



Oregon Ridge Nature Center

Summer Calendar 2021

Take a walk in the park with us!

Pictures in the Park

The second Tuesday of the Month!

June 8, July 13 and August 10; 6 - 8 p.m.

Explore a different photographic theme each month. We'll 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 'n shoot works great, too. Even a smartphone will give sharable and memorable results.

Adults and children 16+

\$15 per person (\$12 for ORNCC Members)

Price includes all 4 sessions.



Summer Morning Stroll

The fourth Sunday of the Month!

June 27, July 25 and August 22; 9 - 10 a.m.

Take in the sights and sounds of the park in the morning on this gentle morning stroll. Learn a little about the park history and the seasonal happenings in the park from a park naturalist. Register for one, two or all three dates.

All ages

\$3 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

Nature Quest Hike

Sunday, August 1; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

We'll be leading a hike to a Nature Quest post location at Oregon Ridge. Nature Quest is a county-wide program that guides participants to trail makers at parks throughout the county. Join the fun! Passports are available at the Nature Center or online at OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org/NatQuest.html

Adults and children 5+

\$3 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)



Morning Bird Walk

The second Friday of the Month!

June 11, July 9 and August 13; 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.

Adults

FREE (Donations appreciated)

What's Up in the Park?

The fourth Tuesday of the Month!

May 25, June 22, July 27 and August 24; 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us on a hike to discover the fascinating things happening in nature each season. Bring a camera, start a nature log or just spend some quality time in nature. Register for one, two or all 4 sessions,

Adults

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

A Morning in Mining History

The first Saturday of the Month!

June 5, July 3 and August 7; 10 - 11 a.m.

Join a naturalist for a trip back in time to when Oregon Ridge was a mining town. Visit the tenant house museum and explore various historical sites in the park.

All ages

\$3 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

Registration Procedures!

Registration is taken only by email and a Baltimore County COVID Waiver must be attached to your request to register. info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org

You can download the waiver at...

www.OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org/pdf/COVIDWaiver.pdf

In addition to the COVID Waiver please provide:

- Names of everyone attending
- Ages of children, if applicable
- Phone number
- Program name, date and time

Payment is due within one week of registration or prior to closing of program registration. We accept cash or check. Checks should be made payable to ORNCC and mailed to 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030 ...and of course, you are always welcome to stop by with your payment.

Current status of programs (Registration closed, full, waitlisting, etc.) can be found on our Facebook Events Tab.



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 and Monthly Programs for Kids

Bookworm Story Time

The first Friday of the Month!

May 7, June 4, July 2 and August 6; 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.

Toddler to age 6

FREE (Donations appreciated)

Due to lowered capacities we are not able to accommodate siblings at this program. Everyone in attendance must be on the roster and within the specified age range.

Summer Garden Club

Wednesdays, June 23 thru August 11;
9 - 10:30 a.m.

Participants will get their hands dirty as they grow their own vegetables! They will learn to sow, care-for and harvest crops plus prepare tasty foods.

Children ages 6 - 12

(parents are welcome to stay but we are not able to accommodate siblings for this program.)

\$32 per person (\$24 for ORNCC Members)

Price includes all 8 sessions.



Alien Invaders: Invasive Plants of Maryland

Saturday, May 29; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join a naturalist on a moderate hike around the park to learn about introduced and invasive plants in Maryland along with tips on how to control them.

Adults and children 10+

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

Picnic and Paddle

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

It's the unofficial start of summer! Kick it off with a paddle on the lake with a Naturalist and learn some basic paddling techniques. Bring a blanket and picnic lunch to enjoy by the lake afterwards.

Adults and children 8+;

children ages 4 - 7 only as a third person, non-paddler

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

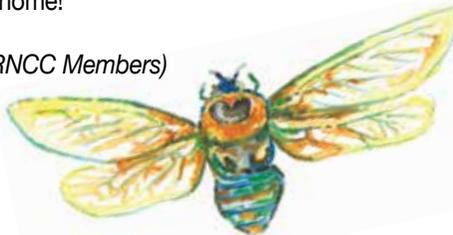
Cicada Molt Art

Saturday, June 5 or Sunday, June 6; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

The cicadas have emerged and left something behind! We will learn about the cicada lifecycle and collect their "shells" to make our own molt art to take home!

Adults and children 4+

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



Nature Book Club

What It's Like to be a Bird

Monday, July 12; 7 - 8 p.m.

A bird book by David Sibley for birders and non-birders alike. This book will excite and inspire by providing a new and deeper understanding of what common, mostly backyard, birds are doing – and why.

Entangled Life

Monday, August 23; 7 - 8 p.m.

Brilliant young biologist Merlin Sheldrake shows us the world from a fungal point of view, providing an exhilarating change of perspective. This vivid exploration takes us from yeast to psychedelics, to the fungi that range for miles underground and are the largest organisms on the planet, to those that link plants together in complex networks known as the "Wood Wide Web," to those that infiltrate and manipulate insect bodies with devastating precision.

The Yosemite

Monday, October 4; 7 - 8 p.m.

The great American naturalist, John Muir, describes the Yosemite valley's geography and the myriad types of trees, flowers, birds and other animals that can be found there. The Yosemite is among the finest examples of John Muir nature writings. The Yosemite is a classic nature/outdoor adventure text and a fine example of John Muir nature writings.

