

July 2023

South Mountain Recreation Area
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All events are free and fun for all. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Some events will be canceled according to the weather please call 301-791-4767 to confirm. Dress for the weather/activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks.</p>						<p>1 Living History (Washington Monument)</p>
<p>2 Cannon demonstrations (Washington Monument)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Monument tour and CCC talk (Washington Monument)</p>	<p>5 Wellness Hike (Appalachian Trail) Watercolors on the Water (Greenbrier)</p>	<p>6 Turtle Time (Greenbrier) Sunset yoga (Washington Monument)</p>	<p>7 Mushroom March (Greenbrier)</p>	<p>8 Living History Musicians (Gathland)</p>
<p>9 Living History Music and Battlefield Hike (Gathland)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Watercolors on the Water Volunteer lake cleanup (Greenbrier)</p>	<p>13 Master Naturalist Hike Who Polluted the Lake? (Greenbrier) Sunset yoga (Washington Monument)</p>	<p>14 Climate Change and Insects (Greenbrier)</p>	<p>15 Cannon demonstrations at (Gathland)</p>
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<p>23 Living History (Washington Monument)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Exploring Water Ecosystems (Greenbrier)</p>	<p>27 Geology of the Appalachians Sunset yoga (Washington Monument)</p>	<p>28 Furbearing Friends (Greenbrier)</p>	<p>29 CCC History (Washington Monument)</p>
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July 1

Like a Great Tidal Wave: Life in Pennsylvania Reserves During the Maryland Campaign



Discover the daily life of Federal soldiers during the Maryland Campaign, and the actions of the Pennsylvania Reserves at Turner's Gap. Learn about the role field musicians played during the Civil War and hear how field music sounded. *10A.M. - 4P.M. at Washington Monument State Park*

July 2

Thunder on the Mountain



Discover the significance of artillery during the Battle of South Mountain and the important role that cannons played in the attack and defense of the mountain. *Cannon firing demonstrations at 11A.M., 1P.M., 3P.M. at Washington Monument State Park*

July 4

To the Memory of George Washington



A hike through the history of Washington Monument State Park. While you hike, discover the fascinating story of the first monument completed in honor of the first President of the United States, George Washington. At the monument, enjoy the view and learn how the young men of the Civil Conservation Corps restored the monument and created the park we visit today. *1P.M. at the Washington Monument*

July 5

Walking for Wellness Hike

Do you like to walk but need walking partners? Would you like to improve your health and well-being? Then these hikes are for you! Join us in a summer series of Appalachian Trail day hikes. We will walk at a leisurely pace to our destinations. *9A.M. from High Rock to Devil's Racecourse (6.0 miles round trip)*

Watercolors on the Water

Join us for a unique paddling and art experience. Bring clothes you are comfortable canoeing in, sunscreen, and water. Paddle around the lake to gather inspiration, then create a miniature watercolor painting after. *2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, at the lower boat ramp. Boats, paddles, and PFDs provided.*

July 6

Turtle Time!



Learn about the various species of turtle that live in Maryland and what makes each one unique. Enjoy a gorgeous book about a very special Eastern Box Turtle, and complete a craft. *2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, at the Nature Nook (next to concessions)*

Sunset Yoga at Washington Monument

Watch the sun dip in the sky as you stretch and strengthen your body and mind in the great outdoors. All experience levels are welcome. Bring a yoga mat or towel, and water. *7:30P.M. - 8P.M. meet at upper parking lot at Washington Monument. For questions about weather events, call 301 791 4767*

July 7

Mushroom March



Join us as we learn about the types of fungi that grow in Maryland, how to identify them, and search for them throughout the park. Bring good hiking shoes, water, and prepare for a moderately intense 2 mile hike. *2P.M., Greenbrier State Park, meet at gazebo 1 in day use area*

July 8

"Now, Pennsylvanians, do your duty!" Life in 96th Pennsylvania Infantry During the Maryland Campaign



