



# Oregon Ridge Nature Center Summer Calendar 2019

## It's Back!

### Mud Day

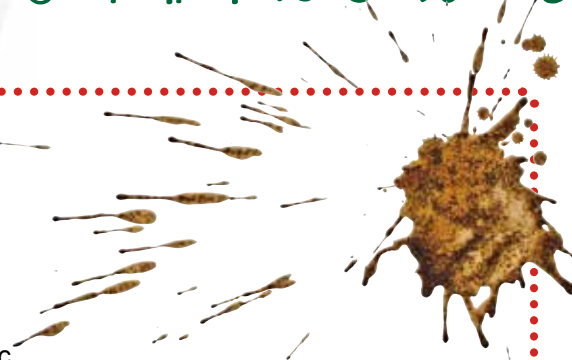
Saturday, June 29  
or Sunday, June 30;  
1 - 3 p.m.

Join us for a mud-tastic good time as we celebrate International Mud Day by getting close to nature with some muddy fun! We'll play in the mud, make mud pies, mud art and more! Make sure to wear old clothes and bring a beach towel. Don't worry, you'll be able to hose down after the fun!

Children ages 2 - 12

\$5 per child

**Register Early! This program will fill!**



## Adventures on the water!

### Paddle the Lower Gunpowder

Sunday, June 9;  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

One of the best ways to explore this unique habitat and life in the Chesapeake Bay is by canoe. Join us on this naturalist led trip up the mouth of the Little Gunpowder River and back out the Gunpowder River.

Adults and children 10+ \$15 per person



### Basic Paddling on the Lake

Tuesday, June 25; 6 - 8 p.m. or  
Sunday, August 4; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn basic flatwater paddling techniques and practice them on the Lake at Oregon Ridge with an American Canoe Association certified instructor and naturalist.

Adults and children 8+

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

### Paddle the Upper Gunpowder

Sunday, July 14; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Journey with us by canoe down the Gunpowder River through a beautiful wooded valley. We will make a couple of stops along the way for lunch and for our naturalist to point out the interesting stream life. No novices, please. We'll meet offsite and shuttle from put-in to take-out. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet, bring a lunch and plenty of water.

Adults and children 10+ \$15 per person

### Tubing on the Little Falls

Sunday, July 28 or Sunday, August 11;  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Celebrate the hot summer day tubing down the Little Gunpowder Falls. Participants must be able to paddle their tube around obstacles during this somewhat strenuous adventure. We'll meet offsite and shuttle from put-in to take-out.

Adults and children 8+ \$15 per person

## 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 updates and details on crafters, vendors and the musicians that will be performing. *This event is appropriate for all ages.*

**No registration required!**

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



Minimal charge for some activities.



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

## 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

June 6 – Stream Search

June 13 – Pond Search

June 20 – Life Under Logs

June 27 – Survival Skills: Shelter Building

July 11 – Fishing

July 18 – Hiking

July 25 – Camping

August 1 – Tracking Animals

August 8 – Snails

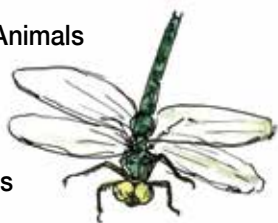
August 15 – Insects

August 22 – Birds

August 29 – Mammals

Ages 3+

\$2 per child *No registration required.*



## Senior Stroll

Saturdays, June 1 and June 15; 9:30 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.*

## Bookworm Story Time

The first Friday of every month.

June 7, July 5 and August 2; 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 may include a brief outdoor experience.

Toddler to age 6

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

## Garden Growers Club

Every other Tuesday starting on June 11; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Children and their accompanying adult will experience plants up-close and get their hands dirty in the Children's Garden! Join us as we learn how to grow summer vegetables and make tasty treats from the harvest, 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 6 sessions.*

## Pictures in the Park

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9

and August 13; 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Explore a different photographic theme each month. 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. A camera is required – a DSLR is perfect, a quality point and shoot works great too, even a good smart phone will give shareable and memorable results.

Adults and children 15+

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

*Price includes all 3 sessions*



## Guided Forest Therapy Walk

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, August 13; 6 - 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 18; 7 - 9 a.m.

Take a Guided Forest Therapy Walk in the forests of Oregon Ridge. Participants of this health and wellness program will participate in activities that will reconnect them with nature. Dress for the weather, bring a refillable water bottle and a pad for sitting on the ground (optional). This is a small group program. Register for one, two, three or all four sessions!

Adults

**FREE** (donations appreciated) *Advance registration required.*

## Morning Bird Walks

Fridays, June 14, July 12

and August 9; 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** (donations appreciated)



## Summer Garden Club

Wednesdays, June 26 thru August 14; 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Participants will get their hands dirty as they grow their own vegetables! Children will learn to care for their garden, harvest crops and prepare tasty foods. (Parents are welcome to stay but it is not required, unfortunately we are not able to accommodate younger siblings.)

Children ages 6 - 12

\$28 for the series (\$22 for ORNCC Members)

*Price includes all 8 sessions.*



## Jam and Bread

Saturday, June 8 or Sunday, June 9; 1 - 3 p.m.

It's strawberry season! Make this easy jam and taste your creation on fresh bread. Participants will take home their own jar of jam.

