

# Come on out and play at Patapsco Valley State Park & Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area!



## January 2016 Program Calendar

**\*Friday, Jan 1st: Sunrise Hike, Soldiers Delight Overlook, 7:15 AM- 9 AM**  
Meet at the Soldiers Delight Overlook just past the Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area visitor center located at 5100 Deer Park Rd, Owings Mill, MD. Enjoy the first sunrise of the 2016 New Year. After sunrise, take an hour-long hike on the Choate Mine Trail. The hike will go past the old Chromite Mine, which was one of the largest producers of chromium in the world during the 19th century. Also view the serpentine barrens while enjoying the sun of a fresh new year. Dress for cold weather and wear water resistant hiking boots for rough rocky trails. Open to all ages! Call 410-922-3044 to register.  
Cost: FREE.



**\*Friday, Jan 1st: FIRST DAY HIKE: Orange Grove History and Cascade Falls Trail Hike, Avalon, Orange Grove Area, 10 AM- 1 PM**  
Meet at the Orange Grove parking lot - accessed through the Avalon entrance at 5120 South Street, Halethorpe MD 21227 for a moderate to difficult 1.8 mile hike. Join the Maryland Conservation Corps as they lead you on a hike on the Cascade Falls Trail. Hikers will enjoy the alluring cascading waterfalls, the dazzling winter hills and valleys and learn many nature fun facts. Celebrate afterwards with hot coffee and cider at Shelter 106. Participants are asked to wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the weather (rain, snow or shine), and bring water for drinking. Families are encouraged to call 410-461-5005 to register. Cost: FREE

**\*Friday, Jan 1st: FIRST DAY HIKE: The Scenic Patapsco River, McKeldin, 10 AM - 1PM**

Join a naturalist as she leads you on a vigorous 4 mile hike on the Switchback Trail at the McKeldin Area of Patapsco Valley State Park. Hikers will enjoy this beautiful riverside trail as well as the scenic view at the Liberty Dam Overlook located at the end of the trail. Pets on a leash are welcome. Meet at the first parking lot- Participants are asked to wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the weather (rain, snow or shine), and bring water for drinking. Families are encouraged to call 410-461-5005 to register. Cost: FREE



**\*Friday, Jan 1st: FIRST DAY HIKE: River Rapids Nature Walk, McKeldin, 1 PM- 2:30 PM**

Join Volunteer Ranger Max Buffington and Author/Naturalist Ned Tillman on a 3 mile walk along the beautiful middle section of the Patapsco. See three Maryland counties from a single spot! Visit the beautiful McKeldin Rapids and learn its secret! See the confluence of the North and South Branches of the Patapsco! Meet at the first parking lot after the contact station. The walk will have short sections of moderate difficulty such as rock scrambling and slippery footing. All participants should bring water plus appropriate clothing and shoes. Cost: FREE

**\*Monday, Jan 4th: Mammal Mondays - White-Tailed Deer, Hilton Nature Center, 3- 4 PM**

In this installment of our Mammal Monday series, you will learn all about Patapsco's most common mammalian resident. Open to all ages. Cost: Free! Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up.

**\*Saturday, Jan 9th: Stargazing, Soldiers Delight Visitor Center, 8 PM- 11 PM**  
Come learn about the "NEW" Constellations "Elvis, Gladis Night and the Pips" and more. Make Glow-in-the-Dark constellation maps to help you learn their shape and locations. Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will all be visible in the predawn sky in January. The best time to see the planets will be an hour to an hour and a half before sunrise. The quartet of planets will be located in the same portion of the sky, meaning that if you can find one planet, you should be able to find the other three with ease. Open to all ages! Call 410-922-3044 for more information. Cost: FREE

**\*Monday, Jan 11th: Mammal Mondays - Raccoons. Hilton Nature Center, 3-4PM**

We will discuss one of Patapsco's most industrious and adaptable inhabitants. Cost: Free! Open to all ages. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up.

**\*Monday, Jan 18th: Winter Buffet, Soldiers Delight Visitor Center, 11 AM- 12PM** ♿ \$

Winter can be a hard time if you are a bird, deer, or squirrel. Join a naturalist to learn about the animals that can be seen throughout the cold winter months, how they survive, and how you can help them out! Homemade feeders will be made to take home to be hung in your backyard and you'll get even more ideas for do-it-yourself feeders at home! The animals will appreciate it! Open to all ages: Call 410-922-3044 to register. Cost: \$2 per person.



**\*Monday, Jan 18th: Mammal Mondays - Squirrels, Hilton Nature Center, 3- 4PM** ♿

We will discuss the many species of squirrel that currently or previously have called Patapsco their home, including the nocturnal flying squirrel. Cost: Free! Open to all ages. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up.

**\*Saturday, Jan 23rd: Tracks in the Snow, Soldiers Delight Visitor Center, 11 AM- 12PM** \*\$




Animals leave many messages in the snow throughout the winter. Join a naturalist to learn how to identify tracks and scat that animals leave behind in the snow as they continue about their day. We will take a short walk outside to look for signs that animals have been around as well as taking an upclose look at (fake) animal scat! Call 410-922-3044 to register. Cost: \$2 per person.

**\*Monday, Jan 25th: Mammal Mondays - Foxes, Hilton Nature Center, 3- 4PM**  
We will discover the two species of fox that make their home in Patapsco's woods and talk about the wolves that used to live here. We'll also learn about our newest resident, the wiley coyote. Cost: Free! Open to all ages. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up.

**\*Wednesday, Jan 27th: Soldiers Delight, Animal Lecture Series - Crows, Soldiers Delight Visitor Center, 7 PM- 8PM**  

Join a Naturalist the last Wednesday of each month to learn about a new animal that resides at Soldier's Delight! Each month will focus on a different species/grouping of animals. From Hawks, Owls, Vultures, Snakes, Turtles, and Frogs. Information will be presented along with a live animal to view up close! Call 410-922-3044 for more information. Cost: \$5.00/person.



 Handicap Accessible \*Some portions are handicap accessible  Preregistration Required  Program

Fee  Eligible for the Model B Junior Ranger Program

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

Project Access on Klees Mill Road:

From I-695, take Exit 18 Randallstown (Rt. 26W). Continue on Rt. 26 west (Liberty Road) to Rt. 32 north. Continue north on Rt 32 to Klees Mill Road and make a left to Morgan Run/Project Access.

### 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.

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TTY users call via the MD Relay

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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)

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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**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, programs led by park staff are free unless they require additional resources or training. 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.**