Adults

FREE

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Cane Pole Fishing

Saturday, June 12 or Sunday, June 13; 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.

(This is a catch and release program.)

Adults and children 4+

\$6 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Firemaking

Saturday, June 19; 2 - 4 p.m.

Learn about the history of fire, one of mankind's oldest survival practices. We'll practice different methods of firemaking, learn about safe firemaking practices and make a fire starter from recycled materials.

Adults and children 8+

\$6 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)



Father's Day Picnic and Paddle

Sunday, June 20; 3 - 5 p.m.

Celebrate the dad in your life with a relaxing paddle on the lake. Bring your picnic lunch to enjoy by the lake and let our ACA canoe instructors teach you the basics of paddling safely as you explore the Oregon Ridge Lake.

Adults and children 8+;

children ages 4 - 7 only as a third person, non-paddler

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

Summer Solstice on the Lake

Sunday, June 20; 6 - 8 p.m.

Take in the sights and sounds of the longest day of the year by canoe! Our ACA canoe instructors and naturalists will lead the way as you explore life in the Oregon Ridge Lake and learn a few paddling skills along the way.

Adults and children 8+

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



Glow in the Dark Park

Saturday, June 26 or Friday, July 9; 8 - 9:30 p.m.

Go on a night hike with a UV black light and watch nature glow! Find out the hidden colors of our millipedes, owls and trees.

Adults and children 6+

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Red, White and Blue in Nature

Saturday, July 3; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

The natural world is teeming with colors, so let's get out and explore the park in search of our national colors in nature.

Adults and children 3+

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

A Berry Good Time

Saturday, July 10 and Sunday, July 11; 1 - 3 p.m.

It's wineberry pickin' season! Hike with us to learn about this invasive plant and the best ways to keep it from spreading. We'll taste and collect rip wineberries and bring them back to make a wineberry ice-cream treat.

Adults and children 3+

\$6 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)



Snake Party!

Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18; 1 - 2 p.m.

Friday was World Snake Day, so let's have a snake party!

Meet some of Oregon Ridge's resident snakes and learn the many reasons why we celebrate snakes. Then, we'll make a snake "party favor" to take home.

Adults and children 2+

\$6 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Flying Mammals at Night

Friday, July 23; 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Let's set the record straight on this highly misunderstood but fascinating animal. Join a naturalist around the campfire as we debunk myths about bats and learn ways we can help them, then we'll head out to the meadows in search of this nocturnal flying mammal.

Adults and children 6+

\$6 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Keep Your Cool!

Saturday, July 24; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Summer gets pretty hot around here. We keep cool by taking a swim or using air conditioning, but how do animals handle the heat! Find out how animals adapt to weather conditions and let's put some to the test! (Be prepared to get wet!)

Adults and children 5+

\$6 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)

Basic Paddling on the Lake

Sunday, July 25 or Sunday August 8; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn basic flat water paddling techniques and practice them on our lake with an ACA certified instructor.

Adults and children 8+

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

Meet the Saturniids and their Lepidopterous Friends

Saturday, July 31; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

We bet you see plenty Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) in your yard every summer, but what about the Saturniidae (large silk moths)? Not in your yard?

Guess again! Come meet some of these large impressive moths and learn just how common these nocturnal creatures are.

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No Backbone Required

Saturday, August 7; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Ever heard the saying "you have no backbone"! It's usually an insult, but 97% of the animals on earth have no backbone! Let's learn about these spineless creatures, their characteristics and amazing adaptations. Then, we'll hit the trail in search of invertebrates in the park.

Adults and children 5+

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

"Bee" a Friend to Pollinators

Saturday, August 14 or Sunday, August 15; 1 - 3 p.m.

Come learn all about pollinators and why they're important! We'll explore the meadow and make mini pollinator houses and wildflower seed bombs that will help attract pollinators to your own backyard.

Adults and children 4+

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



Campfire and Star Gazing

Friday, August 20;
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Jupiter will be passing between the sun and earth, making it bright in the sky. Join a naturalist as we learn about the night sky around the campfire then head out in the meadow to see what we can see.

Adults and children 6+
\$6 per person (\$4 for ORNCC Members)



Stream Searchin'

Saturday, August 21 or Sunday, August 22; 10 - 12 a.m.

Enjoy a fun hike to Oregon Branch, get your 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)

Nature Boats

Saturday, August 28 or Sunday, August 29;
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Will it sink or will it float? Let's take a hike to gather natural materials to take back to the pavilion to build a natural boat. Then we will head to the stream to test our boats.

Adults and children 4+
\$4 per person (\$2 for ORNCC Members)

Pavilion Rentals and Group Gathering Permits

Planning a group outing of 10 or more people?

Make sure to email us at info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org no less than one week in advance so we can process your Pavilion Rental or Group Gathering Permit.

Groups of 10 - 25 people are required to have a Group Gathering Permit to be on park property. This applies to any type of gathering including groups using the trails. Group of more than 25 are required to rent a pavilion for their gathering.

Find out more...

<https://oregonridgenaturecenter.org/pdf/pavilionrental.pdf>

Everyone is expected to respect the park and follow all posted rules, including:

- No alcohol
- No crabs
- No glass
- No fires
- No amplified music
- No balloons

Planning for a outing of less than 10 people?

Our pavilions are available for individuals and families of less than 10 when they are not being used or programming or rentals.

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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