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NATURE CENTER



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2019

FALL PROGRAMS

www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter

General Information

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5 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

Howard County Residents:

Online registration starting July 31 at 6pm.
All other methods starting August 1.

Out-of-County Residents:

Online registration starting August 7 at 6pm.
All other methods starting August 8.

Financial assistance and payment plans available for Howard County residents. We also offer scholarships. Call our registration line for more information!



ON-LINE

www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/programs

An online account is required and may take up to 48 hours to process.



MAIL-IN

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



PHONE

410-313-0400 (9am-5 pm, W-Sa;
Noon-5pm, Su) TTY: 410-313-4665



WALK-IN

Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia
(9am-5pm, W-Sa; Noon-5pm, Su)



FAX

410-313-4660

Refund Policy

We recognize that you may wish to withdraw for 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. Class programs require at least two weeks advance notice of withdraw to avoid the additional fees. Please note, several of our special events have specific cancellation policies. When registering, please note the event's cancellation policy. Specific dates after which withdrawal fees apply are noted on receipts for the event.

Korean 한국어

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Mandarin 普通话

你会说普通话吗? 我们可以为您提供电话上的翻译员。此服务是免费的。

Spanish Español

¿Habla Español? Le proveeremos un intérprete por teléfono. Este servicio es gratis.

Call our toll-free phone number:

1-800-444-6627.

Enter PIN number 12372435

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Join us for family-friendly fun at our 8th anniversary open house. Photo credit: Rob Gelter.

Special Events

• Info: 410-313-0400

NEW! Sensory-Friendly Sunday at the Nature Center

This monthly event is designed for families with kids, teens, and adults with sensory processing differences, autism spectrum disorder, or developmental disabilities. The center opens early, allowing visitors to enjoy a calm environment. Explore the exhibits, Discovery Room, nature trails and/or outdoor NaturePlace play area. Sensory alert maps, sensory backpacks and quiet areas are available. While walk-ins are welcome, we encourage you to reserve your space ahead of time. Registration/Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/sensoryfriendlyvisit.

All ages \$5, adult; \$3, child; Free, members and children under 3 yrs

RP4876.520	Sep 8	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.521	Oct 13	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.522	Nov 10	11:30am-12:30pm	Su
RP4876.523	Dec 15	11:30am-12:30pm	Su

Robinson Nature Center Anniversary Open House **flickr**

Celebrate our center's 8th birthday! See what's new, including our 2019 ARTsites installation, Nature Place additions and a new indoor exhibit. Enjoy innovative presentations, live animals, guided nature walks, face-painting, crafts and shows in our planetarium. Delight in hands-on activities with our partners, food vendors, the Nature Place, Discovery Room, and an outdoor picnic area. Limited parking on-site. Complimentary shuttle from off-site parking area. No registration necessary. Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonAnniversary. All ages Sep 22 Noon-5pm Su Free

NEW! A Wicked Night in Space

Come explore space's "wickedest" wonders! The Maryland Science Center and Robinson Nature Center jointly present this family-friendly program bringing mysterious space phenomenon to life before your eyes. Watch a comet being made. Use VR technology to walk on the surfaces of other planets. Discover the wildest weather in the universe in our planetarium. Play with the magnetic fields of the sun and Earth, and discover how our planet's slight tilt creates the magic of the seasons. Info: 410-313-0400.

\$30, family (up to 5 members); \$8, individual

RP4850.501	7 yrs +	Oct 5	6:30-9pm	Sa
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Outdoor Gear Sale

It's time to gear up! Shop and score great deals on used, outdoor equipment and clothing. Vendor spaces available on a first-come, first served basis. Spaces must be reserved at least one week prior to event. Exclusions apply. Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/gearsale. Rain date is October 13.

