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General Information

How to Register

- On-line: www.howardcountymd.gov/rap
Phone: 410-313-7275 (8 AM-4:30 PM, M-F)
Fax: 410-313-4660
Mail: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046
Walk-in: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia
(8 AM-4:30 PM, M-F)
Gary J. Arthur Community Center
2400 Rte. 97, Cooksville
(8 AM-8 PM, M-Sa; 9 AM-5 PM, Su)
North Laurel Community Center
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel
(8 AM-8 PM, M-Sa; 9 AM-5 PM, Su)
Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia
(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)
Roger Carter Community Center
3000 Milltowne Drive, Ellicott City
(7 AM-10 PM, M-Sa; 7 AM-9 PM, Su)

Refunds

We recognize that you may wish to withdraw from a variety of reasons, but our policy encourages early decisions so as to not affect other customers or our ability to efficiently deliver the programs. At a minimum, all refund requests are subject to a 20% administrative fee. Additional fees may be assessed to recover costs associated with the program. There are no refunds for missed sessions.

Payment Information

Include payment with your registration form – a check or money order payable to the Howard County Director of Finance, or credit card information. (We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA.) Please sign the waiver on your receipt and bring it to the first session.

Inclement Weather

Regardless of weather, all participants of an Adventure or Outdoors program are encouraged to call the program status line at 410-313-4451 before heading to their program to check for any changes. Check with your instructor about exceptions to the following circumstances and make-up dates for cancelled sessions.

- If it rains, only some outdoor classes will be cancelled.
- When it appears that lightening is a potential threat to participants, both scheduled and activities in progress that occur outdoors will be canceled.

Who to Contact

Adventure & Outdoors Manager

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Learn archery with USA Archery-certified instructors for maximum learning and fun!

Archery

- Take an introduction course to be eligible for the HCRP Target Archery Skills Club!
- No experience necessary and all equipment supplied for use during the program.
- Detailed information is emailed to all participants.
- For the most up-to-date information visit howardcountymd.gov/archery or contact Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769, mmedicus@howardcountymd.gov.

Lil' Archers (Parent/Child)

Experience the sport of archery in a fun, safe and supervised environment. We use plastic arrows with rubber suction cups to teach the basics of archery.

<u>Meadowbrook Ath Comp</u>	<u>4-5 yrs</u>	<u>Classes: 2</u>		
RP9062.301	Apr 20	4-5pm	Th	\$35
RP9062.302	May 11	2-3pm	Th	\$35

Learn the Art of Target Archery

Build and decorate your own PVC bow and learn techniques, form and range safety in our one-day class with our certified instructors.

<u>Rockburn Branch Pk</u>	<u>6-7 yrs</u>			
RP9065.301	Apr 22	9-11:30am	Sa	\$45

Introduction to Target Archery

Discover the basics of archery! Learn basic techniques and form using recurve and compound bows from an USA Archery-certified instructor. Equipment, safety and elements of shooting are covered. Course meets the requirement to participate in the HCRP Archery Clubs.

<u>8-13 yrs</u>	<u>Alpha Ridge Pk</u>			
RP9061.301	Mar 25	8am-noon	Sa	\$55
RP9061.302	Apr 29	8am-noon	Sa	\$55

<u>13-17 yrs</u>	<u>Alpha Ridge Pk</u>			
RP9061.311	Apr 1	8am-noon	Sa	\$55
RP9061.312	May 6	8am-noon	Sa	\$55

<u>18 yrs +</u>	<u>Alpha Ridge Pk</u>			
RP9061.321	Apr 1	8am-noon	Sa	\$55
RP9061.322	May 6	8am-noon	Sa	\$55

Target Archery Together (Parent/Child)

Together with your child, learn the basic techniques of archery! Equipment, safety and elements of shooting are covered by an USA Archery-certified instructor. Fee is for one parent and one child. Course meets the requirement to participate in the HCRP Archery Clubs.

