

# Robinson

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# NATURE CENTER



**Howard  
County**

RECREATION & PARKS



SUMMER 2017  
**NATURE CAMP  
GUIDE**

## How to Register

Online:

[www.howardcountymd.gov/nature](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/nature)

Phone: 410-313-0400  
(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)

Fax: 410-313-4660

TTY: 410-313-4665

Mail: Howard County Recreation & Parks  
7120 Oakland Mills Road  
Columbia, MD 21046

Walk-in: Robinson Nature Center  
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia  
(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)

## 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.



**July 9 | Noon-4PM**  
**Robinson Nature Center**

- Mini-boat races
- Live aquatic creatures
- River treasure hunt
- Mud science experiment
- Water games for the whole family

Details under the public programs section at [www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter)

## Nature Camps

- Camps listed by age first and date second.
- For more comprehensive nature camp information, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/nature](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/nature)
- To reduce paper waste, detailed information and camp participant forms are e-mailed to registrants approximately two weeks prior to the start of each camp session. You may request a paper copy of the forms be mailed by calling 410-313-0400.
- Special accommodations are available but not guaranteed. Requests must be made at least two weeks in advance.
- Camps are held rain or shine; schedule subject to change.



*Let your little one get up close to nature's sounds, sights and smells at Lil' Acorns Mini-Camp.*

### Lil' Acorns Mini-Camp **flickr**

Does your child love to explore but isn't ready to explore without you? Hold your lil' acorn's hand in a mini-camp experience. Parents and grandparents, delight in the opportunity to share with your youngster the natural sounds, smells and sights on trails, in our Nature Place discovery zone, near a river and surrounded by furry and feathered friends.

2-3 yrs Days: 3 W-F 9:30-11:30am \$60

RP4817.401	High in the Sky	Jun 7
RP4817.404	High in the Sky	Jun 28
RP4817.408	High in the Sky	Aug 23
RP4817.403	In, Around and Under Water	Jun 21
RP4817.406	In, Around and Under Water	Jul 26
RP4817.407	In, Around and Under Water	Aug 23
RP4817.402	Low Down Below	Jun 14
RP4817.405	Low Down Below	Jul 12



*Little ones, come enjoy sensory-friendly nature fun at the Lil' Nature Explorers Mini-Camp.*

## Lil' Pine Cones Mini-Camp **flickr**

Nature is a wonderful place for a young child to make new discoveries. If your child is ready to explore the world around them - trails, rivers, plants and animals - treat them to a mini-camp. Create nature crafts and learn nature songs. Investigate the woods through short trail walks and the night sky through planetarium presentations. We'll also get play time in our outdoor Nature Place discovery zone.

Magnificent Meadows 4-5 yrs Days: 3 W-F \$78

RP4818.401 Jun 7 9am-noon

RP4818.402 Jun 7 1-4pm

RP4818.407 Aug 9 9am-noon

NEW! Magic of the Forest 4-5 yrs Days: 3 W-F \$78

RP4818.403 Jun 14 9am-noon

RP4818.404 Jun 14 1-4pm

RP4818.408 Aug 2 9am-noon

Nature at Night 4-5 yrs Days: 3 W-F \$78

RP4818.405 Jun 28 9am-noon

RP4818.406 Jul 5 9am-noon

## Sensory-Friendly

## Lil' Nature Explorers Mini-Camp

### **flickr**

In this exciting camp, young children who benefit from sensory-friendly accommodations explore nature and make new discoveries in a way that best meets their needs. See live animals. Create nature crafts. Investigate the woods with hands-on activities. Play in an outdoor Nature Place discovery zone. Enjoy the wonders of the night sky through a planetarium presentation. One-on-one companions are provided for those who request one with at least two weeks notice from the start date of the camp. For older children with special needs, see our sensory-friendly Nature Explorers camp on page 5.

4-6 yrs Days: 3

RP4818.410 Aug 16 9am-noon W-F \$78

## Love Nature All Year Long

Robinson Nature Center annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary admission to the Center, use of its trails, a 10% discount in the gift shop and discounted admission to certain programs.

Annual passes expire a year after date of purchase.

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- Senior (50 years +) \$20 / \$40 (NR)
- Student (with school ID) \$20 / \$40 (NR)
- Individual \$25 / \$50 (NR)
- Family (household) \$50 / \$100 (NR)

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Nature Extravaganza Camp fills your child's day with nature activities, planetarium shows, and animal encounters!

## NEW! Nature Extravaganza Camp

Fill your summer days with a nature smorgasbord! This full-day camp is jam-packed with fun. Meet reptiles, amphibians and sea life during live animal encounters. Enjoy movies about outer space in our planetarium. Trek down to the river to search for creatures and play in the cool waters of the Middle Patuxent River. Bring a towel, bathing suit, closed-toe water shoes, and a change of clothes and shoes. Children must be able to change their own clothes.

6-8 yrs Days: 3

RP4866.401 Jun 21 9am-3pm W-F \$140

RP4866.402 Jul 5 9am-3pm W-F \$140



*You never know what little critters you will find down at the Middle Patuxent River!*

## River Explorers Mini-Camp

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Some words of advice on a hot summer day: don't stay dry! Join us for fun times in these popular, half-day adventures splashing through the Middle Patuxent River at Robinson Nature Center. We investigate streams, look for frogs and other river critters, create our own river crafts, and play in the water. Bring a towel, bathing suit, closed-toe water shoes, and a change of clothes and shoes. Children must be able to change their own clothes.

