

June 2024

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. 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? https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7</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
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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

William Offutt Johnson History Center: Saturdays, Sundays & holidays, 10 - 4 p.m.

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

June 1 & 8: License-Free Fishing Days

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

Centers open 10 - 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Mckeldin Area Ranger Station 9-4 p.m.

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. Find more information [here](#).

June 5: Sunset Wildlife Paddle

7 - 9:30 p.m. at Daniels Dam

Join us for a dusk canoe trip at Daniels Dam to view the wildlife that comes out in the evening. We will be accompanied by an underwater light equipped paddleboard for viewing denizens of the deep river. Maximum is 16 people, recommended for all ages. PFDs are provided. Combined air and water temperature must be a combined minimum of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Shine only. [Sign up required](#). Rain date is June 6.

June 6: New Moon Hike

7 - 8:15 p.m. Avalon Area, meet by Shelter 104

5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

The new moon is our 'invisible' moon. Come learn why on a ranger led hike while the sun sets and the crepuscular ecosystem stirs. Moderate trails over approximately 2 miles with hills and potential for mud. [Sign up required](#). Ages 12+. Spots for 20 participants. Clear skies only.

June 7: Digs for Kids: Hands on Archaeology

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

5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

PVSP's hands-on experience returns for 2024! Participate in an archaeological excavation and trowel soil, screen dirt and learn about our site. Recommended for ages 5-12! [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Shine only. Great for homeschool groups!

June 8: Botany for Anybody!

10 - 11:30 a.m. at McKeldin Area Ranger Station

11676 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Any plant enthusiast is welcome on this introductory hike about plants, including identifying characteristics, understanding plant reproduction and the importance of pollination, and the role of biodiversity in spite of local plant invaders. [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Spots for 15 participants. Shine only.

June 13: In Their Footsteps: Captain John Smith and Patapsco

1 - 2 p.m. in the William Offutt Johnson History Center

5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

Commemorate the day from 1608 when Captain John Smith and his crew of explorers traveled via boat and foot into what is now Patapsco Valley State Park. Learn about this expedition while we hike to the monument that marks this historic event. [Sign up required](#). Spots for 25 participants. Hike is approximately 1.5 miles on easy terrain, rain or shine.

June 15: The Quest for Cosmic Companions

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

5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

For millennia, humanity has pondered one of the most profound questions: Are we alone in the universe? This question, which has captivated the minds of scientists, philosophers, and dreamers alike, lies at the heart of our exploration of intelligent life beyond Earth. Tonight we will provide an overview of this age-old question, drawing upon the pioneering work of physicist Dr. Frank Drake and his eponymous equation for estimating the number of communicative civilizations in our galaxy.

Activity: Translating an Alien Message. Rain or Shine. [Sign up encouraged](#).

June 16: Learn and Draw - The Great Blue Heron

1 - 3 p.m. in the Hilton Area Nature Center

Become an expert of one of Maryland's staples - the Great Blue Heron! Learn how to draw and paint one with park staff. Shine only. \$10 per participant, materials provided. [Sign up required](#).

June 19: Digs for Kids: Hands on Archaeology

11 - 11:45 a.m. at Avalon Area, William Offutt Johnson History Center

5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

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June 23: Birding with Pride: Birding for Beginners

9 - 11 a.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center
5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Join us for this Pride Month event, where we will be covering the basic of birdwatching on a hike and discussing the great diversity of sexuality in the natural world, including our avian neighbors. All identities are welcome! [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Spots for 15 participants. Shine only.

June 24: Grandparents & Me: Reptile Wrap Up

11-noon at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center
5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Join us for an introduction to three of our scaly creatures! Learn the myths, histories, and benefits of these often misunderstood animals. Grandparents and grandkids will be delighted to meet their elders! Just remember to ask us about our resident box turtle. Rain or shine. [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. All ages welcome.

June 26: River Snorkeling

6-7:30 p.m. at the Orange Grove area by Shelter 106.
5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

Experience freshwater river snorkeling and discover the underwater world of Patapsco. Masks and snorkels available in limited quantities. Maximum 7 participants. Air and water temperature must be a combined minimum of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. [Sign up required](#). Shine only. Age 18+.

June 27: Basics of Fishing

9 -Noon at McKeldin Area, Rapids
11676 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville MD 21104

Come learn how to be a beginner angler, and how our footprints can impact the environment. All Ages encouraged; Fishing License Required. Bring a chair, water, and a snack. We will provide the fishing pole and tackle box, though you are welcome to bring your own. 20 maximum. Fishing license required for participants 16 years and older. [Sign up required](#).

June 27: Digs for Kids: Hands on Archaeology

12-12:45 p.m. at Avalon Area, William Offutt Johnson History Center
5120 South St, Halethorpe, MD 21227

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