<u>8-13 yrs</u>	<u>Alpha Ridge Pk</u>			
RP9063.301	Apr 8	8am-noon	Sa	\$90
RP9063.302	May 13	8am-noon	Sa	\$90

HCRP Target Archery Skills Club

Focus on refining target archery technique through practice and self-paced development with our USA Archery-certified instructors. Parents are welcome to sign up with their children during youth sessions. (No class 4/16.)

<u>8 yrs +</u>	<u>Classes: 4</u>	<u>Alpha Ridge Pk</u>		
RP9064.301	Mar 26	Noon-1:30pm	Su	\$65
RP9064.302	Apr 29	3:30-5pm	Sa	\$65
RP9064.303	Apr 30	1-2:30pm	Su	\$65

<u>18 yrs +</u>	<u>Classes: 4</u>	<u>Alpha Ridge Pk</u>		
RP9064.321	Apr 29	2-3:30pm	Sa	\$65



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Grab your camping gear and show the little ones the joys of the outdoors at Parent/Child Camping in the Park.

Target Archery Open Range Pass

Sign up for an Open Range Pass to practice your target archery skills at the Alpha Ridge Archery location on select dates and times! Fee allows access at any or all of the Open Range times in that season - targets provided; bring your own bow and arrows. Use of HCRP equipment during your time at the range available to eligible archers for additional fee.* Prior completion of a Rec & Parks' Intro program is encouraged but not required to use the range. Archers must be able to participate in a safe and proper manner and follow range rules and staff directions at all times. Complete details available at howardcountymd.gov/archery.

Alpha Ridge Park

Spring Open Range times

3/25-5/21 (Closed 4/15-16)

Sat, Noon-2pm & Sun, 9am-Noon

Bring your own equipment:

RP9064.361 8 yrs + \$20

*Using HCRP equipment:

RP9064.362 8 yrs + \$40

Summer Open Range times

Sat, 8am-2pm, 6/24-8/12

Bring your own equipment:

RP9064.461 8 yrs + \$20

*Using HCRP equipment:

RP9064.462 8 yrs + \$40

School's Out Archery, Fishing & Kayaking

No school? Then come spend the day outdoors, on land and water! Make new friends while trying your hand at archery, fishing, kayaking, and field games. Fee includes equipment, instruction, transportation, supervision, and lunch. Detailed information is emailed to participants prior to this fun-filled day. No experience necessary.

Centennial Pk-Pav E 9-13 yrs

RP9240.301 Apr 17 9am-5pm M \$73

RP9240.302 May 19 9am-5pm F \$73

Campfires & Camping

• Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

Parent/Child Camping in the Park

Introduce your child to the joys of camping. Go on a flashlight walk and participate in your favorite campfire activities. Bring a tent and sleeping bags; snacks and breakfast are provided. Tents are available to borrow; indicate when registering. One additional immediate family member may be added for \$10 (register under RP9091.402). Detailed information is emailed to participants.

Rockburn Branch Park - West Campfire Ring

RP9091.401 Jun 16-17 6pm, F-8am Sa \$55

Spring HCRP Archery Tournament
howardcountymd.gov/archery

Fishing

• Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

Nite Bite Fishing

Have you ever wanted to fish Centennial Lake at night? Now's your chance! Join Howard County Rec & Parks for a unique opportunity to fish the lake after hours. Bring your own fishing pole, bait, tackle, bug repellent, flashlight or lantern, chair, or boat. Advanced registration is encouraged but on-site registration is available. Those under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Rules: www.howardcountymd.gov/nightfishing.

Anglers 14 yrs & up can register for the Nite Bite Fishing Tournament Series for a chance to win \$200 (\$60 fee, see website for details).

