

# June 2023

Patapsco Valley State Park  
Soldiers Delight NEA

Register [here](#) or by contacting us at 410-461-5005.  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>New! Storybook Trail: <i>What's In Your Pocket</i> by Heather L. Montgomery, Illustrations by Maribel Lechuga</b></p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, events are held rain or shine, free and fun for all ages; donations are always welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather/activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p>				1	2	3
			10 - Litter Clean Up	8	9:30 - Bird Walk	10 License-Free Fishing Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 9 - Adaptive Paddle 11 - LGBTQ+ Hike 2 - Scale Model Walk- Solar Viewing 8 - Star Light, Star Bright
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fathers Day	Juneeteenth		10 - Litter Clean Up 4 - HPHP: Yoga		9:30 - Eagle Watch	12 - MCC Recruiting 4 - Great American Campout
25	26	27	28	29	30	<p><i>Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is requested.</i></p> <p><b>Are you interested in setting up a private program for your family or</b></p>
11 - Family Fun: Seed Bubbles for Pollinators 1 - Rapids Hike	9 - Canoe Litter Cleanup at Daniels		10 - Litter Clean Up			

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**Now Open!**

**William Offutt Johnson History Center:** Weekends & holidays, 11 - 3 p.m.

5120 South Street, Halethorpe, MD 21227

**Hilton Area Nature Center:** Weekends & holidays, 11 - 3 p.m.

1101 Hilton Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228

**Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center:** Daily, 11 - 3 p.m.

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

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**Storybook Trail**

Hilton Area, Sensory Trail

In collaboration with the Arbutus Branch of Baltimore County Public Libraries, join us this summer to read and walk! This summer, we feature *What's In Your Pocket* by Heather L. Montgomery, Illustrations by Maribel Lechuga. Discover what's in the pockets of nine kid scientists. This story, perfect for kids ages 4 - 8 years of age, is spread throughout the 0.1 mile long trail.

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**June 3 & 10: License-Free Fishing Days**

Loaner Rods Available at Avalon Area's William Offutt Johnson Center & McKeldin Area's Ranger Station

Centers open 11 - 3 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Did you know that DNR hosts several *License-Free Fishing Days* per year? On these specific dates, anyone can, without a fishing license, catch and possess fish in the tidal and nontidal waters of the State for recreational purposes. Loaner Rods and tackle are available in Avalon's History Center & McKeldin's Ranger Station. No reservation required.

**June 3: Morgan Run NEA Trail Work Day**

9 - noon at Morgan Run NEA at Benrose Lane

Attend a Trail Work Day hosted by the [Carroll County Equestrian Council](#) to help keep these trails accessible to all! Bring hand tools.

Recommended for Ages 10 and up! Volunteers that provide 100 hours of service to the park are eligible for a free MPS park pass for the following year.

### **June 3: Tails on Trails**

11 - 1 p.m. at McKeldin Area. Meet at Parking Lot A (the first parking lot)

Get your best friend outside and enjoy what Patapsco has to offer your furry friend. The hike is free and welcomed to all fitness levels (pets and humans), leashes required. Kids under 6 years of age are not advised for the safety of all. [Sign up required](#). Rain or shine.

### **June 7, 14, 21, 28: Litter Clean Up**

10 - 11 a.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA, Meet at Visitor Center

Join us for this volunteer event to clean up roadside litter from our beautiful and rare serpentine ecosystem. [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Rain or Shine.

### **June 9: Bird Walk**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Birdwatching doesn't need to be intimidating! Regardless of your experience level, join us to see what we can see on a beautiful summer morning. Bring your own equipment if you have some, or borrow a pair of binoculars from us! All ages welcome! [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Spots for 20 participants. Shine only.

### **June 17: Adaptive Paddle**

9 - 2 p.m. at Daniels Dam

Join us to canoe the Patapsco and enjoy the beauty of nature. We will be on the water so be sure to bring things you don't mind getting wet. maximum. Adaptive equipment will be available onsite. Signups begin approximately two weeks out and are required through [Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park](#).

### **June 17: LGBTQ+ Hike**

11 - 1 p.m. in the Hilton Area at Shelter 245

Join us in an activity and hike to discover the recreational resources in Maryland. This event is specifically designed to create a safe zone for members of the LGBTQ+ community. We will start with an icebreaker activity of decorating tree cookies with our names and pronouns, followed by a hike on the Forest Glen Trail. [Sign up encouraged](#).

