



# Oregon Ridge Nature Center

## Spring Calendar 2019

### Music in the Woods

Bring your Lawn Chairs or Picnic Blanket and Enjoy Live Music from Local Bands!

Saturday, June 1; 2 - 8 p.m.

Celebrate the season with music in the beautiful setting of Oregon Ridge Park. Enjoy this family-friendly festival with diverse local bands and solo musicians. Performances include bluegrass, folk, rock and more; all on an outdoor stage. Craft demonstrators, vendors, animal encounters and children's activities will be available throughout the day. Bring your instrument and meet up with other musicians at jam sessions. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for sale. We'll end the evening with a campfire and s'mores. (8 - 8:30 p.m.) Watch our Facebook Page for an updated list of crafters, vendors and bands.

**No alcohol and no glass, please!**

All Ages

No registration required



Minimal charge for some activities.

### Senior Stroll

Saturdays, March 2, 16, April 6, 20, May 4 and 18; 10:30 a.m.

Experience the wellness benefits of sharing time walking in nature together. Meet at the Nature Center, then head to the Marble Quarry Loop for a leisurely, guided stroll along our paved, .3 mile interpretive trail. Afterwards, stay for a guided reflection activity and/or extension of the hike onto some of the non-paved but non-strenuous trails.

Adults

**FREE** Advance Registration Required

### Morning Bird Walks

Fridays, March 8, April 12 and May 10;

**New Time!** 8 - 9:30 a.m.

The early bird gets the most sightings. Join a naturalist for this early morning bird walk to find and identify birds in the park. Bring binoculars and wear comfortable shoes for hiking.

Adults

**FREE** Advance Registration Appreciated

### Amphibian Walk

Tuesdays, March 19, April 16 and May 21; 2 - 3 p.m.

Join a Naturalist to visit our wetlands and listen for calling frogs and toads. You'll learn who's calling, why and where, and about our FrogWatchUSA monitoring effort.

Adults and children 10+

**FREE** Advance Registration Required



### Annual Pancake Breakfast

at the Oregon Ridge Lodge

Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3;  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the sugar season at our Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Oregon Ridge Lodge. Enjoy a stack of hotcakes drizzled with pure maple syrup and served with grilled sausage, orange juice, milk or coffee. There will be raffles and live music along with flower, honey, maple candy and syrup sales.

Come out to support the Oregon Ridge Nature Center at our biggest fundraiser of the year!

An event for all ages! Adults \$8 Children (ages 2 - 8) \$4

No charge for children under the age of 2

Tickets are sold at the door, no advance registration needed.

In the event of inclement weather, call the Nature Center or check our website and Facebook page for updates.

### Get Outside!

### Enjoy Nature!



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



## Critter Scene Investigation

Saturday, March 9 or Sunday, March 10; 1 - 3 p.m.

Join us on a hike to investigate who lives at Oregon Ridge by the signs left behind. Learn to identify common tracks to discover who's here and what they've been up to! Then, we'll head back to the Nature Center to make edible "poo" to take home!

Adults and children 5+ \$5 per person (\$3 for ORNCC Members)

## Introduction to Bird-Friendly Gardening Workshop

Wednesday, March 13; 6 - 8 p.m.

Transform your home, school or work place into a bird and butterfly paradise! Audubon experts will be on hand to share practical tips and scientific support for gardening with native plants. Leave with resources needed to beautify your outdoor space and attract birds, butterflies and other beneficial wildlife.

Adults **FREE** Advance Registration Required  
410-558-2473 or Baltimore@Audubon.org

## Luck O'the Ridge

Saturday, March 16 or Sunday, March 17; 1 - 3 p.m.

Are you feeling lucky? Join a naturalist on a "green" scavenger hunt and find your pot of gold!

Children 12 and under \$5 per child (\$3 for ORNCC Members)

## Spring Night Hike

Saturday, March 23; 6 - 8 p.m.

Get rid of the winter blues, put on your hiking shoes and welcome the spring season! Join us for an evening hike to experience the sights and sounds of spring. After the hike we'll gather around the campfire making s'mores and enjoying the spring night.

Adults and children 5+ \$5 per person (\$3 for ORNCC Members)

## Walk in the Park

Sunday, March 24; 11 a.m.

Kick off the beginning of Spring by enjoying the great outdoors at this County-wide event! Join a Naturalist for an easy/moderate one-hour hike observing nature's splendor. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring your water bottle.

All ages **FREE** Advance Registration Required

## Awesome Amphibians

Saturday, March 30 or Sunday, March 31; 1 - 3 p.m.

Frogs, newts and salamanders, oh my! Come out and explore Oregon Ridge Park as we search for amphibians. We will also do a fun craft, learn some frog calls and meet some slimy friends up close.

All ages \$3 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)



## Cub Scout Nature Adventure

Saturday, April 6; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join Seton Scout Naturalists as they lead participants and their families on a Cub Scout adventure! They will take groups on a guided hike and exploration into the natural world that will include activities to help young scouts work toward the requirements for the Tigers in the Wild belt loop or the Wolf, Paws on the Path belt loop.

Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts with an adult partner  
\$3 per scout



## Clubs

### Shoots and Letters

Every Thursday! 10 - 11 a.m.

Come plant the seeds of knowledge while learning basic skills and playing in the dirt with your little ones. We'll have a different nature related theme every week. Outdoor adventures and activities are all part of the fun!

**Check our Facebook Events Tab for weekly themes.**

Ages 3+ \$2 per child *No registration required*

### Woolly Bear Club

March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Students, with their adult partner, will explore seasonal topics in this series of 4 classes as they go on adventures outside, make crafts and have a theme-related snack.

Ages 3 - 5 (*non-mobile siblings only, adult partner should be an active participant*)

\$20 for the series (\$16 for ORNCC Members)

### Bookworm Story Time

The first Friday of every month.

March 1, April 5 and May 3; 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Enjoy a nature story with the storyteller's choice of an activity such as an animal encounter, puppets or craft. This program is a partnership with the Baltimore County Public Library and may include a brief outdoor experience.

Toddler to age 6 **FREE** *No registration required*



### Garden Growers Club

Tuesdays, April 16 thru May 14; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Children and their accompanying adult will experience nature up-close and get their hands dirty planting in the Children's Garden! We'll learn about gardening basics, parts of a plant, seed dispersal, pollination and composting, all while having fun!

Ages 3 - 5 (*non-mobile siblings only, adult partner should be an active participant*)

\$20 for the series (\$16 for ORNCC Members)  
(*Price includes all 5 sessions!*)

### Dulcimer Workshop

Thursdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; 7 - 9 p.m.

An old-fashioned dulcimer meet-up and workshop. You only need an interest in this instrument to participate. Beginners welcome, no music experience necessary. Loaner dulcimers available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Adults and children 12+ \$25 (*Price includes all 6 sessions!*)

### Homeschool Nature Days - Remarkable Reptiles!

Fridays, April 26, May 3, 10 and 17;

Morning session 10 - 11:30 a.m.; Afternoon session 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore the amazing world of reptiles. Our first session will be an overview of reptiles and at each additional session, we will meet and learn about the native reptiles that live here at Oregon Ridge.

Ages 6 - 13

(*Parents are welcome to stay but unfortunately, no siblings.*)

\$20 for the series (\$16 for ORNCC Members)  
(*Price includes all 4 sessions!*)



## Animal Fools

Saturday, April 6 or Sunday, April 7; 1 - 2 p.m.

Discover the tricky creatures that reside in Oregon Ridge Park, but don't be fooled by their disguises and deceptions!

Adults and children 5+

\$3 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)



## Turtle-y Awesome

Saturday, April 13 or Sunday, April 14;  
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Who has a beak instead of teeth, but are not birds? Who carries protection on their backs, but are not snails? Join us as we learn about the amazing adaptations of turtles! We will meet some of our resident turtles and explore the park to learn what turtles live here and make a craft to take home.

Children 3+ \$3 per child (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

## Starting a Vegetable Garden

with Master Gardener Norman Cohen

Tuesday, April 16; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Starting a vegetable garden is great family fun! This class will provide you with the necessary information to create your own successful garden. Best practices in site planning, soil preparation, seed and plant selection, garden maintenance and pest management topics will be presented.

Adults and children 12+ **FREE** Advance Registration Required

## Wicked Big Puddles Night Hike

Friday, April 19; 7 - 9 p.m.

Come out and explore Oregon Ridge's pond and vernal pools at night as we search for amphibians. Listen for the calls under the full moon and learn what all the noise is about!

Adults and children 5+

\$4 per person (\$3 for ORNCC Members)

## Natural Egg Dyeing

Saturday, April 20; 1 - 3 p.m.

Egg dyeing is a lot of fun, especially when playing with beautiful colors made only with nature's ingredients. Just bring in some hard boiled eggs (up to a dozen), and wear old clothes that you're willing to get colorful.

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



## Beyond the Basics in Vegetable Gardening

with Master Gardener Norman Cohen

Tuesday, April 23; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Want to build on your knowledge from last year's gardening experience? This class will provide growing tips on specific vegetables, information about composting and fertilizers, and specific ways to deal with pesky weeds, animals, insects and plant diseases.

Adults and children 12+ **FREE** Advance Registration Required

## Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 27; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Follow the clues and the map on this self-guided hike around the park to learn about how to care for the Earth. You'll love this self-guided, moderately-difficult hike that may take 60-90 minutes to complete. Return to the Nature Center to check your answers and receive a prize.

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

Drop in. No registration required

## Ephemeral Wildflower Walk

Sunday, April 28; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us for a naturalist-led hike to discover our Spring ephemerals and learn their lore. Make sure to dress for the weather and an easy-moderate hike.

Adults and children 8+ \$3 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

## Cane Pole Fishing

Saturday, May 4 or Sunday, May 5; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

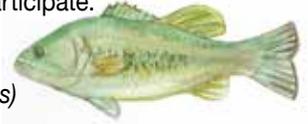
Come fish for bluegill and largemouth bass with our cane poles.

