



# Oregon Ridge Nature Center Spring Calendar 2020

## Music in the Woods

Saturday, June 6; 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 vendors and children's activities available throughout the day. Bring your instrument and meet up with other musicians at jam sessions. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available for sale. A campfire will end the evening.

A festival for all ages

**Free Admission!**

(Minimal charge for some activities)



## Spring Hikes in the Park

### A Walk in the Park

Sunday, March 22; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Kick off the beginning of spring as you enjoy the great outdoors at this county-wide event! Join a naturalist for an easy/ moderate one-hour hike observing nature's splendor.

All ages **FREE**

Advance registration required.

### Opening Day for Trails Hike

Saturday, April 18; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Hit the trails with a naturalist to celebrate the official kick off of the spring trail season! The hike will be over moderate, varied terrain.

Adults and children 4+

\$3 per person

(**FREE** for ORNCC Members)

Advance registration required.

### Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 25; 10 a.m - 3 p.m.

Follow the clues and the map on this hike around the park to learn about caring 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. *This program is not stroller friendly.*

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

No registration required.



## ORNCC Council Speaker Series

### Old Growth Forests:

#### A Journey to Preserve and Protect

**Dr. Joan Maloof, Author and Forest Preservation Activist**

Monday, March 16; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Trees are one of our most valuable assets in maintaining the health of the environment and ensuring the survival of the planet. Dr. Maloof will discuss the history of this nation's forests and where they stand today including obstacles of forest preservation. Her books *Teaching the Trees*, *Among the Ancients*, *Nature's Temples* and *The Living Forest* will be available for sale.

Dr. Maloof is the founder and director of the nonprofit, Old-Growth Forest Network. The network has over 100 forests in 23 states that will remain unlogged and open to the public. She is a public speaker, ecologist and conservationist with a unique voice that is relevant today.

### The Secret Life of Clams

**Dr. Anthony D. Fredericks, Emeritus Professor of Education, York College of Pennsylvania**

Monday, April 20; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Of all the creatures in the ocean, it could be argued that none is more plentiful, versatile or varied than the clam. With both humor and passion, Dr. Fredericks will offer a presentation that combines literary adventure, hands-on discoveries and first-person accounts.

Dr. Fredericks grew up in southern California where he spent his youth exploring the coast. In addition to *The Secret Life of Clams*, he has authored a number of books and is an award-winning author of 50 best-selling children's books. Books will be available for sale.

Adults

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



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



# Clubs *(Series and multiple date programs)*

## 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!

### Upcoming Themes

March 5 – Scat	April 23 – Earth Day
March 12 – Animals that Lay Eggs	April 30 – Worms
March 19 – Signs of Spring	May 7 – Pollinators
March 26 – Frogs	May 14 – Snakes
April 2 – Salamanders	May 21 – Flowers
April 9 – Baby Animals	May 28 – Forests
April 16 – Rain	

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

## Bookworm Story Time

The first Friday of every month.

March 6, April 3 and May 1; 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Enjoy a nature story with the storyteller's choice of an activity such as a song, puppets or a craft. This program is presented in partnership with the Baltimore County Public Library. Please dress for a brief outdoor experience.

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

*No registration required.*

## Senior Stroll

The first and third Saturdays of the month.

March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2 and 16; 10:30 a.m.

Experience the many wellness benefits of sharing time walking in nature together. Meet us 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 near the Nature Center.

Adults **FREE** *(donations appreciated)*

*Advance registration required.*

## Morning Bird Walk

The second Friday of every month.

March 13, April 10 and May 8; 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 your binoculars (or borrow a pair from us) and wear comfortable shoes for hiking.

Adults **FREE** *(donations appreciated)*

*Advance registration appreciated.*

## Amphibian Walk

The third Tuesday of every month.

March 17, April 21 and May 19; 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 efforts.

Adults and children 10+ **FREE** *(donations appreciated)*

*Advance registration required.*



## Pictures in the Park

The second Tuesday of the month.

April 14, May 12, June 9 and July 14; 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Explore a different photographic theme each month. We start each session covering the theme, composition and camera setup, then head out into the park on a guided nature hike in search of the perfect picture. A camera is required – a DSLR is perfect, a quality point 'n shoot works great, too, even a good smartphone will give shareable and memorable results.

Adults and children 16+

\$24 per person (\$20 for ORNCC Members)

*Price includes all 4 sessions*

*Advance registration required.*

## Cub Club for Preschoolers – Springtime at Oregon Ridge

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5 and 12; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**New Format for Preschoolers!** Spring has Sprung? Spring is the perfect time to investigate the plants and animals at Oregon Ridge. Come join us! We'll study a different spring topic each week with a story, lesson, snack and activity.

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

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

*Advance registration required.*

## Yoga by the Lake

Wednesdays, April 22, 29, May 6 and 13; 10 - 11 a.m.

Join a certified Yoga instructor for a slow, meditative yet challenging yoga experience at the Oregon Ridge Lake. You are sure to leave feeling more flexible, energized and peaceful.

Adults and children 16+

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

*Price includes all 4 sessions*

*Advance registration required.*

## Dulcimer Workshop

Thursdays, April 30 thru June 4; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

An old-fashioned dulcimer meet-up and workshop. Beginners welcome, no music experience necessary. Loaner dulcimers available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Workshop concludes with a performance at Music in the Woods on June 6th.

