

***Come on out and play, at
Patapsco Valley State Park
& Soldiers Delight!***

**February & March 2012
Program Calendar**



February

February 4: Owl Prowl, Soldiers Delight NEA, 7-9pm

Participants will follow a naturalist on a one-mile hike and listen for and try to call out owls. Later we will discuss basic biology, habitat, diet, and conservation. Captive owls from our aviary will be on-hand for educational assistance. Suitable for families and individual adult patrons alike. Meet at visitor center. Rain or shine. For ages 16 yrs and up, unless accompanied by an adult. Please call 410-461-5005 for more information or to sign up. Cost: \$5 per person.



February 11: Yoga Hike, Hilton, 10am-12pm

Hike a scenic 2-mile section of the Patapsco's trails and stretch your muscles with a guided yoga meditation. Wear comfortable clothes that you can stretch in and bring water, this will be a moderately difficult activity. Perfect for all ages! Meet at Hilton Nature Center. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up. Cost: Free! Donations welcome.

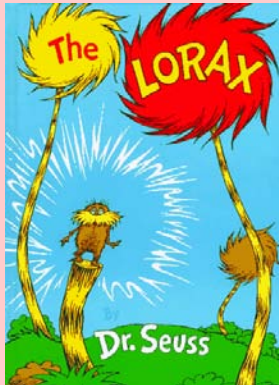
 February 11: Star-Gazing, Soldiers Delight, 8-10pm

Best Chance to see Mercury. The planet Mercury will be far enough from the Sun's glare to be visible shortly after sunset for the next two weeks. All programs are Rain or Shine. Time machines will be provided by the Westminster Astronomy Club. February highlight: Mercury the closest planet to the sun. Please call 877-794-0606 in advance to register if you are in a group of 10 or more, or for more information. Meet in the Visitors Center. Cost: Free! Donations welcome.

March

March 3: Owl Prowl, Soldiers Delight NEA, 7-9pm

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♿ March 3: Dr. Seuss's Birthday, Hilton, 2-3pm

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday! We will be reading The Lorax and making kooky crafts. The Lorax is the Dr. Seuss classic of the plight of the environment. The Lorax speaks for the trees and speaks to many of us. For all ages! Meet at the Hilton Nature Center Duck Duck Goose Reading Time area. Please call 410-461-5005 for more information or to sign up. Cost: \$2/person.

♿ March 10: Star-Gazing, Soldiers Delight, 8-10pm


Mars at opposition. The red planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter. The two brightest planets in the sky will be within 3 degrees of each other in the evening sky. On March 25 and 26, the crescent Moon will be near the two planets, creating a dazzling evening spectacle. All programs rain or shine. Time machines will be provided by the Westminster Astronomy Club. March highlight: the War of the Worlds. Please call 877-794-0606 in advance to register if you are in a group of 10 or more, or for more information. Meet in the Visitors Center. Cost: Free! Donations welcome.

♿ March 17: St. Patrick's Day, Hilton, 2-3pm

What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's day than by making your very own Kissable Blarney Stone. The Blarney stone is said to enable to kisser to gain the "gift of gab". For all ages! Meet at Hilton Nature Center.

Please call 410-461-5005 for more information or to sign up. Cost: 2/person.



 **March 24: Maryland Day, Avalon, 2-3pm**



Learn about the beginning of the Maryland Colony. On March 25th, 1634 ships first reached the shores of Maryland. Find out how they arrived, what the Maryland they met looked like and many other interesting stories about Maryland. You will also learn about the many Maryland symbols. For all ages! Meet at the Avalon Visitors Center. Please call 410-461-5005 for more information or to sign up. Cost: \$2/person.

March 31: Birds of Baltimore, Avalon, 2-3pm

Take a hike with experienced birders and bird photographers. See the park through new eyes as you see many birds that you have never seen before. Bring binoculars and field guides, if you have them. If not, we have a couple of loaners and we will share! Meet in the Avalon Visitors Center. For all ages! Please call 410-461-5005 for more information or to sign up. Cost: \$2/person.



Directions to Areas of Patapsco Valley State Park

Pickall Area

8125 Johnnycake Rd
Baltimore, MD 21207

From the Beltway (I-695):

Take Security Blvd. (Exit 17) westbound. Go 0.5 mile and turn left on North Rolling Rd. Take next right (Fairbrook Rd) Go 1 mile, turn left onto Johnnycake Rd. Go 1.5 miles. Park entrance is on the left.

