

# August 2022

## PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Programs with a * are volunteer opportunities with the park.	1	2	3	4	5	6 Scavenger Hunt <b>12 - 4 p.m.</b>  <i>Nature Center Open 12 - 4 p.m.</i>
7 Cemetery Hike <b>1 p.m.</b>  <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i>	8	9	10 Trail Maintenance* <b>10 a.m.-12 p.m.</b>	11	12	13 What Lives in the Patuxent River? <b>1-2 p.m.</b> <i>Nature Center Open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i>
14 Meet the Reptiles <b>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b>  <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>	15 Trail Maintenance* <b>12-1:30 p.m.</b>  <i>Nature Center Open 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Nature Center Open 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.</i>	20 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Water Mills on the Upper Patuxent River <b>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b> <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>
21 Meet the Reptiles <b>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b> Wineberry Jelly Making Demo <b>2 p.m.</b> <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>	22	23	24 Trail Maintenance* <b>10 a.m.-12 p.m.</b>	25	26	27 Monarch Madness <b>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b>  <i>Nature Center Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</i>
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*All events are all ages and free unless otherwise noted.*

### **Scavenger Hunt**

#### **12-4 p.m. at the Nature Center**

What natural treasures can you find in and around the picnic area or on the trails at Patuxent River State Park? Several different versions are available, from simple nature objects (acorn, butterfly, etc.) to sensory hunts (smells good, rough texture, etc.). Use these to deepen your awareness of what's in the park!

### **Cemetery Hike**

#### **10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Nature Center**

Join a volunteer ranger for a hike of the park's Cemetery 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 and bring water. Meet at the Nature Center.

### **Trail Maintenance\***

#### **10 a.m. – 12 p.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/>

### **What Lives in the Patuxent River?**

#### **1 – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center**

What's in the water? We will look for crayfish, mayfly larvae, salamanders, minnows, and do some simple water quality tests in the Patuxent River located in the park. Close-toed shoes or sturdy sandals that can get wet are recommended (no flip-flops); cancelled if high water.

### **Meet the Reptiles**

#### **11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center**

Many reptiles play a vital role in the ecology of our natural world. This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn more about this interesting group of animals and will include 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.

### **18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Water Mills on the Upper Patuxent River**

#### **11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Nature Center**

Water powered mills were once an important industrial function of the upper Patuxent River and its tributaries. Water powered bone, clover, grist, fulling, and saw mills operated to support plantations and farmers living in the vicinity of the upper Patuxent River. See an exhibit showing the history of mills that have been identified to date together with a discussion about the siting and operation of these mills and the people who built, owned, and operated these milling operations. Meet Charles Henry Shaw, a 19<sup>th</sup> century millwright who worked in water mills in Howard and Montgomery counties.

### **Wineberry Jelly Making Demo**

#### **2 p.m. at the Nature Center**

Learn how to turn non-native wineberries into delicious jelly in the kitchen of the old miller's house. Rain or shine. It's a short walk from the parking lot, so bring an umbrella in case of rain.

### **Monarch Madness**

#### **10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center**

Learn about Monarch Butterflies as they leave our area to migrate down to Mexico for the winter. Explore their amazing life cycle while playing a Monarch Migration game