



# Maryland Park Service

## Signature Events — July & August 2018

### “Free Fishing Day” Derby

July 4th 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Tuckahoe State Park & Martinak State Park

**Description:** No license required to fish in Maryland today! Come down to the *Tuckahoe Boat-house* or the *Martinak Boat Ramp* and throw a cast! Prizes will be awarded. Loaner rods available to the first 15 participants at each location.

**Cost:** Free! **Phone:** 410-820-1668

### 4th of July Celebration & Bike Parade

July 4th 11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Assateague State Park– Nature Center & Ranger Station

**Description:** A fun-filled Independence Day! Hot dogs, raffle prizes, family games, tie dye and more at the Nature Center. Join the Bike Parade! Decorate your bike to ride from the Ranger Station to the Nature Center. Prizes awarded for the most patriotic bikers! Sign up at the Nature Nook by 10:30 a.m. All participants must wear a helmet.

**Phone:** 410-641-2120

### Old Time Jams

July 6th & 20th; August 3rd, 17th & 31st  
6:30-9:00 p.m.

**Location:** New Germany State Park- Lake House

**Description:** Musician and listeners of all ages are invited to share and enjoy traditional “old-timey” Appalachian music. Acoustic only (no personal amplifiers). Admission is free! Ice cream and snacks available for purchase.

**Cost:** Free– donations welcome!

**Phone:** 301-895-5453

### Changes in the Patapsco Valley

July 7th & August 25th 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Patapsco Valley State Park–  
Hollofield Overlook

**Description:** Join a Volunteer Ranger for talks, historic photos and walks to nearby historical areas and artifacts as you learn about the history of this valley and its influence on the development of Maryland and America since the 1600’s. Ages 10 and up!

**Cost:** Free– donations welcome!

**Phone:** 410-461-5005 to register



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### Soldier's Life during the 1862 Maryland Campaign

July 14th & 15th      10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** South Mountain Battlefield at Fox's Gap— 21605 Reno Monument Rd. Boonsboro, MD

**Description:** Staff and volunteers of South Mountain State Battlefield will portray members of Garland's Brigade during the Maryland Campaign. Discover the history and importance of the Battle of South Mountain through living history programs. Rifle firing demonstrations will be presented throughout the weekend.

**Cost:** Park entrance fees apply

**Phone:** 301-791-4767

### Elk River Exploration

July 21st      9:00- 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Elk Neck State Park

**Description:** Explore the banks of Turkey Point by paddling the Elk River, along the way learn to identify some animals that call this watery habitat home! Space is limited, call today to make your reservations!

**Cost:** \$20/canoe; \$15/single kayak

Bring your own canoe or kayak— just \$5/person!

**Phone:** 410-287-5333

### Pocomoke Indian Nation Demo

July 21st      10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pocomoke River State Park— Nature Center Area

**Description:** Come find out how the Pocomoke Tribe and other Native Americans would live off the land around the Pocomoke River. There will be a dugout canoe, cooking and tool making demonstrations and much more!

**Cost:** Park entry fees apply

**Phone:** 410-632-2566

### Twilight's Last Gleaming

July 21st & 22nd

**Location:** Gathland State Park

**Description:** Discover the significance of Crampton's and Brownsville Gaps during the Battle of South Mountain and the important role artillery played in the defense of the mountain. Cannon firing demonstrations are presented both days at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m..

**Cost:** Park entrance fees apply

**Phone:** 301-791-4767



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### Feathers in Focus

July 23rd 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

**Description:** Whether you are a professional or amateur photographer, here's your chance to capture our Scales & Tales animals in a natural setting. A Naturalist will be on hand to bring out 3-4 birds of prey for photographers to take photos of and to discuss the animals' natural history.

**Cost:** \$20/photographer; Spectators are free!

**Phone:** 410-461-5005 to register!

### Youth Fishing Derby at North Point State Park

July 21st at 8:00 a.m.

**Location:** North Point State Park

**Description:** Join the North Point State Park Volunteers for their annual catch and release Youth Fishing Derby! Children ages 4-15 are welcome to attend. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the derby runs from 8:30 to 11 a.m. There is also a casting contest at 11:30! Please bring your own rod/bait.

**Cost:** Registration is \$3/child plus park entrance fees.

**Phone:** 410-477-0757

### Full Moon Party

July 27th 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Martinak State Park

**Description:** Come to Martinak State Park for our first ever full moon celebration! Participate in a full moon paddle (boat rentals available at an additional charge), night hike, drumming circle, dancing and glow in the dark games!

**Cost:** Free! (Boat Rentals available at an additional charge)

**Phone:** 410-820-1668 to register for the paddle

### Marvelous Moths

July 27th 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Cunningham Falls State Park– Houck Amphitheatre

**Description:** Celebrate National Moth Week! Help naturalists catch, identify and release some spectacular species of Lepidoptera found in our park.

**Cost:** Free– donations welcome!

**Phone:** 301-271-3676 for additional information or to register



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### Walking for Wellness– Appalachian Trail Hikes

#### South Mountain State Park

Join us in a series of Appalachian Trail day hikes! We will walk to our destination using a leisurely pace, and after resting and enjoying the wonderful views, we will walk back to our departure site. Hikes range from 4.0 to 7.4 miles round trip and take place in the central-southern areas of the Appalachian Trail's Maryland Section.

