

April 2023

Patapsco Valley State Park
Soldiers Delight NEA

Register [here](#) or by contacting us at 410-461-5005.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 9 - Multi-generational Fun : Bird Hike	10 9 - Teen Rangers 10 - Storytime with Smokey	11	12	13	14 10 - Little Explorers	15 8 - Lyrids Meteor Shower
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30	<p>Are you interested in setting up a private program for your family or friends? https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7</p> <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. Dress for the weather/activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p>					

April 8: Beginner camping!

3 p.m. at McKeldin Area, Youth Group Area

Calling all military families! Have you ever wanted to explore the outdoors with a fun family camping trip but didn't know where to start? This is your sign to begin! Learn how to set up your campsite and more! Use this opportunity to actually camp for a night in our Youth Group Area. Equipment is provided. Shine only. [Sign up required](#) by 4/1 to ensure we have enough materials. This program is intended to honor the Month of the Military Child.

April 9: Multi-generational Fun - Bird Hike

9 - 10 a.m. at McKeldin Area, first parking lot

Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews on a hike to find some birds! Learn how to spot a feathered friend with a pair of binoculars and some easy identification tips. Limited amount of binoculars available. This program is intended for the multi-generational programming series formerly known as Grandparents & Me. [Sign up encouraged](#).

April 10: Teen Rangers

9 - 2 p.m. at Hollofield Area

Baltimore County Schools are closed, but you don't have to stay at home! Join the Maryland Conservation Corps for a Service Day. Begin with setting up a program called Storytime with Smokey, participate in the program and see what else the park has in store for you! [Sign up required](#).

April 10: Storytime with Smokey

10 - 11 a.m. at Hollofield Area. Meet at the Adaptive Playground

Join us for a nature-themed storytime! We'll have fun reading books, dancing, and singing songs to encourage development of literacy skills in young children. Recommended for ages 0-5. Shine only.

April 14, April 21 & April 28: Little Explorers

10 - 10:45 a.m. at McKeldin Area, Shelter 576

This is a program for kids ages 0-3 to do with their parents/guardians as we introduce them to the natural world. This is part of a 6 part series. Families are invited to come for one or all of the series. We start each day with a fun song and "get loose" activity and wrap up each day with activities you can do at home. For the first day of this series we will review some items to bring (but are often forgotten) when bringing a little one out for outdoor adventures. Then we will do a little hike and practice discovering teachable moments and sharing a sense of wonder with our little wonders. Shine only. [Sign up encouraged](#). Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Spots for 20 total participants.

April 15: Lyrids Meteor Shower

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

Ever wonder why women are from Venus and men are from Mars? No, me neither. So we will explore the Goddess of Love, the God of War and possibly a meteor or two tonight instead. All programs are rain or shine. Time machines (telescopes) will be provided by the Westminster Astronomy Club. April Highlight: Lyrids Meteor Shower. The shower runs annually from April 16-25.

April 16: Rod & Reels Fishing

Two sessions 10 a.m. - noon & Noon - 2 p.m. at the Daniels Area

Come and join us for a few hours of fishing in the park! We will have rod/reel and fly fishing opportunities for anglers of all capabilities. Lunch included and registration encouraged. [Sign up required.](#)

April 16: Mining History Hike

2 - 4:30 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA

Join Volunteer Ranger and mining historian Johnny Johnsson on a two mile Mining History Hike to the historic Choate chromium mine. The history of mining in Soldiers Delight will be supplemented by demonstration of mining artifacts. Participants will have the opportunity to pan and buddle chrome sands (kind of like panning for gold). This program is a great family program for the ages of 10 and up, parents are welcome. For those who can only walk a short distance, they can drive part of the way, park and then make a short walk over uneven terrain to the Choate Mine area where most of the program is conducted. [Sign up encouraged.](#)

April 22: Disc Golf Maintenance

9 -11 a.m. at McKeldin Area

Join our Disc Golf Course volunteer group to do maintenance of the disc gold pads and to remove obstructions in the course. Volunteers receive free entry for the day and volunteers that provide 100 hours of service to the park are eligible for a free MPS park pass for the following year. Please wear clothing that can get dirty, sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle. Recommended ages 10 & up. Shine only. [Sign up encouraged.](#) For more information, call 410-465-5005.

April 22: Adaptive Playspace

10- 2 p.m. at Hollofield ADA Playground

Did you know that the first ADA compliant playground to be installed in a Maryland State Park was right here at Patapsco Valley State Park? Join us in the Hollofield Area to do what kids do best...play! The MVC will be available on site with activities for kids of all ages.

April 22: Native Planting w/ Seed Bubbles

11 - noon at McKeldin Shelter 576

Join us to learn the importance of planting native species in your garden, followed by a seed bubble activity. At the end you can take it home with you! [Sign up required](#) to ensure we have enough materials.

April 24: Litter Clean Up

9 - 11 a.m. at Avalon Area, William Offutt Johnson History Center

Help cleanup our parks! Join us for a litter cleanup in the Avalon area. Tools will be provided, Wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriate for the weather. All ages, Shine only. [Sign up encouraged.](#) For more information, call 410-465-5005.

April 29: BioBlitz

10 - 11:30 a.m. at McKeldin's Shelter 576

Join us in searching for wildlife as we participate in the City Nature Challenge with a BioBlitz! We'll hike parts of the Tall Poplar, Switchback and Rapids trails, looking for all different kinds of flora and fauna. We'll then identify and document our discoveries using iNaturalist. Make sure to bring sturdy shoes and dress for the weather! Shine only. [Sign up encouraged.](#)