

July 2026

SMRA Program Calendar:



South Mountain Recreation Area

301-791-4767; greenbrier.statepark@maryland.gov

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All events are free and fun for all. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Some events will be canceled according to the weather please call 301-791-4767 to confirm. Dress for the weather/activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p>		<p><u>Programs with this symbol qualify for the Junior Rangers Program!</u></p> 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 WM and GATH Museum Open 4PM- Skulls- GB 7:30PM- Campfire Program- GB</p>	<p>4 WM and GATH Museums Open</p>
<p>5 WM and GATH Museums Open</p>	<p>6 9AM- Story Time- GATH Correspondents Arch 10AM- Skulls- GATH</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1PM- Nature Nook Open- GB 4PM- Stream Exploration- GB</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 WM Museum Open</p>	<p>11 WM Museum Open 10AM- A Quiet Hike- GB</p>
<p>12 WM Museum Open</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 New Moon</p>	<p>15 4PM- Meet a Tree- GB 7PM- Evening Story Time- GB Gazebo #2</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 WM Museum Open 3PM- Nature Nook Open- GB 7:30PM- Campfire Program- GB</p>	<p>18 WM Museum Open</p>
<p>19 WM Museum Open 10AM- Interpreting South Mountain- GATH</p>	<p>20 9AM- Story Time- WM Museum 10AM- Invasive Plant Removal- WM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10AM- Owls- GB 2PM- Meet a Tree- GB</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 WM Museum Open 5PM- A Quiet Hike- GB</p>	<p>25 WM Museum Open</p>
<p>26 WM Museum Open</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Full Moon 3PM- Who Lives at the Lake?- GB</p>	<p>30 3PM- Nature Nook Open- GB</p>	<p>31 WM Museum Open 7:30PM- Campfire Program- GB</p>	<p>GB= Greenbrier State Park GATH= Gathland State Park WM= Washington Monument State Park</p>

[July 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31](#)

Washington Monument State Park Museum

Visit the museum at Washington Monument State Park. This monument has served several interesting uses through its time and is a perfect spot to take in the panoramic views of the Great Appalachian Valley from South Mountain. *Museum is open 9AM-5PM.*

Gathland State Park Museum- [July 3, 4, 5](#)

Visit the museum at Gathland State Park and learn about a unique character in South Mountain's history—journalist, novelist, and poet George Alfred Townsend. *Museum is open 9AM-5PM.*

[July 3](#)

Skull Identification

Analyze different types of skulls, including their shape and teeth. Based on your observations, identify which skulls are those of herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. *4-5PM at the Nature Nook, next to concessions in Greenbrier Park*

Evening Campfire Program- Appalachian Old Time Music

Learn about the unique history of musical traditions in Appalachia. Live music provided, singing along encouraged! *Limited to campers in Greenbrier, meet at the amphitheater in Birch Loop. 7:30PM-8:30PM*

[July 6, 15, 20](#)

Story Times in the Park

Join us for an all-ages, all-abilities story time at rotating parks through the summer! Ages 6 months and up, must be accompanied by a caregiver. *Location changes, check calendar for details.*

[July 6](#)

Skull Identification

See description under July 3. *10AM at the pavilion near the Arch in Gathland State Park.*

[July 8, 17, 30](#)

Nature Nook Open House

Stop by the Nature Nook to explore our nature-themed activities! *At Nature Nook, next to concessions in Greenbrier State Park. Check the calendar for times*

[July 8](#)

Stream Exploration

Explore one of the streams that feeds into Greenbrier Lake. What creatures can we find, and what can they tell us about the health of the water? *4PM at the lower parking lot by the boat launch ramp in Greenbrier State Park.*

[July 11](#)

A Quiet Hike

Start your weekend off right with a peaceful walk in the woods. Enjoy a less-populated trail in Greenbrier that boasts many native understory plants. *Meet in lower parking lot by boat launch ramp in Greenbrier Park. Hike will be on paved and natural trails, approx. 1 mile, beginner-friendly! 10AM-12PM*

[July 15](#)

Meet a Tree

Learn how to really “see” trees and improve your ability to identify and appreciate them. *Meet at Gazebo #2, day-use area in Greenbrier State Park, 4PM.*

[July 17](#)

Evening Campfire Program- Turtle Time!

Learn about the various species of turtle that live in Maryland and what makes each one unique. Enjoy a gorgeous book about a very special Eastern Box Turtle, and complete a craft. *Limited to campers in Greenbrier, meet at the amphitheater in Birch Loop. 7:30PM-8:30PM*

[July 19](#)

Interpreting South Mountain

South Mountain is part of the second-oldest mountain range on the planet and has witnessed many changes in its time. What's the same, what's different, and what can we learn about our own present and future here? *Meet at War Correspondents Arch in Gathland State Park, 10AM. Hike is approx. 0.6 miles on wooded trail, beginner-friendly.*

[July 20](#)

Invasive Plant Removal

Invasive plant species disrupt ecosystems, invade forests, and prevent native plants from growing. Help us ID and remove invasive plant species in the park. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and work gloves; wear sturdy shoes. *Meet in front of the museum at Washington Monument State Park, 10AM.*

[July 22](#)

How 'Bout Them Owls?

There are 8 species of owls in Maryland. Can you tell them apart? Learn about the amazing adaptations owls have developed to hunt and survive. *Meet at gazebo #2 in Greenbrier Park day-use area, 10AM.*

Meet a Tree

See description under July 15. *Meet at gazebo #2 in Greenbrier Park day-use area, 2PM.*

[July 24](#)

A Quiet Hike

See description under July 11. *Meet in lower parking lot by boat launch ramp in Greenbrier Park. Hike will be on paved and natural trails, approx. 1 mile, beginner-friendly! 5-7PM*

[July 29](#)

Who Lives at the Lake?

Greenbrier Lake is home to many fascinating animals, insects, plants, and more!. *Meet at Greenbrier State Park at gazebo #1 in the day-use area (closest to the volleyball court). Hike will be partly around the lake, approx. 0.6 miles, beginner-friendly! 3PM*