All ages Centennial Pk-South Free for shoppers;
\$20 per space + \$10 per supplied table for vendors
RP4828.501 Oct 6 Noon-4pm Su

NEW! Halloween Tricks, Treats and Trees

Join a self-guided adventure where nature's "tricks" are revealed at delightful stations among the trees. Inside the nature center, make a potion with a witch, delight in Halloween-inspired music and puppet shows. Make crafts and take part in tot-friendly challenges. Meet live animals and enjoy healthy treats from our sponsors (MOM's Organic Market and David's Natural Market). All participants must call 410-313-0400 to register. No online registration. Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCtrickortreat.

All ages \$10, child; \$5, adult; Free, under 1 yr

RP4858.501 Oct 19 9am-3pm Sa

RP4858.502 Oct 20 9am-3pm Su

To register for a class or event,
visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap
or call 410-313-0400.

NEW! Yes, We CAN –

Food Preservation & Tasting

Experience a workshop and tasting that changes the way you look at produce. UMD's Karen Basinger teaches various food-waste reduction methods and tips including freezing, drying and canning from her award-winning "So Easy to Preserve" curriculum. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine; and join Nicole from NeatNick Preserves and Mandy of NoodlesKnows for a tasting, cheese-pairing and no-bake recipe demo of NeatNick's artisanal jams. Curriculum and jams available for sale on-site.

21 yrs + Bring valid identification that shows your age
RP4847.501 Nov 3 2-4pm Su \$30

Mistletoe and Moonlight Makers Mart

If you would rather "opt outside" and avoid hectic trips to the mall, join us for an enjoyable evening of holiday shopping at the Robinson Nature Center! Local artisans and makers offer handmade and sustainable wares. Science, space and nature-themed children's gifts available. "Try-it" game room, decorated tree raffles and self-guided trail walks under the moon. **Vendor applications accepted until 11/1.** Info/full vendor list/vendor application: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/makersmart.

RP4860.501 All ages Nov 22 6-9:30pm F Free

Deer Santa

Delight in an afternoon of "reindeer games" that test your skills against our four-legged friends in this family-friendly, self-guided adventure. Create holiday crafts, enjoy festive snacks, join us for an optional guided winter walk in the woods, and get a photo with Santa (between noon and 3pm)! All adults and children over the age of 1 year must be registered to participate. No online registration. Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/DeerSanta.

\$15, child, over 1 yr; \$7, adult; Free, under 1 yr

\$2 off each individual's registration for

Robinson Nature Ctr member

RP4873.501 All ages Dec 8 Noon-4pm Su



Enjoy out-of-this-world planetarium presentations at Family Fridays Under the Dome.

Astronomy & Planetarium

- Planetarium programs are held in the NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater.
- **For planetarium shows, arrive 15 minutes prior to the show time to be seated. Due to dark conditions, we cannot seat you during the show.**
- Sensory-friendly accommodations are available for all planetarium programs upon request. To make a request, contact the Robinson Nature Center no later than one week in advance of the program.
- Previews of planetarium films: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSphereFeatures.
- **Fee is per person. Children must be accompanied by a ticketed adult.**
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Family Fridays Under the Dome

Friday nights with your family should be stellar! Come enjoy unique shows at the Robinson Nature Center's NatureSphere planetarium. Each program features a full-dome movie preceded by a family-friendly planetarium presentation where you discover what's in the night sky that month. See below for show dates, show times, featured films and age recommendations. See show dates, times and movies in the next column.

Price is per ticket

Earth, Moon and Sun

RP4801.501 5 yrs + Sep 6 6:30-7:30pm F \$6

We Are Stars

RP4801.502 7 yrs + Oct 4 6:30-7:30pm F \$6

Dinosaurs Alive

RP4801.503 7 yrs + Nov 1 6:30-7:30pm F \$6

Passport to the Universe

RP4801.504 7 yrs + Dec 6 6:30-7:30pm F \$6

Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere

You don't have to leave Howard County for an out-of-this-world Friday night experience. Treat your partner or friends to top-notch astronomy and entertainment at the Robinson Nature Center. This program is held in the Naturesphere planetarium and features a full-dome movie preceded by an adult-level planetarium presentation about current happenings in our night sky and space science.

