



# Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule



## July 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> 9:30AM	Bike with the Rangers	Visitor Center
Saturday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-4:00pm	Paddling Skills Workshop	Stilling Basin
Thursday, July 20 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 5:00pm-8:00pm	Paddleboarding For Beginners	Church Road Access
Saturday, July 29 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Guided Trail Hike	Church Road Access

## August 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Thursday, August 10 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, August 12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12:30pm	Bike with the Rangers	Visitor Center
Sunday, August 13 <sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-5:00pm	Blue Marsh Lake Paddle	Peacock Road Access
Saturday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, August 26 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Guided Trail Hike	Justa Road

## September 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm	Full Moon Float	Church Road Access
Saturday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12:30pm	Bike with the Rangers	Visitor Center
Thursday, September 14 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am	Guided Trail Hike	State Hill Boat Launch



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

**Bike with the Rangers:** Saturdays, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-12:30pm (Approx.). Riders will meet at the Visitor Center and ride State Hill Boat Launch. Rangers will lead the group across the dam and discuss the purposes of Blue Marsh Lake, and give a brief overview of how the dam functions. Other topics of discussion can include the Corps' Environmental Stewardship mission, as well as the various recreation opportunities available at Blue Marsh.

**Paddling Skills Workshop with Keystone Canoe Club:** Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-4pm, Stilling Basin. Are you ready to try something new, or to hone your paddling skills in a kayak or canoe? Join members of the Keystone Canoe Club of Berks County for an informative land and flat water session trying out different styles of boats. This is your chance to learn some of the basics: paddle strokes, getting in and out safely, boat control, clothing and gear, etc. Co-sponsored with Spring Township Parks & Recreation. Ages: 10 to adult. Children ages 10-12 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Workshop limited to 25 participants. Pre-registration with payment required to 610-374-2944 ext. 2611 by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Paddleboarding For Beginners:** Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5pm-8pm, Church Road Access. If you haven't tried the newest watersport "Paddleboarding", then come out to Blue Marsh Lake for a demo. Trained professionals from **3-D Outdoor Rentals** will teach you the basics such as how to maintain your balance while standing on the board and how to properly and efficiently use the paddles. No experience required; **spaces limited to first time participants only**. A safe and fun workshop for the whole family! Co-sponsored with Spring Township Parks & Recreation. Program is split into four sessions: 5:00, 5:45, 6:30 or 7:15 pm. Registration required by July 17<sup>th</sup>; call 610-374-2944 ext. 2611.

**Control Tower Tours:** Thursdays, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, July 15, August 19, September 16, 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](mailto:BlueMarsh@usace.army.mil)

**Guided Trail Hike:** Saturday, July 29, 9am-11pm (Approx.), Church Road Access: Step outdoors and join us for a hike along the Multi-use Trail and Skinner's Loops led by 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.

**Guided Trail Hike:** Saturday, August 26, 9am-11am (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.

**Guided Trail Hike:** Saturday, September 30, 9am-11am (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.