admission for children under 12, military members and dependents (with ID), and 4-H and Pony Club members (with pin).

Tickets available at fairhillinternational.com and at the gate. Online ticket sales end Oct 6.

Phone: 410-398-1246

Soldiers Delight Mining History Hike

Oct. 29, 2:00pm

Location: Soldiers Delight NEA

Description: Join Volunteer Rangers and a mining historian on a two-mile journey to the Choate chromium mines. This is a fun family program for ages 10+. Participants will have the opportunity to pan and buddle chrome sands—an activity similar to panning for gold! Those who would prefer to walk a shorter distance may drive part of the way, park, then walk over uneven terrain to the Choate Mine entrance where most of the program will be held.

Cost: Free, donations are welcome.

Phone: 410-833-5508 or 410-922-3044



Maryland Park Service Signature Events — November 2017

Point Lookout Lighthouse Open House

Nov. 4, 10:00am — 2:00pm

Location: Point Lookout State Park

Description: Come visit the historic Point Lookout lighthouse for the last open house of 2017!

Cost: Park entrance fees apply.

Phone: 301-872-5688

American Indian Heritage Month Program

Cherokee at Fort Frederick

Nov. 4 & 5, beginning at 11:00am and 2:00pm

Location: Fort Frederick State Park

Description: Enjoy an hour-long presentation examining the story of the Cherokee who fought on the side of Maryland during the French and Indian War. This presentation will be held in the park's Visitor Center.

Cost: Park entrance fees apply.

Phone: 301-842-2155

Veteran's Day

Nov. 11

Location: All Maryland State Parks

Description: All applicable day-use entry fees are waived for veterans in recognition of the sacrifices they have made for our country. We thank you for your service, and hope you will enjoy a fun day at a Maryland State Park!

Cost: Free!



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Signature Events — December 2017

Santa's Workshop

Dec. 9 & 16, 4:00pm—7:00pm

Dec. 15, 5:00pm—8:00pm

Location: North Point State Park

Description: Visit Maryland's North Point and take a picture with Santa Claus! Spend a fun evening making crafts, and experience our train garden. And don't forget to stop by the secret Santa Shop where kids and adults can do some Christmas shopping!

Cost: Park entry fees apply.

Phone: 410-477-0757

Martinak's Enchanted Campground

Dec. 16-31, 6:00pm—9:00pm

Location: Martinak State Park

Description: Take a merry ride through the park's illuminated holiday decorations!

Donations will be taken for Caroline County Hospice.

Cost: Park entry fees apply.

Phone: 410-820-1668

Coming Up In 2018...

First Day Hike

January 1

Start the year off right with a fun hike at one of our State Parks! Join Park staff on an excursion that will showcase the natural beauty of our public lands. Participants are asked to wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the weather (rain, snow, or shine), and to bring water for drinking.

Cost: Park entry fees may apply.

This page will be updated as more information becomes available!