

# March 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
<p>Are you interested in setting up a private program for your family or friends? <a href="https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7">https://forms.gle/JkypVLag99Dsm8mu7</a></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>			1	2	3	4  1 - Intro to Birding
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### March 4: Intro to Birding

1 - 2 p.m. @ Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

Join a Naturalist for an introductory lesson in birding. Learn how to spot a feathered friend with a pair of binoculars, easy identification tips and an opportunity to use these skills in the field. Limited number of binoculars and field guides available. Sign up encouraged. Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance to ensure we have enough materials.

### **March 5: SERP- Serpentine Ecosystem Restoration Program**

9- 2:30p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA

The Maryland Natural Heritage Program is holding several Serpentine Ecosystem Restoration Project work days this winter at Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area. Volunteers will assist by removing non-native Virginia pine and other invasive plants, allowing grasses to re-colonize the area. A variety of methods will be used, including hand pulling, chipping and prescribed burns. Bring a lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Pack light, with layered clothing, a hat, sturdy shoes, and work gloves. Call 410-260-8568 after 7pm the night before the event to check for inclement weather schedule changes. Space is limited, so registration is required! Email paula.becker@maryland.gov to register.

### **March 12: Reptile Renderings**

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

Join park staff at Soldiers Delight for a watercolor paint night and meet one of our residential Scales & Tales snakes! All materials provided. Beginners encouraged! \$10 per painter. Sign up encouraged. Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance to ensure enough materials for all participants. Recommended ages 10 & up.

### **March 18: STEM Like A Girl**

Noon - 2 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

Join us to celebrate women in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math. Enjoy hands-on activities, demonstrations and interactive table displays led by specialists in their respective fields in an informal, walk by setting. Let's show everyone why having diverse voices in the workplace is important! Sign up encouraged. This event is recommended for all ages.

### **March 19: SERP- Serpentine Ecosystem Restoration Program**

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### **March 19: World Storytelling Day**

10 - 12:30 p.m. at Hilton Area Nature Center

Come celebrate World Storytelling Day with Patapsco Valley State Park! Join park staff in an array of activities including: reading your favorite children's books, crafting your own nature journal, watching an exciting puppet show, and an appearance by special guest, Smokey Bear! The event is great for kids 7 and under, free to all, but bringing a book to donate is encouraged! SHINE ONLY. Sign up encouraged. Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

### **March 19: Oral Narrative Workshop**

1 - 2:30 p.m. at Soldiers Delight NEA Visitor Center

Join park rangers and volunteers for an oral narrative workshop in celebration of World Storytelling Day! Learn a brief history of oral storytelling and craft your own memorable "Two-Minute" story. Perhaps you'll even share that story with the audience! Recommended for ages 12+ and perfect for a Grandparents & Me activity!. Sign up encouraged.

### **March 25: Open House**

**All Areas- Opening Day of Fishing - 5 a.m.**

**At McKeldin**

**9- 10 a.m. at McKeldin Rapids - Introduction to Fishing**

Meet at the McKeldin 576 Parking lot. Want to learn something new? Not sure where to start and don't want to spend a lot of money to learn? Come learn the basics of fishing! Limited equipment available for loan. Recommended for ages 7 and up! Sign up encouraged. Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance. Spots for 20 participants. Shine only.

**9-1 p.m. Firewise!**

Maryland Forestry Service will be on hand with Firewise displays, information on wildlife prevention and Smokey Swag.

**9-9:30 a.m. Smokey Storytime**

Join Smokey for a special storytime.

**11 - 1 p.m. at McKeldin Disc Golf Course Maintenance**

Join our Disc Golf Course volunteer group to do cleanup of the disc golf 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. Recommended ages 10 & up!

**11 - 1 p.m. at McKeldin - Tails on Trails**

Get your best friend outside and enjoy what Patapsco has to offer your furry friend. This hike is free and welcome to all fitness levels, though recommended for kids ages 6 years and up due to the quantity of animals expected. Leashes required. Sign up encouraged. Groups larger than 5 must sign up in advance.

**At Hilton**

**10 - 2 p.m. at Shelter 201 - Recruiting with Maryland Conservation Corps**

Maryland Conservation Corp staff will be there to recruit and answer any questions about the program.

**At Avalon**

**9- 3 p.m. at 106 - ¡Vamos Hiking!**

Latino Outdoors will be onsite 9-3 p.m. with short, easy-moderate bilingual (spanish/english) hikes leaving at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**10 a.m. - noon at 105 History of Patapsco Valley State Parks**

Learn from pictures and narration about the history of the park from the 1600's-present. A volunteer historian will lead this and answer any questions you have.

**10- 1p.m. at 106 Defensores De La Cuenca**

Defensores De La Cuenca will be on hand to talk about the different ways you can get involved in your community.

**10- 2 p.m. History of the Patapsco Valley**

Join the Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park for an adaptive hike on the River Road Trail a scenic, level paved surface that follows along the Patapsco River. While the distance of the hike is 1.5 miles out and back, hikers can select a distance of their comfort level. Located nearby is a fully accessible pavilion, where we meet prior to and after the hike.

You can learn more about our Adaptive Programs here:

<https://fpvsp.org/adaptive-programs/>

**March 27: Invasive Species Removal**

**9 - 11 a.m. at Woodstock Area Trailhead- 1888 Woodstock Rd, Woodstock**

Help us in our fight against invasive species. We'll be using shovels, loppers and other hand tools to remove various plants that have a harmful impact on our native ecosystem. Registration recommended to ensure parking and tool quantities. Recommended for ages 10 & up. Shine only.

**March 26: PVSP Fun Series**

The 2023 Patapsco Fun Series hosts 8 days of building and maintaining trails in the park, this year we kick off the series on Sunday, March 26 in the Woodstock Area. You can learn more about trailwork, and find links to sign up here : <https://fpvsp.org/the-patapsco-fun-series/>