



# BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS

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# 2015 SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

<b>Project Clean Stream</b> Saturday, April 11th, 9:00am - 12:00pm Ages 12 and up, free!	Join the Habitat and Trail Team to beautify Lake Roland. Bring your boat, or help clean up the shore on foot. All boaters must wear a life jacket. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
<b>Weekend Bird Walks</b> Sunday, April 12th, Saturday, May 2nd, & Sunday, May 31st, 8:00 - 10:30 am	Catch the beginning of spring migration! Waterbirds, hawks, and songbirds are heading our way. All skill levels welcome. Binoculars helpful. Cancelled in conditions of snow, rain, or ice.
<b>Kite Flying Fun</b> Saturday, April 18th, 2:00 - 4:00pm Ages 6 & up, \$5 per person (\$3 members)	Celebrate National Kite Month with us by learning about the ancient art of kite making, and create your own homemade kite to fly at the park! Participants are also invited to bring their own kites from home.
<b>Earth Day Celebration &amp; Cleanup</b> Saturday, April 25th, 10:00 - 12:00pm All ages, Free!	Celebrate Earth Day by restoring the park! Join a team of rangers and volunteers to remove invasive plants, pick up trash, work on trails, and plant some native plants.
<b>Spring Wildflower Walk</b> Sunday, April 26th, 10:00am - 12:00pm Ages 8 and up, free!	Our trails are home to many species of beautiful Maryland plants. Starting at the rangers station, we'll hike to find a variety of flowers and shrubs.
<b>Native Plant Sale</b> Saturday, May 2nd, 9:00am - 3:30pm Rain Date: Sunday, May 3rd	Support your backyard ecosystem with a fundraiser for Guilford Garden Club and Robert E. Lee Park Nature Council! Growing native plants encourages beneficial insects, birds, and other wildlife in your community.
<b>Something to Croak About</b> Saturday, May 2nd, 7:00 - 9:00pm or Sunday, May 3rd, 2:00 - 4:00pm Ages 5 and up, \$3 per person (\$2 members)	Frogs will be singing and tadpoles will be swimming in the park's lake and streams. Hike the trails to the vernal pools to look for our amphibian friends.  NOTE: Saturday's hike is a night hike, so bring your flashlights!

### Screen-Free Week

Kids of all ages,  
\$2 per program



This week children, families, and communities around the world tune in to the great outdoors!

Unplug from digital entertainment and spend your free time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, connecting with family and friends, and joining in on activities in the park!


**Daytime Campfire:** Monday, May 4th, 4:30 - 6:00pm. Hear stories, eat s'mores!

**Fishing:** Wednesday, May 6th, 4:30 - 6:00pm. We'll provide the cane poles and bait!

**Crafts & Games:** Friday, May 8th, 4:30 - 6:00pm. Have fun using things found in nature!

<b>Nature Princesses</b> Mondays beginning May 4th, 4:30 - 5:30pm Ages 4 - 8, \$25 for all six sessions (\$20 members)	Each week, we'll be inspired by the adventures of famous fairytale heroines to find our own adventure in the park. Come explore with a ranger to discover streams, catch butterflies, identify flowers, and enjoy crafts, face painting, and more. Kids are welcome to dress up as their favorite character too!
<b>Nature Scouts</b> Tuesdays beginning May 5th, 4:30 - 5:30pm Or Thursdays beginning May 7th, 4:30 - 5:30pm Ages 6 - 12, \$25 for all six sessions (\$20 members)	Rangers will teach children important outdoor know-how! Anything from basic environmental survival skills to creating fun projects out of objects found in nature.
<b>Project Wet</b> Saturday, May 9th, 9:30 - 4:00pm Adults only, \$5 per person	Project Wet is an interdisciplinary water education program that provides K-12 teachers and others with hands-on activities. Participants will receive a Project Wet curriculum book upon completion of the class.