18 yrs + Price is per ticket

Stars

RP4800.501 Sep 6 8-9pm F \$6

Faster than Light

RP4800.502 Oct 4 8-9pm F \$6

Passport to the Universe

RP4800.503 Nov 1 8-9pm F \$6

Space Matters (55 yrs +)

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Discover space with your family in one of our planetarium programs.

Lil' Stars (Parent/Child) Astronomy Program

Give your child a special nighttime experience during the day at the Robinson Nature Center! Let your little one discover outer space through views of the stars and planets, stories, crafts and hands-on activities. Each month we focus on a different theme – from the colors of stars, to the stories behind a constellation, to the seasonal changes in the sky. Pre-register to secure your seats. No late seating.

3-8 yrs w/parent \$3 per ticket w/ admission or annual pass

Autumn Equinox

RP4802.501	Sep 21	10-10:30am	Sa
RP4802.502	Sep 21	11-11:30am	Sa

Clouds

RP4802.503	Oct 5	10-10:30am	Sa
RP4802.504	Oct 5	11-11:30am	Sa

NEW! Space Explorers

RP4802.505	Nov 2	10-10:30am	Sa
RP4802.506	Nov 2	11-11:30am	Sa

Space Rocks!

RP4802.507	Dec 7	10-10:30am	Sa
RP4802.508	Dec 7	11-11:30am	Sa

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NEW! Fall Stellar Stretching

Moving your muscles is not only fun, it's "stellar" in this entertaining planetarium program. Hear stories about the constellations in our fall skies and enjoy stretches inspired by these tales. Get your wiggles, giggles and stiffness out as you move under the stars of the dome. Pre-register to secure your tickets.

3-8 yrs w/parent \$3 per ticket w/ admission or annual pass

RP4802.509	Nov 16	10-10:30am	Sa
RP4802.510	Nov 16	11-11:30am	Sa

Bethlehem's Star

Join Dr. Joel Goodman for a presentation that explores possible astronomical explanations for the Star of Bethlehem. No matter what your faith, discover documented celestial and historical events that took place over 2,000 years ago that caused the Magi to come to Jerusalem. Afterwards, enjoy the full-dome movie "Stars". Check-in 15 minutes prior to show.

18 yrs +

RP4800.504	Dec 6	8-9:30pm	F	\$9
RP4804.504	Dec 12	2:30-4pm	Th	\$9

NEW! Ladies Day Out – Holiday Stress Relief Under the Stars

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Infants enjoy nature during Babes in Backpacks. Photo credit: Rob Gelner.

"This was our first time out on a trail with our new baby, and it made us realize how easy it can be, and how rewarding. Plus, we got to meet other new parents that are going through some of the same things we are!"

Family & Parent/Child

- Programs in this section require an adult to register with their child and accompany them at all times.
- Unregistered siblings of age for a program or older may not join their registered sibling in a program.
- Caregivers and children of the appropriate age are welcome. Please note required adult/child ratios for caregivers.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

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Babes in Backpacks – Fall Edition (Parent/Child)

Enjoy spending time with your baby and meeting other nature-loving parents as you explore the trails at the Robinson Nature Center on a guided walk. Delight in experiencing new sights, sounds, smells and textures together with your baby. We'll provide engaging objects and activities to safely encourage your child's sensory exploration of nature. Please bring a baby backpack or carrier. Trails are not stroller accessible. No online registration, call 410-313-0400.

1-13 months w/adult Fee is for one child and one adult.
 RP4872.501 Sep 7 11am-noon Sa \$8 (1 child, 1 adult); \$6 additional adult

Lil' Acorns Parent/Child Nature Program

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning! In our Migration program, we'll discover different insects and wildlife that begin heading south in the Fall; and we'll follow our own migration journey. In our Dinosaur Dash program, we'll use our senses to explore a dinosaur marsh, and we'll create and hatch dinosaur eggs. These parent/child interactive programs include stories, tot-friendly investigations, a puppet show and a short walk through the woods.

