Elk Neck State Park, situated between the Elk River and Chesapeake Bay in Cecil County, Maryland, provides an opportunity for visitors to explore the diverse landscapes that overlook the Chesapeake Bay. Join a Ranger for these family fun events. For more information, visit https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/elkneck.aspx. To make a reservation, please call 410-287-5333.

January 1 – 2 “First Day Hike Weekend”
Frolic through field and forest all weekend to reach your destination at the historic Turkey Point Light Station overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. Keep on the lookout for snow geese and other winter wildlife as you hike the 1.5 miles round-trip gravel trail. There is no day use fee for this area, but parking is limited. The trail is suited for mountain bikes and pets, but not stroller friendly. Registration is not required. The Turkey Point Lighthouse Area is open sunrise to sunset.

April 23 “Planting for the Planet” 1-4 pm
Celebrate Earth Day by working side by side with park staff to plant a pollinator garden by the Nature Center. Learn about the importance of native plants and pollinators as you contribute to the legacy of Elk Neck State Park. Afterwards, enjoy free access to the park’s different areas. Meet at the Nature Center, located in the campground. Call for more details. Reservations are preferred, but not required.

June 4 “National Trails Day Hike” 10 am
Join a Ranger for a guided scavenger hunt along the Beaver Marsh Loop Trail. This two-mile hike will let you view the native flora, and you may see some critters along the way. Dogs on a leash are encouraged to join us! Day use fees apply ($3 per Maryland resident; $5 per out-of-state resident). Reservations are preferred, but not required.

June 18 “Elk River Exploration” 9 am
Explore the banks of Turkey Point Peninsula by paddling the Elk River. Along the way, learn to identify some of the animals that call this watery habitat home. Meet next to the boat launch facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area. $20 per canoe; $15 per single kayak. Bring your own canoe or kayak for just $5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations.

July 30 “Evening Paddle” 6 pm
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 facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area. $20 per canoe; $15 per single kayak. Bring your own canoe or kayak for just $5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations.

August 20 “Healthy Parks Healthy People Paddle” 9 am
Join a ranger for some stress relief by paddling the Elk River. Get your heart pumping and muscles moving as you glide through the water towards a healthier lifestyle. Meet next to the boat launch facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area. $20 per canoe; $15 per single kayak. Bring your own canoe or kayak for just $5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations.

September 24 “National Public Lands Day” 1-4 pm
Come out and celebrate National Public Lands Day by volunteering at Elk Neck State Park! You will be among thousands of people nation-wide who volunteer their time to benefit America’s public lands. Work side by side with park staff and afterwards, enjoy free access to the park’s different areas. Meet at the Nature Center, located in the campground. Call for more details. Reservations are preferred, but not required.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is requested.