



SUMMER 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.

June Programs

All About Snakes

Ages 3-5

Wednesday, June 8, 10-11 a.m.

Location: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Come learn about a snakes place in our environment! Meet two of our local snake residents, and enjoy a craft afterwards!

Horseshoe Crab Campout

Ages 10 and older

Friday, June 10, 7 p.m.-Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m.

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Join us for a chance to see horseshoe crabs on the beach at their peak spawning time! This program is geared toward nature-loving night owls, and will include fun night time activities like a campfire with s'mores and a late night beach walk. The evening will culminate with a campout at Flag Ponds Nature Park. Tents will be provided for each family. A light breakfast will be provided Saturday morning.

Fee per Family: Members \$10; Nonmembers: \$20

The nature education programs offered to the public are a partnership between Calvert Nature Society and the Calvert County Natural Resources Division.

Firefly Frenzy

Ages 6 and older

Saturday, June 18, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Let's give a warm, summer welcome to these flashy, flying friends. Fireflies begin lighting up the night at this time of the year. We will learn about their natural history and spend some time collecting and identifying the different species found in Calvert.

Biscoe Gray Heritage Hike

All Ages

Saturday, June 25, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

Naturalist: Amy Werking

Enjoy a guided hike at Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm before the day gets too warm. You'll learn a bit about the history and ecology of the site. The hike is approximately three miles and is not suitable for strollers.

Registration Opening Dates:

Most April and May programs are full, waitlists are available.

Programs in [June](#) & Summer Camp...

Members April 7

Nonmembers April 21

Programs in [July](#)...

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Programs in [August](#)...

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July Programs

Frog Fest

All Ages

[Friday, July 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m.](#)

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Come celebrate and learn about frogs! After a brief overview on how frogs are important to the environment, meet our resident frog, and set out to find them in the wild.

Sunset Hike

All Ages

[Friday, July 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m.](#)

Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Amy Werking

Hike the trails at Flag Ponds Nature Park, then enjoy watching the sun set over the bay. The hike is approximately two miles and is not suitable for strollers.

Moth Mania at Battle Creek

Ages 8 and older

[Saturday, July 23, 9:00-10:30 p.m. Battle Creek Cypress Swamp](#)

[Saturday, July 30, 9:00-10:30 p.m. Flag Ponds Nature Park](#)

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

Celebrate National Moth Week by learning how to go "mothing" to collect and contribute valuable data to local research efforts. We will get to observe and document our local moth species up close and personal as we go mothing. Learn to attract moths, identify them and log them on iNaturalist for research purposes.

August Programs

Animal Olympics

All Ages

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

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Kim Curren

re you faster than a deer? Can you jump higher than a grasshopper? Come see how you would fare against some of the best athletes in the animal kingdom in this fun field-day event! Come any time between 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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 treasure you take home, you'll turn in a piece of trash.

Cricket Crawl

Ages 8 and older

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

Kings Landing Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Join a naturalist for a night hike and a sound census of the late summer crickets and katydids. Learn to identify different species of crickets by their calls and go for a short hike to see what species we can hear.

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 Park as we take a hike under the full moon! Spiders? Owls? Who knows who we will see!

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Kayak Trips

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

For ages 9 years and older

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

Mother's Day Kayak Trip

[Sunday, May 8, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.](#)

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Come celebrate Mother's Day on the Patuxent River. We will paddle at a relaxed pace and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the wetland.

Marvelous Marsh Kayak Trip

[Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.](#)

Naturalist: Tania Gale

A perfect trip for beginners to learn about kayaking and get out on the water. We will focus on basic kayak skills and the ecology of the Patuxent River.

Wetland Adventure Kayak Trip

Ages 9 and older

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

Naturalist: Kim Curren and Tori Hall

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.

For Teen (& Tweens)

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

Wild Careers

Ages 11-13

[Saturday, April 2, 9:30-11 a.m.](#)

[Saturday, May 7, 9:30-11 a.m.](#)

Location: varies by date

Naturalist: Tori Hall

Have you ever been to any of our county nature parks and wondered what it would be like to work there or in other natural places? Come dive into some of the careers in this exciting field.

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

Teen Amphibian Bioblitz Overnight

Ages 12-16

[Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m.-Friday, April 15, 9 a.m.](#)

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Spend part of spring break with friends searching the woods, ponds, and swamps for animals big and small. Includes experience cooking dinner over a campfire, night-time swamp wade-in to look for salamanders and frogs. Campfire dinner, s'mores, and breakfast included, but bring lunch and a snack for Thursday.