*All ages \$5 per project (\$4 for ORNCC Members)  
Maximum of 2 people per project/jar of jam.*



## Cane Pole Fishing

Saturday, June 15 or Sunday, June 16; 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 5+*

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

*Adults and children 16+ can assist younger children but must have a valid MD fishing license to fish. (This is a catch and release program.)*

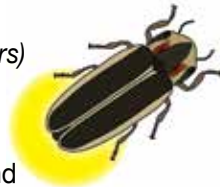
## Along the Bluebird Trail

Saturday, June 22 or Sunday, June 23; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Join a naturalist to learn about bluebirds and ways to attract and protect this beautiful feathery friend! We will walk the bluebird trail at Oregon Ridge Park to observe the birds in action. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair from us.

*Adults and children 6+*

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



## Nature's Night Lights

Friday, June 28; 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Make some firefly magic in the field and meadow of Oregon Ridge. We'll catch and release lightning bugs and make s'mores by the campfire – two of childhood's favorite memories. Bring a bug box and a flashlight.

*Adults and children 4+*

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

## Stream Searchin'

Saturday, July 6 or Sunday, July 7; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Enjoy a hike to Oregon Branch, where we'll get our feet wet and immerse in some stream exploration looking in the water and under the rocks to see who calls this stream their home.

*Adults and children 4+*

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

## A Berry Good Time

Saturday, July 13; 1 - 3 p.m.

It's wine berry pickin' season! Take a naturalist led hike to learn about this invasive plant and the best ways to keep it from spreading. We will taste and collect ripe berries and bring them back to make a wine berry ice-cream treat.

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

## Nature Quest Hike

Saturday, July 20 or Sunday, July 21; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Get a head start on your Nature Quest passport at our naturalist lead hike to the two Nature Quest post locations at Oregon Ridge. Nature Quest is a county-wide program that guides participants to trail markers at Baltimore County parks. Passports and details are available at the Nature Center or at <http://www.oregonridgenaturecenter.org/NatQuest.html>

*Adults and children 5+*

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

## Sun Secrets

Saturday, July 27; 1 - 3 p.m.

Join us as we learn about sunlight and shadows through a number of different activities and experiments. We'll end the program with s'mores cooked in a box solar oven.

*Adults and children 6+*

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

## Hey! What's that sound?

Saturday, August 3; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a naturalist-led hike to uncover and better understand the sources of the Summer sounds we all know and love. Wear closed-toe shoes, bring your water bottle and binoculars or borrow binoculars from us.

*Adults and children 4+*

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

## A Morning in Mining History

Saturday, August 10; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Join a naturalist for a trip back in time to when Oregon Ridge was a mining town. Explore various historical sites in the park and learn how the miner's lived in the 1800s.

*Adults and children 5+*

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

## Water, Water Everywhere!

Saturday, August 17 or Sunday, August 18; 1 - 3 p.m.

Cool off on this hot August day as you explore the water cycle through activities and experiments including a scavenger hunt and a water cycle game.

*Adults and children 6+*

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



## Backyard Butterflies

Saturday, August 24 or Sunday, August 25; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore the life cycles of butterflies and get a close-up look at some caterpillars and chrysalides. We'll grab a butterfly net and head outside to the meadow and gardens to test our identification skills.

*Adults and children 5+*

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

## Nature's Shadow Box

Saturday, August 31 or Sunday, September 1; 1 - 3 p.m.

Nature and art combines in this creative program! Collect natural objects to create a stunning work of art. Participants should bring a shoe box lid that can be used to create their shadow box.

*Adults and children 6+*

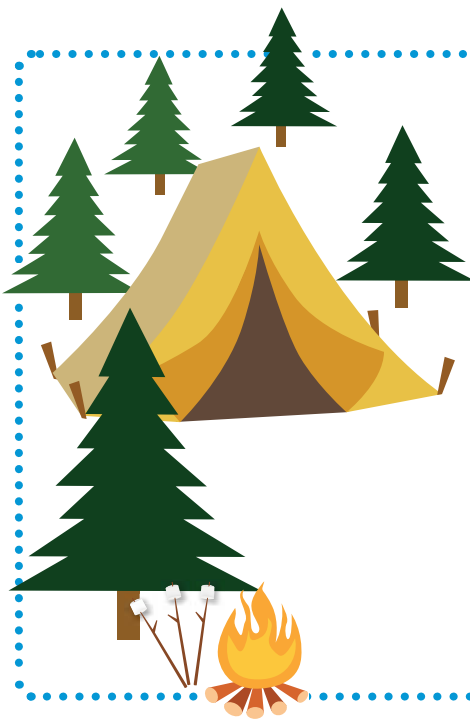
*\$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)*

*Please call to register!*

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

410-887-1815 or

[info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org](mailto:info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org)



# A Family Campout each month!

## Summer Solstice Campout

Friday, June 21; 6 p.m. - Saturday, June 22; 9 a.m.

## Under the Stars Campout

Friday, July 12; 6 p.m. - Saturday, July 13; 9 a.m.

## End of Summer Campout

Saturday, August 17; 6 p.m. - Sunday, August 18; 9 a.m.

Create family memories as you spend the night under the stars at Oregon Ridge Park. Bring your tent, camping gear and picnic dinner; we'll provide the evening activities, 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 or \$30 per family

*(A family includes up to 5 people, parents and children or grandparents and grandchildren)*



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## Keep in touch!



### 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, an 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 payments are considered donations and are non-refundable unless Oregon Ridge Nature Center cancels the program. All programs and events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.

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 through the Nature Center 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.*

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