2-3 yrs \$18 for 1 child & 1 adult

Migration

RP4817.501 Sep 14 10:30am-noon Sa

Dinosaur Dash

RP4817.502 Dec 14 10:30am-noon Sa

Toddler Time at the Nature Center

Toddlers relish the chance to explore unfamiliar textures, smells, sounds and sights found in nature. During Toddler Time, our youngest visitors use unstructured play to gain the comfort level and motor skills they need to happily explore the world around them. Each month, we curate materials on a different theme for you and your toddler to explore together. Fee is for one child and one adult. A 1:3 caregiver-to-child ratio is required. Call to register additional children: 410-313-0400.

1-2½ yrs w/adult \$5, annual pass holders; \$7, nonmember

Under the Sea

RP4871.501 Sep 20 9-9:45am F

RP4871.502 Sep 20 10-10:45am F

Spooky Critters

RP4871.503 Oct 18 9-9:45am F

RP4871.504 Oct 18 10-10:45am F

Fantastic Fall

RP4871.505 Nov 15 9-9:45am F

RP4871.506 Nov 15 10-10:45am F

Life Underground

RP4871.507 Dec 20 9-9:45am F

RP4871.508 Dec 20 10-10:45am F

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Take Your Child Birding

Take your child on a fun bird-watching walk at the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA). John Harris of the Howard County Bird Club and a Robinson Nature Center Naturalist lead the group along trails to search for birds including hawks, woodpeckers, flycatchers, vireos, warblers, sparrows, orioles, and other species. Enjoy searching for feathers, building nests and other kid-friendly activities along the way. This program is weather-dependent (cancelled with refunds issued, in case of heavy rain).

4-9 yrs Meet at the Robinson

Nature Ctr to caravan to the MPEA

RP4818.501 Sep 28 9-10:15am Sa \$10

Finding the Way to Freedom

Discover how enslaved individuals found their way to freedom through Howard County. Learn how two historical court cases heard in Ellicott City challenged the institution of slavery. Then, become a navigator of the Underground Railroad. In the planetarium, explore constellations that served as nightly beacons and learn about quilted and lyrical "signals" that guided fleeing slaves North along a safe route. End with a short night hike revealing the significance of Robinson Nature Center's property.

7 yrs +

RP4874.501 Oct 11 7-8:15pm F \$9

NEW! Tea-Rex: A Dinosaur Tea Party

Would you invite a dinosaur to a tea party? You can be the judge after examining fossils and conducting a "dinosaur bone" dig to learn more about these creatures. You'll also get to meet, sing, play and take your picture with a dinosaur from Drama Learning Center! Then, enjoy a full tea service catered by Sweet Simplicitea. **As this is a catered event, all attendees (children and adults) must register by Sep 26.**

3 yrs + \$27 per person

RP4865.501 Sep 29 11am-1pm Su

RP4865.502 Sep 29 2-4pm Su

"I love that, in addition to getting a full tea-service, there are fun activities the kids can enjoy and that themes change with each of the tea parties."



Nature "tricks" await you under the trees while healthy treats can be collected inside during our Halloween Tricks, Treats and Trees program.

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The ART in eARTH

Join staff from Port Discovery Children's Museum to examine our world through the arts. Participate in an interactive "pop-up" performance that follows nature's expert builders as they spin a cobweb. Explore the grounds and gather natural objects to create unique works of art inspired by nature. Supported by the Howard County Council on the Arts, tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

2-9 yrs Free with general admission or annual pass

Animal ARTchitects: Cobweb Canvas

RP4830.501 Oct 12 2:30-3:30pm Sa

Nature: Prints, Paintings and Processes

RP4830.502 Nov 9 2:30-3:30pm Sa

Environmental Adornments

RP4830.503 Nov 23 2:30-3:30pm Sa

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Get hands-on with our School's Out day camps.

