

Special Events July 2018

“The Fort is Pretty Full”

Fort Frederick during the American Revolution July 4

Join park staff in celebrating America's birthday by discovering Fort Frederick's role as a Prisoner of War Camp during the American Revolution. Highlights of the event include talks on the fort in the Revolution, musket firing, soldier's cooking demonstrations, a uniform and clothing talk and presentations of the fort's role in the war. Programs will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park entrance fees apply.

Astronomy Program

July 7

Come join a park ranger and the Tri-State Astronomers for a night of star gazing and sky navigation. You will learn the basics of sky navigation and telescope use while looking through our 10-inch Dobsonian reflecting telescope. You are welcome to bring your own viewing devices as well. In case of clouds or rain, an indoor astronomy education program will be offered. Park entrance fees apply.

“Repair to the Fort”

Fort Frederick during Pontiac's Rebellion July 14-15

Experience life at the fort as civilians and militia flee to the fort for safety during Pontiac's uprising. Highlights of the event include musket firing presentations, hearth cooking militia drill, children's drill and a presentation of the fort's role in the conflict. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Park entrance fees apply.

During Special Events
the Daily Program Schedule
is subject to change.

Junior Rangers and Park Pals

Please join us for our 2017 Junior Rangers and Park Pals summer youth programs. Junior Rangers (8-14 years) and Park Pals (5-7 years) are our nature based outdoor education programs designed to get kids out into nature, help them gain an understanding and appreciation for our natural resources and public lands, give them a chance to meet new friends and get some exercise all while having some fun in the great outdoors. This program will be held over six weekly sessions. Sessions are two hours once-a-week for seven weeks with ample make-up sessions available.

July Sessions

Sessions will be held July 11, 18, 25 from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at the Nature Center. Graduation is July 25

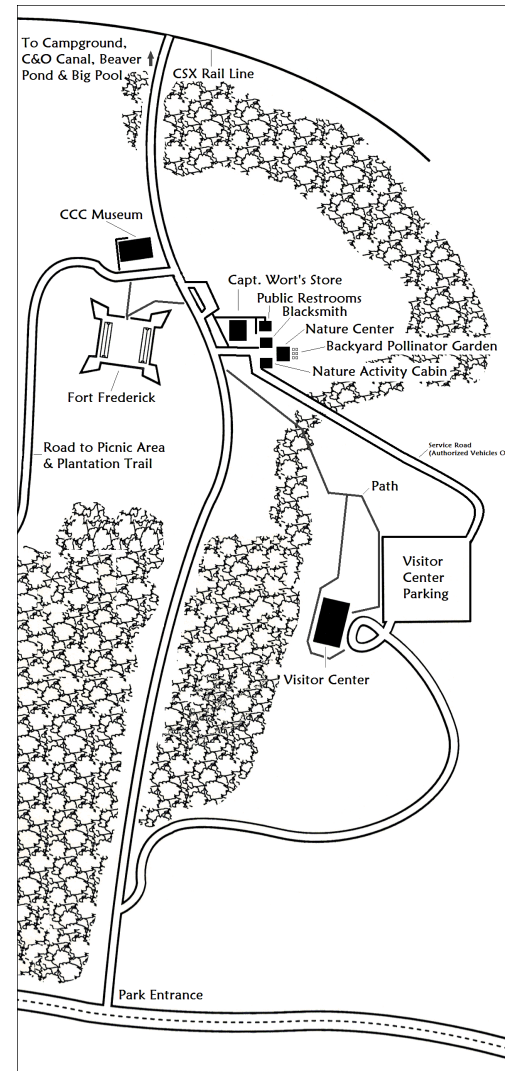
Exploring Nature

This is a fun filled, hands-on nature learning experience. Wear old clothes, because participants will get dirty! There is a service fee for the program and *pre-registration is limited and required*. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.

*All Nature Programs
start at the
Nature Center
unless otherwise noted.*

The historic fort is open &
staffed by Living Historians...

Sunday to Saturday
10 am ~ 5 pm



Pets on a leash are permitted in all areas of the park except the fort and park buildings.



If you enjoyed your experience at Fort Frederick State Park please tweet it out. #happy@fortfrederick

Park Programs July 2018



Fort Frederick State Park

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Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr, Governor
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Daily Fort Historical Programming

From 10:00 to 5:00 join our interpretive staff throughout the fort for hands on living history programs. See our Sentry at the fort entrance for more details. Throughout the day scheduled programs will also take place and are as follows.