Fee per teen: Members \$10; Nonmembers: \$20

Teen Birding Hike

Ages 12-18

[Saturday, May 28, 8-10 a.m.](#)

Location: Flag Ponds Nature Park

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Join us for an early morning birding hike through the park. Members of the Southern Maryland Youth Birders Group will be in attendance so it's a great way to meet other birders your age.

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

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 is used to estimate local populations and conservation needs.

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

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HOMESCHOOL FRIDAYS

Our homeschool series focuses on “phenology,” the study of seasonal changes in plant and animal life-cycles such as the date flowers begin to bloom or when frogs start singing in the spring. Month to month, we will make and record weather observations and check in with the plants and animals at Flag Ponds Nature Park- watching winter change to spring.

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

April 8

May 6

June 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.

Free for society members.

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Summer Camp

Adult participation is not required. Children must be entering the grade indicated for each program by.

Summer camps are held throughout the different nature parks. Check details on <https://www.calvertparks.org/summercamp.html>

For Ages 4-5 (by start of camp)

Swamp Sleuths Camp

Tuesday, July 26-Friday, July 29

AM Session: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PM Session: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Naturalist: Tania Gale & Summer Interns

Send your little campers for this fun close-up look at the plants and animals that live in and around the swamp. We'll use our senses and scientific tools like hand lenses and nets to explore. Nature-related games and crafts round out our days.

Members: \$75; Nonmembers: \$90

Entering Grades 1-2

Creature Feature Camp

Tuesday, July 19-Friday, July 22, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Naturalist: Paige Stevens

Send your children outside to explore some of nature's creatures, playing games, catching animals, and having close encounters with some of our exhibit animals. Each day will feature a different theme: reptiles, amphibians, bugs, birds, and fish.

Members: \$100; Nonmembers: \$130

Entering Grades 2-4

Outdoor Art Adventures Camp

Monday, July 25- Friday July 29, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Naturalist: Kim Curren

Let nature be your inspiration as we spend the week creating works of art in many different forms. We will draw, paint, photograph, and sculpt our way through the park, and we will end the week with an art gallery exhibition for families to view our masterpieces. Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

Entering Grades 4-6

Night Owls Summer Camp

Tuesday, August 2-Tuesday, August 2, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Naturalist: Tania Gale

This camp will get us outdoors to experience the mysteries of the night. Campers will have fun together exploring the beach, swamp, and forest while learning what makes night animals special. We will also play games, build shelters, make a campfire, and enjoy campfire snacks!

Members: \$60; Nonmembers: \$75

Entering Grades 3-5

Marvelous Mud Summer Camp

Monday, June 27-Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Overnight Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Friday

Naturalist: Tania Gale

We will wade into the muddiest habitats in the park with nets, magnifying glasses, and all our senses. We will investigate how different types of mud are created, what lives in the mud, and, of course, play in the mud.

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

Wet & Wonderful Water Camp

Entering Grades 3-5

Tuesday, July 5-Friday, July 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Naturalist: Kim Curren

If you love everything the water has to offer in the hot summer months then this camp is for you! We will splash and play the week away, exploring a different body of water every day and learning what makes each place special.

Members: \$120; Nonmembers: \$150

Entering Grades 6-8

Outdoor Skills Summer Camp

Monday, June 27-Friday, June 27, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m..

Naturalist: Jessy Oberright

This camp introduces kids to some of the basic skills necessary to keep them safe and self-reliant in the "wild." We will spend the week exploring the natural resources of Calvert County while learning important outdoor skills like: navigation, animal tracking, shelter building, and fire safety.

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$180

Birding Adventures Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 5-Friday, July 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Take your interest in birds to the next level with this camp. From the forest to the shore we will be learning about the many species of birds that call our area home. We will teach you how to identify birds by their song and appearance. We will collect data for the breeding bird survey and get the chance to observe a bird banding research project.

Naturalist: Gene Groshon

Members: \$120; Nonmembers: \$150

River Runners Summer Camp

Monday, July 11-Friday, July 15, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Naturalist: Tania Gale

Each day of this camp will bring campers up-close and personal with the Patuxent River and the creeks that flow into it. Campers will learn paddling fundamentals: safety, strokes, and rescues, and learning firsthand about water quality and the natural history of the river

Members: \$150; Nonmembers: \$18