

# August 2024

## Patapsco Valley State Park Soldiers Delight NEA

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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Are you interested in setting up a private program for your family or friends?  <a href="https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7">https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7</a></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
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### **Centers of SDNEA & PVSP Hours of Operation**

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

*5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117*

**\*Update\* William Offutt Johnson History Center:** Open as staffing permits.

*William Offutt Johnson History Center: 5120 South Street, Halethorpe, MD 21227*

**Nature Center:** Saturdays, Sundays & holidays, 11 - 3 p.m.

*Nature Center: 1101 Hilton Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228*

### **August 3, 4, 10, 18, 24, 25: History Center Open**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Avalon Area

*5120 South Street Halethorpe MD 21227*

### **August 7: Intro to River Snorkeling - Avalon**

6:30-7:30 p.m. in Avalon Area, meet outside of Shelter 106

*5120 South Street Halethorpe MD 21227*

Experience freshwater river snorkeling and discover the underwater world of Patapsco. Masks and snorkels available in limited quantities. 18+ only. [Signup required.](#)

Shine and suitable river conditions only. Limited to 7 participants.

### **August 14: Grandparents & Me: A-maze-ing Water**

9-11:15 a.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

*5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117*

Imagine turning on your water and having everything that you dumped into the gutter last week flow into your glass. Join us to learn about how our imprint affects aquatic life and drinking water supplies. Limited to 25 participants, all ages encouraged. Sign up is required. This is an indoors program. \$10.00 per person as you will create an art sculpture to take home. [Signup required.](#)

### **August 17: The Cosmic Distance Scale: A Journey Across the Universe**

8-11 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

*5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117*

Join us for an enlightening voyage through the vastness of space! Our stellar navigators will unravel the secrets of cosmic distances, allowing us to piece together the fabric of the universe. We'll start close to home, measuring the astronomical unit (AU) within our Solar System. Then, step by step, we'll extend our reach into the cosmic expanse. Learn how astronomers use parallax - the apparent shift in a star's position - to measure the distances to nearby stars. Ground-based parallaxes reveal secrets up to 100 parsecs away, while the Hipparcos mission extends our cosmic tape measure to 1000 parsecs. [Signup encouraged](#)

**August 19: Take Only Photos**

1-3 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA, Red Dog Lodge  
5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Take only photos, leave only footprints! Join us as we celebrate World Photography Day by taking a short hike to explore the beauty around us and then come back to make some art, based on those photos! Maximum 15 participants. [Signup encouraged](#). Rain or shine. \$2 per participant.

**August 21: Creepy Crawlies are Cool**

10-11 a.m. at the Avalon Area, William Offutt Johnson History Center  
5120 South Street Halethorpe MD 21227

Join a ranger at the History Center to find and identify some creepy crawlies! There will be a hands on bug search and a whole lot of fun. Maximum 15 participants. Rain or shine. [Signup encouraged](#).

**August 21: Intro to River Snorkeling - McKeldin**

6:30-7:30 p.m. in McKeldin Area, meet outside of Shelter 576  
11676 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Experience freshwater river snorkeling and discover the underwater world of Patapsco. Masks and snorkels available in limited quantities. 18+ only. [Signup required](#). Shine only and suitable river conditions. Limited to 7 participants.

**August 27: Digs for Kids: Hands on Archaeology**

11-11:45 a.m. in Avalon Area, William Offutt Johnson History Center  
5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

A PVSP hands-on learning experience! Participate in an archaeological excavation and trowel soil, screen dirt and learn about our site. Recommended for ages 5-12! [Signup encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Shine only. Great for homeschool groups!

**August 28: Goodbye Summer Hike**

10-11 a.m. in Hilton Area, Nature Center  
1101 Hilton Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228

Say goodbye to summer and welcome the first signs of autumn with us! Meet at Hilton Nature Center to hike around the nature center and along our sensory/storybook trail. View the foliage and enjoy the beauty nature has to offer! This hike is very beginner friendly, so all are welcome! Shine only. [Signup encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

**August 31: Goodbye Summer Hike**

10-Noon in McKeldin Area, meet at the basketball court  
11676 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Say goodbye to summer and welcome the first signs of autumn with us! Meet at the McKeldin Basketball Court as we prepare to go on our Tall Poplar Trail. This hike has some elevation changes, so be prepared for a moderately difficult hike. Shine only. [Signup encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

**August 31: Bat Watch**

*5100 Deer Park Road Owings Mills MD 21117*

8-9:15 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Come to the park after dark and watch for bats while learning about their diversity and conservation from a ranger! Open for families and individuals of all ages. Shine only and [sign up required](#). Outdoor blankets and red-light flashlights are optional and can be provided. Long pants are recommended.