



Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule



April 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Saturday, April 15 th 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Thursday, April 20 th 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, April 29 th 10:00 am	Hike With a Volunteer	Church Road Access
Saturday, April 29 th 9:00 am	Take Pride in Blue Marsh	Day Use Area, Visitor Center
Saturday, April 29 th 12:00 pm-6:00 pm	Go Fly a Kite! Day	Youth Recreation Facility 1098 County Road

May 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Thursday, May 18 th 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, May 20 th 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, May 27 th 10:00 am	Hike With a Volunteer	Justa Road

June 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Saturday, June 10 th	Get Outdoors Day	Lakeview Pavilion
Thursday, June 15 th 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, June 17 th 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, 24 th 10:00 am	Hike With a Volunteer	State Hill Boat Launch

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Control Tower Tours: Thursdays, April 20, May 18, and June 15, 10am-12pm (Approx.). Visitor Center: Participants get a “behind-the-scenes” look at how the dam functions. Not only will you be out on the dam, but you will also 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 20 steps).

Volunteer Work Days: Saturdays, April 15, May 20, June 17, 9am-1pm (Approx.) Visitor Center: Join other volunteers to help clean up Blue Marsh Lake and complete volunteer projects. Trash bags, gloves, and tools will be provided. You will meet at the Visitor Center and then be directed to your project or area of clean up. Pre-register by calling 610-376-6337 or by e-mail at BlueMarsh@usace.army.mil

Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, April 29, 10am-12pm (Approx.), Church Road Access: Spring has sprung! Step outdoors and join us for a hike along the Multi-use Trail and Skinner’s Loops. With volunteer Ron Waszk. As we hike we will get some exercise while enjoying the scenery along the way. The approximate distance of the hike will be three miles. We will meet in the Church Road Access Area and car pool to the Lake Road Parking Area.

Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, May 27, 10am-12pm (Approx.), Justa Road Access: Join volunteer, Ron Waszk for a 3 mile hike that will follow old paved roadways through Pennsylvania State Game Lands and Blue Marsh property. There is a great variety of habitat in this area that should result in some great bird and wildlife sightings! Don’t forget your binoculars.

Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, June 24, 10am-12pm (Approx.), State Hill Boat Launch: Hikers will meet at State Hill Boat Launch and hike Squirrel Run Nature Trail and beyond with volunteer, Ron Waszk. The hike is a moderate hike and will last approximately 2 hours. Ron will share his knowledge of Blue Marsh Lake with you by pointing out outstanding features along the way.

Take Pride in Blue Marsh: Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am, Visitor Center and Dry Brooks Day Use Area: Calling all volunteers to help spruce up Blue Marsh Lake for the busy season that lies ahead. Projects will most likely include litter pick-up, planting seedlings, trail work, sensory garden work, planting flowers in the various garden plots and mulching. Volunteer organizations and groups, as well as concerned citizens, are welcome. Please pre-register by calling 610-376-6337 or by e-mail at BlueMarsh@usace.army.mil.

Kite Day: Saturday, April 29, 12pm-6pm, Berks County Youth Recreation Facility, 1098 County Rd: Every April, the Y celebrates **Healthy Kids Day**, our national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids. April is also National Kite Month, when the Berks County Parks and Recreation Department hosts "**Go Fly a Kite! Day**". The YMCA of Reading & Berks County and the County of Berks have joined forces to create one fantastic event combining healthy activities & information for kids and their families with kite-flying fun!

Blue Marsh Lake’s Get Outdoors Day: Saturday, June 10, 10am-3 pm, come join us at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Lakeview pavilion area for some fun outdoor activities. Enjoy a kid’s fun run with the Pagoda Pacers, fish the catfish pond, learn about native plants and pollinators at the sensory garden; hone your geocaching and orienteering skills, learn about camping, paddling, and boating. Do a control tower tour, see search and rescue demos, see and get information on water safety and much more! For information or for questions, call 610-376-6337 or e-mail BlueMarsh@usace.army.mil.