

## Youth Group Camping Area

In addition to Tuckahoe's 34 electric hook-up campsites, 20 non-electric sites, and 8 mini-cabins (all with central bathhouses), there are also 4 campsites available to youth groups. These sites are for groups of 30 or less. Located in a wooded area just off the non-electric camping loop, each comes equipped with a fire ring, picnic tables and access to restroom facilities (no bathhouse). There is a \$16 reservation service charge per site, per night, and must possess a Maryland State Park Youth Group Pass (\$75/year, application available online). Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-432-2267 or online at <https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/>.

Tuckahoe's **Boathouse** is open from late spring to early fall for concessions (weekdays stop by the park office). Special events and program listings can be found either online (<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/snt.aspx>) or by checking the bulletin boards located throughout the park.



## Tuckahoe State Park

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## Group Camping Information

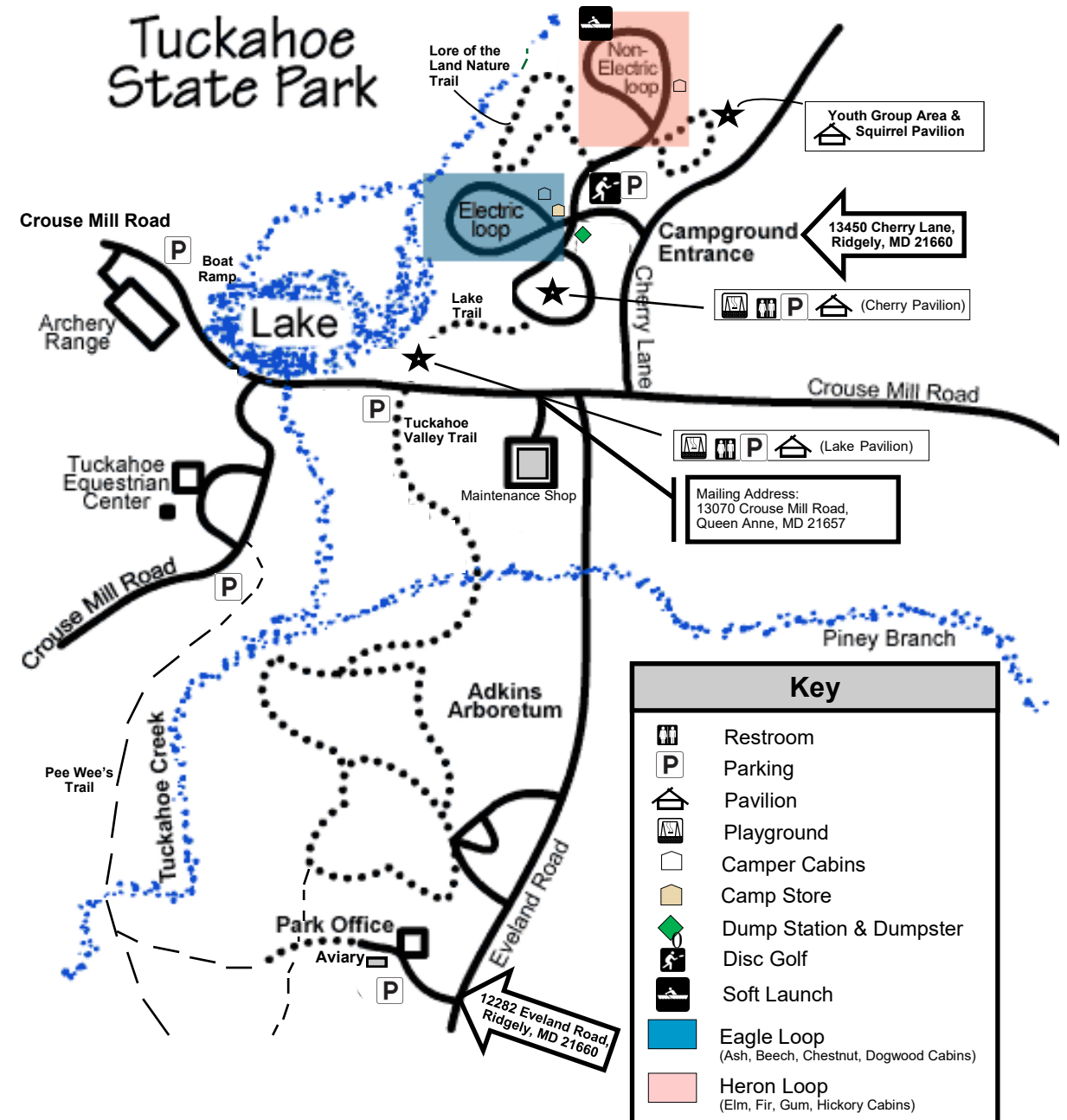


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# Scales & Tales



Scales & Tales is an environmental education program that affords people the opportunity to see wildlife up close. The program uses non-releasable birds of prey and reptiles to encourage people to enjoy and appreciate Maryland State Parks, and the wildlife living in them.

## Wings and Things (All Ages)

*\$100 in-park, \$150 off-site, 45-60 minutes.* Reptiles and birds illustrate how we often judge an animal’s value by the way it looks. Learn that all wildlife serve a purpose in nature. A good general program for all types of groups.

## Raptor Wrap-Up (Ages 8+)

*\$100 in-park, \$150 off-site, 45 minutes.* Prepare for an in-depth look at raptors as we explore their natural history, conservation topics, and tell the ‘tales’ of how each was brought into our care.