- 10:00 ~ **“A Black and Yellow Flag with the Union in the Corner”**
Flag Raising & Fort Open for the Day
Discover the story of the unique flag that flew over Fort Frederick during the French & Indian War, and help the raise the colors! ~ Parade Ground
- 10:30 ~ **“To practice their men in loading & Firing”**
Musket Firing Demonstration
Discover how the flintlock weapons of the 18th Century worked. ~ Musket Firing Area
- 11:00 ~ **“With Scarce a Coat or Weskit to their back”**
Clothing of the Colonies
Experience the clothing of the people who lived and worked at Fort Frederick during the French & Indian War. ~ West Barracks
- 11:30 ~ **“To Treat with the Southern Indians”**
Take a hand in learning how Maryland allied with Southern Indians tribes, and how the relationship affected both peoples. ~ East Barracks
- 12:00 ~ **“Mustered and examined in Arms”; Volunteer Company Drill**
All visitors are welcome to take part in a drill session to understand why the soldiers fought the way they did during the French & Indian War. ~ Parade Ground
- 1:00 ~ **“To practice their men in loading & Firing”**
Musket Firing Demonstration
Discover how the flintlock weapons of the 18th Century worked. ~ Musket Firing Area
- 2:00 ~ **“To practice their men in loading & Firing”**
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- 2:30 ~ **“To Treat with the Southern Indians”**
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- 4:00 ~ **“We...Shall mount on each of the Bastions a Six pounder”**
Join the interpretive staff to learn the role of artillery played at Fort Frederick and take a hand at learning the artillery drill ~ Fort Gate
- 5:00 ~ **“A Black and Yellow Flag with the Union in the Corner”**
Flag Lowering and Fort Closing for the Day
Discover the story of the unique flag that flew over Fort Frederick during the French & Indian War, and help them take down the flag for the day. ~ Parade Ground

Monthly Weekend Nature Programming

July 7th

- 11:00 ~ **Sensational Snakes:** Learn about Maryland’s wide variety of snakes and the unique roles they serve in the environment.
- 2:00 ~ **Living with Bears:** Learn about the relationship between Black Bears and citizens of the state of Maryland.
- 5:00 ~ **Herpetology Hike:** Meet at the Beaver Pond Trail and join one of our park naturalists for a walk along the pond trail. You’ll see Turtles, Snakes, Frogs and more!

July 8th

- 11:00 ~ **We can beat them, if we eat them:** Learn about the invasive plants that plague our state and how you can do your part: by eating them!
- 2:00 ~ **Aqua Invaders:** These sneaky and slimy creatures are invading our state! Visit our nature center to see how you can do your part in fighting these invaders.
- 5:00 ~ **Fishing Derby:** Grab some fishing gear and meet us at the Beaver Pond!

July 14th

- 11:00 ~ **Magnificent Mammals:** Our park has animals of all shapes and sizes! Visit our nature center and learn how to identify them.
- 2:00 ~ **Feeling Batty:** Some people hate bats, but we think they’re awesome!
- 5:00 ~ **Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Meet at the Plantation Trail for a 1 mile hike and see how many items you can find.

July 15th

- 11:00 ~ **Nature Art:** Stop by the nature center to do an arts and crafts project with us.
- 2:00 ~ **Plant Pressing:** Learn how to press leaves and flowers for a shadow box or display.
- 5:00 ~ **Wildflower hike:** Go for a walk with one of our park naturalists along the beaver pond in search of woodland wildflowers.

July 21st

- 11:00 ~ **Mammals of Fort Frederick:** Come learn about the different mammals in the area and the role they play in the ecosystem.
- 2:00 ~ **The life of a tree:** Learn about what happens to a tree as it grows, ages and eventually dies and how it provides habitat throughout its life.
- 5:00 ~ **Birding 101:** Com out and see common bird species and learn how to ID them.

July 22nd

- 11:00 ~ **Invaders in the Park:** Learn about invasive species, what the common ones are, how they affect the environment and how you can help protect native species from them.
- 2:00 ~ **Snakes in a Park!:** Come explore why snakes are so awesome and important to the ecosystem.
- 5:00 ~ **Animals through the ages:** Take a walk throughout the park and learn about the animals that have shaped the environment.

July 28th

- 11:00 ~ **Pollinator 101:** Learn all about the different species of Pollinator we have and the important role they play in keeping our park healthy.
- 2:00 ~ **Pollinator Gardening:** Want to learn how to make a pollinator garden? Stop by our Nature Center and we’ll show you!
- 5:00 ~ **Butterfly Plant Hike:** We will go in search of milkweed and look for caterpillars feeding on them! We will start at the Nature Center.

July 29th

- 11:00 ~ **All about Beavers:** Learn about the life cycle and natural history of our parks bucktoothed denizens.
- 2:00 ~ **Bird nest building:** learn how birds make nests for their young. We will use a variety of materials to make them!
- 5:00 ~ **Beaver Pond hike:** Meet at the Beaver Pond and take a walk around the Beaver pond to see if you can spot signs of the local Beaver family.