

Self-led Activities

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

Tuckahoe's Lore of the Land Nature Trail:

A self-guided pamphlet can be found at the trailhead. (Similarly, *Schoolhouse Wood's Trail at Wye Island NRMA & Tockwogh Trail at Sassafras NRMA.*)

Fitness Trail: Travel at your own pace while doing movements and exercises that mimic Maryland's native wildlife! (At *Tuckahoe & Martinak*)

Group Scavenger Hunt: This map-based orienteering course is a fun group activity! Information found near youth group bathroom.

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: Visit the park's webpage to print a self-guided scavenger hunt, nature bingo and other worksheets for your group.

Contact us:

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Queen Anne, MD 21657

Campground Address
13450 Cherry Lane
Ridgely, MD 21657

Wye Island NRMA

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Queenstown, MD 21658

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Sassafras NRMA

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Group Activities & Camping

Tuckahoe & Martinak State Parks Wye Island NRMA & Sassafras NRMA



The mission of the Maryland Park Service is to manage the natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources to provide for wise stewardship and enjoyment by people.

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Youth Group Camping

Tuckahoe State Park Youth Group Camping

In addition to Tuckahoe's 34 electric hook-up campsites, 20 non-electric sites, and 7 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 \$6.25 reservation fee per booking, and groups must possess a Maryland State Park Youth Group Pass (free, application available online). Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-432-2267 or online at <https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/>.



Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area Youth Group Camping

Youth Group Camping is available at Wye Island NRMA on two (2) primitive campsites. Dividing Creek and Solo Cove Youth Group sites each hold a maximum of 40 people. Primitive restroom facilities (pit toilet) are available. There is a \$6.25 reservation fee per booking, and groups must possess a Maryland State Park Youth Group Pass (free, application available online). Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-432-2267 or online at <https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/>.

Sassafras Natural Resources Management Area Youth Group Camping

Sassafras NRMA has one (1) primitive campsite available that holds a maximum of 40 people. Primitive restroom facilities (portable toilet) are available. There is a \$6.25 reservation fee per booking, and groups must possess a Maryland State Park Youth Group Pass (free, application available online). Reservations can be made by calling 410-820-1668.

Group Programming

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.

Rentals

Fishing Rods
\$3/each

Canoes*
\$20/boat for 4 hours
\$30/boat for 8 hours
Time Slots:
9am-1pm, 1-5pm



Youth Group can reserve between 4-8 canoes for use at this special rate. Advanced registration is required. Alternatively, single kayaks, tandem kayaks and canoes are available for rent on a first come, first served basis from the lakefront boathouse. FCFS vessels are \$10/hour/boat.

*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.

Ranger Programs

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.

Learn & Do: Canoe! (Ages 8+)
45 min/4 hours Group Size 8-24 \$35/group

In this hybrid option, staff will briefly cover proper paddling techniques and safety for paddling. Then, staff will help your group load up and launch for your own paddle. This option is used in conjunction with your youth group canoe rental; see previous column for pricing.

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 our 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 hour 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.

Ranger-led Program Kit (Ages Vary)
1 hour Group Size 8-25 \$75/group

Choose any program kit from the next column to have Park Staff lead for your group!

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 2 week2 in advance.

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



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. Limited off-site programs are available for environmental education.

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)

\$75, 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.

Self-led Aviary Tour (All Ages)

FREE, 45-60 minutes. Visit Tuckahoe’s Aviary to learn about Maryland’s native wildlife by using the new U Turn devices!

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