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Elk Neck State Park
4395 Turkey Point Road, North East, MD 21901
2023 Events Calendar

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 "First Day Hike: For The Love of Winter!" 1-3:30 p.m.

Join a Ranger and hike into the New Year. Along this moderate 4.5 mile hike to the White Banks Trail vista point, keep an eye out for winter wildlife and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Chesapeake Bay. Meet at the Rogues Harbor trailhead in the upper parking lot. Registration is preferred but not required. If you cannot attend the Ranger-led hike, a self-guided 2 mile moderate hike will be available on the White Banks and Beaver Marsh Loop Trails all weekend long. Day-use fees apply (MD resident \$3, non-resident \$5).

February 4 "Winter Lights Cecil Nights Guided Night Hike" 5:30 p.m.

Hike by the light of the moon with a Ranger on an approximately two-mile round-trip hike to the Turkey Point Lighthouse. Learn more about the earth's 'natural satellite' along the way as you participate in the town of North East's "Winter Lights, Cecil Nights" campaign. This program is weather-dependent. Parking is limited; reservations are required. \$3 per person or \$10 for a family of four; pay Ranger upon arrival (cash or check only). Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the program at the Turkey Point Lighthouse Parking Lot.

April 23 "Earth Day: Our Future Planet"

Celebrate Earth Day 2023 by passing the torch to the next generation to care for, appreciate, and respect our natural spaces. Stop by the Nature Center to pick up an Earth Day kit that includes: scavenger hunt sheets, one pencil, gloves and a small trash bag. Then enjoy a self-guided walk through the park, looking for local flora and fauna with a scavenger hunt sheet, and pick up any litter you may encounter along the way. To earn a stamp of appreciation for your participation on Earth Day, visit the Nature Center with your completed scavenger hunt and collected trash. Day use fees waived for Earth Day participants.

June 3 "National Trails Day Hike: Blooms Before Noon" 9 a.m.

Join a Ranger for an exciting adventure along the Beaver Marsh Loop Trail. While you hike this two-mile trail, enjoy some of Elk Neck's native flora, including the beautiful Mountain Laurel. Meet at the Rogues Harbor Upper Parking Lot at 9 a.m. Reservations are preferred, but not required. Day use fees apply (\$3 per Maryland resident; \$5 per out-of-state resident).

June 24 "Elk River Exploration" 9 a.m.

Explore the banks of the Turkey Point Peninsula by paddling the Elk River. Along the way, learn to identify some of the animals that call this watery habitat home. You could even catch a glimpse of a Bald Eagle swooping down on a fish! 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 15 "Summer Nights Evening Paddle" 5 p.m.

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 5 "Healthy Parks Healthy People Paddle" 8:30 a.m.

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 16 "Paddle into Fall" 6 p.m.

Celebrate the change of seasons with an evening paddle on the peaceful waters of the Elk River. Wrap up the day surrounded by fall foliage and a beautiful view of the Elk River. 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 30 "National Public Lands Day" 1-4 p.m.

Come out and celebrate National Public Lands Day by volunteering at Elk Neck State Park! You will be among thousands of people nationwide 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 Elk River Campground.

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