These hikes are designed to provide new hikers the opportunity to understand hiking, as well as the mental and physical benefits that nature can provide!

**July 5th– 9 a.m.**

From US alt Route 40 A.T. parking lot (South Mountain Inn) to Rocky Run Shelter  
*4.0 miles round trip*

**July 18th– 9 a.m.**

From Route 40 A.T. Parking Lot to Annapolis Rock  
*4.4 miles round trip*

**August 1st– 9 a.m.**

From US 40 A.T. Parking Lot to Washington Monument State Park  
*5.8 miles round trip*

**August 15th– 9 a.m.**

From Weverton Road to Ed Garvey Shelter  
*6.0 miles round trip*

**August 29th– 9 a.m.**

From Gathland State Park to White Rock  
*7.2 miles round trip*



Bring snacks/lunch, plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and wear comfortable walking shoes!

For further information, please call 301-739-3104.



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### Sunset & Twilight Paddle at Days Cove

July 27th at 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Gunpowder Falls State Park– Days Cove Area

**Description:** Explore the scenic Days Cove Area by canoe and experience the marshlands as they come alive with wildlife at dusk. Ages 12+ to participate in this 2.4 mile paddle. Please bring a head-lamp. Pre-registration required. Limited to 24 people. Shine only!

**Cost:** \$10/person, check or exact cash; includes canoe and lifejacket rental

**Phone:** 410-592-2897 or email: [andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov](mailto:andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov) to register!

### Happy Birthday Smokey

July 28th 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Cunningham Falls State Park– Houck Amphitheatre

**Description:** Join us for a campfire to learn about forest firefighting and wildfire prevention. Celebrate the occasion with s'mores and selfies with Smokey Bear!

**Cost:** Free– donations welcome!

**Phone:** 301-271-3676 for additional information or to register

### Soldier's Life during the 1862 Maryland Campaign

July 28th & 29th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Gathland State Park– 900 Arnoldstown Rd. Jefferson, MD

**Description:** Staff and volunteers of South Mountain State Battlefield will portray members of Cobb's Legion Infantry during the Maryland Campaign. Discover the history and importance of the Battle of South Mountain through living history programs. Rifle firing demonstrations will be presented throughout the weekend.

**Cost:** Park entrance fees apply.

**Phone:** 301-791-4767



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### Canoes on the Creek

July 29 & September 2 at 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Gunpowder Falls State Park– Dundee Creek Marina

**Description:** Naturalist led canoe trip from Dundee Creek Marina. Learn about the wonderful wildlife that lives along this waterway. Ages 12+. Pre-registration required. Limited to 24 people. Shine only!

**Cost:** \$10/person, check or exact cash; includes canoe and lifejacket rental

**Phone:** 410-592-2897 or email: [andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov](mailto:andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov) to register!

### Perseid Meteor Shower

August 11th 8:00-10:00 p.m.

**Location:** Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

**Description:** Join the Westminster Astronomical Society (WASI) and watch one of the best meteor showers in the area. At its peak, the Perseid Meteor shower can produce 60 meteors in an hour! Telescopes provided by WASI.

**Cost:** Free– donations welcome!

**Phone:** 410– 461-5005

### Family Fun Day at Hart-Miller Island

August 12th 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Hart-Miller Island State Park

**Description:** Join Naturalists for a day of fun in the sun on Hart-Miller Island! Many drop in activities planned for the day including guided hiking or biking tour of the island; fish seining, milkweed patch exploration, volleyball and arts & crafts for the kids. Shine only event. Tjos event is accessible by personal boat only.

**Cost:** Free

**Phone:** 410-592-2897

### Astronomy Night

August 24th at 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pocomoke River State Park– Accomac Pavillion

**Description:** Join Pocomoke River State Park, Delmarva Space Sciences Foundation and NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center for an evening of astronomy. Start the night with an Astronomy 101 presentation, then gaze through high powered telescopes provided by Delmarva Space Science Foundation.

**Cost:** Free and open to the public! No registration required!

**Phone:** 410-632-2566 or email Ranger Marc Heim at [marc.heim@maryland.gov](mailto:marc.heim@maryland.gov)



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### French & Indian War Muster

August 25th 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

August 26th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fort Frederick State Park

**Description:** French, British and American Indian re-enactors assemble for two days of 18th century living history demonstrations and battle reenactments. Period crafts and food vendors will also be available.

**Cost:** Park entrance fees apply.

**Phone:** 301-842-2155

### Evening Paddle

August 25th 6:00– 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Elk Neck State Park

**Description:** 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 facility at the Rouges Harbor Area. Space is limited, call today to make your reservations!

**Cost:** \$20/canoe; \$15/single kayak or Bring your own canoe or kayak– just \$5/person!

**Phone:** 410-287-5333 to register!

### Pocomoke Indian Nation Demo

August 25th 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pocomoke River State Park– Nature Center Area

**Description:** Come find out how the Pocomoke Tribe and other Native Americans would live off the land around the Pocomoke River. There will be a dugout canoe, cooking and tool making demonstrations and much more! This event will also include a full moon celebration and storytelling.

**Cost:** Park entry fees apply.

**Phone:** 410-632-2566