



# 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.

## Bird Cafe *New*

Do you enjoy watching birds with your morning coffee? Join a naturalist for coffee and bird watching. Learn more about common birds that visit our feeders and discover ways to attract birds to your yard.

Age: 18+  
34231 Sa 1/29 8:30-9:30 AM \$5/\$6

## Conservation Landscaping Workshop

Learn how to select, install and maintain plants for conservation landscaping and how this practice helps protect city watersheds. A rebate is offered to Rockville citizens who employ conservation landscaping techniques. A gift card for plants will be raffled to Rockville residents.

Age: 16+  
34236 Su 3/20 1:30-4 PM Free

## Croydon Creek Campfire

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

All Ages

### Owls in Love

Love is in the air for both humans and owls! Join us around a campfire to learn more about these nocturnal creatures and enjoy a campfire treat.

34205 Sa 2/12 6-7 PM \$4/\$5

### 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.

34206 Sa 3/19 6-7 PM \$4/\$5



## Fingerprint Art

Come to the Nature Center to turn your fingerprints into mammals, birds and insects. Learn some easy ways to make fun art projects and take home a few of your creations.

Age: 1-9  
34202 Sa 1/15 10-11 AM \$5/\$6

## Go Green Lecture Series

Co-sponsored by the Nature Center and the Friends of Rock Creek Environment (FORCE), this lecture series offers easy ways you can make a positive impact on your environment. Advance registration required.

Age: 16+

### Energy Audits

An energy auditor certified by the Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program will show homeowners how to address energy efficiency, combustion appliance safety and home comfort issues.

34203 W 1/26 7-8 PM Free

### Coyotes in Maryland

Learn about the natural history of coyotes, their impact on the environment and strategies for living with these wild creatures.

34222 W 2/23 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. You will learn common backyard birds and how to identify them and then go on a hike to practice your skills. We will count the birds that we see and submit our results. Be a part of this important wildlife census.

All Ages  
34208 Sa 2/19 9:30-10:30 AM \$2/\$3

## Groundhog Day Fun

Will the groundhog see its shadow? Discover the significance of this American holiday and learn all about animal hibernation. Enjoy groundhog games and crafts. Register by: 1/28.

Age: 5-8  
34204 Su 1/30 1:30-2:30 PM \$5/\$6

## Junior Naturalist Club

Interested in exploring the natural world? Join the Junior Naturalist Club at Croydon Creek. We will investigate new topics and learn the skills to become true naturalists. Dress for the weather, as time will be spent outdoors.

Age: 10-14

### Winter Animals

Winter is a great time to learn about animals, whether it involves deciphering tracks and signs or investigating their behavior.

34212 W 2/2 2-4 PM \$12/\$14

### Spring in the Forest

Discover some early signs of spring as you investigate vernal happenings in the forest preserve.

34213 F 3/4 2-4 PM \$12/\$14

## Nature Sketching Workshop *New*

Discover how to improve your drawing skills through sketching exercises and live animal studies. Participants should bring a sketch pad and pencils.

Age: 12+  
34232 Su 2/13 1:30-3 PM \$7/\$9

## Not-Quite-Spring Hike

Enjoy the last few days of winter as you explore the early signs of spring with a naturalist-led hike through the forest preserve.

Age: 16+  
34234 Su 3/13 1-2:30 PM \$5/\$6

## Saturday Story & Craft

Stop by the Nature Center on Saturday morning for storytime 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  
34209 Sa 2/26 10-11 AM \$3/\$5

## Storytime & Snack *New*

While parents enjoy "Bird Cafe," little ones can join us for storytime and a snack.

Age: 3-7  
34235 Sa 1/29 8:30-9:30 AM \$4/\$6



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## Tiny Tot Walks



The Nature Center offers walks for tiny tots. Topics will be taught through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. Children will spend time outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Note: Adult participation is required.

Age: 2-3 1/2

### Winter's Rest

Many animals spend their winter fast asleep under ground or buried deep in mud. Come out of your hibernation and learn more about these creatures.

34196 Th 1/20 10:30-11:15 AM \$6/\$7

### Whoop-ray for Owls

There are 19 species of owls that make their home in North America. Join us during the owl nesting season to learn more about these nocturnal creatures.

34197 Th 2/17 10:30-11:15 AM \$6/\$7

### Tracks & Trails

Whether in snow or mud, it is fun to look for animal tracks outside. Come to the Nature Center to find tracks that tell us what kinds of animals have visited the forest.

34198 Th 3/17 10:30-11:15 AM \$6/\$7

## Scout Badge Days

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

### Webelos Geologist Badge

Date: Sat., March 5

Times: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 2-4 p.m.

Cost: \$14 residents/ \$16 non-residents

## Tyke Hikes



The Nature Center offers walks for preschoolers. Children will spend time outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Lessons will be taught through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. Note: Adult participation is required.

Age: 3 1/2-6

### Hibernation Happenings

During hibernation some animal hearts beat only one or two times per minute. Don't snooze through your chance to learn more about this amazing winter feat.

34199 Th 1/20 1-2 PM \$6/\$7

### Whoop Loves Owls?

February is nesting season for owls, although they don't build their own nests. Fly over to the Nature Center to find out more about whose nests they use.

34200 Th 2/17 1-2 PM \$6/\$7

### Stories in the Snow

Animal tracks can tell us stories about the animals that visit the forest and meadow. Join us to learn how to read these stories and practice your skills on the trail.

34201 Th 3/17 1-2 PM \$6/\$7

## Upcycle Crafts *New*

Learn how to upcycle by turning items you might throw into the recycling bin into useful and decorative crafts.

Age: 10+

34233 Su 1/23 2-3:30 PM \$7/\$9

## Winter Nature Fun



Spend the day at the Nature Center and have some winter fun making birdfeeders, learning about animal tracks, hiking in the forest preserve and catching up with Croydon Creek's critters. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch. Register by 12/15.

Age: 7-12

33483 W 12/29 9 AM-3 PM \$40/\$45

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