



# Seneca Creek State Park Program Schedule

11950 Clopper Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878



## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Registration recommended, call (301) 924-2127 or email <a href="mailto:scspnaturalist@gmail.com">scspnaturalist@gmail.com</a> for more info or to register. For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park Facebook or find us on Twitter, @SenecaCreekSP. <b>See program descriptions for details. Cash/check only for programs that require payment.</b> Charges for programs with entrance fees are: \$3/Maryland resident, \$5/out-of-state visitor, children in booster/car seats are free.				<b>1</b> Story Time 11am Reptile Encounter 6pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3 MD Free Fishing Day</b> Take Me Fishing 8:30am National Trails Day - Trail Hike 10am - Trail Work 1:30-4pm Pontoon Tour 2&4pm
<b>4</b> Lake Hike 10am Pontoon Tour 2&4pm Reptile Encounter 5pm	<b>5</b> Reptile Feeding 11am	<b>6</b> Nature Shack 11-1	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Story Time 11am Reptile Encounter 6pm	<b>9</b> Bike in the Park 6pm	<b>10 MD Free Fishing Day</b> Veteran Fishing 8:30am Nature Crafts @ Noon Pontoon Tour 2&4pm
<b>11</b> Weed Warriors 11am Pontoon Tour 2&4pm Reptile Encounter 5pm	<b>12</b> Reptile Feeding 11am	<b>13</b> Nature Shack 11-1	<b>14</b> Yoga in the Park 5pm	<b>15</b> Story Time 11am Reptile Encounter 6pm	<b>16 Last day of school</b>	<b>17</b> Take Me Fishing 8:30am LNT Walk 10am Pontoon Tour 2&4pm
<b>18 Father's Day</b> Pontoon Tour 2&4pm Reptile Encounter 5pm Evening Paddle 7pm	<b>19</b> Reptile Feeding 11am	<b>20</b> Nature Shack 11-1	<b>21</b> Solstice Program 1pm	<b>22</b> Reptile Encounter 3pm	<b>23</b> Wildflower Walk 2pm	<b>24</b> DIY Tie Dye 11-2 Pontoon Tour 2 &4pm Sing-a-long Campfire 7pm
<b>25</b> Grusendorf Cabin 1-3pm Pontoon Tour 2&4pm Reptile Encounter 5pm	<b>26</b> Reptile Feeding 11am	<b>27</b> Nature Shack 11-1	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Reptile Encounter 3pm	<b>30</b> Nature Crafts @ Noon	



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**Story Time. Ages 0-7. No cost. Meet at the Nature Shack next to the Tire Playground:** Join us for a nature-based story, song, and fun.

**Reptile Encounter. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Nature Shack next to Tire Playground. Park entrance fees apply on weekends and holidays:** Come to the park for a fun, 30 minute indoor program for kids. Meet a living snake, and examine shells and skins from reptiles living in the park!

**Nature Crafts @ Noon. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Nature Shack next to the Tire Playground:** Celebrate summer and take home a creation of your very own!

**Take Me Fishing. All ages. No cost. Park entrance fees apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Boat Center:** Join an expert angler for a beginner's course in fishing. The park supplies rods and reels, or you may bring your own. Persons 16+ years of age are required to have a Maryland Non-titled fishing license (we do not sell these in the park).

**Pontoon Tours. All ages. \$2/person. Park entrance fees apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Boat Center.:** Take a relaxing 45 minute evening boat ride on the pontoon boat "Blue Heron." Learn about history of the area and search for wildlife who call Clopper Lake home.

**National Trails Day Work Day. Ages 10+. No cost. Meet at BlueJay/Nuthatch.** Join Park Staff in completing the wetlands puncheon board walk. Bring water, work gloves, bug spray, and wear comfortable shoes. Be prepared to walk in to the site with work tools. Student Service Learning hours will be available.

**National Trails Day Hike. All ages. No cost. Meet at Kingfisher Overlook:** Join Park Staff for a 2.5 mile round trip guided hike. Find evidence of beaver activity near the trail and check out several different beaver lodges! Bring water and a camera for some great photo opportunities. Remember to wear comfortable hiking shoes.

**Lake Hike. All ages. No cost. Park entrance fees apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at the Boat Center:** Take a 3.7 mile hike with the park naturalist to see what types of creatures can be found in and around the lake. Bring a camera, comfortable walking shoes, water and bug spray.

**Reptile Feeding. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office:** Meet Seneca's resident turtle and snake. Learn reptile facts and watch the snake and turtle eat their meal!

**Nature Shack. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Nature Shack next to the Tire Playground:** Check out fun crafts, games, and hands-on nature items. Activities vary each week!

**Bike in the Park. All ages. No cost. Meet at Park Office:** Join Park Staff on a 3 mile bicycle ride through the park! Bring your own bike, helmet, and water bottle.

**Veteran Fishing. All ages and levels. \$2/person. Park entrance fees apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Boat Center.** Do you enjoy recreating with other veterans? Geared for U.S. military veterans, join long time Volunteer and Veteran Ted Manley for a public fishing program off the pontoon boat. No fishing license required due to Maryland Free Fishing Day. Rods, reels, and bait provided. Feel free to bring your own supplies. Space is limited, please register in advance.

**Weed Warriors. All ages. No cost. Meet at Pheasant Run Picnic Area:** Join Park staff for a morning of invasive plant removal. We'll provide tools and educate you on the invasive. Bring garden gloves and water. Student Service Learning hours will be available.

**Yoga in the Park. All ages and levels. Park entrance fees apply on weekends & holidays. Meet at Tire Playground:** Join Park Staff for 1 hour of yoga. Bring a towel, yoga mat, and water. Rain location is Park Office.

**Schools Out Pontoon. All ages. \$2/person. Meet at Boat Center.** Rejoice that summer is here and enjoy a relaxing 45 minute evening boat ride!

**Leave No Trace Walk. All ages. No cost. Park entrance fees apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Nature Shack.** Join Volunteer Paul Schimke for a 1.5 mile round trip guided hike. Explore and learn how we can enjoy the outdoors while protecting the long term health of our natural world. Bring a camera. Wear comfortable hiking shoes.

**Evening Paddle. All ages and levels. \$5/boat if using park canoe. Park entrance fees apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at the Boat Center:** Many animals use the evening to go about their daily tasks. Search for wildlife and learn canoe skills. Register for this program as space is limited.

**Solstice Program. All ages. No cost. Meet at Tire Playground:** Celebrate our nearest star—the Sun itself—on the longest day of the year. Safely observe sunspots and the solar disk with a park staff through a specially-equipped telescope.

**Wildflower Walk. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office:** Join Park Staff for a 2+ mile walk to take in the beauty of wildflowers. Bring your identification guide (not required) to learn how to look for Seneca's common wildflowers. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

**DIY Tie dye. All ages. No cost, unless purchasing t-shirt. Park entrance fees on weekends and holidays. Meet at Disc Golf Course:** School's out for summer, celebrate the summer by making your own tie dye t-shirt. Bring your own material to tie dye (shirts, bandanas, socks, etc). A limited supply of t-shirts will be available for purchase.

**Sing-a-long Campfire. All Ages. \$2/person. Meet at Park Office.** Bring your voice (and/or musical instruments) to join Volunteer Yonina at the campfire ring for an evening of song! Stick around afterward for s'mores. Wear weather appropriate clothing and bug spray. Feel free to bring or own chairs and s'mores supplies! Please register.

**Grusendorf Cabin Open House. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office:** Have you ever seen the log cabin next to Seneca's Park Office? Learn about its history, as well as the Clopper family, historical residents of the area. Bring the family and try an old time craft!