

March 2023

PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Dress for the weather and activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p> <p>For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park or Maryland State Parks Facebook page.</p> <p>Programs with a * are volunteer opportunities with the park.</p>			1	2	3	4 Skunk Cabbage – Stinky & Amazing! 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</i>
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19 Celebrate the Spring Equinox 12 - 4 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 12 - 4 p.m.</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25 It's Froggy Out There! 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</i>
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All events are all ages and free unless otherwise noted.

Skunk Cabbage – Stinky & Amazing!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Skunk cabbages are aptly named, as you can discover here at the park! These are some of the earliest emerging flowers in our area. Stop by the Nature Center to learn about these amazing plants, then cross the picnic area to see (and smell) some skunk cabbages for yourself.

Build the Best Nest

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Join a volunteer ranger to learn why, where, when and how birds build nests. Challenge yourself to build the best nest you can!

Seeds!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Have you ever wondered how a tree can grow from a tiny acorn into an immense tree? Visit the Nature Center to learn how seeds know when to germinate and what changes occur in the plant as it starts to grow. Make and take your own mini seed growing chamber and watch this amazing process at home.

Solar Appreciation Day: Let the Sun Shine Through

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Join a volunteer ranger to learn about how the sun's energy can be seen as light and how the amount of light affects what you can see.

Meet the Reptiles

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Reptiles play a vital role in the ecology of our natural world. Learn more about this interesting group of animals and get the chance to see a live corn snake. Come see how corn snakes have adjusted to meet the challenges of their environment. This presentation is suitable for all ages.

Cemetery Hike

1 p.m. at the Nature Center

Join a volunteer ranger for a hike of the park's Cemetery (red) Trail. Learn about the agricultural and natural history of the park and a prominent, formerly enslaved landowner and his family. The hike will be about 3.5 miles round trip and visits the historic Howard Chapel Cemetery. There are two "step across" creek crossings and varied terrain. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring plenty of water. Meet at the Nature Center.

Celebrate the Spring Equinox

12 – 4 p.m. at the Nature Center

March 20th is the Spring, or Vernal, Equinox. What is that and what does it mean for the park and the animals that live here? We will also make a craft to celebrate spring.

It's Froggy Out There!

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Nature Center

Spring brings an enormous chorus of frogs calling out for mates. Stop by the Nature Center to hear some of the common frogs you might come across in the park. At 1 p.m., join a volunteer ranger to explore two ponds and see what frogs are active in them.

The Secret Life of Opossums, Raccoons and Skunks

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Although seldom seen in the daytime, opossums, racoons and skunks lead very interesting lives. Learn about the habits of these woodland mammals and get a chance to see and touch their pelts to compare differences in physical feature and skull structure.