








Parks and Recreation - Winter Programs

Anita C. Leight Estuary Center






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Register and pay online for county programs: <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/parksrecreation>.

Program Name	Age	Cost	Date(s) and Time	Description
Winter Wildflowers 	6 to adult	\$10/ family	Sat., 12/2 1:30—2:30 pm Reg. reqd. by 11/29	Explore the gardens, forest and meadows of the Estuary Center and examine the winter remnants of wildflowers. Create a snow bouquet from your discoveries.
Christmas Crochet—Amigurumi for Beginners	16 to adult	\$15/ person	Sat., 12/9 1:30—3:30 pm Reg. reqd. by 12/6	Tap into the holiday spirit and create a handmade Christmas themed friend to give as a gift. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while you work. Participants will be provided with the necessary materials along with the pattern to take home.
Forest Flexibility 	16 to adult	\$10/ person	Tues., 12/12 or 12/19 9:30—10:30 am Reg. reqd. by 24 hrs. prior	Connect with nature through the power of movement! A certified instructor will guide you through a session of stretching and flexibility to keep you enjoying our trails.
Natural Ornaments Workshop	5 to adult	\$12/ family	Sat., 12/16 10:30 to 11:30 am Reg. reqd. by 12/13	Decorate for the holidays the natural way. We'll have pinecones, acorns, and other forest finds; you bring the creativity and imagination. Refreshments will be provided.
Schools Out—Kids Kooky Science Experiments	8 to 12	\$10/ child	Thurs., 12/28 1:30 to 2:30 pm Reg. reqd. by 12/20	Calling all budding scientists! Gather in our lab and prepare to have fun while conducting hands-on experiments, including slime!
Wilderness Survival Workshop—Fire 	8 to adult	\$10/ family	Sat., 1/6/24 10:30 to 11:30 am Reg. reqd. by 1/3	How do people make fire without a lighter? Learn different methods survival experts use to start campfires in the wilderness. Complete the experience with a Survivor inspired fire-making challenge!
Winter Discovery Hike	6 to adult	\$10/ family	Sat., 1/20/24 10:00—11:00 am Reg. reqd. by 1/19	Join a Naturalist on a guided walk on the trails to see the wonders of nature in the winter! Stick around to enjoy hot chocolate afterwards.
Family Snowflake Studies 	5 to adult	\$10/ family	Sat., 1/27/24 10:30—11:30 am Reg. reqd. by 1/24	Did you know every snowflake is unique? Discover how these frozen water crystals form in the sky and create a unique snowflake of your own.
Ssssnakes!	2 to adult	\$10/ family	Sat., 2/10/24 10:30—11:30 am Reg. reqd. by 2/7	Meet our resident snakes and learn about their amazing adaptations. Finish with a fun snake craft!
Winter Bird Wonderland 	8 to adult	\$10/ family	Sat., 2/17/24 10:00—11:00 am Reg. reqd. by 2/14	Winter is a great time for birding! Explore the trails of Leight Park in search of our feathered friends. Create a tasty treat for them to enjoy by building a natural bird feeder and creating suet cakes for the Center.

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Critter Dinner Time 	All ages	Free	Sat., 12/23/23 1:30pm Sat., 12/30/23 10:30am Sat., 1/13/24 10:30am Sat., 2/24/24 10:30am	Watch our turtles and snakes eat while learning about these fascinating creatures. Registration required by 24 hours prior.
Family Feed Tuesday 	All ages	Free	Tues, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27 You choose the time between 12pm and 3pm!	Want to help feed our hungry critters? Come to our Family Feed program that lets you behind the scenes and help the naturalist feed the animals! Registration required at least 24 hours ahead.
Family Feed Thursday 	All ages	Free	Thurs., 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 You choose the time between 12pm and 3pm!	Want to help feed our hungry critters? Come to our Family Feed program that lets you behind the scenes and help the naturalist feed the animals! Registration required at least 24 hours ahead.





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Winter Salt Watch Training	14 to adult	Free	Sat., 12/2/23 11:30 am—12:30 pm	Road salt is everywhere during winter months. It keeps us safe on roads and sidewalks, but it can also pose a threat to fish and wildlife as well as human health. Join us to learn the impact excess salt can have on our environment, what you can do in your neighborhood, and how you can get involved with the Izaak Walton League's Winter Salt Watch Program at the Estuary Center. Registration required.
Nature-Inspired Wreaths 	18+	\$15/person	Sat., 12/2/23 2:30—4:30 pm	Join in the holiday spirit while making beautiful nature-inspired wreaths to decorate our homes. The Center will provide the natural materials, frames and wires. You bring your creativity and a holiday treat to share! Registration required.
OPCA Summer Research Round Up	14 to adult	Free	Sat., 1/6/24 2:00—3:30 pm	Spend the afternoon with us to discover the fascinating research updates and highlights from the 2023 OPCA Summer Research Interns Zack Kiedrowski and Jaydin Conner. Hear about wild rice populations in comparison to phragmites populations in Otter Point Creek and the presence/potential impact of plastic "nurdles" in our waterways. If you are interested in how our research is conducted or just want to learn more about the natural world, please attend!
Sunset Painting at the Marsh 	18+	\$40/person	Sat., 1/13/24 3:30—6:00 pm	Spend a winter afternoon painting in the warm glow of the pellet stove as the sun sets over the marsh. Creative Concepts by Trish, in partnership with Otter Point Creek Alliance, brings us a cozy afternoon of art, community, nature and creativity as we paint beautiful hanging slates. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend. Space is limited. Registration required.
Owl Prowl	8 to adult, under 18 w/adult	\$8/person	Fri., 1/19/24 6:00—7:30 pm	Venture into the woods of Bosely Conservancy on a cool winter evening to hear the call of these elusive creatures and possibly catch a glimpse of them. <i>*Meet at Bosely Conservancy</i> Registration required.
World Wetlands Day Festival	All Ages	Free	Sat., 2/3/24 1:00 to 4:00 pm	Celebrate World Wetlands Day inside at the Estuary Center! There will be food and fun activities for all ages. A Wetland Deli - Music, Games and a Scavenger Hunt - Exhibitors - Live Animal Demonstrations - and more!

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Nature Tots—Mondays	1 to 5 w/ adult	\$42/child for 6-week series	Mon., 1/8 to 2/12 9:30—10:30 am OR 11:00am—12:00pm	Children and caregivers explore our natural world through stories, songs, movement, crafts and up close experience with nature! Registration required.
Nature Tots—Fridays	1 to 5 w/ adult	\$42/child for 6-week series	Fri., 1/12 to 2/16 9:30—10:30 am OR 11:00am—12:00pm	Children and caregivers explore our natural world through stories, songs, movement, crafts and up close experience with nature! Registration required.
Animals and Plants in Winter Homeschool	5 to 7 yrs. old	\$60/child for 4-wk. series	Tues., 1/9, 16, 23 & 30 12:30—2:00 pm	Feel the cool air and the crunch of the frozen ground while studying outdoors this winter. Explore winter adaptations of animals, plants and fungi while tromping through the forest. Registration required.
Winter Forest Ecology Homeschool	11 to 13 (6th—8th grade)	\$75/child for 4-wk. series	Wed., 1/10, 17, 24 & 31 1:00—3:00 pm	The forest is a magical place to be in the winter. Study alongside a certified science teacher and master naturalist to discuss topics such as winter adaptations, tree diversity and abundance, soil composition, and more. Registration required.
Invasinators 	14—adult	Free	Sat., 1/27 or 2/10/24 1:00—3:00 pm	Join a volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to the ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Registration required.



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