We'll provide the pole and the worms. Adults and children 16+ must have a valid MD fishing license to participate.

(This is a catch and release program.)

Adults and children 5+

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



## Mother's Day Story, Walk and Tea

Saturday, May 11 or Sunday, May 12; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Does your mother talk to trees? If she does (or if she doesn't), bring her, or the mother in your life, to hear the delightful story, My Mother Talks to Trees. We'll follow up with an easy tree walk followed by an outdoor tea party in the Kidd's Nature Pavilion, with tea made from one of our native trees.

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

## Native Plant Swap

Saturday, May 11; 1 - 3 p.m.

It's time to split your perennials. Bring your extras to the park and trade with others. We'll have identification resources available and would love to talk about native plants as you trade with others.

All ages **FREE** Drop-in. No registration required



## All About Birds!

Saturday, May 18; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn about the various adaptations that birds have to help them survive. Follow that up with a bird hike through Oregon Ridge.

All ages \$3 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

## Full Moon Family Campout

Saturday, May 18; 6 p.m. thru Sunday May 19; 9 a.m.

As the days grow longer and the temperatures get warmer, join us under the light of the full moon for our first family campout of the year. Bring your own tent, camping gear and bag dinner; we'll provide the night hike, campfire, s'mores and a light breakfast. We have a limited number of tents available for rent at \$10 each.

All ages

\$10 per person (\$6 for ORNCC Members)

## Pollination Power

Saturday, May 25 or Sunday, May 26; 1 - 3 p.m.

Learn how different plants are pollinated and then venture out to our gardens to see what pollinators we can find.

Adults and children 4+

\$3 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)



Please call to register!

Some programs will fill, in which case,  
walk-in guests cannot be accommodated.

410-887-1815 or

info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org

## ORNCC Speaker Series

### The Natural History Society of Maryland and the Quest for a State Natural History Museum

*Charlie Davis, consulting ecologist, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees at NHSM and founding member of the Board of Directors at Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council*  
Monday, March 18; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Surprisingly, Maryland is one of the few states that doesn't have a state natural history museum. State museums provide local knowledge of the historic and current conditions of nature. Based on natural science collections, they allow repeated observations, material for research and the physical reference for names of organisms – among many other uses. Currently Maryland's collections are scattered among government agencies, colleges, private companies and private holdings – many out-of-state. Long-term care and use are threatened by changing budget priorities and abandonment by owners. How did this happen? What can we do about it?

Since its founding in 1929, The Natural History Society of Maryland has had as part of its mission the establishment of a state natural history museum. In this presentation Davis will explore stories of people and organizations who since the early 1800s have worked to establish a museum in Maryland and the current activities of the Natural History Society toward that same end. The presentation will include a display of some of the collections which will inspire you and stories that will stay with you for a long time.

### Heroes of Conservation; Their Legacy and Messages for Today

*Loren Lustig, wildlife biologist, park naturalist, resource manager and environmental educator*  
Monday, April 15; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Every major movement and cause has its own special heroes. Lustig will talk about the lives of major American conservation heroes spanning the past 200 years. He will provide an analysis of their messages that continue to reverberate and have critical importance in the modern world.

### The Northampton Iron Furnace

*Bill Curtis, National Park Ranger stationed at Hampton National Historic Site and Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine*  
Monday, May 20; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

What natural resources do you need to create wealth? How do you do it? What are the environmental consequences, good and bad? And what is left on the ground 200 years later? While relating the history of the Northampton Iron Furnace, Curtis will explore these questions. The Northampton Furnace was the 10th furnace erected in Maryland. It produced many iron products including weapons and ammunition used in two wars.

The Ridgely family, owners of the vast Hampton Estate, built the iron furnace and operated it for decades. Curtis will talk about the history of the furnace and its workers. He will also discuss the ways that Americans have exploited and changed our natural resources including stone, minerals, wood and water, and will touch on transportation history.

Adults

**FREE** (donations appreciated)  
No registration required

## Nature Book Club

### Planet of Microbes

Monday, March 25; 7 - 8 p.m.

If we want to grasp the big picture, we have to start small – very small. That's because the real heroes of the story of life on Earth are microbes, the tiny living organisms we cannot see with the naked eye. Ted Anton takes readers through the most recent discoveries about microbes, revealing their unexpected potential to reshape the future of the planet.

### Sea Change: A Message of the Oceans

Monday, May 13; 7 - 8 p.m.

In *Sea Change A Message of the Oceans*, Sylvia Earle makes it clear that we are currently in a time of pivotal significance regarding the decisions we make for the world's oceans. How we treat them now will determine the future health of the planet – and of our species.

Adults

**FREE**

Advance Registration Appreciated



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### Public Program Registration Procedures

All programs require advance registration unless otherwise noted. To register, email [info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org](mailto:info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org) or call 410-887-1815. We'll need the names of everyone attending, your email address and phone number along with the ages of the children attending. Payment must be made within one week of registration. Unpaid spots will be yielded to the wait list. Checks should be made payable to: ORNCC and mailed to the Nature Center at 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

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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dedicated to enhancing the enjoyment of nature.

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