Youth

- Programs in this section are drop-off programs. Parents are required to fill out a participant information form for each child. Forms are emailed to the email address provided when the child registered.
- See additional activities in the Astronomy/Planetarium section and in the Family & Parent/Child section.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

School's Out:

Habitat Extreme Day Camp

Explore remote locations and their inhabitants on your day off school! We'll visit deserts, underground worlds and forests using VR goggle technology. Investigate adaptations of animals that live in some of the world's most intense environments through hands-on experiments. Through live animal presentations, meet creatures native to Maryland and learn about their "extreme" relatives in far-away regions. Design your own severe-environment creature, and discover insect life in the rainforest through a full-dome movie!

6-12 yrs

Day camp

RP4812.503 Oct 9 8:30am-3:30pm W \$52

After-care

RP4812.504 Oct 9 3:30-5pm W \$10

NEW! School's Out:

Nature Detective Day Camp

How good are you at solving mysteries? Nature is full of clues that we'll use throughout the day to discover answers to various questions and puzzles. Investigate tracks leading through the woods. Examine and distinguish skulls and bones of different animals. Become an expert nature detective as you study lesser-known signs of an animal's presence including scat, browse-marks and bedding impressions. Enjoy *Dinosaur's Alive*, a full-dome movie about how similar clues help paleontologists study the dinosaurs.

6-12 yrs

Day camp

RP4812.505 Nov 27 8:30am-3:30pm W \$52

After-care

RP4812.506 Nov 27 3:30-5pm W \$10



Find Your Niche

Become a skilled, volunteer team member at the Robinson Nature Center!

Spark curiosity, make connections, and inspire visitors of all ages.

Apply today to become a docent or touch tank ambassador!

Call 410-313-0400 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rnc/getinvolved for an application.

To register for a class or event, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap or call 410-313-0400.

Home School

- For Pre-Home & Home School Classes, there are three seasons of classes (fall, winter and spring) that focus on different themes. (Themes are listed in course descriptions.)
- Parents may attend classes with their child(ren) at no cost.
- Siblings younger than 4 years old are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- All participants must complete a participant form, which will be emailed out prior to each season.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.



Make new friends at our Home School programs.

Pre-Home School Classes 2019-2020

Young home schoolers discover their world at an age-appropriate pace. Classes introduce nature and science concepts, foster excitement about the natural world and increase comfort with both structured and outdoor learning. Classes held once a month. Sign up for each season (3 classes) in which you have interest.

Fall Topics: Habitats, Seasons, First Impressions.

Winter Topics: Dinosaurs, Nature at Night, Animal Signs.

Spring Topics: Birds, Snakes & Turtles, Bugs & Butterflies.

4-5 yrs 2:30-4pm \$30 per child, per season Classes: 3

Fall - Thursday class

RP4885.501 Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, 2019

Fall - Friday class

RP4885.511 Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 8, 2019

Winter - Thursday class

RP4885.601 Dec 5, 2019, Jan 2, Feb 6, 2020

Winter - Friday class

RP4885.611 Dec 6, 2019, Jan 3, Feb 7, 2020

Spring - Thursday class

RP4885.701 Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, 2020

Spring - Friday class

RP4885.711 Mar 6, Apr 3, May 8, 2020

Home School Classes 2019-2020

Give your 6 to 8-year-old home school students hands-on, immersive experiences in nature and science. Classes focus on increasing content knowledge and fostering excitement about the natural world. Classes held once a month. Sign up for each season (3 classes) in which you have interest. **Fall Topics:** River Ecology, Meadow Ecology, Forest Ecology. **Winter Topics:** Fossils & Dinosaurs, Stars & Constellations, Tracking Animals. **Spring Topics:** Ornithology (Birds), Herpetology (Reptiles & Amphibians), Entomology (Insects).