6-8 yrs Days: 3 1-4:30pm W-F \$85

RP4819.402 Jun 28 RP4819.405 Aug 9

RP4819.403 Jul 12 RP4819.406 Aug 16

RP4819.404 Jul 26



*Play in the Middle Patuxent River and learn about water, ecology and wildlife along the way at the River Explorers Mini-Camp!*

## Sensory-Friendly

### Nature Explorers Mini-Camp

If your child benefits from sensory-friendly accommodations, this camp allows them to explore nature and make new discoveries in a way that best meets their needs.

Your child traverses trails, explores a river, and discovers native plants and animals in this special mini-camp. Create nature crafts, meet our live animals, see the stars in our planetarium, and investigate and play in our new Nature Place discovery zone. One-on-one companions are provided for those who request one with at least two weeks notice from the start date of the camp. For younger children with special needs, see our sensory-friendly Lil' Nature Explorers camp on page 3.

6-8 yrs Days: 3

RP4818.411 Aug 16 1-4pm W-F \$78

### NEW! Woodland Witches & Wizards

Join us for an enchanted time at Robinson Nature Center! You've been accepted into the school of witchcraft and wizardry. Spend your days learning the secrets of the forest's magic. Delve into the mysteries of Charms (special powers of living things), Transfiguration (transformation of animals and objects), Herbology (the study of plants and their uses), Divination (using your sixth sense, intuition), Potions (natural dyes, paints and fragrances), Care and Study of Magical Creatures (legends and animal studies), and Invisibility (how to travel unseen in the magic forest). Of course, all witches and wizards-in-training enjoy recess in the Nature Place discovery zone!

7-9 yrs Days: 3

RP4821.401 Jul 19 9am-3pm W-F \$155

RP4821.402 Aug 2 9am-3pm W-F \$155

### Epic Water Ventures Mini-Camp

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If you like hanging out on the water, take it to a whole new level! Enjoy adventures in the Middle Patuxent River with new and old friends. Learn about different aspects of the river and the river's connection to the Chesapeake Bay while creating your own treasure map, and then hunt for our buried treasure. Compete in water games and use your engineering skills to see who can build the best boat to float downstream! Go beyond river exploration with a special field trip on Thursday to the National Aquarium where we'll enjoy watching sea turtles, dolphins, stingrays and sharks and exploring ocean-based underwater worlds (included in camp fee). Bring a towel, bathing suit, closed-toe water shoes and a change of clothes and shoes.

8-11 yrs Days: 3

RP4849.401 Jul 19 9am-3pm W-F \$177



*Take a trip to the National Aquarium, build a natural boat, and explore the river at Epic Water Ventures Mini-Camp.*



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*To register for a class or event,  
visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/rap](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rap)  
or call 410-313-0400.*

## NEW! Trailblazers Camp

Calling all kids: It's time to blaze your own trail! Follow in the footsteps of explorers, trailblazers and conservationists by learning about their adventures and practicing traditional skills using a new landscape. Construct frames for different natural shelters and create natural fiber crafts. Learn how to build, and safely start a fire. Cook a snack over an open campfire, and walk a portion of the Middle Patuxent River. Navigate at night using the stars in our planetarium and use modern-day GPS units and compasses to find your way through a forest obstacle course. We explore not only the great outdoors, but friendship and teamwork, through exciting agility games and team-building exercises. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and a beverage.

8-11 yrs Days: 3

RP4823.401 Jul 12 9am-3pm W-F \$140

RP4823.402 Jul 26 9am-3pm W-F \$140



*Follow in the footsteps of nature explorers at our new Trailblazers Camp.*



## ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY IN ACTION!

Take an exciting and educational journey into a hidden side of Ellicott City, uncovering secrets of Howard County's 12,000 year history! Practice archaeological survey methods, digging, sifting, and mapping of artifacts at a 19th century girl's school. Gather clues from 100-year-old photographs, letters and journals. Play games and try your hand at arts & crafts from the colonial past. Visits to local historic sites enrich your experience by showing ways to piece together past stories. Bring a reusable water bottle, snack and a lunch each day (no nut products).

8-12 yrs 9am-2pm M-F Days: 5 Jun 19

RP9983.401 Patapsco Female Institute \$265

## NEW! SURVIVAL SKILLS FROM THE PAST

Roll up your sleeves and travel through time! Explore the vast grounds of the Farm Heritage Museum in West Friendship, MD as you practice shelter building and make stone tools like the County's first inhabitants. Cook over a campfire and try some of the 17th-century crafts and survival skills. On Thursday, spend the night under the stars in a colonial-style encampment with your counselors and a professional, Colonial-era reenactor for an unforgettable night of living history! Bring a reusable water bottle and a snack and lunch each day (no nut products).

8-12 yrs 9am-2pm M-F Days: 5 Jun 26

RP9981.401 Living Farm Heritage Museum \$265

# HERITAGE PROGRAM CAMPS

INFO: Jaimie Wilder, 410-313-0419 or [jwilder@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jwilder@howardcountymd.gov).



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## 2017 ADVENTURE & OUTDOORS SUMMER CAMPS

[www.howardcountymd.gov/adventurecamps](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/adventurecamps)





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### Hours

Wednesday-Saturday: 9 AM-5 PM  
Sunday: Noon-5 PM  
Closed on Mondays & Tuesdays

### Daily Admission

Adults: \$5  
Children (3-17 yrs): \$3  
Under 3: FREE



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### Friends of Robinson Nature Center Membership Levels

Friends of Robinson Nature Center memberships include an annual pass to the nature center, as well as friends-only benefits. For details, please call 410-313-0400.

Patron	\$175
Supporter	\$250
Sustainer	\$500
Lifetime	\$1,000