

MARCH 2026

SENECA CREEK STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Celebrate Spring Hike 4:30 p.m.	3 Nature Crafts – Clay Birds 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Reptile Feeding 12:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8 International Women’s Day Hike 2:30 p.m.	9 Celebrate Spring Hike 4:30 p.m.	10 Nature Crafts – Chain Snake Craft 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14 C&O Canal Eagle Nest Watch 3 p.m.
15	16 Celebrate Spring Hike 4:30 p.m.	17 Nature Crafts – Animal Masks 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	18	19	20 First Day of Spring Hike 5 p.m.	21 <i>11 a.m.</i> <i>Gaithersburg Library Program</i>
22 Miles for Maryland Challenge Hike 2 p.m.	23 Celebrate Spring Hike 4:30 p.m.	24 Nature Crafts – Bird Nest Art 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Reptile Feeding 12:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29 Sugaring Off: Sap Boil & Maple Syrup Demo 3 p.m.	30 Celebrate Spring Hike 4:30 p.m.	31 Nature Crafts – Modeling Clay Flowers 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Dress for the weather and activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p> <p>Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Please call (301) 924-2127 or email scspnaturalist@gmail.com for more info.</p> <p>For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek and Patuxent River State Park or Maryland State Parks Facebook page.</p>			

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

Celebrate Spring Hike

4:30 p.m. at Quail Ridge Picnic Area

Spring returns this month, and it's a great time to get outdoors for a hike! There will be early signs of spring, from skunk cabbage flowers to the chorus of spring peepers – plus it's too early in the season for bugs! Join a volunteer ranger for an easy loop hike. Perfect opportunity to add to your [Miles for Maryland](#) tally!

Nature Crafts – Clay Birds

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Park Office

Spring is in the air, and birds are returning to the area! Join us to create your own birds using clay and feathers. Let your creativity take flight!

Reptile Feeding

12:30 p.m. at the Park Office

Join our resident corn snake, box turtle, and diamondback terrapin for lunch! Learn some fun facts about Maryland reptiles.

International Women's Day Hike

2:30 p.m. at the Boat Center

March 8th is a celebration of women, and also the first day of Daylight Savings. Whichever celebration you want to honor, a good hike is always beneficial for your physical and mental health. Join a volunteer naturalist for an approximately 2 hour hike to discover something new about nature. Perfect opportunity to add to your [Miles for Maryland](#) tally!

Nature Crafts – Chain Snake Craft

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Park Office

As the weather warms, reptiles are waking up from their winter slumber. Make your own paper snake with this simple and fun craft.

C&O Canal Eagle Nest Watch

3 p.m. at Riley's Lockhouse

13000 Riley's Lock Rd Poolesville, MD

[Click here for a map of the meeting location](#)

There is an eagle's nest visible from the towpath about 1.5 miles from the Seneca aqueduct. Join us for a 3-mile walk round-trip on the level towpath surface. Bring binoculars for the best chance to see activity! Please note that there are port-o-potties, but no running water available at this location.

Nature Crafts – Animal Masks

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Park Office

Let's get creative with paper and colors as we make masks of different animals. Then, step into the animal's shoes—pretend to be them or share stories about them!

First Day of Spring Hike

5 p.m. at Chickadee Picnic Area

Celebrate the vernal equinox on a nature walk with a volunteer naturalist. Look for early spring wildflowers, migrating birds, and creepy crawlies under logs. Start your weekend with a relaxing hike to clear your head and stimulate your mind. Perfect opportunity to add to your [Miles for Maryland](#) tally!

Nature Crafts – Bird Nest Art

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Park Office

Birds need safe places to lay eggs and care for their babies. Learn how birds build nests, then try your hand at creating one yourself!

Miles for Maryland Challenge Hike

2 p.m. at Quail Ridge Picnic Area

Join us for a monthly guided hike series to explore Seneca Creek State Park while building toward your 2026 [Miles for Maryland Trail Challenge](#) goals! Each hike explores park trails at a relaxed pace suitable for all ages and abilities. Hike distances will be adjusted to group interest and ability, ranging from 2 - 5 miles. Whether you're aiming for all 250 miles or just starting your journey, these monthly hikes are perfect for making progress and having fun outdoors. Please bring plenty of drinking water and dress for the weather.

Sugaring Off: Sap Boil & Maple Syrup Demo

3 p.m. at the Park Office

Join us for a live demonstration of how maple sap is transformed into delicious maple syrup and other sweet treats. Learn about the 30+ types of trees that can be tapped for syrup production, explore the equipment needed to try it yourself at home next year, and discover the history and tradition behind sugaring season. Enjoy samples of homemade maple syrup and maple sugar candy!

Nature Crafts – Modeling Clay Flowers

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Park Office

Spring brings new growth, and flowers begin to bloom after winter. Explore the park to spot early blossoms, then make your own beautiful flowers from modeling clay.

Programs subject to change or cancellation. Please check our website for up-to-date program information