Discover the daily life of federal soldiers during the Maryland Campaign, and the actions of the 96th PVI at Crampton's Gap. Learn about the role field musicians played during the Civil War and hear how field music sounded. *10A.M. - 4P.M. at Gathland State Park*

July 9

The Battle for Crampton's Gap - Living History and Battlefield Hike



Learn about the Battle of South Mountain and Crampton's Gap and field musicians who participated in it. Discover how the battle unfolded and the role of the fifes and drums before, during, and after the battle. Hike beginning at Gathland State Park Museum over rough, uneven ground. Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent and wear comfortable walking shoes. *1P.M. hike, meet at Gathland Museum. Living History 10 A.M.-4P.M.*

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Volunteer Lake Cleanup



Bring your own boat or canoe or hop on one of our canoes to help us clean up trash at the lake. *5:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M. Greenbrier State Park, meet at lower boat ramp*

July 13

Master Naturalist Hike



Join Maryland Master Naturalist Ray Eckhart on an educational and enlightening hike. Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent and wear appropriate shoes. *10A.M. meet at visitor's center. Hiking green trail, 0.8 miles, moderate difficulty. Greenbrier State Park.*

Who Polluted the Lake?



Through an interactive story, learn how chemicals and other items that we use in our daily lives can pollute the rivers and lakes. *2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, at the Nature Nook (next to concessions)*

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July 14

Climate Change and Insects



Changing climates change habitats, competition, and food availability. Learn how climate change is affecting some of the smallest but most important creatures on our planet— insects! *2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, at the Nature Nook (next to concessions)*

July 15

Twilight's Last Gleaming



Discover the significance of Crampton's Gap and Brownsville Pass during the Battle of South Mountain and the important role artillery played during the battle. Cannon firing demonstrations are presented both days. *11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M. at Gathland State Park*

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Insect ID Hike



What awesome arthropods can we find in the park? Join us for a short hike to find and identify some of the insects who share our park. *2P.M., Greenbrier State Park, meet at gazebo 1 in day use area*

Volunteer Trail Work



Help us build our trails! Please bring work gloves, all other tools provided. Ages 15 and older. Minors must be accompanied by parent/guardian. *6-8P.M. meet at Greenbrier State Park, boat ramp parking lot.*

July 20

Climate Change and Trees



Tree rings give us insight into climatic conditions and patterns, including the shifts in climate that are reflecting in growth patterns. Come analyze different tree samples and learn about the systemic effects of climate change on our ecosystems. *2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, at the Nature Nook (next to concessions)*

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July 26

Exploring Water Ecosystems



Join us on a wet (and likely muddy) exploration of some of the lake's shoreline habitats. Learn about the fragile ecosystems that exist here and maybe catch a minnow! 2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, meet at gazebo 1 in the day use area. Water shoes and clothes that can get wet are recommended.

July 27

Geology of the Appalachians



The Appalachian mountains are some of the oldest mountains on our planet! Learn about the ancient events that shaped the landscape we know today. 2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, at the Nature Nook (next to concessions)

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July 28

Furbearing friends



Several animals in Maryland are traditionally hunted for their fur. Come learn about these creatures' unique adaptations and find out which animal was nearly driven to extinction just for a fashion trend! 2P.M. Greenbrier State Park, at the Nature Nook (next to concessions)

July 29

Progress in every direction: The CCC in Maryland



The Civilian Conservation Corps is one of the most fondly-remembered programs of the 1930s. Discover how the CCC operated and the work it performed across Maryland. Learn about the lives of the young men in the CCC camps and how the program has left a lasting legacy in our state parks. 10A.M.- 4P.M. at Washington Monument State Park

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Green hat programs qualify for the Roving Ranger program. Please email us if you would like to know which Junior Ranger topic is covered in each program. Check our website to find out about the Roving Rangers (a Maryland Junior Ranger Program)