

November 2022

PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dress for the weather and activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.		1	2 Wednesday Workday* 9 – 11 a.m.	3	4	5 Squirrels 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nature Center Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	6 Animal Tracks 12 – 4 p.m. Meet the Reptiles 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nature Center Open 12 – 4 p.m.	7	8	9	10	11 Meet the Reptiles 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Before PRSP: Henry Gaither's Lands & The Alf Brown House 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Nature Center Open 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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19 Wild About Turkeys 11 – 3 p.m. Nature Center Open 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Cemetery Hike 12 - 2 p.m. Nature Center Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
26 Owls – Hoo's Looking at You? 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Nature Center Open 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31	For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park or Maryland State Parks Facebook page. Programs with a * are volunteer opportunities with the park.

All events are all ages and free unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday Workdays*

9 – 11 a.m. at the Nature Center

Help volunteer rangers perform routine maintenance to keep the trails beautiful. Please bring your work gloves and wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty. *Participants must register to volunteer at <https://ec.samaritan.com/custom/1528/>

Squirrels

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

These furry little animals are super busy right now, getting ready for winter. Come discover facts and stories about the life of a gray squirrel. You can do a nature craft to make a tiny squirrel out of acorns to take home with you.

Animal Tracks

12 – 4 p.m. at the Nature Center

Stop into the Nature Center where a park naturalist will talk about animal tracks – who makes them and where. Then, go on a short walk looking for tracks!

Meet the Reptiles

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Reptiles play a vital role in the ecology of our natural world. Learn more about this interesting group of animals and get the chance to see a live corn snake. Come see how corn snakes have adjusted to meet the challenges of their environment. This presentation is suitable for all ages.

Before PRSP: Henry Gaither's Lands & The Alf Brown House

1 – 5 p.m. at the Nature Center

Before Patuxent River State Park was established, the lower portion was owned by Henry Gaither. Join us for a discussion about the history of the five sections of land passed from Henry Gaither to his descendants. Then, learn about the history and design of the Alf Brown House, which currently serves as the park rangers' office, and how to extrapolate that history from outside features and public records.

Cemetery Hike

2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Join a volunteer ranger for a hike of the park's Cemetery (red) trail. Learn about the agricultural and natural history of the park and a prominent, formerly enslaved landowner and his family. The hike will be about 3.5 miles round trip and visits the historic Howard Chapel Cemetery. There are two "step across" creek crossings and varied terrain. Wear comfortable shoes and bring plenty of water. Meet at the Nature Center.

Winter is Coming

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

With cold weather setting in, what happens to all the animals? Come find out where the butterflies and bees go, why migration is a challenging yet successful strategy for many, which animals hibernate, and who remains active so that you see them all winter long.

Wild About Turkeys

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Scientists estimate the wild turkeys have been around for at least 10 million years. Before European settlement, scientists estimate that there were 7 to 10 million wild turkeys in North America. By the 1930s, there were only about 30,000 turkeys left in the wild. Stop into the Nature Center for a talk by a park naturalist covering wild turkeys in Maryland and their remarkable comeback.

Cemetery Hike

12 – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Join a volunteer ranger for a hike of the park's Cemetery (red) trail. The hike will be about 3.5 miles round trip, explores a new area of the southern park, and visits the historic Howard Chapel Cemetery. There are two "step across" creek crossings and varied terrain. Wear comfortable walking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. Meet at the Nature Center

Owls – Hoo's Looking at You?

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Stop into the Nature Center and learn about these fascinating birds of prey and how their unique vision and other adaptations makes them such efficient hunters.