

# MARCH 2019

SENECA CREEK STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Registration advised for programs that are not reoccurring, call <b>(301) 924-2127</b> or email <a href="mailto:scspnaturalist@gmail.com">scspnaturalist@gmail.com</a> . Cash/check only for programs requiring payment. For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park Facebook					1	2 Juniors/Seniors Stroll <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
3 Nature Crafts <b>1 p.m.</b> Reptile Encounter <b>2 p.m.</b>	4 Reptile Feeding <b>1 p.m.</b>	5 Nature Nook <b>11 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	6	7 Weekday Hike <b>1:15 p.m.</b>	8	9 Seneca Stonecutter Cemetery Hike <b>1 p.m.</b>
10 Lake Frank Eagle Nest Loop Hike <b>1 p.m.</b> Nature Crafts <b>1 p.m.</b> Reptile Encounter <b>2 p.m.</b>	11 Reptile Feeding <b>1 p.m.</b>	12 Nature Nook <b>11 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	13	14 Weekday Hike <b>1:15 p.m.</b>	15	16 Nature Observation Hike <b>1 p.m.</b>
17 Nature Crafts <b>1 p.m.</b> Reptile Encounter <b>2 p.m.</b> Animal Tracks Program <b>3 p.m.</b>	18 Reptile Feeding <b>1 p.m.</b>	19 Nature Nook <b>11 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	20	21 Moonlight Beaver Hike <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	22	23 Beautiful Bluebirds <b>1 p.m.</b>
24 Nature Crafts <b>1 p.m.</b> Reptile Encounter <b>2 p.m.</b>	25 Reptile Feeding <b>1 p.m.</b>	26 Nature Nook <b>11 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	27	28 Weekday Hike <b>1:15 p.m.</b>	29	30 Grusendorf Cabin Open House <b>10 a.m.- 12 p.m.</b>
31 Nature Crafts <b>1 p.m.</b> Reptile Encounter <b>2 p.m.</b> Clopper Mill Trash Bash <b>9 a.m.- 12 p.m.</b>						31 Backyard Habitat Talk <b>1 p.m.</b>

***All events are all ages and free unless otherwise noted. Be advised some programs have applicable entrance fees***

### **First Saturday Juniors/Seniors Stroll**

**10:30 a.m. at Boat Center**

Enjoy a guided, easy paced walk on natural surface trails, looking for all kinds of natural things. This hike is designed for the slowest among us, from young children to great grandparents. Binoculars recommended.

### **Nature Crafts**

**1 p.m. at park office**

Fun crafts, games, and hands-on nature items. Activities vary each week!

### **Reptile Encounter**

**2 p.m. at park office**

Come to the park for a fun, 30-45 minute program for all ages. Meet a living snake or turtle and examine shells and skins from reptiles living in the park!

### **Reptile Feeding**

**1 p.m. at park office**

Check out Seneca's resident snake at the park office. Learn some quick facts about reptiles of Maryland and watch the live corn snake eat its meal!

### **Nature Nook**

**11 a.m. -1 p.m. at park office**

Fun crafts, games, and hands-on nature items. Activities vary each week!

### **Weekday Hike**

**1:15 p.m. at park office**

This is a chance to get some fresh air and exercise in the middle of the day. We will hike a loop of between 1.5 and 2 miles, with frequent stops for animal sightings, plant and praying mantis egg case searches. Route varies with trail conditions, and will occasionally stay on pavement after heavy snow/rain.

### **Seneca Stonecutting Cemetery Hike**

**1 p.m. at River Road** (past Seneca Schoolhouse is 0.3 miles west of the intersection with Partnership Road)

Come for a bushwhacking, history seeking hike to find the final resting place of 100 or more of the quarry workers who mined the sandstone that was used to build the Smithsonian Castle. There is NO TRAIL to the cemetery. We will be crossing farm fields and woods. Round trip hike will be approx. 4 miles.

### **Lake Frank Eagle Nest Loop Hike**

**1:00 p.m. at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane, Rockville**

This Montgomery County Park is the home of a Bald Eagle nest. Join us for a 4.5 mile hike around Lake Frank while we look for the nest, eagles, and spring migrants. Bring binoculars and water. Waterproof footwear recommended.

### **Nature Observation Hike**

**1 p.m. at boat center**

Enjoy an afternoon hike through the park and observe all the awesome natural finds Seneca has to offer. Whether looking at birds, insects, plants or reptiles. This is a great opportunity to see and learn about all types of nature.

### **Animal Tracks Program**

**3 p.m. at the park office**

Ever wondered what animals you might find at the park? Learn how to identify various animal tracks, hike the trails, and find out what wildlife calls Seneca home.

### **Moonlight Beaver Hike**

**7:30 p.m. at park office (RSVP Required)**

Join a volunteer ranger for an afterhours hike during the full moon. We will meet at the park office then hike to the lake to see the moon rising over the water. With a bit of luck we will catch sight of one of our beavers and maybe some other creatures too! Dress for the cooler night temperatures and bring a flashlight.

### **Beautiful Bluebirds**

**1 p.m. at park office**

Meet in the Woodlands Room in the park office for a 3/4 hour presentation about Eastern Bluebirds. Learn why they need our help and how you can attract them to your yard. Following the indoor program we will hike to a nest box in the park that (we hope) will have eggs or baby birds for you to see.

### **Grusendorf Open House**

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at park office**

Visit our 164 year old log farmhouse and try your hand at an old time craft! Get the opportunity to step inside this historic cabin and see what's inside.

### **Backyard Habitat Talk**

**1 p.m. at park office**

Do you love gardening and nature? Would you like to encourage and support bees, pollinators, beneficial organism, birds, frogs, bats and/or other local wildlife? The Soulful Gardener (Heather Zindash) will show you how to add food, shelter, water and nesting sites to create your very own backyard habitat. Backyard habitats help us connect with nature while also providing important eco-services that benefit our entire community. \$5 per person suggested donation to Friends of Seneca Creek State Park.

### **Clopper Mill Trash Bash with Izaak Walton League**

**9:00 a.m. to noon (plus lunch) at 12087 Clopper Rd. Gaithersburg**

Come to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual trash clean up of the Clopper Mill ruins with our neighbors at the Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter. We will meet at the IWLA chapter's lake parking area and walk under Clopper Road to get to the mill ruins. Trash bags will be provided. Please wear heavy duty hiking clothes, sturdy shoes and gardening gloves. Stay for a cook out lunch graciously offered by the Izaak Walton League after the clean up.