6-8 yrs 2:30-4pm \$30 per child, per season Classes: 3

Fall - Thursday class

RP4885.502 Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, 2019

Fall - Friday class

RP4885.512 Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 8, 2019

Winter - Thursday class

RP4885.602 Dec 5, 2019, Jan 2, Feb 6, 2020

Winter - Friday class

RP4885.612 Dec 6, 2019, Jan 3, Feb 7, 2020

Spring - Thursday class

RP4885.702 Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, 2020

Spring - Friday class

RP4885.712 Mar 6, Apr 3, May 8, 2020

NEW! Home School In-Depth Study 2019-2020

9 to 12-year-old home school students explore topics in-depth. Monthly lessons and investigations build on one another. Fall: focus on **ecology** and how abiotic and biotic factors work together in our world. Winter: explore **zoology** and how animals behave, adapt and survive. Spring: use **ornithology**, the study of birds, in citizen science investigations and to analyze natural patterns. Classes held once a month. Sign up for each season (3 classes) in which you have interest.

9-12 yrs 2:30-4pm \$30 per child, per season Classes: 3

Fall - Thursday class

RP4885.503 Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, 2019

Fall - Friday class

RP4885.513 Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 8, 2019

Winter - Thursday class

RP4885.603 Dec 5, 2019, Jan 2, Feb 6, 2020

Winter - Friday class

RP4885.613 Dec 6, 2019, Jan 3, Feb 7, 2020

Spring - Thursday class

RP4885.703 Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, 2020

Spring - Friday class

RP4885.713 Mar 6, Apr 3, May 8, 2020



Join us for a Ladies Night Out this fall!

Adults (18 yrs +)

- For 21 yrs + events at which alcohol will be served, participants must bring a photo ID.
- Listed by earliest start date.

Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere

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To register for a class or event,
visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap
or call 410-313-0400.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT SERIES

Come join other nature-loving gals in monthly evening adventures! Pricing is per outing. Sign up for all three and receive a 15% discount.

Ladies Night Hike Out!

Immerse yourself in the nocturnal wonders of the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA). Knowledgeable Robinson Nature Center naturalists are guides for this hour and a half-long wonders of the night hike. Meet at the Robinson Nature Center to caravan to the MPEA. The hike covers approximately two miles on unpaved terrain. Bring a flashlight.
RP4883.501 18 yrs + Oct 12 6:30-8:30pm Sa \$10

Ladies' Urban Pallet Paint Night

Create a crisp, Instagram-worthy wood sign to decorate your home or for a holiday gift! Meet Urban Pallet Company's owner, who will help you upcycle a European shipping pallet into meaningful art. Enjoy light snacks and comradery as you paint your customized, pre-stenciled sign (approximately 15" x 15"). **All paints, aprons and supplies provided.** Signs are custom-stenciled before the event, **you must register and choose your pallet's design by Sunday, Nov 17 to attend.**

RP4883.502 18 yrs + Nov 22 7-9pm F \$49

Ladies' Holiday Stress Relief Under the Stars

Alleviate your holiday stress during a relaxing, evening program in our planetarium! A collaboration between Robinson Nature Center and the Retreat Center of Maryland, you will discover the stories behind winter constellations, enjoy guided meditation to soothe your holiday-frenzied mind and gentle yoga stretches to loosen up your mall-trodding, tightened muscles. End with a quick, outdoor star-gazing session (weather-dependent). Please wear comfortable clothing.

RP4883.503 18 yrs + Dec 14 7-9pm Sa \$20

NEW! Outdoor Gear Sale!

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Discover the fascinating history and ecology of coffee while enjoying tastings by a local roaster.

Bean to Brew Coffee History, Tasting and Pairing

Wake up and get to know your coffee! Explore the coffee bean's intriguing history and enjoy an outdoor roasting demonstration over a fire. Stroll outside and discover plants used as coffee substitutes during supply shortages. Fuel up with a delicious tasting by local roaster, Pfefferkorn's Coffee. Learn how beans are selected and processed, and discern flavor profiles of different coffee varieties. Baked treats by Sweet Simplicitea accompany three of six tastings. Coffee for sale on-site.

RP4826.501 18 yrs + Nov 9 10am-noon Sa \$25

"I loved the coffee-roasting demo and learning about coffee's history. The tasting and pairing was delicious. Repeat this program again please!"