### **June 17: Recruiting Event!**

Noon - 2 p.m. at Hilton Shelter 245

Staff from [Maryland Conservation Corps](#) will be on-hand to talk about the MCC program and to assist with the application process. The mission of the program is to provide young adults with opportunities for service in the community and the environment by preserving, protecting, enhancing, and restoring Maryland's natural resources. The program is for ages 17-25 and runs Sept 27 through August 14. Members receive a bi-weekly stipend and upon successful graduation they will receive an education award. Members receive specialized training and work on a wide variety of tasks including - trail maintenance and construction, park and facilities improvement projects, environmental education programs, tree planting, and invasive species removal.

Applications can be found here- <https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/mcc.aspx>. Paper applications will also be available for statewide seasonal positions. Talk to current and past staff about what it's like to work for MPS! Learn more at this [link](#)

### **June 17: Scale Model Walk- Solar Viewing**

2 - 5 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

Join us for a walk around the solar system as we visit several planets. Start and end in the fiery furnace of the sun with solar viewing.

### **June 17: Star Light, Star Bright**

8 - 10 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

Journey to the stars and learn why they are different colors. Visit other galaxies (staying away from the Delta quadrant, the Borg are there), and maybe getting a look at our Sun 5 billion years in the future. Time machines (telescopes) will be provided by the Westminster Astronomy Club. All programs are rain or shine. June Highlights: Hercules' mighty armpit returns.

### **June 21: Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Yoga**

4 - 5 p.m. at Hollofield Area. Meet at Shelter 367.

Join an instructor from Free Baltimore Yoga for a gentle and relaxing outdoor yoga class. Breathe in the fresh air, enjoy the soothing sounds, and ground yourself in nature! All levels welcome; please bring mats and any additional props you would like. [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

### **June 23: Eagle Watch**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at William Offutt Johnson History Center in the Avalon Area

In honor of American Eagle day on June 20th, we're looking for eagles by the water! Regardless of your experience level, join us to see what we can see on a beautiful summer morning. Bring your own equipment if you have some, or borrow a pair of binoculars from us! All ages welcome! [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Spots for 20 participants. Shine only.

### **June 24: Hollofield Playspace**

10 - 2 p.m. at Hollofield ADA Playground

Did you know that the first ADA compliant playground to be installed in a Maryland State Park was right here at Patapsco Valley State Park? Join us in the Hollofield Area to do what kids do best...play! The MVC will be available on site with activities for kids of all ages.

### **June 24: Recruiting for MCC and Seasonal Positions**

Noon - 2 p.m. at Hollofield Shelter 305

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### **June 24: Great American Campout**

Sat., 4 p.m. to Sun., noon at McKeldin Area Youth Group Sites

New to camping? Seasoned pro? Either way, this program is for you! Intro to Camping is a two day program, with the option to camp overnight in a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment. Please bring your own food and gear though limited equipment available. Cost \$10 per person. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Registration required by June 14, final details to be emailed by June 19. Maximum participation is 8 families. [Sign up required](#).

### **June 25: Patapsco Fun Series**

Time and location TBD

We are building trails and building community in the Patapsco Valley! Find out more here - <https://fpvsp.org/the-patapsco-fun-series/>

### **June 25: Family Fun: Seed Bubbles for Pollinators**

11 - noon at McKeldin Shelter 576

Join us to learn the importance of planting native species in your garden, followed by a seed bubble activity. At the end you can take it home with you! [Sign up required](#) to ensure we have enough materials. Family Fun is formerly known as Grandparents & Me and is a part of Patapsco Valley's Explorer Series.

### **June 25: Rapids "Secrets" Hike**

1 - 3 p.m. at the Marriottsville Railroad Parking Lot - *Closest intersection is Marriottsville Road & Henryton Road*

As our late coworker Ranger Dave used to say, "That's just one of the mysteries of the park!" But what if you knew those mysteries? Join our volunteer ranger historian Max Buffington to discover the secrets and history hiding all around you in the McKeldin area! The Patapsco River is millions of years old yet the beautiful McKeldin Rapids in the McKeldin Area of Patapsco Valley State Park are only 170 years old. When the Rapids were created, Carroll County shrunk in size. How is this possible? Visit two historic artifacts on the Maryland Historic Trust inventory. Shine only.

### **June 26 - Canoe Litter Cleanup**

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Daniels Dam, *2090 Daniels Road, Ellicott City, MD*

Join us for a litter cleanup at Daniels Dam. We'll paddle the Patapsco River in canoes and pick up litter as we go. [Sign up required](#). Maximum 10 participants.