



## May 2017 PROGRAM CALENDAR

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



Eligible for the Model B Junior Ranger program



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**Every Thursday — Story Hour — Hilton Nature Center — 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Rain or shine!**

**FREE; donations welcome. No registration needed! Fun for all ages!\***

Join us every Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Hilton Nature Center to hear a nature-themed story read by one of our Naturalists! \*Geared toward children 10 years and younger, but all ages are welcome!

**Mon. May 1 — Fish Prints — Hilton Nature Center — 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Rain or shine!**

**\$3/person; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Come to the Hilton Nature Center at 1 p.m. to learn about the fish that live in the Patapsco River! Participate in piscine activities and take home your own piece of fish art! (Dress for a mess!)

**Wed. May 3 — Patapsco River: History Station — Avalon History Center Parking Lot — 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Shine only! Free; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Come out and enjoy an amazing question and answer session about the history of the Patapsco River with some of our park's experienced volunteers.



**Sat. May 6 — Birding Hike — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. — Shine only!**

**Call 410-461-5005 to register. Cost: FREE! Donations welcome. Fun for all ages!**

Join a local ornithologist for a 2.3 mile hike looking for signs of spring birds. Learn how to find and identify birds that stay in Maryland to breed, and birds that pass through on their way north. This is a good opportunity for beginning birders to learn the ropes, or for experienced birders to search for fun spring migrants. Bring binoculars if you have them, dress for the weather, and wear good shoes for walking.



**Sat. May 6 — Salamander Quest — Hilton Nature Center — 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Shine Only!**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Join a naturalist as we celebrate Salamander Saturday and get our hands dirty searching the Forest Glen Trail for these amazing creatures. Dress for a hike and don't forget your rain boots!

**Sat. May 6 — Owl Prowl — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. — Rain or shine!**

**\$5/person. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Meet an ambassador owl from our aviary and take a night hike to listen for owls. Learn about owl biology, habitat, diet and conservation.

**Sun. May 7 — Trail Running 101 — Hilton Nature Center — 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. — Shine only!**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 14+**

Have you been wanting to learn how to trail run? Learn the essentials of trail running, including proper shoes, nutrition, trail etiquette, and how to plan a route. Join us on a 3-5 mile trail run through the park after the talk! Bring plenty of water and good running shoes!



**Wed. May 10 — World Migratory Day Bird Hike — Hilton Nature Center — 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Shine only!**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

It's World Migratory Bird Day and you're invited to join a naturalist as we search for native migratory birds along the Santee Branch Trail. Dress for a moderate hike and bring your binoculars!

**Wed. May 10 — *World Migratory Bird Day!* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. — Shine only!**  
**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Human activity has a significant impact on migratory birds. Come learn about the natural history of migratory birds and what you can do to help make our actions more sustainable. Meet an avian ambassador up close!

**Fri. May 12 — *Maternal Instincts* — Hilton Nature Center — 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Shine Only!**

**\$3/per child. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 4-10.\***

Come out and learn all about the maternal instincts of some of your favorite creatures found in the park while making a fun craft! \*Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sat. May 13 — *Night Photography* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. — Shine only!**

**Free; donations welcome. Call 410-917-2239 for details.**

Learn to shoot the moon or stars in the night sky. Bring your camera, and tripod will be required for this type of photography. Dress for cooler night weather.



**Sat. May 13 — *Stargazing: Mars Madness* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

**Rain or shine! Free; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Our indoor program will feature Jupiter, plus other fun facts! Join us outside for a viewing of the cosmos. Time machines (telescopes) will be provided by Westminster Astronomical Society (WASI). You are welcome to bring telescopes of your own; set-up assistance is available.



**Weds. May 17 — *Observation Hike* — Hilton Nature Center — 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Shine only!**

**\$2/person. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 8 and up!**

Join us on a leisurely 2-mile nature hike along the moderate terrain of the Santee Branch trail to observe the natural world around us! Learn how scientists search for clues and conduct wildlife research! Take home a new nature notebook to record your observations. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

**Fri. May 19 — *Endangered Species Charades* — Hilton Nature Center — 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Rain or shine!**

**\$2/person. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 6 and up!**

Come out for a fun and exciting game of Endangered Species Charades with one of our naturalists. Afterwards we will discuss ways that we can help keep our favorite animals alive for future generations!

**Sat. May 20 — *Bat Night!* — Lost Lake, Avalon Area — 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. — Shine only!**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Come learn all about bats with biologist Dr. Kirsten Bohn of Johns Hopkins University. We'll watch live, wild bats, as they forage for bugs in the sky, and even listen to their echolocation in real time, using the latest scientific technology! Come be a part of the research to discover if the endangered Indiana Bat lives at Patapsco!

**Sun. May 21 — *Trail Running 101* — Hilton Nature Center — 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. — Shine only!**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 14+**

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**Sun. May 21 — *Storytelling Hour* — Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Rain or shine!**

**FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!\***

A Volunteer Ranger will read short stories with a nature or animal theme. \*Geared toward children 10 years and younger, but all ages are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



**Sat. May 20 — *Wild for Wildlife* — Hilton Nature Center — 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Shine only!**

**\$3/person. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Join a naturalist and learn all about the diverse wildlife at the park! Play games, make fun crafts, and join us on a short hike!



**Mon. May 22 — *Biological Diversity Day*— Soldiers Delight Visitor Center — 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Shine only! FREE; Donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!**

Join us as we celebrate the foundation for life and the essential services provided by ecosystems. Learn about the biodiversity in your area and what you can do to help secure a future for all species and the habitat we share. After the presentation, we'll take a short, easy hike to examine the unique biodiversity of the serpentine grassland ecosystem.

**Thurs. May 25 — *Sounds in Nature* — Hilton Nature Center — 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Shine only! FREE; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Fun for all ages!\***

Join us on a short hike to appreciate all the sounds and music in nature. Afterwards, we will make crafts that will allow you to bring those sounds home! \*Geared toward children 10 years and younger, but all ages are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Wed. May 31 — *Asanas on the Lake* — Lost Lake in Avalon — 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. — Shine Only! Free; donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 to register. Ages 10 and up.**

Join us for a relaxing all-levels yoga practice on the lake. Bring a yoga mat, yoga blocks, loose-fitting clothing, and a candle (optional).



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**Hilton Area**

1101 Hilton Avenue  
Catonsville, Maryland 21228

**Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area**

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Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

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Program fees do not include park admission.

Programs may be subject to cancellation passed on minimum participation requirements, so please sign up in advance!

Staff-led programs are generally free, unless they require additional resources or training. Additional fees may be added to cover the cost of program materials. Volunteer-led programs are generally free; donations are accepted and given to the appropriate "Friends of" organization to benefit the park.

To make shelter or camping reservations, call 888-423-CAMP or visit [reservations.dnr.state.md.us](http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us)

In case of emergency, dial 9-11. To report a violation in a park, call 800-825-PARK

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