All ages Centennial Park South Boat Ramp \$5

RP9154.301	Apr 1	6-11pm	Sa
RP9154.302	Apr 28	6-11pm	F
RP9154.303	May 26	6-11pm	F
RP9154.401	Jun 24	6pm-midnight	Sa
RP9154.402	Jul 8	6pm-midnight	Sa
RP9154.403	Aug 11	6pm-midnight	F
RP9154.501	Sep 15	6-11pm	F
RP9154.502	Oct 14	6-11pm	Sa

Nite Bite Tournament Series

Anglers 14 yrs +, visit howardcountymd.gov/nightfishing to find out how to participate in a tournament series through the eight dates of Nite Bite Fishing. Cash prizes awarded at series conclusion. Congratulations to Raquel Koplín for claiming the top prize, \$200, and being crowned the 2016 Nite Bite Tournament Series winner with the largest catch overall (a bass, 3.5 lbs, 20").

Spring Fishing Tournament

Boat or shoreline anglers, come fish for prizes in this catch-and-release event. Children 13 and younger win prizes, trophies and receive a "goodie" bag. Adults win cash prizes and trophies. Prize categories include bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, and trout. T-shirts are given to preregistered participants. Bring bait and tackle. There is a two person minimum per boat with electric motor only. Inclement weather info: 410-313-4451 option #1 then option #4 (call on day of event). Advanced registration: 410-313-7275 or on-site (check in at the boat dock). Info: howardcountymd.gov/springfishing.

Centennial Park May 6 Sa

RP9151.301	2-4 yrs	9am-noon	\$15
RP9151.311	5-13 yrs	9am-noon	\$20
RP9151.321	14 yrs +	6am-1pm	\$25



Intro to Fishing on Centennial Lake is the best way to learn how to rig a pole, cast and catch fish!

Let's Go Fishing! (Parent/Child)

This fishing class for beginners focuses on rigging a pole, casting, fish identification, knot tying, and much more. No experience necessary. All equipment and bait are provided. This class is a great way to spend quality, family time together while learning a new lifelong outdoor skill. Fee is for one parent and one child.

5-12 yrs Centennial Park South Classes: 2

RP9152.301	Apr 20	6-7:30pm	Th	\$35
RP9152.302	Apr 22	8-9:30am	Sa	\$35
RP9152.303	May 8	6-7:30pm	M	\$35

Intro to Fishing

New, young, anglers, come learn to rig a pole, cast, identify fish, tie knots, and much more. No experience necessary. All equipment and bait is provided. This class is a great way to make friends and swap fish stories while learning a new lifelong outdoor skill.

Centennial Pk South 5-13 yrs Classes: 2

RP9153.301	May 11	6-8pm	Th	\$35
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Escape to the outdoors with the Freshwater Fishing Trip to Zett's Tristate Fish Farm & Hatchery.

Adult Fishing Clinic

New anglers, learn to cast, identify fish, rig a pole, tie knots, and much more. No experience necessary and all equipment and bait is provided.

18 yrs + Centennial Pk South

RP9156.301 May 17 6:30-8:30pm W \$15

NEW! Freshwater Fishing Trip

Intermediate and experienced anglers, come take a trip to Zett's Tristate Fish Farm & Hatchery! Eight freshwater fishing ponds stocked with an assortment of freshwater fish. Catch and release, or each angler may keep up to six fish - bring your own cooler. Rod, tackle and some natural bait provided - additional bait available for purchase on-site. Bring your lunch - feel free to bring your own rod & tackle.

18 yrs + Centennial Pk South

RP9157.301 Apr 26 6am-6pm W \$40



Enjoy a real life hunt for treasure with the Geocaching Discovery Walk!

Geocaching

• Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

Geocaching Discovery Walk

Learn how to use modern GPS technology to find hidden treasure boxes all over the world! Families, explore the outdoors and get caught up in the thrill of the hunt! Bring your GPS unit or smartphone (Geocaching app optional), a water bottle and hiking shoes. Under 16 must be accompanied by a participating and registered adult.

8 yrs + Rockburn Branch Pk-West

RP9170.301 May 13 8-9:30am Sa \$9



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Gain confidence in a canoe or kayak as you practice Flatwater Paddling Basics.

