

June 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. Please visit our website or email patuxentrivestatepark@maryland.gov for more info.			1	2 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.	3	4 Skulls & Skins 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>
5 What Lives in Our Pond? 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>	6	7	8	9 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.	10	11 18 th & 19 th Century Water Mills on the Upper Patuxent River 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>
12 Learn About Decomposers 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Meet the Reptiles 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>	13	14	15	16 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.	17	18 Meet the Reptiles 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>
19 <i>Father's Day</i> "Then and Now" Hike 1 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i>	20	21	22	23 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.	24	25 Cemetery Hike 1 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i>
26 Habitat Hunt 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i>	27	28	29	30 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.	For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park Facebook Page.	

All events are all ages and free unless otherwise noted.

Thursday "This or That" Hikes

5 p.m. at the Nature Center Parking Lot

Join a park naturalist for a hike on one of the trails in the park. Distance (This or That) can be decided based on attendance (up to 3+ miles). Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Meet at the parking lot.

Skulls & Skins

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Explore pelts, bones, feathers and other biological artifacts from animals found in the park. What can you learn about an animal from its bones?

What Lives in Our Pond?

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Join a park naturalist to observe and investigate what lives in our pond.

18th and 19th 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.

Learn About Decomposers

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

It's amazing how many things live in and on rotting logs. Learn about the role of decomposers by observing fallen logs and gain an understanding of how decomposition takes place and a better appreciation for micro-habitats and communities.

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.

"Then and Now" Hike

1 p.m. at the Nature Center

Did you know that Patuxent River State Park used to be a farm? Come on a 1.5 hour hike and see how much has changed in the last 50 years. We will compare an original map with the current hiking map to find the features that have taken over from the original pasture-land. Suitable for middle-school aged children and older. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your own water.

Cemetery Hike

1 p.m. at the Nature Center

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

Habitat Hunt

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Imagine you are a wild animal that lives in the park and to survive you need food, water, cover, and places to raise your young. We will take a look around the Nature Center, record our observations and decide whether or not your animal might stay and set up home here.