From Rt. 40:

Take Rt.40 to North Rolling Rd. toward Security Square Mall. Go 2.5 miles, turn left onto Fairbrook Rd. Follow above directions.

Hilton Area

1100 Hilton Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21228

From the Beltway (I-695):

Take Frederick Rd. (Exit 13) through Catonsville to South Rolling Rd. Turn left and continue straight onto Hilton Ave. Follow Hilton Ave. 1.5 miles to the park entrance on right.

From Howard County:

Follow Frederick Rd. through Ellicott City into Baltimore County, turn right at South Rolling Rd. and follow directions above.

Hollofield/Headquarters Area

8020 Baltimore National Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21043

From the Beltway (I-695):

Take Rt. 40 West, (Exit 15). Follow Rt. 40 West 2 miles to the park entrance on the right.

From I-70/Route 29

Take Rt. 29 South (Exit 87) to Rt. 40 East 2 miles to the park entrance on the right.

Avalon/Glen Artney/Orange Grove and Lost Lake Areas

5120 South St.
Halethorpe, MD 21227

From the Beltway (I-695):

Take Rt. 1 (exit 12A) toward Elkridge. Follow Rt. 1 South about 3 miles to South St. Turn right. Park entrance on the left.

From I-95:

Take I-195 East toward BWI. From I-195 take Rt. 1 South (Exit 3) and turn right toward Elkridge. Turn right onto South Street. Park entrance is on the left.

From Howard County:

Follow Rt. 1 through Elkridge and into Baltimore County. Turn left onto South St. Park entrance is on the left.

McKeldin Area

11676 Marriottsville Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

From I-695/I-70 West:

Take I-70 to Marriottsville Rd. (Exit 83). Go North for 4 miles to the park entrance on the right.

From I-70 East:

Take Rt. 40 to Marriottsville Rd. Turn left. Park entrance is 5 miles on the right.

From Rt. 26:

Take Rt. 26 to Marriottsville Rd. Go South 4 miles, park entrance is on the left.

Soldiers Delight NEA

5100 Deer Park Rd.
Owings Mills, MD 21117

From the Beltway (I-695):

Take I-795 to Franklin Blvd. West, turn right. Bear right at Church Rd. Turn left at stop sign onto Berrymans Lane. Turn left at Deer Park Rd. and go for 2.5 miles, to Visitor Center entrance on the right.

From Rt. 26 West :

Take Rt. 26 to Wards Chapel Rd. Turn Left. Follow Wards Chapel to stop sign, and turn right onto Deer Park Rd. Entrance is 1 mile on the right.

Morgan Run NEA, Ben Rose Lane, Eldersburg, MD 21784

From MD #26 & MD 97 west of Eldersburg, go 2 miles north on 97 to Bartholow Road. Go right on Bartholow about 0.1 mile, turn left onto Jim Bowers Road & left again immediately onto Ben Rose Lane. Go about 0.5 miles to end.

Daniels Area, Daniels Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

From the Hollofield Area, take Route 40 West to the second light which is Rogers Avenue. Turn right. Follow Rogers Avenue to traffic circle to Old Frederick Road. Turn right. Go about 1.5 miles and turn left on Daniels Road.



Denotes programs suitable for wheelchairs. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is required.

Program fees do not include park admission. Programs that require registration may be subject to cancellation based on minimum participation requirements— so please sign up in advance!

In general, program fees are \$2 per person. Programs involving Scales & Tales animals are \$5. Additional fees may be added to cover the cost of program materials. Programs led by volunteers are generally free, but donations are accepted and given to the appropriate park "Friends of" organization to benefit the park.

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Patapsco Valley State Park Hours of Operation:

Park Headquarters: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. phone 410-461-5005

Scales & Tales: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. phone 410-461-5005

Soldiers Delight NEA: phone 410-922-3044 (call for Visitor Center hours)

Avalon History Center: phone 410-737-0451 (call for History Center hours)

ALL OTHER AREAS OF THE PARK ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO SUNSET

TO MAKE SHELTER OR CAMPING RESERVATIONS CALL:
1-888-432-CAMP or log on to <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us>

In case of emergency
dial 911
To report a violation in
the Park or to contact a
Ranger call
1-800-825-PARK

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