



Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule

February

Date and Time	Event	Location
2/9 Sat, 8:00 P.M.	Hike with a Ranger	Visitor Center
2/16 Sat, 10:00 A.M.	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
2/20 Wed, 10:00 A.M.	Wee Ones Walk – Walk on the Wild Side	Conference Center
2/20 Wed, 1:00 P.M.	Bird Walk	Visitor Center
2/22 Fri, 9:30 A.M.	Home School Field Day – Discovery Hike	Conference Center
2/23 Sat, 10:00 A.M.	Family Fun Day – This Buds For You	Dry Brooks Day Use Area

March

Date and Time	Event	Location
3/8 Fri 6:00 P.M.	American Woodcock Program	Conference Center
3/9 Sat 8:00 A.M.	Hike with a Ranger	Visitor Center
3/14 Thu 10:00 A.M.	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
3/20 Wed 10:00 A.M.	Wee Ones Olympics	Hillside Pavilion, Dry Brooks Day Use Area
3/20 Wed 1:00 P.M.	Bird Walk	Visitor Center
3/21 Thu 1:00 P.M.	Wagging Tails on the Trail	Visitor Center
3/23 Sat 10:00 A.M.	Family Fun Days – Discovery Hike	Squirrel Run Nature Trail, State Hill Boat Launch

April

Date and Time	Event	Location
4/6 Sat 8:00 A.M.	Hike with a Ranger – Tulpehocken Creek Valley Geo Trail	Visitor Center
4/12 Fri 9:30 A.M.	Wildflower Walk	Stilling Basin
4/17 Wed 10:00 A.M.	Wee Ones Spring Colors Scavenger Hunt	Lakeview Pavilion, Dry Brooks Day Use Area
4/20 Sat 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Take Bride in Blue Marsh Volunteer Clean-up Day***	Dry Brooks Day Use Area
4/25 Thu 6:00 P.M.	Paddle Blue Marsh Clean-up Cruise	Church Road Access

*** Pre-registration required

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Bird Walks: Join birding expert and naturalist Joan Silagy as she guides you along trails and roadways in search of a variety of birds. Walking should be easy with few hills. Bring along your binoculars.

Control Tower Tour: Participants get a “behind-the-scenes” look at how the dam functions. Not only will you be on the dam, but you will be going inside the control tower. Be prepared to go down and up numerous steps. For those of you who cannot handle the steps you can go as far as the control room (about 10 steps).

Family Fun Days, This Bud’s For You, February 23: Come out and enjoy a winter morning while learning to identify trees by their buds, bark and branching. We’ll learn some interesting and fun facts about the trees we will be identifying.

Family Fun Day, Discovery Hike, March 23: This discovery hike will be filled with fun and adventure, as we will be following a trail of wildlife signs. What kind of signs does wildlife leave behind as they venture out in search of food? Join us and you will find out!

Hike with a Ranger: Join the ranger staff on a monthly hike along the trail system at Blue Marsh Lake. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water to drink. Length of hikes vary from 3 – 5 miles.

Home School Field Day Discovery Hike: We do not want to overlook the children who are home-schooled! Participants will become nature detectives, as we head out on a short hike in search of signs that tell us an animal has recently visited the area. Their signs come in many shapes, sizes and colors. Students will also have the chance to make some tracks of their own. We will be both indoors and outdoors, so dress for the weather.

Paddle Blue Marsh Clean-up Cruise: Kayak expert, Volunteer “Doc” Schoch will lead this paddling expedition on Blue Marsh Lake. Doc is a wealth of information when it comes to anything outdoors, so prepare to learn some interesting facts about the area. While paddling, you will also be picking up trash at areas that are hard to reach by foot, so you also have the opportunity to learn to be great stewards of your public land. Participants must provide their own equipment, and are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket.

Take Pride in Blue Marsh: Become stewards of our public lands by volunteering for one of the numerous work projects occurring at this spring clean-up day. Groups and individuals are welcome. Call for more information.

Wagging Tails on the Trails: Bring your dog with you for a walk along the Blue Marsh Lake trails. You can socialize with other dog lovers, and learn interesting facts about Blue Marsh. There will be opportunities for your dog to go for a swim! Don’t forget water for both of you, and dogs must be on a leash.

Wee Ones Walk on the Wild Side, February 20: We will start inside by talking about the kind of homes animals live in, whether in a forest or a field. Young adventurers will then get to pick out an animal puppet and take it with them on an outdoor journey as we investigate where each animal might live.

Wee Ones Olympics, March 20: Are you ready for some fun and excitement? Join us in playing a variety of games that will be both fun and educational. This interactive morning of games will teach the kids about Blue Marsh Lake, as well as the animals and plants that are found in the area. Parents, you might want to bring your cameras along for this session!

Wee Ones Spring Colors Scavenger Hunt, April 17: It is time to move outdoors and enjoy the spring season. Buds are popping out on the trees, and the wildflowers are starting to bloom. The warmer weather means there will be a lot more colors in the fields and forests surrounding Blue Marsh Lake. We will take a walk in the Dry Brooks Day Use Area, and discover how many different colors we can find. This session will end with our budding little artists showing off their artistic skills!

Wildflower Walk: Spring has sprung, and the wildflowers are blooming. We will start our walk at the Stilling Basin, and will follow the Multi-use hiking trail for about one mile. Our return trip will be along an awesome trail along the Tulpehocken Creek that is teeming with spring wildflowers, as well as a variety of birds. Bring along your camera and binoculars! The walk will be 1.5 miles in length, with few hills.