



# Croydon Creek Nature Center

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Activities are held at Croydon Creek Nature Center. Registration is required. Please note: There are no registration deadlines, unless otherwise stated. Registration is available for programs up until the day of the event.



## Croydon Creek Campfire

Gather around the campfire at Croydon Creek Nature Center with your friends for stories, snacks and more. An adult must accompany children and all participants must register. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating.

### Signs of Spring Night Hike

Enjoy a hike into the forest at dusk to look and listen for signs of spring. After the hike, we'll gather around the campfire to enjoy a campfire treat.

All Ages  
37823 Sa 3/24 7:30-8:30 PM \$4/\$5

## Family Geocaching and Tree ID *New*

Connect your family with nature in this program that combines winter tree identification and geocaching. All participants must register.

All Ages  
37918 Su 3/4 1:30-3 PM \$6/\$8

## Fingerprint Valentine Cards *New*

Learn how to make art with your fingerprints and put this skill to use making some Valentine cards for the people you love. Each participant will take home three Valentines. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

All Ages  
37881 Sa 2/11 10-11 AM \$5/\$7

## Go Green Lecture Series

Co-sponsored by the Nature Center and the City's Environmental Management Division, this lecture series offers easy ways you can make a positive impact on your environment. Advance registration required.

### Spring Gardening Advice

Brett McNish, Smithsonian Gardens horticulturist, offers tips for your spring garden preparation from proper pruning techniques to determining the right equipment for the job. Bring your gardening questions.

Age: 16+  
37825 W 2/22 7-8 PM Free



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## Great Backyard Bird Count

Participate in this annual event and help the Cornell Lab of Ornithology with their ongoing bird research. Learn how to identify common backyard birds and go on a hike to practice your skills. We'll count the birds we see and submit our results. Be a part of this important wildlife census.

All Ages  
37821 Sa 2/18 9-10:30 AM \$2/\$3

## Hooray for Homeschoolers!

Croydon Creek Nature Center presents a series of programs offered specifically for our homeschooling friends. Each program consists of hands-on and minds-on activities that include both time in our classroom laboratory along with activities and hikes outdoors.

### Owls

Can owls turn their heads all the way around? Separate fact from fiction as you learn about the life history of owls, dissect an owl pellet and get up close and personal with our screech owl, Wink.

Age: 6-15  
37827 F 2/10 1-2:30 PM \$6/\$8



## SCOUT BADGE DAYS

Naturalists will help you complete the necessary requirements to achieve the badges listed below. All materials provided; however, badges are not supplied by the Nature Center. Programs held rain or shine; dress for the weather. For additional information or to register, call Melinda Norton at 240-314-8771.

Times: 10 a.m.–noon or 2-4 p.m.  
Cost: \$14 residents; \$16 non-residents

**Webelos Naturalist Badge**  
Sat., Feb. 4

**Webelos Geologist Badge**  
Sat., March 3

## Nature Cafe *New*

February is the month when many owls find their mates. Enjoy a cup of coffee while you are entertained with more fascinating bird stories.

All Ages  
37879 Tu 2/14 10-11 AM \$3/\$5

## Nature Tots



Spend time with your child discovering the wonders of nature. A naturalist will help you explore a new nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required.

Age: 2-5  
**Groundhog Day**  
37813 Th 1/26 10-11:30 AM \$6/\$7

**Winter Birds**  
37814 Th 2/9 10-11:30 AM \$6/\$7

**Nature Detectives**  
37815 Th 2/23 10-11:30 AM \$6/\$7

**Fur and Feathers**  
37816 Th 3/8 10-11:30 AM \$6/\$7

**Amphibians**  
37817 Th 3/22 10-11:30 AM \$6/\$7

## Saturday Story and Craft

Stop by the Nature Center on Saturday mornings for story time and a craft. A naturalist will read a story and then lead a craft activity based on the theme of the story. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Age: 2-5  
37819 Sa 1/28 10-11 AM \$3/\$5  
37820 Sa 2/25 10-11 AM \$3/\$5

## Star Party

Join us to learn about the stars in the winter sky. Learn about objects easily visible in the night sky, look through telescopes with an astronomer and enjoy a campfire treat. All participants must register.

Age: 6+  
37824 Sa 3/10 7-8 PM \$5/\$6

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### Welcome Back, Birds! *New*

Join us to welcome the birds back from their winter homes. Learn about birds that are returning to the area, make a welcome back present for feathered friends in your yard and go on a hike to look for signs of spring. All participants must register.

All Ages  
37878 Sa 3/24 10-11 AM \$3/\$5

### Winter Family Hike *New*



Winter is a fantastic time to look for signs of animal activity and enjoy the quiet of the forest. Join a naturalist on the trail to look for footprints, nests, animal browse and more! After our hike we will warm up with a cup of hot chocolate. All participants must register including adults.

All Ages  
37880 Sa 1/21 10-11 AM \$2/\$3

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## BIRD SEED SALE



**Pre-orders due  
Wed., Nov. 30**

**Pick-up  
orders on  
Saturday, Dec. 10**

- Black oil Sunflower
- Nyjer
- Backyard Medley
- Suet Cakes & more!

**For more details and order form  
see [www.rockvillemd.gov/  
croydoncreek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek)**



### Holiday Tree Project *New*

Create a decorative paper holiday tree using stacks of ordinary newspaper. All materials provided and a sample will be on display at the Nature Center. Register by 12/1.

Age: 8+  
36992 Sa 12/3 10 AM-12 PM \$8/\$10

### Natural Holiday Crafts

Spend the morning using a variety of natural or recycled objects to make holiday crafts and ornaments. Each participant will complete at least three projects. Adult participation required for children under age 8. Register by 12/5.

Age: 3-10  
36991 Sa 12/10 10 AM-12 PM \$8/\$10

### Winter Nature Fun *New*



Spend the day at the Nature Center and have some winter fun learning about animal tracks, hiking in the forest preserve and enjoying a campfire. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch. Register by 12/22.

Age: 7-12  
36554 F 12/30 9 AM-3 PM \$35/\$40