

# December 2021

Patapsco Valley State Park  
Soldiers Delight NEA

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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                  | Thursday                       | Friday                       | Saturday                   |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <p>Unless otherwise noted, events are held rain or shine, free and fun for all ages; donations are always welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Dress for the weather/activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks</p> |  |                                     | 1                          | 2                              | 3                            | 4                          |
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### **Weather Warriors!**

3 p.m. at the Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Join us to meet some of the Park's Scales & Tales animal ambassadors! Learn about how animals adapt to Maryland's cold winters and test your winterizing skills with an engineering craft. Registration recommended. \$5 per participant.

### **The More You Snow**

3 p.m. at the Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Join us to learn about the science behind precipitation, weather patterns, and how you can be a citizen scientist! We'll end the program by making paper snowflakes you can take home! Recommended for Ages 10 and up.

### **Friends in Focus**

3-5:00 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Aviary

Whether you are a professional or amateur photographer, capture our Scales and Tales animals on film in a natural setting. A Naturalist will be on hand to bring out 3-5 birds of prey and reptiles for photographers to take photos of and to discuss the animal's natural history. Cost: \$15.00 per Photographer.

Registration required by 12/15. Open for the whole family.

### **Meet A Herp, Paint A Herp**

3-5:00 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Join a naturalist at Soldiers Delight for a hands-on, step-by-step paint night. We'll start the night by getting an up close look at the subject of the painting, one of the Scales & Tales reptiles! All materials will be provided. Beginners encouraged! \$10. Registration required by 12/19. Recommended for Ages 10 and up!

### **Bird Feeder Workshop**

1 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Spread holiday cheer to your backyard birds with festive bird feeders! Learn how bird feeders can help Maryland's native birds survive and thrive through the cold months! Registration required by 12/19. \$2 per participant.

### **Meet a Bird, Paint a Bird**

3-5:00 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Aviary

Join a naturalist at Soldiers Delight for a hands-on, step-by-step paint night. We'll start the night by getting an up close look at the subject of the painting, one of the Scales & Tales raptors! All materials will be provided. Beginners encouraged! \$10. Registration required by 12/23. Recommended for Ages 10 and up!

### **First Weekend Hikes**

Join a Ranger or Naturalist for a hike on one of the Patapsco trails, or hike on your own!

#### **12/31 at 4 p.m.: Kid's Countdown Hike**

Join us for an alternate New Year's Eve! Does your young one feel left out by the late night party? Bring a flashlight and count down with us after the hike! Meet at Shelter 201 in the Hilton area. Registration required by 12/28.

#### **1/1 from 10 a.m. - noon: First Day Hike**

Meet at Shelter 300 in the Hollofield area to hike the River Ridge Trail and start the year off right!

**1/2 from 9 - 3 p.m: Choose Your Own Quest**

Not one for crowds? Get a jump on your New Year's resolutions by hiking the newly adapted Tall Poplar Trail at McKeldin, on your own or with a small group as led by will be available from 9 a.m. when the park opens til 3 p.m.