



Harford County Parks and Recreation

Summer Programs 2025 - Anita C. Leight Estuary Center



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



Free Live Animal Programs throughout the Summer! Check www.otterpointcreek.org/events for dates and times.



Program Name	Date/Time	Description	Age	Cost
Meet a Critter	Sun. June 8 at 1:30 pm	Check out our live critters up close while discovering what makes them special. Must pre-register.	All Ages	FREE
Sailing into Summer Kayak	Sat. June 14 9 am to 11:30 am	Soak up the sun and celebrate the start of summer while paddling around the channels of Otter Point Creek. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$15/person
In-Seine Fishing	Sun. June 15 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Prepare to get wet while using a 100 foot seine net! Catch critters living along the shore of Otter Point Creek and have fun discovering their unique adaptations. Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$10/family
Kayak Cruising on the Creek	Fri. June 20 2 pm to 4:30 pm	Nudge around the endless nooks and crannies of Otter Point Creek and the upper Bush River with an adults only group. Must pre-register.	Adults	\$15/person
Fun with the Sun	Sun. June 22 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	The sun is a powerful star and the center of our solar system! Join us to discover ways the sun can help us and be prepared to be amazed! Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$10/family
A Hunt for Bugs	Sun. June 29 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Enjoy the summer weather as we search the park for our winged and leggy friends. Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$10/family
Critter Dinner	Sat. July 5 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Watch our animals eat while learning about these fascinating creatures. Must pre-register.	All Ages	FREE
Meet a Critter	Sun. July 6 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Check out our live critters up close while discovering what makes them special. Must pre-register.	All Ages	FREE
Kayak Cruising on the Creek	Fri. July 11 9:30 am to 12 pm	Nudge around the endless nooks and crannies of Otter Point Creek and the upper Bush River with an adults only group. Must pre-register.	Adults	\$15/person
Ssssnakes!	Sun. July 13 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Meet our resident snakes and learn about their amazing adaptations. Finish with a fun snake craft! Must pre-register.	All Ages	\$10/family
Freshwater Feast Kayak	Sat. July 19 2 pm to 4:30 pm	Wetlands are full of plants that we can eat! Explore the marsh to learn which ones are edible and enjoy a prepared "foraged" treat. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$15/person
In-Seine Fishing	Sun. July 20 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Prepare to get wet while using a 100 foot seine net! Catch critters living along the shore of Otter Point Creek and have fun discovering their unique adaptations. Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$10/family
Kids-n-Kayaks	Sat. July 26 10 am to 12 pm	Bring your wee little water lovers out for their first time paddle. Paddling safety and basic stroke instruction is covered before venturing out further to explore the watery world of Otter Point Creek. *This program requires a 1:1 ratio of one adult per child under 11, children 11-17 still need to have an adult participant*. Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$15/person
Flowers, Bees, and Pollinators, Please!	Sun. July 27 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	The gardens are buzzing! Explore the flowers in the park and observe the pollinators who visit them. Get hands on with nets, containers, and magnifying glasses. Finish with a refreshing summer-time drink. Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$10/family
Wilderness Survival Workshop	Sun. August 3 1:30 pm to 3 pm	How do people survive in the wilderness without camping gear? Learn the basics of bushcraft including firemaking, shelter building, and purifying water in the wild. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$10/family
Meet a Critter	Sun. August 10 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Check out our live critters up close while discovering what makes them special. Must pre-register.	All Ages	FREE
Birds of the Bay Kayak	Sat. August 16 1 pm to 3:30 pm	Paddle the water trails of Otter Point Creek in search of our feathered friends. Take note on who is passing through and who calls this freshwater wetland home. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$15/person
Geology of Maryland	Sun. August 17 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Explore the ground beneath our feet as we hike the trails of Leight Park. Learn about the deep history of Maryland written in the rocks. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$10/family
Kayak Cruising on the Creek	Fri. August 22 9:30 am to 12 pm	Nudge around the endless nooks and crannies of Otter Point Creek and the upper Bush River with an adults only group. Must pre-register.	Adults	\$15/person
Critter Dinner	Sat. August 23 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Watch our animals eat while learning about these fascinating creatures. Must pre-register.	All Ages	FREE