<p><b><u>Campfire Games</u></b>  Sunday, May 10th, 7:30 - 9:00pm  All ages, \$3 per person (\$2 members)</p>	<p>Hike with us to our campfire ring to play outdoor games, sing campfire songs, and eat s'mores! Kosher s'mores available upon request.</p>
<p><b><u>Spring Camp Out</u></b>  Friday, May 15th to Saturday, May 16th  (Rain Date: May 16th - 17th) 6:00pm - 9:00am  Ages 5 &amp; up, \$5 per person (\$3 members)</p>	<p>Enjoy the spring weather with an overnight in the park! We will go on a ranger-led night hike, make s'mores around the campfire and enjoy breakfast in the morning. Bring your own tent or if you don't have one reserve one by calling our office at (410) 887-4156.</p>
<p><b><u>Growing Up Wild Training</u></b>  Saturday, May 30th, 1:00 - 4:00pm  Adults only, \$5 per person</p>	<p>Growing up WILD is an early childhood education program for ages 3 - 7 that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Participants will receive the Growing Up WILD Curriculum Book.</p>
<p><b><u>Canoe Lake Roland</u></b>  Saturday, May 30th, 2:00 - 4:00pm  Ages 8 &amp; up, \$10 per person (\$8 members)</p>	<p>Join a ranger-led canoe trip around Lake Roland while enjoying the scenery at Robert E. Lee Park. A limited number of canoes will be available.</p>
<p><b><u>Fishing Derby</u></b>  Saturday, June 13th, 9:30 - 11:30am  Ages 5 &amp; up, \$5 per person</p>	<p>Learn the fishing basics from rangers, and compete for prizes. Other activities will include games, crafts, and making your own fishing pole.</p>
<p><b><u>Flat-water Paddling Basics for Canoe</u></b>  Sunday, June 14th, 2:00 - 5:00pm  Ages 10 &amp; up, \$10 per person (\$8 members)</p>	<p>Learn flat-water paddling techniques, self-rescue, safety, and gear selection. This is an American Canoe Association certified instructional program. No flip-flop shoes, please. A limited number of canoes will be available.</p>
<p><b><u>Serpentine Hike</u></b>  Saturday, June 20th, 2:00 - 4:00pm  Ages 8 &amp; up, free</p>	<p>Robert E. Lee Park is part of a narrow band of serpentine lands that once stretched from Alabama to Canada. Join rangers on a hike through the rare plant life and green and brown rocks of this globally rare habitat.</p>
<p><b><u>Great American Campout</u></b>  Friday, June 26th, 7:00pm - 9:00am, Saturday, June 27th  All ages, \$5 per person (\$3 members)</p>	<p>This weekend, join thousands of people across the nation for The Great American Campout! Rangers will lead the group on a night hike and end the evening with a campfire. Bring dinner on Friday, or cook food over the fire. Saturday, breakfast will be provided. Bring your own tent, or if your new to camping or do not have one call (410) 887-4156 to rent one.</p>
<p><b><u>Introduction To Plein Air Drawing For Adults</u></b>  Saturdays, July 11th - August 1st,  10:00am – 12:00pm  \$25 for 4 week session (\$20 members)  Adults only</p>	<p>Come develop your artistic talents by using the beautiful surroundings of Robert E. Lee Park. All levels welcome from novices to advanced! Great for those who love nature and are interested in drawing it in charcoal!</p> <p>Class size limited to 10 students.  No single classes available.</p>

 <p><b><u>Nature Quest Hike</u></b>  Saturday, July 11th,  or Sunday, July 12th, 2:00 - 4:00pm  Ages 5 &amp; up, free!</p>	<p>Join a ranger-led hike to find one of the Nature Quest markers at Robert E. Lee Park and learn all about this fun, free activity that is taking place in Baltimore County parks.</p>
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<p><b><u>Butterfly Celebration</u></b>  Saturday, July 18th, 2:00 - 4:00pm  Ages 5 &amp; up, \$5 per person (\$3 members)</p>	<p>Celebrate these beautiful "flying flowers" with face fainting, insect hunts, crafts and more. Join a citizens science effort to identify and inventory butterfly and moth species. Enjoy learning about the Checkerspot Butterfly and our efforts to reintroduce it.</p>
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 <p><b><u>Nature Quest Canoe Trip</u></b>  Saturday, July 25th, 1:00 - 3:00pm  Ages 6 and up, \$10 per person (\$8 members)</p>	<p>Rangers and participants will search for the Nature Quest marker while also enjoying time on the lake looking for wildlife such as turtles, beavers, eagles, and many others. A limited number of canoes will be available.</p>
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<p><b><u>Nature Sculpture for Kids</u></b>  Saturday, July 25th, 2:00pm - 4:00pm  Ages 6 - 10 , \$3 per person (\$2 members)</p>	<p>How does an artist move from idea to a finished work of art? We'll take a hike in the woods and learn about materials and techniques used by the artists in the "Art on the Trail" collection, and we'll investigate our own artistic processes through hands on building of sculptures inspired by nature. Discover your own creative process as you unfold your ideas. Art work from this program will be on exhibit the following day at the "Art on the Trail" opening reception.</p>
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## Honeygo Regional Park