NEW! Yes, We CAN – Food Preservation & Tasting

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Maryland Master Naturalist Certification Training & Volunteer Program

Become a certified Maryland Master Naturalist at Robinson Nature Center! Applications accepted between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019 for the 2020 class. Individuals accepted into the program receive 60 hrs + of instruction and participate in field study with natural history experts. Master Naturalists give back 40 hours of volunteer service. Classes held each Tuesday (Mar. 17-May 19, 2020). Two additional field trip dates. Payment due to UMD Extension upon acceptance into the program. Info/application:

www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/Education

18 yrs + Classes: 9 No class 4/7

RP4837.501 Mar 17 9am-4pm Tu \$250



Get active and artistic in our Stroll & Paint program.

Adults (55 Years +)

Space Matters

Join us in our planetarium to discover what lies beyond our planet! Each program features a presentation about current happenings in the sky and recent developments in space science. Some presentations are complemented with a half-hour movie projected in 360° on the planetarium's domed ceiling or with hands-on demonstrations. Please note we require attendees to check in 15 minutes prior to the show. Due to dark conditions, we cannot safely accommodate late seating.

55 yrs + 2:30-3:45pm Th \$9

RP4804.501 Sep 12 Theme: Types of Stars
Film: *Stars*

RP4804.502 Oct 10 Theme: The Hidden Sky
Film: *Faster Than Light*

RP4804.503 Nov 14 Theme: How Far to the Stars?
Film: *Passport to the Universe*

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Stroll and Paint

Get active and artsy! Discover fall wonders on a guided stroll at Robinson Nature Center. Then enjoy painting the landscape "en plein air" (outdoors). Artist Tara S. Holl demonstrates techniques in oils and provides tips, tricks and feedback on compositions. Light snacks and easels provided. Pack a lunch. Register by Aug 31. Materials list is emailed one week prior to class.

RP4843.501 Sep 14 9am-1pm Sa \$42

LADIES' DAY OUT SERIES

Come join other nature-loving gals in monthly afternoon adventures! Pricing is per outing. Sign up for all three and receive a 15% discount.

Ladies' Day Out on the Trails!

Immerse yourself in the scenic wonders of the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA). Knowledgeable Robinson Nature Center naturalists are guides for this hour and a half-long "wonders of the fall" hike. Meet at the Robinson Nature Center to caravan to the MPEA. The hike covers approximately two miles on unpaved terrain.
RP4883.504 55 yrs + Oct 16 2-4pm W \$10

Ladies' Urban Pallet Paint Day

Create a crisp, beautiful, wood sign to decorate your home or for a holiday gift! Meet Urban Pallet Company's owner who will help you upcycle a European shipping pallet into meaningful art. Enjoy light snacks and comradery as you paint your customized, pre-stenciled sign (approximately 15" x 15"). **All paints, aprons and supplies provided.** Signs are custom-stenciled before the event, **you must register and choose your pallet's design by Thursday, Nov 7 to attend.**

RP4883.505 55 yrs + Nov 13 2-4pm W \$49

Ladies' Holiday Stress Relief Under the Stars

Alleviate your holiday stress during a relaxing, afternoon program in our planetarium! Robinson Nature Center and the Retreat Center of Maryland collaborate to help you discover winter constellations and enjoy guided meditation and gentle yoga stretches to soothe your mind and muscles. Please wear comfortable clothing.

RP4883.506 55 yrs + Dec 14 2-4pm Sa \$20

Therapeutic Recreation & Inclusion Services

Green Thumb Club

Practice gardening skills in this weekday social horticulture program. Learn to germinate, grow and harvest flowers, vegetables and herbs in a group setting and take home your crop at the end of the season! Goals: Increase fine motor functioning, improve social skills and understanding of gardening practices. Participants caregiver must remain on site.

