

Mount Rainier Nature Center

4701 31st Pl. Mount Rainier, MD 20712

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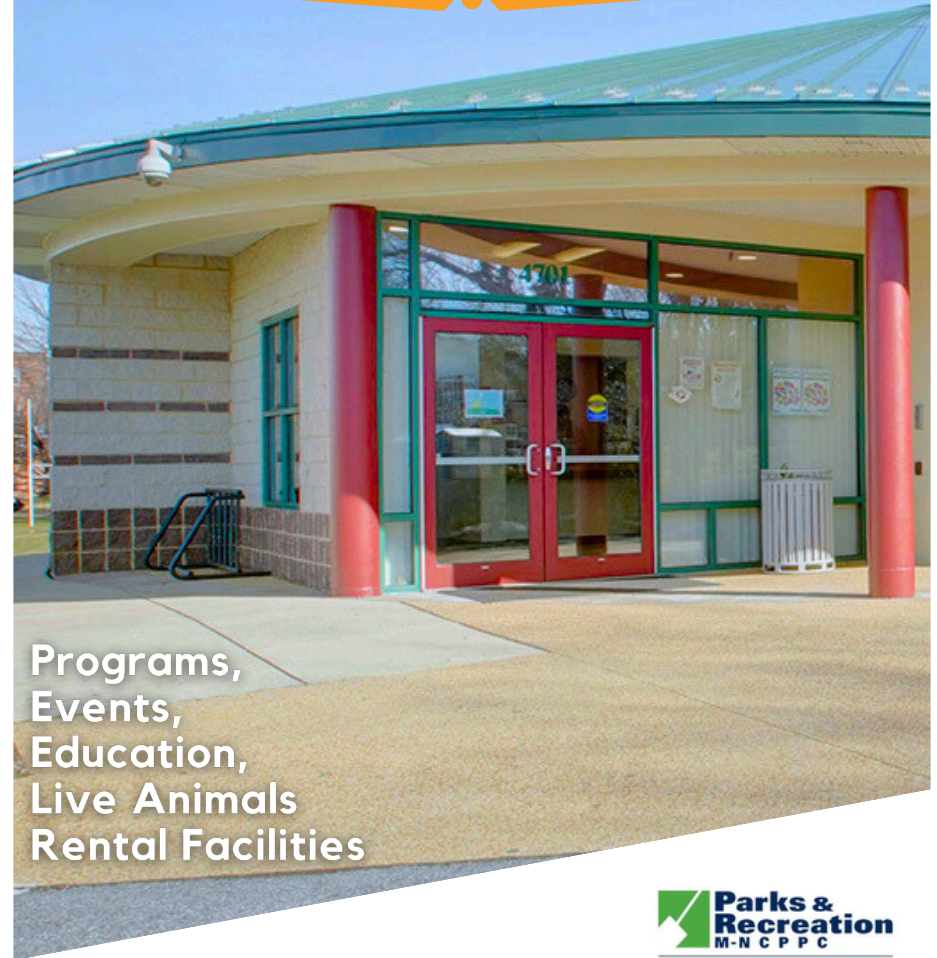


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MOUNT RAINIER NATURE CENTER

Fall 2024



Programs,
Events,
Education,
Live Animals
Rental Facilities



live more, play more

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Park Information

Website

<https://www.pgparks.com/facilities/mount-rainier-nature-center>

Office Hours

- Mon : **Closed**
- Tues - Sun : **10AM - 5PM**

Parking

Free Parking 49 Spaces
Two Handicapped Spaces

School and Group Programs

Mount Rainier Nature Center offers curriculum-based NGSS aligned programs for school groups (grades PreK-12) along with community outreach programs.



Rental Information

Recreation Room Rentals

- **Max rental hours: 9am - 11pm Wed - Sun**
- ParksDirect account must be established.
- \$150 refundable security deposit
- \$90 (R), \$117 (NR) per hour
- 125 with tables and chairs max room capacity
- Ten 60" round tables and 13 6' x 2.5' rectangular tables and chairs.
- Includes kitchenette with a full size fridge, microwave, and sink.
- No alcohol, smoking or grilling allowed.
- Staff on-site during rental hours.

Child's Birthday Party Package: Available Saturdays 9am - 1 pm & Sundays after 3pm

- Ages 1- 12
- \$75 refundable security deposit
- \$240(R), \$312(NR) for 3 hours



MRNC Programs

PRE- REGISTER AT
PGParksDirect.com

Program Availability:

- Unless otherwise noted, Advance Registration through PG Parks Direct is required to insure your spot in a program.
- Space and/or program availability is not guaranteed for drop-in admission (i.e. no advance registration)
- Programs may be cancelled up to 48 hrs. in advance due to insufficient PG Parks Direct registration.

Program Accessibility:

- PG Parks Direct internet: pgparksdirect.com under "find a class"
- Contact MRNC staff at 301-927-2163, or email mtrainiernaturecenter@pgparks.com
- Customer Service at Help Desk 301-699-2255
- Register at any M-NCPPC staffed facility
- For programs without PG Parks Direct course number call the nature center to register.



