



# August 2016 PROGRAM CALENDAR

## Come out and play at Patapsco Valley State Park & Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area!



Eligible for the Model B Junior Ranger Program

**Every Wednesday — Story Hour — Hilton Nature Center — 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!\***

Join us every Wednesday to hear a nature-themed story read by one of our naturalists. *\*Geared toward children under 10.*

**Every Sunday — Feathered Friends — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Spend the afternoon learning about birds up close with one of our avian educators.

**Tues. August 2 — Hooked On Fishing — Avalon, Lost Lake — 9:30am -11:30 am — Rain or shine**

**Free; Registration is required so please sign up at 410-461-5005 by July 26th. For ages 8-15!**

Maryland DNR will be offering a **FREE** fishing day for children ages 8-15. We will provide all supplies, just bring yourself and a water bottle. Learn about the joys of catching your own fish, identifying what it is and why it lives in the Patapsco.

**Tues. August 2 — Hooked On Fishing — Mckeldin, Rapids — 12:30pm- 2:30pm — Rain or shine**

**Free; Registration is required so please sign up at 410-461-5005 by July 26th. For ages 8-15!**

Maryland DNR will be offering a **FREE** fishing day for children ages 8-15. We will provide all supplies, just bring yourself and a water bottle. Learn about the joys of catching your own fish, identifying what it is and why it lives in the Patapsco.

**Tues. August 2 — Camping 101 — Hilton Nature Center — 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Get ready for summer and fall camping with a Naturalist! Make camping fun and safe with a few tips and tricks!

**Tues. August 2 — Wine and Art in the Park — Avalon Area, Shelter #104 — 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**\$25/person; proceeds donated to Friends of Patapsco Valley. Call 410-750-0674 to register. 21 & older.**

Bring your favorite wine and a glass, and join an enthusiastic volunteer ranger to create a 16x20" acrylic painting of your choice. (All skill levels are welcome.) Instruction and supplies will be provided, and nature themes will be available through numerous pictures. Wear "old clothes" as acrylic paint is permanent on cloth. (Maximum of 20 people.)



**Weds. August 3 — Civilian Conservation Corps Talk — Ridge Trail, Avalon Area — 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Shine only**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Take a journey back to the 1930s when the Civilian Conservation Corps traversed the park grounds. Dress for a moderate hike and bring water.

**Sat. August 6 — Serpentine Birding Hike — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. — Shine only**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Join a local ornithologist for a 2.3 mile birding hike along the Serpentine Trail. We will identify birds by both sight and sound. This is a good opportunity for beginning birders to learn the ropes, or experienced birders to sharpen their skills. Bring binoculars if you have them, dress for the weather, and wear good shoes for walking.



**Sat. August 6 — Owl Prowl — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**\$5/person. Call 410-922-3044 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Follow a naturalist on a one-mile hike and listen for and try to call out to owls. We will also discuss basic biology, habitat, diet, and conservation. Captive owls from our aviary will be on-hand for educational assistance.



**Tues. August 9 — Explore the Grist Mill Trail! — Hilton Nature Center — 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. — Shine only**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Get out and explore the trails and history of the Patapsco Valley. Learn about some of the sites along the Grist Mill Trail that are part of the rich history of the river valley. Dress for moderate 3.5 mile hike and bring plenty of water.



**Tues. August 9 — *Animal Adaptations* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Rain or shine \$2/person. Call 410-922-3044 to register. Ages 6 and up!**

Join a naturalist and learn about the wonderful world of birds and their adaptations. Learn the importance of bird beaks in a fun interactive game and even create your own bird and explain its unique environment based on the characteristics you give it.



**Thurs. August 11 — *Hunters of the Sky* — Hilton Nature Center — 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Rain or shine \$5/person. Call 410-922-3044 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Have you ever wondered what an owl eats? What kind of sound do hawks make? Join our Naturalists to learn all about birds of prey! Get hands on with feathers and owl pellets, and meet a real live hawk!

**Thurs. August 11 — *First Impressions* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

What is the first thought that pops in your head when you see a snake? Or a Bald Eagle? Or a swan? Join a naturalist to discuss why animals leave certain impressions on people. Get past their appearance and learn their importance or destruction they cause to our ecosystems.