21 yrs + Classes: 6

RP4311.501 Sep 11 1:30-3pm W \$83

NATURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Conservation Stewardship Project Volunteer Opportunity

The Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA) is a 1,021 acre preserve between Clarksville and Columbia. Help us by volunteering to remove invasive plants and replace them with beneficial, native plants. Howard County Master Gardeners and Department of Recreation & Parks staff teach participants about the target invasive species prior to each project. No registration necessary. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteer/Info: Allen Dupre, 410-313-0505 or adupre@howardcountymd.gov. Visit www.howardcountymd.gov/mpea for meeting point info.

All ages MPEA

9-11:30am Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26 Tu Free

Gardening Get-Togethers at Robinson Nature Center

Join us every Thursday and Saturday (weather-dependent and excluding holidays) and venture into the outdoors at Robinson Nature Center to tackle various volunteer stewardship projects. Projects may include planting native wildflowers, removing invasive plants, maintaining native trees and shrubs, maintaining trails, and cleaning up trash. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Info: Brian Campbell, 410-313-0400 or bcampbell@howardcountymd.gov.

All ages 10am-noon Th, Sa (Weekly) Free

Maryland Master Naturalist Certification Training & Volunteer Program

Become a certified Maryland Master Naturalist at Robinson Nature Center! Applications accepted between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019 for the 2020 class. Individuals accepted into the program receive 60 hrs + of instruction and participate in field study with natural history experts. Master Naturalists give back 40 hours of volunteer service. Classes held each Tuesday (Mar. 17-May 19, 2020). Two additional field trip dates. Payment due to UMD Extension upon acceptance into the program. Info/application: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/Education

18 yrs + Classes: 9 No class 4/7

RP4837.501 Mar 17 9am-4pm Tu \$250



Explore Howard County Parks with a Park Ranger!

Read with a Ranger

Centennial Pk-South (playground) Free

Rangers Amy Carpenter-Driscoll & Virginia Clark

RP9966.501 2-12 yrs Sep 14 11-noon Sa

RP9966.502 2-12 yrs Sep 30 11-noon M

RP9966.503 2-12 yrs Oct 9 11-noon W

Our Neighbor, the Coyote

Rockburn Branch Pk (Montgomery Rd) Free

Rangers Amy Carpenter & Emily Bard

9965.501 All ages Sep 28 1-2:30pm Sa

Mutt Strut

Patuxent Branch Trail Free

Rangers Virginia Clark and Tony Zarro

RP9963.501 All ages Oct 9 5-6:30pm W

Fall Foliage Hike

Savage Mill Trail Free

Rangers Sean Campbell and Emily Bard

RP9964.501 All ages Oct 12 2-3pm Sa

Spooky Owl Prowl

Western Regional Pk Free

Rangers Sarah Duffy and Virginia Clark

RP9962.502 All ages Oct 27 6-7:30pm Su

Campfire With A Ranger

Rockburn Branch Pk (Montgomery Rd)

Rangers Sean Campbell and Erin Eve

RP9961.501 All ages Nov 3 5:30-6:30pm Su

Information: Amy Carpenter-Driscoll,
acarpenter@howardcountymd.gov

The fun doesn't stop at Robinson Nature Center! Check out Howard County Recreation & Park's **HERITAGE PROGRAM**



Discover, learn and be inspired by past generations!

- Summer camps
- Family programs
- Adult workshops including calligraphy and blacksmithing
- Summer Shakespeare in the Ruins performances
- Scout programs
- Hands-on archaeology and living history field trips
- Rentals of historic properties for weddings, birthday parties and events

INFORMATION

www.howardcountymd.gov/HistoricSites

Programs

Emily Mosher, 410-313-0419

Field Trips & Scout Programs

Kelly Palich, 410-313-0423

B&O Ellicott City Station Museum

Jake Feirson, 410-313-1945

Rentals

410-313-0424



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Columbia, MD 21044
410-313-0400

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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Annual Passes

Annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary general admission to Robinson, use of its trails, a 10% discount in the gift shop and discounted admission to certain programs. Annual passes expire one year from date of purchase.
(NR) = Non-Resident of Howard County.

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

Add an additional \$50 to any annual pass level to enjoy Friends of Robinson Nature Center benefit.

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