



Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule



October 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Sunday, Oct. 1 10:00 am to 4:30 pm	Berks County Heritage Festival	Heritage Center & Gruber Wagon Works
Saturday, Oct. 14 9:00 am	Geo Cache, Hike with a Volunteer	Visitor Center
Saturday, Oct. 21 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Thursday, Oct. 26 10:00 am	Tower Tour	Visitor Center

November 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Thursday Nov. 16 10:00 am	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Nov. 18 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, Nov. 25 10:00 am	Hike with a Volunteer	Justa Road Access

December 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Thursday, Dec 14 10:00 am	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Dec. 16 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, Dec. 30 10:00 am	Hike with a Volunteer	Church Road Access

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Control Tower Tours: Thursdays, October 26, November 16, and December 14, 10:00 A.M., 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).

Hawk Watch: Wednesday, October 12, 1:00 pm, State Hill Boat Launch Vista: Join birding expert and naturalist Joan Silagy as she teaches you about hawks and birds of prey. The view from the State Hill Boat Launch is very pretty. Bring along your binoculars.

Geo Cache, Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, October 14, 3:00 pm, Visitor Center: Learn about Geocaching while hiking with volunteer, Ron Waszk. The fall season is a great time to hike. There are cooler temperatures, beautiful foliage, and fewer bugs! Our trek will take us over across the top of the dam along the trail to the Spillway. We will then follow the trail to a portion of Water Road and follow the Tulpehocken Creek back to the Stilling Basin. The hike distance will be approximately three miles.

Volunteer Work Days: Saturdays, October 21, November 18, and December 16, 9:00 am, 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 emailing David.W.Bible@usace.army.mil.

Bird Walks: Wednesdays, November 9 and December 7, 1:00 pm Visitor Center: Join birding expert and naturalist Joan Silagy as she guides you along trails and roadways in search of a variety of birds. You will be walking on easy terrain with few hills. Bring along your binoculars.

Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, November 25, 10:00 am, Justa Road Access: Work off that Turkey Day dinner with the family and join volunteer, Ron Waszk for a guided 3 mile hike through the old paved roadways of the Pennsylvania State Gamelands and Blue Marsh property! There is a great variety of habitats in this area that should result in some great bird and wildlife sightings! Don't forget your binoculars.

Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, December 30, 10:00 am, Church Road Access: Are you starting to get cabin fever? Step outdoors and join us for a hike along the Multi-use Trail and Skinner's Loops. 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.