## Reptile Wrap-Up (Ages 8+)

*\$75 in-park, \$125 off-site, 30-45 minutes.* Scaly creatures will captivate you as we separate fact from fiction and learn about the benefits of these often misunderstood creatures. Learn about Maryland’s wonderfully diverse reptile population.

## The Secret Lives Of Owls (Ages 8+)

*\$100 in-park, \$150 off site, 45-60 minutes.* Learn about the interesting feeding habits of these night-time hunters by dissecting owl pellets and meeting owls up close.

## G’Nite Owl /Terrific Turtles/ Scaly Storytime (Ages 2-6)

*\$100 in-park, \$150-off-site, 30-45 minutes.* Young audiences will enjoy meeting critters up close, while listening to a story, learning animal sounds and making a craft. (All craft materials provided.) Designed for groups of 25 children or less.

## Private Aviary Tour (All Ages)

*\$50, 45-60 minutes.* Join park staff at Tuckahoe’s Aviary for a behind-the-scenes tour and feeding demonstration while learning about Maryland’s native wildlife.

**Tuckahoe also has a Bald Eagle presentation (\$250) with *limited availability*; email the park office for details at [tuckahoe.statepark@maryland.gov](mailto:tuckahoe.statepark@maryland.gov).**

# Ranger Programs

Program requests should be submitted via email (3-4 weeks in advance) and will be fulfilled based on staff availability, in the order in which they are received. In order to accommodate as many groups as possible, each group is limited to one staff-intensive activity (paddling, archery, etc) per day.



## Canoeing 101 (Ages 8+)

*2-3 hours      Group Size 8-24      \$15/person*

Participants learn proper paddling techniques, rescue skills, safety and basic terminology. This class is tailored to the skills/experience of the group and can incorporate standards for badge completion.

## Guided Canoe Trip (Ages 14+)

*2 hours      Group Size 8-24      \$10/person*

Explore Tuckahoe’s scenic flooded woodlands with park staff. Previous paddling experience is required.

## Leave No Trace (Ages 7+)

*45 minutes      Group Size 8-24      \$3/person*

A great introductory program for groups learning outdoor skills. LNT emphasizes a stewardship ethic and how to enjoy natural resources with little or no impact. Each participant receives a LNT pack tag.

## Tuckahoe’s Amazing Race (Ages 7+)

*1.5 hours      Min. 3 teams of 3-6 people      \$4/person*

Teams work together to complete this physically and mentally challenging race through the park. Incorporates team building activities, orienteering, thinking skills & personal challenges in one event.

## What’s In The Lake (All Ages)

*45 minutes      Group Size 8-24      \$35/group*

With the help of a seine net, groups will be amazed to see the abundance of life below the surface of out waters.

## Fishing 101 (Ages 7+)

*1 hour      Group Size 6-15      \$50/group*

Learn the fundamentals of fishing, participate in a casting contest, then catch fish that live in the lake. Free loaner equipment available for use after program.

## Archery 101 (Ages 7+)

*1 hr      Suggested Group Size 8-16      \$100/hour*

Get a brief history lesson and instruction before working on your aim. Equipment provided. \$50/add’l hour.

# Program Kits

Tuckahoe State Park now offers a number of kits that are designed to be led by the group’s leaders. This system works similar to a library system in which you select which program kit your group would like to do. Inside the kit will be detailed instructions along with all materials needed for the activity. The kits are designed for 25 people at a fee of \$40 (additional \$1 for each person over 25). Each kit must be “reserved” at least 1 week in advance.

<b>Owl Pellet Dissection (Ages 5+)</b> <i>~30-45 minutes</i> Learn how to dissect owl pellets and figure out what owls eat.
<b>Wildlife CSI (Ages 7+)</b> <i>~30-45 minutes</i> Groups will study the scene, learning about animals tracks and scat, to help solve the mystery!
<b>Treasure Quest (Ages 7+)</b> <i>~45-60 minutes</i> Use a map to locate various “treasure” throughout the campground!
<b>Rescue Me! (Ages 7-10)</b> <i>~30-45 minutes</i> Follow the clues throughout the trail to find out which native Maryland critter needs your help!
<b>Trash Timeline (Ages 7+)</b> <i>~30-45 minutes</i> Learn about the three R’s: reduce, reuse, recycle! Participants will sort through and learn about the shelf life of everyday items.
<b>Orienteering (Ages 10+)</b> <i>~45-60 minutes</i> Learn how to use a compass, then use it to navigate your team through the course in the campground. (Loaner compasses provided.)



# Self-Guided Activities

**Trails:** Tuckahoe features are over 20 miles of trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use.

**Lore of the Land Nature Trail:** A self-guided pamphlet can be found at the trailhead.

**Sports:** Start a game of beach volleyball, kickball or horseshoes. (*Loaner equipment available*)

**Disc Golf:** An 18-hole course is located in the Cherry Lane area. (*Limited loaner discs available*)

**Picnics and campfires:** Two main picnic areas (at the Lake and on Cherry Lane) offer playgrounds, grills, tables, pavilions (by reservation only), and open space; a group campfire ring can also be reserved.

**Scavenger Hunt & Nature Bingo:** Email the park to request a self-guided scavenger hunt for your group. (free)

# Rentals

## Mountain Bikes

\$10/day

## Fishing Rods

\$3/each

## Canoes\*

\$15/boat for 4 hours

\$25/boat for 8 hours

*Time Slots:*

*9am-1pm, 1-5pm*



\*Groups **must possess a valid** Maryland State Park Youth Group Pass. Payment must be received at least 1 week prior to rental. To check availability, make reservations or learn more, email the park office.