### Nature Quest Hike

Sunday, August 2nd, 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Ages 5 & up, free!

Join a ranger-led hike to find one of the Nature Quest markers at Honeygo Regional Park and learn about this fun, free activity that is taking place in several parks in Baltimore County. Participants will meet at the Honeygo playground to begin this hike.

#### Mud Day

Saturday, August 8th, 2:00 - 4:00pm  
All ages, \$5 per person (\$3 members)

Discover the lost art of mud pie making while getting down and dirty with mud painting, mud sculpture, mud games, muddy obstacle course, and more! Then clean off by running through the sprinklers, or get hosed off by the fire department! Wear clothes that can get wet/dirty!

#### Bark with a Park Ranger

Saturday, August 15th, 7:30 - 9:30pm  
Ages 12 and up, \$3 per person  
(\$2 members)



This program has gone to the dogs! Well-behaved dogs on leashes and their owners can join rangers on a night hike through Robert E. Lee Park. All children must be accompanied by an adult. One dog per adult.

#### Cricket Crawl Campfire

Friday, August 21st, 7:30 - 9:30pm  
Ages 5 and up, \$3 per person

Join rangers for a night hike and a sound census of the late summer crickets and katydids. Learn to identify different species of crickets and katydids by their calls, and catch a glimpse of moths and other nocturnal animals. After listening to the evening chorus, we'll gather at the campfire and enjoy s'mores.

#### Fairies & Dragons

Saturday, August 29th, 2:00 - 4:00pm  
Ages 5 and up, \$5 per person  
(\$3 members)

Come learn about the mysterious forest-dwellers of myth and legend. Then search the park for signs of dragons and the fair folk, and use natural materials in the woods to create a fairy house or dragon's lair to take home.

#### Choo Choo! Tracks & Trains

Saturday, September 5th or Sunday, September 6th, 2:00 - 4:00pm  
Ages 4 - 10, \$5 per person  
(\$3 members)

All Aboard for an adventure! Explore the old, hidden tracks of trains from the past in Robert E. Lee Park. Children can enjoy games, learn all about trains from the parks past, and make their own wooden train to ride the rails at Robert E. Lee Park!

#### The Battle of Baltimore: The Home Front

Saturday, September 12th, Drop In from 10:00am - 2:00pm  
All ages, free!

Enlist to help the home front during the Battle of Baltimore! Learn about what life was like in Baltimore during that time, Robert E. Lee Park's role in the battle, the historic weaponry, and the black powder for the defenses on the front line.

Black powder demonstrations every hour starting at 10:30 am.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

#### Friday Strolls

Every Friday, 9:00 - 10:00am  
Adults only, free!

Join us for some exercise while enjoying the sights and sounds of Robert E. Lee Park. The terrain is varied, but mostly flat with some hills. Hiking boots are recommended. Please bring water with you.

#### Habitat Trail Team

2nd Saturday of every month, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Ages 12 and up, free

Join a ranger and the Habitat & Trail Team to help maintain the beauty of Robert E. Lee Park. We have some of the best trails in Baltimore, so come get your hands dirty! Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring water.

#### Tuesday Bird Walks

Tuesdays starting April 7th, 8:00 - 10:00am  
All ages, Free!

Baltimore Bird Club's weekly walks will follow the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders are welcome! We will meet at 8am at the light rail boardwalk entrance. See [baltimorebirdclub.org](http://baltimorebirdclub.org) for more information. Cancelled in conditions of snow, rain, or ice.

#### Art on the Trail

New installations beginning July  
All ages, free!

