

Seneca Creek State Park Program Schedule

11950 Clopper Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Day Hike 10am and 11am	2	3 Nature Nook 10am-12pm	4	5	6	7 Beginning Photography 1pm
8 Winter Birds 10:30am	9	10 Nature Nook 10am-12pm	11	12	13	14 Winter Fitness Hike 10am
15 Greenway Heritage Hike 1pm	16	17 Nature Nook 10am-12pm	18	19	20	21 Animal Survivors 1pm
22 Grusendorf Cabin Open House 12:30pm-3pm	23	24 Nature Nook 10am-12pm	25	26 	27 	28 Hiking with Dogs 10:30am Reptile Encounter 2pm
29 Beginner Yoga 3pm	30	31 Nature Nook 10am-12pm	Registration recommended to guarantee admittance. Call (301) 924-2127 or email scspnaturalist@gmail.com for cancellations due to inclement weather and for registration. For photos and more visit the Friends of Seneca Creek State Park Facebook or find us on Twitter, @SenecaCreekSP   Find us on Facebook 			

Program Descriptions & Details

First Day Hike. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Bluejay/Nuthatch Pavilions: Join the rangers for an easy to moderate hike traversing several areas of the park. The hike will follow a portion of the Long Draught Trail, Kingfisher Overlook, old farm roads and the Great Seneca Trail for fantastic photo opportunities. Warm up with hot cocoa and s'mores around a fire at the Nuthatch Pavilion after the hike. Pets on a leash are welcome. Wear weather appropriate attire and bring water. Registration is encouraged at (301) 924-2127.

Nature Nook. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office: Check out fun crafts, games, and hands-on nature items. Bring the kids who aren't in school to the park for nature oriented crafts and activities. Activities vary each week!

Beginning Photography. Ages 8+. No Cost. Meet at the Park Office: Did you get a new camera for the holidays? Do you need to get to know a camera you already have? Join us for a 2 hour Beginning Photography class where we will go over camera basics, lighting, focus, and composition. Bring your camera or modern smartphone and its manual. We'll work with you and your camera to help you become more comfortable taking pictures both inside and outdoors.

Winter Birds. Ages 10+. No cost. Meet at the Park Office: Winter is a great time for birding since most of the foliage has gone away. Clear lines of sight offer birders unobstructed views of local wintering birds. Hawks, woodpeckers, and songbirds are readily visible as they forage for their survival during these cold months. Join an experienced birder to see what birds can be found in the park this winter! Binoculars are not required, but are recommended. All levels, beginner to experienced, are welcome.

Winter Fitness Hike. Ages 10+. No cost. Meet at the Seneca Creek Greenway Trail Route 355 Parking Lot: Take an approximately 6 mile hike on Seneca's Greenway trail to burn off the winter blues and get a great cardio workout! Wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water. For directions, search Seneca Creek Greenway Trail Route 355 Parking Lot.

Greenway Heritage Hike. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office: Join Ranger Erik for a 2 mile moderate hike to the historic Waring Viaduct Railroad Bridge. Learn the role of the railroad in Montgomery County and how it still carries people today. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

Animal Survivors. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Bluejay/Nuthatch Pavilions: Some animals hibernate in winter. Others survive the cold by building safe habitats and foraging for food. Join Seneca volunteers to learn about the animals that can be seen in the park throughout the cold months. Take a short walk afterward to search for animal tracks and see an active beaver lodge!

Grusendorf Cabin Open House. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office: Have you ever seen the log cabin sitting next to Seneca's Park Office? Learn about its history, as well as other long time inhabitants of the area, the Clopper family. Bring the family and toast some marshmallows on a hibachi to enjoy.

Hiking with Dogs. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office. A great way to get exercise and spend time with the family! Bring a leashed furry friend and join park staff for a 2 mile hike along parts of the Old Pond, Great Seneca, and Lakeshore Trails.

Reptile Encounter. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office: Come to a fun, 30 minute reptile program. Meet a living snake and hear the story about where it came from and why it now lives the Park Office at Seneca. Learn about snake habits and where you may find them in nature!

Beginner Yoga. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office: Join Naturalist Claudia for 45-60 minutes of indoor beginner yoga. Bring a mat, towel, and water.