Paddling

- Earn a certificate and patch by taking a flat water canoe or kayak paddling basics class and paddling our series of four MD waterways at least once within a three-year period.
- Fees are per person. Canoes are two-person boats; kayaks are either single or double.
- Under 16 must be accompanied by a participating parent or guardian.
- Detailed information is emailed to participants.
- For more paddling opportunities (Moonlight Canoeing, guided wildlife paddle) or more information visit howardcountymd.gov/paddling or call Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.
- Practice your skills by renting a canoe or kayak from the Adventure Shack & Rentals at Centennial Park (info: howardcountymd.gov/adventureshack).

Flatwater Paddling Basics for Canoe or Kayak

Learn flat water paddling techniques, self-rescue, safety, gear selection and how to load a canoe or kayak. Participants under 16 are placed in a canoe or tandem kayak with an accompanying registered adult (except RP9125.304). Wear loose-fitting layers of warm clothing. This is an American Canoe Association certified instructional program.

Kayak	10-15 yrs +	Centennial Pk South - Concession Dock		
RP9125.304	May 13	1-3:30pm	Sa	\$35
Canoe	10 yrs +	Centennial Pk South - Concession Dock		
RP9120.301	Apr 22	9:30am-noon	Sa	\$35
RP9120.302	May 13	9:30am-noon	Sa	\$35
RP9120.401	Jun 16	6:30-9pm	F	\$35
RP9120.402	Jul 14	6:30-9pm	F	\$35
RP9120.403	Jul 15	8-10:30am	Sa	\$35
Kayak	10 yrs +	Centennial Pk South - Concession Dock		
RP9125.301	Apr 22	9:30am-noon	Sa	\$35
RP9125.302	Apr 22	1-3:30pm	Sa	\$35
RP9125.303	May 13	9:30am-noon	Sa	\$35
RP9125.401	Jun 16	6:30-9pm	F	\$35
RP9125.402	Jul 14	6:30-9pm	F	\$35
RP9125.403	Jul 15	8-10:30am	Sa	\$35

Float the Potomac

Nature enthusiasts and families, discover the beauty of scenic Potomac River northwest of Harpers Ferry on this one-day trip. Beginner to intermediate paddlers welcome. All paddlers must complete our Flatwater Paddling Basics class before the trip. Fee is per person, which includes transportation, leadership and boats; bring lunch (no nut products) and beverage. Detailed information is emailed to participants.

Canoe	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9123.301	10 yrs +	Apr 23	9am-6pm	Su	\$47
Double Kayak	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9123.302	10 yrs +	Apr 23	9am-6pm	Su	\$47
Single Kayak	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9123.311	16 yrs +	Apr 23	9am-6pm	Su	\$68

Float Blackwater

National Wildlife Refuge

Paddle the tidal marshes of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on this one-day flat water trip. Enjoy the scenery of mixed evergreen and deciduous forests, which are home to the Bald Eagle and endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel. Beginner to intermediate paddlers welcome. All paddlers must complete our Flatwater Kayak Paddling Basics class before the trip. Fee is per person, which includes transportation, leadership and boats; bring a lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

Double Kayak	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9126.301	10 yrs +	May 7	8am-6pm	Su	\$47
Single Kayak	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9126.311	16 yrs +	May 7	8am-6pm	Su	\$68

Float the Monocacy

Beginner to intermediate paddlers, come discover the beauty of the scenic Monocacy River on this one-day trip. Paddle through history near the Monocacy National Battlefield with an ACA-certified instructor. All paddlers must complete our Flat Water Paddling Basics class before the trip. Fee is per person, which includes transportation, leadership and boats. Bring a lunch (no nut products) and a beverage.

Canoe	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9122.401	10 yrs +	Jun 18	9am-6pm	Su	\$47
Double Kayak	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9122.402	10 yrs +	Jun 18	9am-6pm	Su	\$47
Single Kayak	Long Gate Park & Ride				
RP9122.411	16 yrs +	Jun 18	9am-6pm	Su	\$68



Take a breath of fresh outdoor air and see incredible views on a trail hike.

