



# Winter 2023 PROGRAMS

## Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Natural Resources Division



See a full listing of all the upcoming programs at [www.calvertparks.org](http://www.calvertparks.org)  
Online registration is recommended.

**Join or renew today**

The schedule of events is subject to change 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](http://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.

## 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 how animals survive the winter. We'll 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.

## January Programs

### Raptor Meet and Greet

*Ages 3-6 years*

Thursday, January 5, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Come learn about our local birds of prey and meet resident raptors. Enjoy a book and craft to finish the day.

### Where'd the Animals Go?

*Ages 3-5 years*

Friday, January 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Come learn how animals survive the winter We'll read a book and enjoy a craft.

### Maple Tapping Time

*All ages*

Saturday, January 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Learn the process of tapping maple trees. We'll hike to the 'sugar bush' to tap the trees for syrup season, and learn this simple skill. After we visit our trees, we'll warm up by an outdoor campfire and roast a marshmallow. Program will be outside, so dress for the weather.

### Registration Opening Dates:

Programs in:	Members	Nonmembers
December:	October 7	October 21
January:	November 7	November 21
February:	December 7	December 21
March:	January 7	January 21

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## First Day Hikes

*All ages*

Sunday, January 1, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm with Amy Werking
- Ward Farm Nature Park with Jessy Oberright
- Flag Ponds Nature Park with Kim Curren

Ring in the new year with a guided hike and learn about the parks as we enjoy being outdoors on the first day of 2023.

## February Programs

### Rodents are Rambunctious

*Ages 3-5 years*

Thursday, February 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Rodents get a bad name, but they are very important and interesting. Come learn about our local rodents.

### From Sap to Syrup Open House

*All ages*

Session A: [Saturday, January 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.](#)

Session B: [Saturday, February 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m.](#)

Session C: [Saturday, February 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.](#)

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Learn the process of tapping Maple trees to collect sap that can be boiled into delicious syrup. You can join a hike to our local tapped Maple trees (the sugar bush), help collect fresh sap, watch sap being boiled into syrup, enjoy a toasted marshmallow at the campfire and participate in some fun activities to learn about this simple and delicious process. The Open House starts at 2 pm, with hikes to the sugar bush at 2:30, 3:00 and 3:30pm. Program will be all outside, so dress for the weather.

### Dead or Alive: Winter in the Woods

*Ages 3-6 years*

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Amy Werking

The peaceful woods may seem lifeless in winter, but they aren't. This program will explore plant, animal, and insect life in the quiet, but not dormant, woods in winter. Dress for an outdoor adventure.

## Winter Adventurers Overnight

For children in grades 3-5 \*no adults required

Saturday January 14, 9:00 a.m.-Sunday, January 15, 9:00 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Winter is a great time for outdoor adventures! During the day we will explore the woods and the beach playing games, building forts, and following our sense of adventure. After sunset, we will head out into the quiet winter woods for a night walk, followed by a campfire and s'mores. Then we'll set up tents indoors for a winter adventure sleep over.

Dinner, breakfast, and snacks included.

Program fee per child

\$25 for Society members; \$40 for nonmembers:

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## For Teen (& Tweens)

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

### Animal Clues

*Ages 12-16 years*

Wednesday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Our December class will cover animal clues like scents and sounds.

### Chesapeake Connections

*Ages 12-16 years*

[Wednesday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

[Wednesday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

[Wednesday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

This homeschool series is centered on the Chesapeake Bay - with each month focusing on a different topic related to the Bay. There will be some indoor activities, but most of this class will take place outside so please come prepared for the weather.

### Teen Birding: Raptor Survey

*Ages 12-18 years*

[Monday, January 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

[Monday, February 13, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.](#)

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

As part of our raptor research project, we are conducting surveys of wintering hawks and falcons to better understand their survivability. Join us to trap and band raptors to collect more data for this study. We will meet at Battle Creek and travel in the county van to various areas.

## Nature's Trivia Family Feud

*Ages 12 years old and up*

Saturday, February 18, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Think you are a nature expert? Well grab your family and friends and come test your skills at Nature Trivia while helping benefit your local nature programs.

\$20 per team

Option to purchase a family pizza dinner for \$20

## March Programs

### Breeding Bird Atlas Lecture

*Ages 10 years old and up*

Thursday, March 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Gene Groshon & Sherman Suter

You may have heard in the news recently that North America has lost nearly a third of its birds. In 1983 and then again in 2002, the Maryland-DC Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA) was conducted. Calvert County coordinator for BBA3, Sherman Suter will give an update on data collected so far for the third BBA and provide simple instructions on how you can contribute to this very important study.

### Women in Nature

*All ages*

Saturday, March 4, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

There are many important women who have pioneered the natural sciences. Come learn about some of them, and then see a day in the life of one of our local naturalists.

### Spring Kickoff - Sock Burning!

*All ages*

Sunday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Kim Curren

This quirky tradition began in 1978 by an Annapolis-area shipwright that was fed up with the winter weather. Now every year, groups gather to kick off the spring season by burning their old winter socks. We will enjoy s'mores and hot chocolate by the fire before officially saying goodbye to winter. Bring your warmest socks to burn!

### Night Hike

*All ages*

Saturday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Ever wonder what the parks look like once the sun goes down? Come and find out through our guided night hike!

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# HOMESCHOOL FRIDAYS

The winter homeschool series is centered on the Chesapeake Bay with each month focusing on a different topic related to the Bay. There will be some indoor activities, but most of this class will take place outside so please come prepared to be outside (adults too).

Homeschool Fridays are a series of environmental education programs developed specifically 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. 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  
Friday, January 6  
Friday, February 10  
Friday, March 3

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

Session B: 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.

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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.