

WELCOME!



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Many people consider it a tremendous thrill to catch a glimpse of a mysterious owl as it flies across a dark country road at night, or to see a majestic hawk soaring high in the sky on a bright clear day. The Maryland Park Service Scales & Tales Program offers that opportunity for everyone!

The Program

This outreach program encourages people to enjoy and appreciate Maryland parks, and the wildlife living in them. Wild animals used in the program have permanent injuries and can no longer survive in the wild. A service charge is required for Scales & Tales programs and displays. Donations to support the care of the animals are welcome.



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These animals' "tales" teach valuable lessons in respect for the environment.

Scales & Tales Aviaries

For reservations or more information about Scales & Tales, contact the appropriate Scales & Tales office below. Reservations for programs can be made up to three months in advance.

Eastern Shore

Pocomoke River State Park

(410) 632-2566 - E-mail: KGarrett@dnr.state.md.us

Tuckahoe State Park

(410) 820-1668 - E-mail: Park-Tuckahoe@dnr.state.md.us

Central Maryland

Patapsco Valley State Park

(410) 461-5005 - E-mail: Scales-Tales2@dnr.state.md.us

Western Maryland

Cunningham Falls State Park

(301) 271-3676 - E-mail: Aviary@dnr.state.md.us

Rocky Gap State Park

(301) 722-1480 - E-mail: Park-RockyGap@dnr.state.md.us

Deep Creek Lake State Park

301-387-7067 - E-mail: dclsp@mail2.gcnet.net

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Scales & Tales is presented in one of two formats. For smaller groups, naturalists present programs highlighting several of the animals and tell their stories. For large crowds, displays are a wonderful way to see these fascinating creatures.

Each Scales & Tales aviary offers some or all the programs listed below.

In-Park Programs

Forest Friends

Ages 4-11

One or two-hour private parties in the park including animal encounters, crafts and nature activities.

Campfire & Tall Tales

All age groups

Designed to give you the best of camping year-round with songs, storytelling and wild animals! Ask about our "Magic Fire" starter option.

Owl Prowl

All age groups

A wild adventure to seek the hunters of the night after learning about the magnificent birds!

Feathers In Focus

All age groups

Whether you are a professional or amateur photographer, capture our birds of prey on film in their wild setting.



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Critter Encounter

This is truly an up-close encounter with wild animals. We will come visit your campsite for a personalized program just for you!

The Classics

Many schools, youth & adult organizations have discovered the wonder of these Scales & Tales programs.

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

All age groups

Reptiles and birds demonstrate how we often judge an animal's value by the way it looks. Learn that all wildlife serves a purpose in nature. A good general program for multiple age groups.

Wings & Things

All age groups

Prepare for an in-depth look at raptors and other birds as we explore their natural history, conservation topics, and tell the "tales" of how each was brought into our care.

Reptile Wrap-Up

All age groups



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The scaly creatures will captivate you as we share myths, histories and benefits of these often misunderstood animals. Learn about Maryland's wonderfully diverse reptile population.

Animal Homes

Preschool - Elementary

Take an imaginary hike through forest and field. Children learn the importance of healthy habitats when they meet live animals, where animals live in the wild.

Animal Sounds

Preschool

Children explore animal sounds and colors and how they use these in the wild. Reptiles and birds are used to delight even the youngest preschoolers.

Scales & Tall Tales

All age groups

Packed full of tales, fables and enhanced by various wildlife, this program is storytelling at its finest. A great program for children learning to write stories.

Specialized

A great way to create the perfect program. Work with a naturalist to adapt the following programs to meet your specific class/group needs.

Eagle Program

All age groups

Learn about Maryland's eagles and those birds mistaken for eagles. Enjoy the story of the incredible population increase of this eagle.

Wildlife on Display

Popular at many fairs, festivals and group picnics, displays are a wonderful way for large crowds to see a variety of birds of prey and reptiles. Create an entertaining and educational exhibit in an up-close setting. Plenty of children's activities and education fun facts will delight everyone.



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Scales & Tales Aviaries

Don't miss a unique opportunity to visit the Maryland Park Service aviaries. Public aviaries are located at Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area, Rocky Gap and Cunningham Falls State Parks.