Trail Hikes

- The HCRP Trail Hike program features many historic sights and panoramic views. Trip leaders interpret points of interest and keep a moderate pace.
- Under 16 must be accompanied by a participating parent or guardian.
- Participants should be in good shape, have good balance and depth perception to be able to hike two miles over rocky hills without a break and the ability to complete the distance indicated.
- Fee includes van or school bus transportation from the Park & Ride lot at the intersection of Rte. 100 and Long Gate Pkwy, Ellicott City.
- Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769 or howardcountymd.gov/trailhikes.

Appalachian Trail Hikes

The Appalachian Trail (AT) crossing Virginia (VA), Maryland (MD), and Pennsylvania (PA) features historic Civil War sites and panoramic views of mountains and valleys. Earn a certificate and patch by hiking each of the seven sections in the MD AT series at least once within a three-year period. Earn a 100-mile certificate and patch by hiking additional miles on the PA and VA sections of the AT.



Take your pick of various trail hikes and explore the great outdoors.

MD AT#6 Gathland State Park to Weverton Cliffs

Start at a unique monument dedicated to Civil War correspondents and site of several Union and Confederate battles. Hike through picturesque forests, catch a glimpse of the panoramic view at Pleasant Valley overlook and enjoy lunch at cliffs overlooking the Potomac River and the three states. Moderate terrain: 7 miles.

8 yrs + Long Gate Pk & Ride

RP9180.301 Apr 8 8am-4pm Sa \$17

MD AT#7 Weverton to Harpers Ferry

Hike along the C&O Canal overlooking to the rapids of the Potomac, then stop for lunch below Maryland Heights at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Visit the site of John Brown's raid in historic Harpers Ferry and AT Headquarters. Flat terrain with an optional steep climb to Maryland Heights: 5.5 miles.

8 yrs + Long Gate Pk & Ride

RP9180.302 Apr 22 8am-4pm Sa \$17

PA AT #5 Rt 34 to Pine Grove Furnace State Park

Eat your lunch after ascending to the top of Piney Mountain then descend into Pine Grove Furnace. Moderate terrain: 8.7 miles.

8 yrs + Long Gate Pk & Ride

RP9183.301 May 13 8am-6pm Sa \$20

MD AT#2 High Rock to Wolfsville Rd

Leave the panoramic view at High Rock, hike the highest point of the AT in Maryland. Continue through a spruce forest and pass two newer Maryland trail shelters. Moderate terrain with one extended climb and hills: 7 miles.

8 yrs + Long Gate Pk & Ride

RP9180.303 May 20 8am-4pm Sa \$17

MD AT#1 High Rock to Rte. 16

Begin at High Rock's panoramic view. Cross the Mason-Dixon line, hike through a hemlock forest, and eat your lunch the historic Pen-Mar Park. Moderately difficult terrain: 6 miles

8 yrs + Long Gate Pk & Ride

RP9180.401 Jun 10 8am-4pm Sa \$17

Dark Hollows Trail

This scenic figure-eight circuit begins in Caledonia State Park, passes rhododendrons, cathedral pines, and hemlocks, and joins the Appalachian Trail to follow the Rocky Gorge of Dark Hollow. Moderately difficult terrain: 8 miles.

8 yrs + Long Gate Pk & Ride

RP9181.401 Jun 24 8am-6pm Sa \$20



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ADVENTURE SHACK AND RENTALS

The logo consists of the words 'ADVENTURE', 'SHACK', and 'AND RENTALS' stacked vertically. 'ADVENTURE' and 'SHACK' are in a large, hand-drawn, wood-grain font. 'AND RENTALS' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font on a wooden plank background. A green worm is hooked onto the letter 'A' in 'SHACK'.

Forgot your ketchup? Looking to rent a boat?
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Visit us at Centennial Park or online at
www.howardcountymd.gov/adventureshack
or call 410-313-7303.