2024 Calendar of Events Western Maryland Rail Trail

February 19 - Presidents' Day Litter Pick

Searching for an opportunity to give back to your community and to work alongside Maryland State Park Rangers? The Fort Frederick State Park Complex staff is looking for volunteers to pick litter at the Hancock Park and Ride parking lot and on the Western Maryland Rail Trail from 10 AM to 2 PM. Volunteers will need to bring weather-appropriate clothes, closed-toed shoes, and a can-do attitude. Equipment, water, and snacks will be provided by park staff. Pre-register for this event by emailing Kendra Bree at kendra.bree@maryland.gov or by calling Fort Frederick State Park at 301-842-2155. Other dates and locations are to be announced.

Great way for students to earn SSL Hours. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

May 11 - Western Maryland Rail Trail Guided Hike

Join a State Park Ranger on a hike to the historic Indigo Train Tunnel at 11 AM. This guided hike is a 1.5-mile-long roundtrip and is taken at a leisurely pace on a paved trail. Leashed pets are welcome, and participants with strollers or wheelchairs should be cautious as root growth underneath the trail makes the surface uneven in some areas. Interested hikers will gather at the Little Orleans Rail Trail Access parking lot (11741 High Germany Road, Little Orleans, MD 21766).

Park Alert:

Repaving of the Western Maryland Rail Trail is slated to take place during 2024. Closures will be posted on the park's webpage and through social media.