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Program Name	Date/Time	Description	Age	Cost
Nature Boats	Sun. August 24 1 pm to 2 pm	Will it sink or will it float? Let's take a hike to gather natural materials to build a natural boat. Then we will test our boats on Otter Point Creek. Must pre-register	5 to Adult	\$10/family
Kids-n-Kayaks	Sat. August 30 10 am to 12 pm	Bring your wee little water lovers out for their first time paddle. Paddling safety and basic stroke instruction is covered before venturing out further to explore the watery world of Otter Point Creek. *This program requires a 1:1 ratio of one adult per child under 11, children 11-17 still need to have an adult participant*. Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$15/person
In-Seine Fishing	Sun. August 31 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Prepare to get wet while using a 100 foot seine net! Catch critters living along the shore of Otter Point Creek and have fun discovering their unique adaptations. Must pre-register.	5 to Adult	\$10/family



Otter Point Creek Alliance Summer Programs 2025

Pre-registration required for all programs on our website: www.otterpointcreek.org.

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Program Name	Date/Time	Description	Age	Cost
Young Nature Explorers	Wed. 6/4 9:30 am - 11:30 am	The forest, shoreline and ponds are our play space for fun and learning. Come discover what nature can teach us each day! This is a drop-off program. Pick a day or choose all 5! Must pre-register.	4 to 7	\$15/child
Wade into Summer Festival	Sat. 6/7 1 pm - 4 pm	Splash into the summer season at this family fun festival. Activities include canoeing, live animals, crafts, exhibitors, and more! Food available for purchase. No registration required.	All ages	FREE
Young Nature Explorers	Wed. 6/18 9:30 am - 11:30 am	The forest, shoreline and ponds are our play space for fun and learning. Come discover what nature can teach us each day! This is a drop-off program. Pick a day or choose all 5! Must pre-register.	4 to 7	\$15/child
Summertime on the Creek Canoe	Sat. 6/28 11 am to 1:30 pm	Hop in a canoe to enjoy a sunny midday paddle among the lush marsh grasses and wetland plants while looking out for the wildlife that call Otter Point Creek home. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$15/person
SAV Watch-a-thon	Sun. 6/29 12 pm to 2:30 pm	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) is an essential part of the Chesapeake Bay. Through this program, we can learn about onsite species, how much is in our water, what benefits they have to our wetland, and more. This data will also be valuable in understanding the SAV presence in the Bay as a whole. Review of a training video is required before participating. Must pre-register.	Adults	FREE
Young Nature Explorers	Wed. 7/2 9:30 am - 11:30 am	The forest, shoreline and ponds are our play space for fun and learning. Come discover what nature can teach us each day! This is a drop-off program. Pick a day or choose all 5! Must pre-register.	4 to 7	\$15/child
Phenomenal Flyers Canoe	Sun. 7/13 8:30 am to 11 am	Venture into the marsh of Otter Point Creek in search of our amazing flying friends. Whether it's a butterfly, dragonfly, or bird, let's see how many we can find! Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$15/person
Young Nature Explorers	Wed. 7/23 9:30 am - 11:30 am	The forest, shoreline and ponds are our play space for fun and learning. Come discover what nature can teach us each day! This is a drop-off program. Pick a day or choose all 5! Must pre-register.	4 to 7	\$15/child
Butterflies on the Creek Canoe	Sun. 7/27 9:30 am to 12 pm	The wetlands provide amazing habitat for all types of creatures, including a wide variety of butterflies! Join us as we paddle through the channels in search of these winged beauties. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$15/person
Full Sturgeon Moon Kayak	Sat. 8/9 7:30 pm to 10 pm	Witness the beauty of this fascinatingly fishy full moon, while paddling on the serene waters of Otter Point Creek. Adults only. Must pre-register.	Adults	\$15/person
Wonderful Wildflowers Canoe	Sun. 8/10 8:30 am to 11 am	Glide through the marsh at high tide to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the wildflowers in the morning sun. Must pre-register.	8 to Adult	\$15/person
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