9th ANNUAL
Festival del Rio Anacostia
Prince George's County

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
11 AM-4 PM

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING
¡ENTRADA Y ESTACIONAMIENTO GRATIS!

Bring your family to celebrate the outdoors and the Anacostia River at the 9th Annual Festival del Rio Anacostia!

ENJOY:

- HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
- CRAFTS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- DELICIOUS FOOD
- FISHING DEMOS
- LIVE ANIMALS
- FREE BOAT RIDES AND GIVEAWAYS.

¡Traiga a su familia a celebrar el aire libre y el Río Anacostia en el 9º Festival Anual del Río Anacostia!

DISFRUTE DE:

- ACTIVIDADES PRÁCTICAS
- MANUALIDADES
- ENTRETENIMIENTO
- COMIDA DELICIOSA
- DEMOSTRACIONES DE PESCA
- PASEOS EN BARCO GRATIS
- ANIMALES VIVOS Y REGALITOS.

For more information, scan the QR code, call 301-779-0371, or send an email to anacostiariverfest@gmail.com

Para obtener más información, escanee el código QR, llame al 301-779-0371 o envíe un correo electrónico a anacostiariverfest@gmail.com



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Logos of partner organizations: Prince George's County Public Schools, Parks & Recreation M-NCPPC (live more, play more), Anacostia Watershed Society, Environmental Finance Center, Municipalities/Washington Council of Governments, Bayside at LA Cuenca, Sustainable Maryland, ecoLatinos, CHISPA, Environment, and Anacostia Riverkeeper.

Celebrate National Mushroom Month!

Sep 5, 6:30pm Movie & Panel

Movie: The Kingdom: How Fungi Made our World

Enjoy a movie and ask questions to the panel after

REGISTER FREE at
mawdc.org/event-5823883



Sep 8, 10am DNA Research Day & Ask A Fun-Gal

Bring your mushrooms at 10am,
Come to chat at 1pm

REGISTER FREE at
mawdc.org/event-5823725



**Capital
Nature**



Sep 12, 6:30pm Mushroom craft

Unleash your creativity with us
Price: \$6(R), \$9(NR)

REGISTER at pgparksdirect.com
Activity 25413, sec 549B



Sep 19, 6:30pm Undergrove Launch Party

Participate in the exclusive game
launch at the center!

Price: \$10(R), \$13(NR)

REGISTER at
pgparksdirect.com,
Activity 25413, sec 549A



Sep 25, 7:00pm Mushroom Night Hike

Join Serenella Linares, Ana Ka'ahanui and Matt Felpering in an exploration of Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. Hike on natural trails

REGISTER FREE at mawdc.org/event-5823763



FAMILY ECOWALK

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

9am -12pm

Meet us at Quebec Street/North Branch Trail next to Langley Park McCormick Elementary School. Learn about the plants and animals that live in the park and creek along the Northwest Branch trail!

REGISTER by scanning the code

FREE



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ADELPHI, MD 20783

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Gardening

Ages 10+

Connect with sustainable gardening and landscaping. Join us at the Center to learn tips and tricks about sustainable gardening, backyard landscape design, unique uses of plant materials, and seasonal garden maintenance on your property. Practice your skills in our gardens while learning to coexist and nurture the native ecosystem!

Sundays

Activity code: 20672, Sec: 549 A-F
10:30 am - 11:30 pm
Free

Sept
8, 22
Oct
6, 20
Nov
3, 17



Outdoor Adventures

Ages 18+

Discover the wonders of nature with our experienced naturalists on the third Saturday of every month. Pack your lunch, meet us at the center, and ride our bus to explore the region and learn about its natural history with other nature enthusiasts like you!

Saturdays

Activity code: 22401, Sec: 549 A-C
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
\$10 (R) - \$13 (NR)

Sept 21, Cromwell Valley Park
Oct 19, Mason Neck State Park
Nov 16, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge



Nature Hikes

All Ages

Spend time with us in nature for a mindful walk. Nature is a highway toward healing along with refreshment for your body, mind, and spirit. Take this opportunity for self-care with a guided walk and learn about what nature is doing in your backyard, while you enjoy the center's nature trail. Sign up today to de-stress and learn!

Wednesdays

Activity code: 22630, Sec: 549 A-L
10:00 am - 11:30 pm
\$4 (R) - \$6 (NR)

Sept

11, 18, 25

Oct

2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov

6, 13, 20, 27



Adventure Seekers

Ages 8-13

Celebrate exploration! Lift your spirits, expand your mind, and build fun relationships with other adventurers! Join us as we enjoy canoeing, hiking, museums, and trips to natural and historical sites. The DC Metro area has an abundant supply of discoveries for the curious. Get well-rounded by finding adventure around the region!