On the Red Trail just beyond the Light Rail Tracks, hikers can view sculptures created by local artists. These sculptures combine art and nature in the captivating scenery of Robert E. Lee park. For more information, visit [www.relpnc.org.art-trail](http://www.relpnc.org.art-trail).

#### Story Walks

All ages, free!

Children and their families can meet at the Acorn Hill play area, then enjoy reading a story as they walk along the paved loop. Look for new stories to be posted throughout the year.



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# NATURE QUEST

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- ◆ Have an adventure in your own backyard with Baltimore County Nature Quest. Pick up your Nature Quest Passport booklet at participating parks, online at [relpnc.org/nature-quest](http://relpnc.org/nature-quest), or at your local Wegmans grocery store. Passport will direct participants to hiking, biking, and canoeing opportunities at the County's nature sites, where questers can record their visit in the Passport.
- ◆ Complete just 5 trails to earn prizes.
- ◆ See park website at [www.RELPNC.org](http://www.RELPNC.org) or Nature Quest passport for more information.



## NATURE DROP-IN AT ACORN HILL



Ages 5 and up  
(accompanied by  
an adult),  
FREE

Saturdays,  
June 6th through October 10th.  
9:30 - 11:30am

*\*Registration not required\**

Each Saturday we will  
have nature crafts, live  
animals, water fun,  
bamboo teepees, or  
other fun activities in

### Program Registration Form

- 1.) Call (410) 887-4156 or email [relepark-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:relepark-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov) to make a reservation.
- 2.) Send payment (payable to RELPNC) & registration form within 7 days to complete your registration.
- 3.) If you are unable to attend, please call or email to cancel your reservation to allow others to participate.

After making a reservation, please mail payment and completed form to: **Robert E. Lee Park, Program Registration: 1000 Lakeside Drive, Baltimore MD, 21210.**

Participants Name	Age	Program & Date	Phone Number	Email	Price
					Total:

**Advanced registration is required for all programs.  
Programs begin promptly at start time.**

- All payments are donations and are not refundable unless RELP cancels the program.
- Organizations and large groups must schedule programs separately from the programs (for families) listed in the publication.
- Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, RELP, its staff, and volunteers are not liable for loss, theft, or damage to personal property.

**Rain/Inclement Weather Policy:**

- All events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.
- Program Leaders determine cancellations on the day of the program.

*We reserve the right to deny any visitor the privilege to participate based on behavior that could jeopardize the safety of that individual or the group.*

Should you require special accommodations (i.e. language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the Therapeutic Office at (410) 887-5370/TDD: (410) 877-5319.

# Robert E. Lee Park Summer Camp 2015



Registration begins on **April 15th!** (April 1st for members)  
Visit <http://relpnc.org/membership-application> for a membership application.



## SUMMER NATURE CAMP

### AGES 6 - 8

- July 13 - 17
- July 27 - 31
- August 17 - 21

9:00am - 1:00pm,  
\$100 per person (\$90 members)

Campers will play games, take hikes, make crafts, meet live animals, investigate streams and experience nature together.

Very limited enrollment.

## SUMMER NATURE CAMP

### AGES 7 - 10

- July 20 - 24
- August 10 - 14

9:00am - 1:00pm,  
\$100 per person (\$90 members)

Campers will play games, take hikes, make crafts, meet live animals, investigate streams and experience nature together.

Very limited enrollment.

## SUMMER NATURE CAMP

### AGES 8 - 12

- August 3 - 7

9:00am - 1:00pm,  
\$100 per person  
(\$90 members)

Older Campers will learn outdoors skills, create projects, and practice stewardship of nature, all while having fun in the park.

Very limited enrollment.

## COUNSELOR

### -IN- TRAINING CAMP

Ages 12 - 17, \$100 per person (\$90 members)  
**July 6 - 10, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

Teens will have outdoor adventures hiking, canoeing, crafting and learning the skills important to leading an outdoor summer camp. Campers who complete CIT Camp training will have the opportunity to volunteer as Junior Counselors and help lead other weeks of camp!

## DROP-OFF MINI CAMP

Ages 4 - 5, \$100 per person (\$90 members)  
**June 29 - July 2, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

Young campers will spend the morning having fun outside together, playing, learning, and creating.

Very limited enrollment.