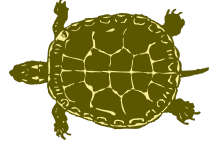




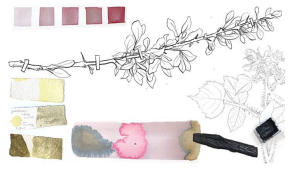




# September 2023

CUNNINGHAM FALLS & GAMBRILL STATE PARKS

14039 Catocin Hollow Road | Thurmont, MD 21788 301 271 7574  
 8602 Gambrill Park Road | Frederick, MD 21788 301 293 4170

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Solar Viewing 2-5pm Night Sky 8-10pm
3	4	5 Turtle Feeding 10am 	6 Reptile Round-up 11am Tea Room Open House 4-7pm	7	8	9
10 Invasive weed pull 9am 	11	12 Turtle Feeding 10am Storytime 11am	13	14	15 Tick Talk 7:30pm	16 Pollinator Garden Exploration 10am -12pm 
17 Aviary Tour 11am 	18	19 Turtle Feeding 10am	20	21	22 Fourth Friday Forestry Walk 10am 	23 Invasive Inks 11am 
24 Aviary CLOSED Hike to the Falls 10am	25	26 Turtle Feeding 10am 	27	28	29	30 Bird walk 9am 

Follow Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill on Facebook or @MDStateParks on Twitter. Every effort is made to make programs ADA accessible, call 301-271-7574 for accommodation. Events are free with park entrance unless otherwise noted; William Houck Area entrance weekday fees: \$3/MD resident and \$5/out of state resident, weekend/holiday fees are \$5/MD resident and \$7/non resident. Events in the Manor Area and Gambrill State Park are by honor box fees of \$3/MD vehicle, \$5/out of state vehicle. Unless noted, events are rain or shine. Children under 18 must be with an adult. Email [claudia.padilla@maryland.gov](mailto:claudia.padilla@maryland.gov) for questions. Cash/check only for programs requiring payment.

**Saturday, & Sundays: William Houck Nature Center - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 14274 William Houck Drive, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Open to the public, hours subject to change due to staffing.

**Saturday, & Sundays: Manor Area Visitor Center Open - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Open to the public, hours subject to change due to staffing.

**Saturday, & Sundays: Museum of the Ironworker. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788.** Learn about the workers who built the historic village and powered the Catoctin Furnace. No charge. Additionally, tours can be arranged anytime by calling 240-288-7396 or emailing [info@catoctinfurnace.org](mailto:info@catoctinfurnace.org).

**September 2 - Solar Viewing at the Lake, 2-5pm at South Beach Parking Lot 14274 William Houck Drive, Thurmont MD 21788.** Check out the active sunspots on our favorite star with members of the Westminster Astronomical Society. Shine only.

**September 2 - Night Sky, 8-10p.m. at Dam Overlook Parking Lot, 14372 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont MD 21788.** Join the Westminster Astronomy Society to view the night sky with experienced astronomers. Weather dependent.

**Tuesdays- Turtle Feeding. 10 a.m. Meet outside the Manor Area Visitor Center. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Watch the turtles get fed and learn about their diets.

**September 6- Reptile Roundup. 11 a.m. Meet at Houck Nature Center. 14274 William Houck Dr., Thurmont, MD 21788.** Meet one of the park's reptiles and learn about its many amazing adaptations.

**September 6 - Tea Room Open House. 4 - 7p.m. at Gambrill State Park. 8346 High Knob Road, Frederick, MD 21702.** This CCC structure built in the 1930s accommodates 55 people and remains a venue for events. No RSVP necessary.

**September 10- Invasive weed pull. 9am-11am. Meet at the Houck Nature Center. 14274 William Houck Dr. Thurmont, MD 21788.** RSVP required to [justin.calhoun@maryland.gov](mailto:justin.calhoun@maryland.gov) to obtain location. Become a weed warrior and pull invasive plants to allow natives to take their place. Dress for the weather — wear long pants, sleeves, work gloves, and work boots. Bring any snack/drink you may need. Shine only.

**September 12 - Storytime. 11 a.m. Meet at the Manor Area Playground. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Join Thurmont Library staff for a nature themed story. Event in the Visitor Center, down the hill, in inclement weather.

**September 15 - Tick Talk. 7:30p.m. William Houck Campground Amphitheater. 5783 Campground Drive, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Join park staff around the campfire at the amphitheater to learn about those creepy crawling insects we hate - TICKS and the animals that help us control their populations. Attendees not staying in the campground must register with [justin.calhoun@maryland.gov](mailto:justin.calhoun@maryland.gov) and stop at Camp Office to gain admittance.

**September 16 - Pollinator Garden Exploration. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet outside the Manor Area Visitor Center. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Ever wonder what goes on in the magical world of a Pollinator Garden? Find out through games and a pollinator garden scavenger hunt. Good for kids of all ages, especially K-8.

**September 17 - Aviary Tour. 11 a.m. Meet outside the Manor Area Visitor Center. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Join park staff to learn about the park's animal ambassadors including live reptiles and raptors. Park down the hill from the Visitor Center or at the Playground at the top of the hill.

**September 22 - Fourth Friday Forest Walk, 10 a.m. Meet at Gambrill State Park Trailhead Parking Lot.** Join the Frederick Forestry Board for a guided tree-walk along the red trail. Learn about forest ecosystems, succession, and tree ID. Trail can be steep and rough. Register on the Frederick Forestry Board website to receive detailed location instructions.

**September 23 - Invasive Inks with Cindy Stockton Moore, 11am-12pm. Meet at William Houck South Beach Area Concessions Building. 14274 William Houck Drive Thurmont MD 21788.** Experiment with creating natural ink from invasive plants in this hands-on workshop for all ages celebrating National Public Lands Day. Learn more about unwanted botanicals in the park, while painting with a palette of colors created by the artist-in-residence.

**September 24 - Hike to the Falls, 10 a.m. Meet at Falls Trailhead (14274 William Houck Drive Thurmont MD 21788).** An easy to moderate one mile round trip hike to the Falls with a volunteer naturalist. Learn about some of the park's local flora and fauna. Shine only.

**September 30 - Bird Walk, 9 a.m. Meet at Houck Nature Center. 14274 William Houck Dr., Thurmont, MD 21788.** Join the park staff on an easy to moderate hike and learn about the different species of birds found at the park. Bring your own binoculars.