Saturdays

Activity code: 22201, Sec: 549 A-C
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
\$4 (R) - \$6 (NR)

Sept 7, Watkins Nature Center

Oct 5, Rock Creek Park

Nov 2, C&O Canal National Historic Park



Toddler Time

Ages 1-4

Give your little one a head start on growing into a knowledgeable adult aware of the importance of the environment. Join us for an exciting time of exploring nature through hands-on activities, stories, songs, crafts, and more. Learn about animals, plants, and habitats. Each class focuses on a different nature theme. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursdays

Activity code: 20115, Sec: 549 A-L
11:00 am - 11:45 am
\$3 (R) - \$4 (NR)

Sept

5, 12, 19, 26

Oct

3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Nov

7, 14, 21



Craft Tuesdays

Ages 2-11

Go green with your creativity! Nature provides an abundance of materials and inspiration for making art. Participants will enjoy hands-on nature craft activities. Discover what you can design with the environment in mind.

Tuesdays

Activity code: 22605, Sec: 549 A-L
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Free

Sept

10, 17, 24

Oct

1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Nov

5, 12, 19, 26



Live Animal Shows All Ages

You don't need to be Dr. Dolittle to speak to the animals! Meet the nature center's live animals including reptiles, amphibians, and birds of prey! Interacting with animals can boost your mood and promote mental wellness. Learn more about them and their natural habitats. Our animal friends look forward to greeting you.

Contact us to book a Live Animal Show for your group!

Saturdays

Activity code: 22610, Sec: 549 A-C
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
\$4 (R) - \$6 (NR)

Sept 28
Oct 26
Nov 23



DNA Research & Ask A Fun-Gal & Days



Join us on selected Sundays at **10am to bring your mushroom samples** to be included in the experiments or at **1pm to ask questions** about our process or anything fungi. Our experts are excited to see you!

If you are bringing samples to us, please ensure that the samples have been properly documented on iNaturalist, and that each of your samples has a unique iNaturalist observation number by the time of your arrival.

Follow the process below to make your observation:
PHOTOGRAPH BEFORE DETACHING!

- Take more than one picture
- Show where the fungus is growing from (substrate)
 - If attached to something living, identify as much as possible. Ex: conifer, deciduous, oak, american holly, etc.
- Photograph the habit (growing alone, gregarious, in clusters, etc.)
- Take a picture from the top

DETACH

- Take a picture of the underside
- Cut through the spore producing surface and notice if there are changes in color or secretion of latex. If so annotate and photograph
- Add any smell or bruising you observe in the section notes

REGISTER free:

Sep 8: mawdc.org/event-5823725
Oct 6: mawdc.org/event-5823726
Nov 3: mawdc.org/event-5823731
Dec 8: mawdc.org/event-5823735





Naturalist Corner

Fall is for Mushrooms & Harvest

By Serenella Linares, Facility Director

The crisp air in the morning, the comfortable walking temperatures, the innumerable mushrooms popping up everywhere, and the sweet taste of Paw Paw makes Fall my favorite season of the year. Just as August starts to round the corner, the team at Mount Rainier Nature Center (MRNC) sets a buzz with anticipation, preparing our materials for the new wave of visitors of all ages.

This year the team and our partners are super excited to announce our celebration of the *National Mushroom Month*. All through September, and mostly on Thursdays, you can join us for a different activity highlighting the Kingdom fungi. From our favorite mushroom documentary, to mushroom crafts, to board games, to night hikes, we will take you on the fantastic journey of discovery. We will open our doors and showcase everything that they do for nature and humans alike through our programs. We hope that you take a minute to enjoy a leisurely stroll outside and take pictures of the mushrooms you see. If you upload those pictures to *iNaturalist*, you might even get to learn about their names, and what time of the year you are most likely to see them. Come on **September 8 at 1pm** to show us the mushrooms you've found and ask questions about these fascinating organisms.

In late Spring this year, we installed a new garden bed area at the back of the center. Throughout the growing season, we have seen tomatoes, herbs, eggplants, okra, marigolds, cucumbers, pigeon peas, and other delicious vegetables grow to benefit our immediate community. Thanks to the hard work of our **Senior Park Naturalist, Madeline Daugherty**; the assistance of **Park Naturalist, Maria Raquel Pinto**, the collaboration of **Xavier Quijano from the National Arboretum's Youth Garden**, and many volunteers; we have conquered the experimental phase of the garden bed installation. The team has implemented organic growing practices, using marigolds, basil and cardboard as natural deterrents for pests and weeds. Visit us on **Sunday Mornings at 10am** to ask your questions to our gardening expert, Madeline, at the center.

We are excited to showcase the bounty of nature for you, both plant and fungal alike, and we can't wait to see you at Mount Rainier Nature Center this Fall.



First group of students at the newly installed garden beds for the Native Americans of Maryland Program



First flush of peppers harvested at MRNC



Splitgill mushroom, a commonly found species of mushroom in Maryland