

April

- M** 6 **Day Tripping: 50 Natural Places and Gardens to Visit**
with Sherry Conklin and Linda Decker
APR 6 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M** 13 **Hike to the Patapsco River**
with naturalists Woody Merkle and John Cookson
APR 13 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- B** 20 **Belmont History Hike**
with Fred Dorsey, Preservation Howard County
APR 20 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M** 27 **Earth Day: Make a Difference – Bird Walk**
with Howard County Bird Club
APR 27 – Sat 8 am **FREE**
– **Service Projects**
APR 27 – Sat 9 am **FREE**

May

- M** 11 **Mother's Day Special**
Scones, tea, and garden walks with our garden clubs
MAY 11 – Sat 10 am \$
- B** 18 **Blue Bird Walk**
with conservationist Sue Probst
MAY 18 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M** 23 **Wine in the Garden / Beer in the Barn**
An evening of live music, silent auction, food, wine tastings from Cindy's Spirits and beer tastings from Guinness Open Gate Brewery & Barrel House
MAY 23 – Thu 5–8 pm \$

Advance Registration Required for ALL Programs

Please check website for additional programs, details and weather updates.

June

- M** 8 **Puzzling Close-up Photographs**
Taking close-up nature photos that boggle the mind
JUN 8 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- B** 15 **Hike to Patapsco River**
with naturalist Steve Wachs
JUN 15 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M** 24 **Summer Camp Starts**
B Weekly day camp with themed programs for school age children at both locations
JUN 24 – AUG 16 Weekly \$
- M** 27 **Fiddlers and Fireflies**
Family picnic and music
JUN 27 – Thu 6–9 pm \$

July

- M** 1 **Summer Camp**
B Weekly day camp with themed programs for school age children at both locations
JUL 1 – AUG 16 Weekly \$
- M** 13 **Building Woodland Fairy Houses**
Creative constructions along the Conservancy trails for 10 and under
JUL 13 – Sat 10 am **FREE**

August

- M** 5 **Summer Camp**
B Weekly day camp with themed programs for school age children at both locations
AUG 5 – AUG 16 Weekly \$
- M** 10 **Serendipity Hike**
with Conservancy naturalists
AUG 10 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- *** 15 **Guinness & Grasshoppers**
with Drs. Mike Raupp and Paula Shrewsbury, for ages 21 and over
AUG 15 – Thu 6 pm **FREE**, with cash bar \$
***** **Location:** Guinness Open Gate Brewery & Barrel House

September

- M** 14 **Save the Birds: Bird-friendly Skies & Windows**
with Safe Skies Maryland, Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership, City Wildlife/Lights Out DC, and International Dark Skies
SEP 14 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- B** 21 **Tree Hike**
with arborist Lou Meyer
SEP 21 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M** 25 **Fall Equinox Twilight Hike and Campfire**
Legends, s'mores and more!
SEP 25 – Wed 5 pm \$

October

- M** 6 **Fall Festival**
Artisans, music, farm animals, food, square dancing, and craft demonstrations
OCT 6 – Sun 11 am-3 pm \$
- B** 19 **Fall Migratory Birding**
with naturalist Woody Merkle
OCT 19 – Sat 10 am **FREE**

November

- M** 8 **An Evening of Howard County Storytelling: Sharing Stories for a Stronger Community**
for 18 and over
NOV 8 – Fri 7 pm \$
- B** 9 **Storytelling Workshop**
Learn to craft your own storytelling with Leigh Tillman
for 18 and over
NOV 9 – Sat 9 am-1 pm \$
- B** 16 **Hike to Rockburn Branch**
with Mountain Club of Maryland and naturalist Janine Grossman
NOV 16 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M** 21 **A Year Across Maryland: Best Places to Experience Nature as you Hike, Bike, and Paddle**
with author and outdoorsman Bryan MacKay
NOV 21 – Thu 7 pm **FREE**

December

- M** 7 **Natural Holiday Sale**
Natural gifts for sale, nature critter crafts, live music and refreshments
DEC 7 – Sat 10 am–3 pm **FREE**
- M** 14 **Repair Café: Bring It – Let's Fix It**
with experts from Transition Howard County, learn how to repair broken stuff and reduce waste going to the landfill
DEC 14 – Sat noon-3 pm **FREE**

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in Woodstock, MD
Grounds open dawn to dusk daily.

B = **Belmont Programs**
in Elkridge, MD
Grounds open for scheduled events only. Belmont Woods Road is a single-lane country road. Please drive slowly and use paved pull off areas for passing.

January

- M 12 Earth Trekkers – A Family's Journey Around the World** with live commentary and photo journal by the Rivenbark family
JAN 12 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M 17 Saving Howard County – Past, Present and Future** with environmental author and earth scientist Ned Tillman
JAN 17 – Thu 7 pm **FREE**
- B 19 Nature Painting** with painter and volunteer ranger Ed Johnson, for ages 12 and older
JAN 19 – Sat 10 am \$

February

- M 9 Connecting to Nature with Music**
Crosswinds Trio and instrument petting zoo with Candlelight Concerts
FEB 9 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- B 16 Sustainable Living and Zero-waste Lifestyle** with environmental educator Abigail Blarenblitt
FEB 16 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M 28 Humane Gardening: Nurturing a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife** with author, educator and garden habitat consultant Nancy Lawson
FEB 28 – Thu 7 pm **FREE**

March

- M 9 Birding Basics**
Birding for beginners with Howard County Bird Club
MAR 9 – Sat 9:30 am–12:30 pm **FREE**
- B 16 Spring Equinox Hike** with Conservancy staff
MAR 16 – Sat 10 am **FREE**
- M 21 Forests and Trees: Stories from Nature's Great Connectors** with award-winning author and biology professor Dr. David Haskell
MAR 21 – Thu 7 pm \$
- M 31 The Art of Stewardship Art Show – Artists as Stewards: Preservation of the Land and Its Legacy – Opening Preview Reception**
Live music, hors d'oeuvres, cash wine & beer, raffle for a free art piece, award presentations
MAR 31 – Sun 6 pm \$
- Gallery Art Show and Sale**
Art show viewing and purchase
APR 1 - MAY 23
Mon – Sat 9 am–3 pm
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Educating
about our
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Preserving
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and its legacy

Modeling
responsible
stewardship

B Belmont

6553 Belmont Woods Road
Elkridge, MD 21075
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M Mt. Pleasant

10520 Old Frederick Road
Woodstock, MD 21163
Trails open daily
dawn to dusk

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information on
hours of operation,
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