

OCTOBER 2021

PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Visit our website or email patuxentriver.statepark@maryland.gov for more information. Programs with a * are volunteer opportunities at the park. For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park Facebook page or find us on Twitter, @MDstateParks					1	2
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Animal Tracks 1-5 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.</i>						Learn to Build a Campfire 5 p.m.
31					<i>Nature Center Open 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.</i>	<i>Nature Center Open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.</i>
Halloween Facts and Fun 1-5 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.</i>						

All events are all ages and free unless otherwise noted. Be advised some programs have applicable entrance fees.

Skulls & Skins

2-6 p.m. at the Nature Center

Explore real-life skulls and pelts from mammal residents of the park, and learn what they can teach us about the life of that animal.

Get Ready to Hike

11 a.m. at the Nature Center

Learn what you should know before you go on a hike, equipment you might need, and trail etiquette.

Tuesday Tracks

4 p.m. at the Nature Center Parking Lot

Wind up your work or school day with a peaceful walk through the beautiful woods of Patuxent River State Park. Hikes will leave at 4:00 p.m. every other Tuesday starting May 4th from the parking area. Led by a Naturalist, you will get to know the park trails and learn about the plants and animals found in the park and the history of the area. Distances will vary up to 3 miles (1.5 miles each way) and last about an hour. Distances can be adjusted based on the size, age, and ability of the group. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

Squirrels!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

These furry little animals are super busy right now, getting ready for winter. Come discover facts and stories about the life of a gray squirrel. You can do a nature craft to make a tiny squirrel out of acorns to take home with you.

Reptile Encounter

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Many reptiles play a vital role in the ecology of our natural world. This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn more about this interesting group of animals and will include the chance to see a live corn snake and how it has adapted to meet the challenges of its environment. This presentation is suitable for all ages.

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Leaf Hunt

11 a.m. at the Nature Center

Autumn is a beautiful time of year. Go on a leaf hunt as you walk through the park and bring your finds back to make leaf rubbings.

CSI: Critter Scene Investigation

1 – 5 p.m. at the Nature Center

Animals and plants leave behind signs and stories about what they were doing. Can you identify the perpetrator, and reveal the story behind the "Critter Scene?" Drop by the Nature Center and check out the possibilities!

Decomposers

11 a.m. at the Nature Center

It's amazing how many things live in and on rotting logs. Learn about the role of decomposers by observing rotting logs and gain an understanding of how decomposition takes place and a better appreciation for micro-habitats and communities.

Animal Tracks

1 – 5 p.m. at the Nature Center

Even though you may not see them, there are many ways we know that animals are here. Stop by the Nature Center and learn to identify local animals by their tracks. You can also make your own animal tracks using the Nature Center's models.

Learn to Build a Campfire

5 p.m. at the Nature Center

Learn how to safely build a campfire and enjoy a snack to finish out the day.

Halloween Facts and Fun

1 – 5 p.m. at the Nature Center

Bats? Spiders? Creepy crawly Halloween critters? Drop by the Nature Center and learn the history behind some of the animals and traditions we associate with Halloween. Halloween costumes encouraged (but not required)!