

November 2023

**Patapsco Valley State Park
Soldiers Delight NEA**

Register [here](#) or by contacting us at 410 461 5005. patapsco.statepark@maryland.gov

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. 2 weeks advance notice is requested.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Are you interested in setting up a private program for your family or friends? https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7 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.			1	2	3	4 1- Welcome Winter Hike - McKeldin
5 2- Vulture Feeding	6	7	8	9	10	11 1- Ruckless Hike
12 1- Digs for Kids 2- Vulture Feeding	13	14	15	16 1- Staying Warm in Winter	17	18 1- Welcome Winter Hike - Avalon
19 2- Soldiers Delight 101 Hike	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 12- Green Friday Hike	25 1- Staying Warm in Winter
26 1- Digs for Kids 3- The More You Snow	27 6- Full Moon Hike	28	29	30		

Center Hours

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

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

November 4: Welcome Winter Hike - McKeldin

1 - 3 p.m. at McKeldin Area Basketball Courts

11676 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Join us to bid goodbye to fall and welcome winter! Meet at the McKeldin Basketball Courts to hike the Tall Poplar Trail. Observe the changing of the seasons and enjoy the beauty nature has to offer! Be prepared for a moderate to rigorous hike on variable terrain - not a hike for beginners! Shine only. [Sign up encouraged.](#) Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

November 5: Vulture Feeding

2 - 2:45 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Bald is beautiful! Join us at our Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center to see just how gorgeous turkey vultures really are! Learn how they rid the planet of carrion, neutralizing disease along the way. Meet two of our feathered friends as we demonstrate their daily weigh in and flaunt their intelligence! Rain or shine. Free event, though donations welcome! [Sign up encouraged.](#) Great for homeschool groups!

November 10: Veteran's Day Campfire Stories

5 - 6:30 p.m. at McKeldin Area, Shelter 600

11676 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Join our naturalist for an evening of storytelling, nature watching, and campfire fun. We invite both veterans and their families to this program to spread the campfire fun. Free event, open for the whole family. Shine only. [Sign up encouraged.](#) Groups larger than five must sign up in advance.

November 11: Ruckless Hike

1 - 3 p.m. at Tall Poplar Trail at the Mckeldin Area

11676 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Join our naturalists for a ruckless hike on our adaptive trail as we look at the trees and take our time to enjoy the nature around us. This hike will have some changes in elevation as we go down to the river and then back up, so be prepared for a moderate difficulty hike. Free event, open for the whole family. Shine only. [Sign up encouraged.](#)

November 13: Digs for Kids

1 - 1:45 p.m. at Avalon Area, William Offutt Johnson History Center

5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

A hands on experience! Participate in an archaeological excavation and trowel soil, screen dirt and document any discoveries. Recommended for ages 5-12!

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November 16: Staying Warm in Winter

1 - 2 p.m. at Red Dog Lodge by the Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Join a warm fireside talk about how people and animals have adapted to cold climates throughout history. Learn how to start a campfire, and fire safety related to it. [Sign up encouraged.](#) Open for the whole family. Shine only.

November 18: Welcome Winter Hike - Avalon

1 - 3 p.m. at Grist Mill trail starting at Lost Lake Parking lot

5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

Join us to bid goodbye to fall and welcome winter! Meet at the Lost lake parking lot to hike the Grist Mill Trail. Observe the changing of the seasons and enjoy the beauty nature has to offer! Be prepared for an easy hike on a flat paved trail, this hike is great for beginners ! Shine only. [Sign up encouraged.](#) Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

November 19: Soldiers Delight 101 Hike

2 - 4 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

A historian-led hike around the park highlighting the unique, interesting and odd elements of this distinct section of PVSP. Learn more about the Visitor Center, the Aviary and the trails. Approximately 3 miles hiking distance on variable terrain. Wear appropriate hiking shoes, dress for the weather and be prepared for ticks. [Sign up encouraged.](#) Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

November 24: Green Friday Hike

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in McKeldin Area, Basketball Courts

11676 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Not one for the chaos of after-Thanksgiving shopping? Have cabin fever from being inside with your relatives? Come along for a hike through the pines and center yourself in the tranquility of nature! This 1.7 mile loop along the Plantation Trail has steep areas and variable terrain- not for beginners! Remember appropriate footwear! [Sign up encouraged](#). Open for the whole family. Shine only.

November 25: Staying Warm in Winter

1 - 2 p.m. at Red Dog Lodge by the Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Join a warm fireside talk about how people and animals have adapted to cold climates throughout history. Learn how to start a campfire, and fire safety related to it. [Sign up encouraged](#). Open for the whole family. Shine only.

November 26: Digs for Kids

1 - 1:45 p.m. at Avalon Area, William Offutt Johnson History Center

5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

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November 26: The More You Snow: The Science of Winter

3 - 4 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Join us to learn about how snowflakes grow and what they look like up close. We'll go on a short hike, learn about the history of snow science, and cut our own snowflakes! Recommended for ages 5 and up. [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Spots for 20 participants. Rain or shine; if the weather is poor, we will not hike.

November 27: Full Moon Hike

6 - 8 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Hike Soldiers Delight by the light of the Beaver Moon. Experience the dark beauty of this natural environment area while learning about nighttime ecosystems. Please note we will be hiking in the near dark, but bring a flashlight for the parking lot. Ages 12 and up, clear skies only. [Sign up required](#).