

Oregon Ridge Nature Center

November/December 2020



Meet and Make

Wednesday, Nov. 4 – Wood Turtle
Saturday, Nov. 7 – Chickens
Sunday, Nov. 8 – Canada Goose
Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Virginia Opossum
Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Eastern Kingsnake
Wednesday, Dec. 16 – Screech Owl
1 - 2 p.m.

Come **meet** to learn about one of Oregon Ridge Nature Center's resident animals and **make** a craft that goes along with the theme of the program.

Adults and children 4+

\$3 per person (\$1 for ORNCC members)

Bookworm Story Time

Fridays, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4; 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Enjoy a nature story with the storyteller's choice of an activity such as an animal encounter, puppets or a craft. This program is presented in partnership with the Reisterstown Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library.

Toddler to age 6 **FREE** (donations appreciated)

Pictures in the Park

The third Sunday of the month

Oct. 18 and Nov. 15; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Explore a different photographic theme each month. We start each session with a short presentation covering a theme, composition and camera setup, then head out into the park on a guided nature hike in search of the perfect picture.

Adults and children 16+

\$10 per person (\$8 for ORNCC Members)

Price includes both sessions

Fall Foliage

Saturday, Nov. 14; 1 - 3 p.m.

Fall foliage is in the spotlight! Learn why leaves change color this time of year and then enjoy the crisp day as we head out on the trail to collect leaves. We will return to create an autumn work of art to take home.

All ages \$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

Fall Family Hike

Sunday, Nov. 15; 10 - 11 a.m. or 1 - 2 p.m.

Join a naturalist on a short guided hike in the park to look for signs of the season.

Adults and children 4+

\$3 per person (**FREE** for ORNCC members)



Animals in Autumn

Saturday, Nov. 21 or Sunday, Nov. 22;
1 - 3 p.m.

What do animals at Oregon Ridge do in Autumn to get ready for winter? Hibernate? Migrate? Join us as we get up close with some of our resident animals. Then go out on an exploration in the park to see what animals are doing this time of year.

Adults and children 4+

\$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

Holiday Wreathmaking

Saturday, Dec. 5 or Sunday, Dec. 6;
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 2 - 4 p.m.

Welcome the holidays with a fresh evergreen wreath. Cost includes all material required to make a wreath.

Adults and children 16+

\$20 per person (\$15 for ORNCC Members)

Natural Ornaments

Saturday, Dec. 12 or Sunday, Dec. 13;
10 - 11 a.m. or 1 - 2 p.m.

Decorate for the holidays the natural way. We'll have examples and natural material on hand for participants to choose from as they create their own natural ornaments to take home!

Adults and children 5+ \$4 per person (for 2 ornaments)

Winter Solstice Hike and Campfire

Saturday, Dec. 19; 6 - 8 p.m.

Celebrate the solstice by crafting a lantern to light our way on a short night hike (one lantern per family). Then, warm up around the campfire as we tell tales of winter and enjoy the shortest day of the year.

Adults and children 4+

\$5 per person (\$3 for ORNCC Members)



Trim a Tree for Wildlife

Sunday, Dec. 20; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us in trimming a tree on the grounds at Oregon Ridge for our furred and feathered friends.

Afterwards, we will enjoy hot apple cider around the campfire.

Adults and children 4+

\$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

Advance registration is required for all programs.

(Including **FREE** programs)



Oregon Ridge Park is open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Nature Center is free and open to the public 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday



Holiday Hike

Saturday, Dec. 26 or Sunday, Dec. 27;
10 - 11 a.m. or 2 - 3 p.m.

Feeling the drag of those extra holiday calories? Join a naturalist for a moderate nature hike over varied terrain to get fresh air, exercise and enjoy the signs of the season. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

All ages

\$2 per person (**FREE** for ORNCC Members)

Nature Book Club – Winter World

Monday, Nov. 9; 7 - 8 p.m. via Zoom

Join us and we discuss Bernd Heinrich's *Winter World* which awakens the largely undiscovered mysteries by which nature sustains herself through winter's harsh, cruel exigencies.



Internet access required for this program.

Adults

FREE

ORNC Council Speaker Series –

Old Growth Forests:

A Journey to Preserve and Protect with Dr. Joan Maloof

Monday, Nov. 16th; 7 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Dr. Maloof is a public speaker, ecologist and conservationist with a unique voice that is relevant today. She is the founder and director of the Old-Growth Forest Network, a non-profit organization that is creating a network of forests across the US that will remain unlogged and open to the public. The network now has over 100 forests in 23 states. A professor emeritus at Salisbury University, she has also authored numerous research articles in publications such as *Ecology*, *American Journal of Botany* and the *International Journal of Environmental Studies*.

Join Dr. Maloof as she talks about how trees are one of our most valuable assets in maintaining the health of the environment and ensuring the survival of the planet. She'll discuss the history of this nation's forests and where they stand today along with a discussion of obstacles of forest preservation including here in Oregon Ridge Park.

Internet access required for this program.

Adults

FREE

Program Registration Procedures for Virtual/Zoom Programs

Advance Registration Required via email
info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org

Please provide names of everyone attending and a phone number (if several people will be joining from one internet connection please provide all names for our participant count. Only one email address is needed).

Program registration will close when we reach capacity or at Noon on the Friday before the program at which time log-in instructions will be sent to all registered participants.

Public Program Registration Procedures

All program registration is done via email to
info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org

A Baltimore County COVID-19 Waiver must be attached to your request to register.

Waivers can be downloaded from our website.

<https://www.oregonridgenaturecenter.org/pdf/COVIDWaiver.pdf>

In addition to the COVID-19 Waiver please provide...

- Names of everyone attending
- Ages of children
- Phone number
- Date and time of the program(s) you'd like to register for

Payment is due within one week of registration or prior to close of registration for the program. We accept cash, check or credit. Checks should be made payable to: ORNCC and mailed to 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Credit is only accepted during regular business hours, Tuesday thru Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is an upcharge for credit. \$2 for charges up to \$25; \$3 for charges of \$26 - \$50. And, of course, you are always welcome to stop by with your payment.

Unpaid spots will be yielded to the wait list.

All programs and events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified. All payments are considered donations and are non-refundable unless Oregon Ridge Nature Center cancels the program. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Programs are for individuals and their immediate families and are not intended for groups.

Groups may schedule programs by calling 410-887-1815.

For special accommodations (i.e. language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling Oregon Ridge Nature Center at 410-887-1815, or the Therapeutic Office at 401-887-5370 (voice) 410-887-5319 (TTD/Deaf).

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Nature Center Council

*A non-profit, volunteer organization
dedicated to enhancing the enjoyment of nature.*

Join online at www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org

Holiday Hours

The Nature Center building will be closed on
Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Park grounds are open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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