Adults and children 16+

\$25 for the series *(Price includes all 6 sessions)*

*Advance registration required.*

## Homeschool Nature Days – Something's Fishy!

Fridays, May 8, 15, 22 and 29;

AM Session, 10 - 11:30 a.m.; PM Session, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Come join our Homeschool Nature Days series as we take a closer look at the streams in Oregon Ridge Park. We'll spend some time investigating and learning about about the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Children ages 6 - 13 *(parents are welcome to stay but we are not able to accommodate siblings for this program)*

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

*Price includes all 4 sessions*

*Advance registration required.*



## Awesome Amphibians

Saturday, March 14 or Sunday, March 15; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

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

## Spring Night Hike and Campfire

Saturday, March 21; 6 - 8 p.m.

Get rid of the winter blues, put on your hiking shoes and help us welcome Spring! Join our naturalists for an evening hike to experience the sights and sounds of spring. We'll end the night around the campfire, making s'mores and enjoying the outdoors at night.

Adults and children 5+

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



## Critter Scene Investigation

Saturday, March 28 or Sunday, March 29; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join a naturalist on a hike to investigate what lives at Oregon Ridge by the signs they leave behind. Become a nature detective as you learn to identify common tracks to discover who's been here and what they've been up to! We'll finish up at the Nature Center making edible "poo" to take home!

Adults and children 5+

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

## Frog Songs Night Hike

Saturday, April 4; 7 - 9 p.m.

Listen for the peeps, trills and calls of our frog friends under the moon and learn what all the noise is about as we explore Oregon Ridge Park at night.

Adults and children 5+

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



## Nature Book Club

### The Genius of Birds

Monday, March 30; 7 - 8 p.m.

Award-winning science writer, Jennifer Ackerman tours the globe to reveal what makes birds capable of such extraordinary feats of mental prowess. Ackerman not only tells the story of the recently uncovered genius of birds but also delves deeply into the latest findings about the bird brain itself. Personal yet scientific, richly informative and beautifully written, *The Genius of Birds* celebrates the triumphs of these surprising and fiercely intelligent creatures.

### The Tangled Tree

Monday, May 11; 7 - 8 p.m.

"David Quammen proves to be an immensely well-informed guide to a complex story". He explains how molecular studies of evolution have brought startling recognitions about the tangled tree of life – including where we humans fit in. Thanks to new technologies, we have the ability to alter our genetic composition – through sideways insertions, as nature has long been doing. "The Tangled Tree is a source of wonder. Quammen has written a deep, daring intellectual adventure".

Adults

**FREE**

*Advance registration appreciated.*



## Wind and Clouds

Saturday, April 4 or Sunday, April 5; 1 - 3 p.m.

Build a wind vane and peruse wind and cloud charts testing your knowledge by looking at the sky and predicting the weather.

Adults and children 5+

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



## Garlic Mustard Pull and Pesto

Saturday, April 11; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

We'll spend some time removing this invasive plant from the park then return to the Nature Center to make some yummy pesto to take home. *(Please note: making pesto involves nuts)*

Adults and children 6+

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

## Starting a Vegetable Garden

Tuesday, April 14; 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**

## Make Your Own Hiking Stick

Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19; 1 - 3 p.m.

Hiking stick, hiking pole or hiking staff... no matter what you call it, they are fun to use and help you with balance while out on the trail. Join us to make and customize your own personal hiking stick for your next outdoor adventure.

Adults and children 8+

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

## Beyond the Basics in Vegetable Gardening

Thursday, 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**



## Cane Pole Fishing

Saturday, May 2 or Sunday, May 3; 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 Maryland fishing license to fish. Everyone attending whether fishing or assisting a child, must be a registered guest. *(This is a catch and release program.)*

Adults and children 5+

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

*Please call to register!*

Unless otherwise noted all programs require advance registration. Some programs will fill, in which case, walk-in guests cannot be accommodated.

Register via phone or email – 410-887-1815 or [info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org](mailto:info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org)

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## Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council's Annual Pancake Breakfast March 7th and 8th, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### Spring Family Campout

Friday, May 8; 6 p.m. thru Saturday, May 9; 9 a.m.

Join us for our first family campout of the year. Bring your 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.)

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

### Native Plant Swap at the Lake Pavilion

Saturday, May 9; 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 and would love to talk native plants with you as you trade with others.

All ages **FREE** No registration required.

### Mother's Day Stroll and Tea Party

Saturday, May 9 or Sunday, May 10; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate this special day with a guided stroll, discovering all that Mother Nature has to offer. After our stroll we'll head to the pavilion for a tea party, where we'll decorate a tea towel for a special mom in your life, while sipping tea and eating cookies.

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

### Nature's Treasure Map

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

Create a fanciful treasure map of all nature's wonders as you hike through Oregon Ridge Park with one of our naturalists!

Adults and children 8+

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

### Basic Paddling on the Lake

Saturday, May 23 or Sunday, May 24; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn basic flat-water paddling techniques and practice them on our lake with an American Canoe Association certified instructor.

Adults and children 8+

\$10 per person (\$5 for ORNCC Members)

### Life in the Pond

Saturday, May 30 or Sunday, May 31; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ephemeral or permanent ponds, what's the difference? Both can be teeming with interesting life. Join us for a hands-on, close-up look at what lives in even the smallest of ponds, then head out on a short hike to explore both types.

Adults and children 6+

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



### Public Program Registration Procedures

All programs require advance registration unless otherwise noted. Register via email at [info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org](mailto:info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org). We'll need the names of everyone attending, the ages of children and your phone number. **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 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).

## Become a member of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council

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

Join online at [www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org](http://www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org)

Keep in touch!



Save the Date!

Baltimore 50th Earth Day 2020

Sunday, April 26, 2020 at Oregon Ridge Nature Center  
<https://gunpowdervalleyconservancy.org/earth-day/>



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[www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov)