



FALL 2022 PROGRAMS



Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Natural Resources Division

See a full listing of all the upcoming programs at www.calvertparks.org

Online registration is recommended.

Join or renew today

The schedule of events is subject to changed based on the status of the coronavirus response, weather, staffing and other situations that may arise. If Calvert Nature Society or Calvert County Natural Resources Division cancels a program, a full refund will be issued.

Programs for Families

Families experience the fascinating natural world found in our area. These programs incorporate activities for learners of all ages.

Most programs spend time outdoors: dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Reservations required, www.calvertparks.org.

Adult participation required unless noted. Children must be the age indicated for each program.

Fees unless noted: Free for society members. Nonmembers pay \$8 per family.

August Programs

Animal Olympics

All Ages

[Saturday, August 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Are you faster than a deer? Can you jump higher than a grasshopper? See how you would fare against some of the best athletes in the animal kingdom in this fun field-day event!

Beach Scavenger Hunt and Cleanup

All Ages

[Saturday, August 27, 9:30-11:30 a.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Amy Werking

Can you find a piece of driftwood? The Maryland State Fossil? This unique scavenger hunt will teach you a bit about beach treasures and encourage you to pick up trash while you beachcomb. For each piece of trash, you'll get a treasure.

Cricket Crawl

Ages 8 and older

[Saturday, August 27, 7:30-9:00 p.m.](#)

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Join this night hike and sound census of the late summer crickets and katydids. Learn to identify different species of crickets by their calls and find out what species we hear.

September Programs

Full Moon Hike

All Ages

[Friday, September 9, 8:00-10:00 p.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

See a different side of Flag Ponds Nature Park as we take a hike under the full moon. Who knows who we will see.

Trees Along the Trail

Ages 6-8 years

[Saturday, September 3, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Sabrina Tolbert

Learn the tools used to identify any tree you come across. We'll be practicing identification and learning a few common species along the way.

Rocks Rock!

Ages 3-5 years

[Thursday, September 22, 10:00-11:30 a.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Come learn about how rocks are made and why we need them. Afterwards, pick your own rock for a fun craft.

Pickin' Up Paw Paws

Ages 6 years and older

[Session 1: Sunday, September 25, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.](#)

[Session 2: Sunday, September 25, 2:00-3:30 p.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Come meet Maryland's best kept secret fruit-the native Paw Paw. Take a hike to learn about these delectable, tropical-tasting fruits and view them during their ripening season. Learn about their importance to wildlife, historic peoples of the region--and even get to taste the fruit. Hike is approximately 1 mile on uneven terrain and is not stroller-friendly.

Registration Opening Dates:

Programs in September...

Members July 7; Nonmembers July 21

Programs in October...

Members August 7; Nonmembers August 21

Programs in November...

Members September 7; Nonmembers September 21

Programs in December...

Members October 7; Nonmembers October 21

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October Programs

Shipwrecks of the Chesapeake Campfire

Ages 6 years and older

[Saturday, October 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.](#)

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Nearly 1,800 ships have met their doom in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Put on your favorite sailor or pirate gear and revel around our campfire while the naturalist shares stories of some of these wrecks. Rain date: October 29.

Toddler Hike

Ages 18 months-3 years

[Monday, October 3, 10:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Amy Werking

Hiking with toddlers is always an adventure. Join us as we flip over rocks, pick up sticks, and hike through the woods at a toddler's pace.

Fossil Foray

All Ages

[Saturday, October 22, 1:00-2:30 p.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Come learn about what fossils are and how they are made. Then enjoy the day searching the beach for your own fossils. The hike is not stroller-friendly.

(Not So) Creepy Creatures

Ages 3-5 years

[Monday, October 31, 10:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Bats, owls, spiders, oh my! Come learn about our creepy critters and make a Halloween mask.

November Programs

Toddler Hike

Ages 18 months-3 years

[Wednesday, November 9, 10:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Amy Werking

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National Take a Hike Day

All Ages

[Thursday, November 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

It's National Take a Hike Day. Come on a guided hike to learn about Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm.

Under the Milky Way

Ages 8 years and older

[Saturday, November 19, 8:00-9:00 p.m.](#)

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Experience the wonder of the night sky as we explore the stars. Bring a blanket to lay on as we will be looking skyward to identify the rising winter constellations and learn their stories. Postpone date: Dec. 17.

December Programs

Where'd the Animals Go?

Ages 3-5 years

[Monday, December 5, 10:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Come learn about how animals survive the winter, read a book, and enjoy a craft.

Evergreen! Hike

Ages 5 years and older

[Saturday, December 10, 2:00-3:30 p.m.](#)

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

'Tis the season to celebrate the hardy plants and trees that stay green all year long. We will learn about the adaptations that allow some plants to keep their leaves year-round, while others take a long winters nap. The hike is not stroller-friendly.

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Kayak Trips

<https://www.calvertparks.org/kayak.html>

For ages 9 years and older unless noted.

Must be at least 12 years old to ride in a single kayak.

Fee per person:

\$15 for Society members.

Nonmembers pay \$30.

\$10 discount if you bring your own kayak

Location: Kings Landing Park

Wetland Adventures Kayak Trip

Ages 9 and older

[Saturday, July 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Learn what makes the wetland marsh that surrounds it so magical.

Full Moon Kayak Trip (members only)

Adults Only

[Friday, August 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m.](#)

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Come experience a kayak trip like no other as we paddle under the full moon and learn about animals of the night.

First Day Hike

All ages

[Sunday, January 1, 9:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

Naturalist: Amy Werking

Ring in the new year with an three mile guided hike at Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm. Learn about the history of the site and enjoy being outdoors on the first day of 2023.

For Teen (& Tweens)

<https://www.calvertparks.org/programs/teens.html>

Breeding Bird Atlas Hike

Ages 12 and older

[Thursday, July 21, 8:00-11:00 a.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Join us for an early morning birding hike through the park while we help collect data for the Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3. Data from this project are used to estimate local populations and conservation needs.

Fee per person: Members free; Nonmembers: \$8

Teen Homeschool

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Animals live secret lives all around us, though most of us go through our busy days without even noticing what's right under our noses. Nature observation and animal tracking is both science and storytelling, requiring us to critically observe and gather data as well as use our imaginations to interpret the signs we find. Classes will have both indoor and outdoor activities.

Fee per person per program: Members free; Nonmembers: \$8

Tracks and Trails-Teen Homeschool

[Wednesday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

Our September class will cover animal tracks (footprints) and trails.

Who Scat Here?-Teen Homeschool

[Wednesday, October 5, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

Our October class will cover animal scat (poop) and what it can tell us about our animal neighbors.

Talking Bones-Teen Homeschool

[Wednesday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

Our November class will cover animal bones and what they can tell us about the animals.

Animal Clues-Teen Homeschool

[Wednesday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

Our December class will cover animal clues like scent, sounds, and other things not yet covered this fall.

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HOMESCHOOL FRIDAYS

In this fall series, we will practice the skills necessary to become better trackers and observers. Each month will focus on a different topic. Animals live secret lives all around us, though most of us go through our busy days without even noticing what's right under our noses. Nature observation and animal tracking are both science and storytelling, requiring us to critically observe and gather data as well as use our imaginations to interpret the signs we find.

Homeschool Fridays are a series of environmental education programs developed especially for homeschoolers ages 4 to 12. These classes are a great way to get hands-on science and nature lessons, receive help on projects and research and network with other homeschooling families. Each two-hour program will consist of indoor and outdoor hands-on learning. Depending on the topic, students may observe live animals, collect aquatic creatures, take measurements of water quality or play games. Students will be grouped by age to allow for age appropriate topic exploration. Parents with younger children stay with the group; parents of older children have the option to stay and participate as mentors and teachers. Siblings younger than 3 are welcome but must be under the care of a parent/guardian at all times and should not distract other participants.

Ages 4-12, with adult

Tracks and Trails: Friday, September 9

Scat Happens: Friday, October 7

Talking Bones: Friday, November 4

Animal Clues: Friday, December 2

AM Session: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PM Session: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

SEE ABOVE FOR REGISTRATION OPENING DATES

<https://www.calvertparks.org/homeschool/>

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Reservations required.

Free for society members.

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Calvert Nature Society is dedicated to the protection and preservation of Calvert County's natural heritage and the creation of an environmentally literate and aware community. We provide opportunities for appreciation and understanding of our natural world through our outreach initiatives and in support of the mission of the Calvert County Natural Resources Division. The Society is a 501(c)3 organization.

Join or Renew Today

- Support your nature parks
- Access to early program registration
- Free, or reduced fees, for programs

Your donations directly support our programs and activities

- \$500 supports our efforts to preserve and protect land in Calvert County
 - \$250 supports participation of at-need children in summer camps
 - \$150 supports research projects at our parks (including the Adopt an Owl program)
 - \$100 provides materials for volunteer projects in the parks
 - \$50 builds a strong community for our nature parks
- Any amount directly funds the excellent nature education programs for Calvert County's nature parks

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CALVERT STEWARDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Assisting at the parks is a rewarding way to raise awareness of the importance of our natural lands.

Use your experience to help preserve our future in Calvert County by becoming one of our Calvert Stewards.

Some projects are appropriate for families and teens.

Explore our Calvert Steward web site <https://calvertstewards.galaxydigital.com>
to learn about these and other opportunities.

[Calvert County Biodiversity via iNaturalist](#)

Document the distribution and abundance of plants, animals, fungi and other species found throughout Calvert County. Use iNaturalist to photograph and map your observations in a few easy steps.

[Gardening Days](#)

Help with the upkeep of the gardens at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, Kings Landing Park and Flag Ponds Nature Park. From invasive plant removal, to routine garden care, to maintaining the nature play space and trails-there is always something to be done. Must be able to perform moderately strenuous physical tasks.

[Monarch Monitoring](#)

Calvert Stewards participate in different monarch citizen science projects in order to improve conservation efforts for monarch butterflies.

[Kings Landing Special Event Helper](#)

Volunteers are needed to help assist during weddings and other special events at Kings Landing Park's Tom Wisner Hall in Huntingtown.

[Office Support](#)

Help with many routine and specialized office tasks to better assist and direct the needs of the staff, volunteers and visitors to our nature parks. This includes answering phones, data entry, greeting visitors, filing and maintenance of office space

[Service Projects for Groups](#)

We have a wide variety of opportunities suitable for an organized group (ex: scout, church, school group, etc.) looking to perform a service project in the park.

[Trail Monitoring & Park Maintenance](#)

Kings Landing Park; Hughes Tree Farm; Flag Ponds Nature Park, Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm
Volunteer assists park staff in maintaining trails at all of our nature parks. Duties include removing debris and obstacles from trails and reporting unusual conditions, such as items too large or dangerous for volunteers.