

December 2013

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# Trees' Company

*The sights of the newly renovated Robert E. Lee Park*

by *Bart Viguers*  
Community contributor

**T**ucked into the surrounding communities of Ruxton and Roland Park, Robert E. Lee Park is a beloved outdoor recreational spot for numerous residents. However, to many, the park remains an undiscovered secret. Surrounding Lake Roland in the Jones Falls Valley, the park's almost 450 acres include exceptionally diverse ecosystems such as mature hardwood forests, meadows, wetlands, freshwater streams, the lake, and globally rare serpentine barrens.

The park, which was recently renovated by the Baltimore Parks and

Recreation Department, offers numerous recreational opportunities, with hiking trails, nature and environmental programs, a dog park, pavilions, and water activities, such as canoeing, kayaking, and fishing.

The main entrance to Robert E. Lee Park is located at 1000 Lakeside Drive. There is additional parking and access from the Falls Road Light Rail Station via the Robert E. Lee Park Boardwalk.

For more information about the park, call 410-887-4156 or visit online at [robertleepark.org](http://robertleepark.org) or the Facebook page, [facebook.com/relpnc](https://www.facebook.com/relpnc). Check out photos of the park on the next page.



**Robert E. Lee Park is near Ruxton and Roland Park.**

Photo courtesy of Bart Viguers

## Getting Out and Active This Season



**There are numerous opportunities to kayak, canoe and fish throughout Robert E. Lee Park.**  
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Robert E. Lee Park offers numerous educational programs for the public during the winter, such as:

### •Wreath Making

Saturday, Nov. 30, or Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 – 4 p.m. Ages 14 and up, \$10 per person. Make a decorative wreath from natural materials such as pine, spruce, and holly. There will also be hot chocolate, cookies, and holiday tunes.

### • S'mores, Stars & the Winter Solstice

Friday, Dec. 13, 6 – 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15, 6 – 8 p.m. Ages 5 and up, \$3 per person (\$2 members). The Geminid meteor shower will be visible throughout Dec. 13 and 14. Visitors will learn about solstice and the stars while cooking up s'mores.

### • Kids' Night Out

Friday, Dec. 20, 6 – 9 p.m. Ages 6 -12, \$10 per child (\$8 members). This is a chance for parents to get some shopping done while their children make nature crafts, look for nighttime creatures, make gingerbread houses and gingerbread people, and participate in holiday activities. Registration is limited, sign up early.

Registration is limited and required for all programs. Please call 410-887-4156 or email [releepark-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:releepark-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov) to register.



## A Ranger's View of His Park

The following photos were submitted by Bart Viguers, a ranger at Robert E. Lee Park.

### Send us your photos.

Do you have photos you'd like to share of sporting events, travel or other subjects? Send them to us!

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The top photo and the photo on the left show a sunset on the pavilion at the park. The one on the left also shows a man fishing. On the right is Lake Roland.



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At center, a spider web with the dam of Lake Roland in the background. Top right, trees changing color through the season. Bottom right, a red-shouldered hawk perched on a branch. Bottom left, a squirrel grabbing a bite. Top left, a deer staring through the trees.