**Fri. August 12 — *Thomas Viaduct History Talk* — Avalon Bathrooms — 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Join an historical interpreter for a short walk underneath the Thomas Viaduct. Discover the history behind the bridge, its importance to American industry and how the area contributed to the building of this country.



**Sat. August 13 — *Maryland's Most Wanted* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Rain or shine FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 7 and up!**

Maryland is being overtaken by invasive species! Put your crime fighting skills to the test in this interactive scavenger hunt. It is your job to identify these culprits and bring them to justice



**Sat. August 13 — *Stargazing* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. — Rain or shine FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 10 and up!**

Join a Volunteer Astronomer for our monthly Stargazing program! Join us to view the Perseids Meteor Shower. The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak.

**Sun. August 14 — *Orange Mill History Talk* — Orange Grove Swinging Bridge— 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Take an easy hike to the ruins of the Orange Mill. Meet at the swinging bridge and learn about the mill town, its connection with the park and the history of other similar towns along the river.

**Sun. August 14 — *Storytelling Hour* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!\***

Listen to a nature-themed short story read by a volunteer ranger! *\*Geared toward children under 10. \*Children under 16 must be with an adult.*



**Mon. August 15 — *Kayak the Patapsco* — Lost Lake, Avalon Area — 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Rain or shine FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Have you ever wanted to take your kayak out on the Patapsco River, but didn't know where to start? We can help! Meet a Naturalist at Lost Lake for an hour of general kayak and river information. Dress to get a little wet



**Thurs. August 18 — *Nature Walk* — Hilton Nature Center — 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. — Shine only FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Discover the plants and animals that call Patapsco Valley State Park home! Dress for a leisurely 3-mile hike and bring water.

**Weds. August 24 — *Thomas Viaduct History Talk* — Avalon Bathrooms— 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. — Rain or shine**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Join an historical interpreter for a short walk underneath the Thomas Viaduct. Discover the history behind the bridge, its importance to American industry and how the area contributed to the building of this country.



**Fri. August 26 — *Stream Doctors* — Lost Lake, Avalon Area — 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Rain or shine  
FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Come find the smallest inhabitants of the Patapsco River and learn what they mean to the river's health! Learn chemistry to test the quality of the water! Dress to get wet!

**Fri. August 26: *Old Time/Americana Music Jam* — Orange Grove Pavilion 106 — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. — Rain or shine  
FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Play and sing with other musicians of all skill levels. Jam is in a round robin format and everyone gets a turn. We welcome songs in the Americana/Bluegrass/Folk tradition. Can't play? Join the crowd! Sing along! Dance!

**Sat. August 27 — *First Impressions* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Rain or shine  
FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

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**Sun. August 28 — *Storytelling Hour* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. — Rain or shine  
FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!\***

Listen to a nature-themed short story. \*Geared toward younger children. Children under 16 must be with an adult.



**Mon. August 29 — *Who is That? Tracks and Scat!* — Hilton Nature Center — 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Rain or shine  
\$3/person. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Discover how to identify animal tracks in the park! Make your own track imprints and take home a souvenir! Dress for a mess, with good hiking shoes.



**Weds. August 31 — *Civilian Conservation Corps Talk* — Ridge Trail, Avalon Area — 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Shine only  
FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Take a journey back to the 1930s when the Civilian Conservation Corps traversed the park grounds. Dress for a moderate hike and bring water.

**Weds. August 31 — *Eastern Screech Owls* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. — Rain or shine  
\$5/person. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Join a Naturalist the last Wednesday of each month to learn about a new animal that resides at Soldier's Delight. Each month will focus on a different species/grouping of animals. From hawks, owls, and vultures, to snakes, turtles, and frogs. Information will be presented along with a live animal to view up close!



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Program fees do not include park admission.

Programs may be subject to cancellation passed on minimum participation requirements, so please sign up in advance!

Staff-led programs are generally free, unless they require additional resources or training. Additional fees may be added to cover the cost of program materials. Volunteer-led programs are generally free; donations are accepted and given to the appropriate "Friends of" organization to benefit the park.

To make shelter or camping reservations, call 888-423-CAMP or visit [reservations.dnr.state.md.us](http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us)  
In case of emergency, dial 9-11. To report a violation in a park, call 800-825-PARK

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