



April 2019

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Saturday, Apr. 13 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Old Roads and Main Trail	Justa Road Access Area
Saturday, Apr. 20 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Apr. 27 9:00 AM	Take Pride In Blue Marsh	Visitor Center

May 2019

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Thursday, May 16 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, May 18 10:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, May 25 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Skinner's Loop	Church Road Access Area
Wednesday, May 29 7:30 PM	Bat Count	Visitor Center

June 2019

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Saturday, Jun. 15 10:00 AM	Get Outdoor's Day	Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Parking Lot D
Monday, Jun. 17 8:00 PM	Owl Hike	Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Hillside Pavilion
Saturday, Jun. 22 9:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Wednesday, Jun. 26 7:30 PM	Bat Count	Visitor Center
Saturday, Jun. 29 10:00 AM	Ranger Guided Hike	Visitor Center



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Take Pride In Blue Marsh: Saturday, April 27 @ 9:00 AM, meet at the Visitor Center

Join us for the 38th Annual Take Pride In Blue Marsh volunteer work event. Friends, family and organizations are invited to join the Blue Marsh Staff for a day in the great outdoors. Projects for the day include litter pickup, seedling planting, trail work, wildlife habitat improvement, table repairs, landscaping, and more.

Litter pick up and individuals who would like to plant tree seedlings should meet at the Visitor Center at 9:00 AM. For additional information on getting involved on a work project, please contact Rangers Nathan Freiwald at 267-284-6546 or Brianna Treichler at 267-284-6551.

Get Outdoors Day: Saturday, June 15 @ 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Dry Brooks Day Use Area Parking Lot D

Come join us to celebrate the annual National Get Outdoors Day! We will have a variety of displays and activities to help you learn about the different ways you can recreate outdoors. Participate in a variety of activities, demos, and presentations. For questions call 610-376-6337 or visit www.nap.usace.army.mil/bluemarsh.

Control Tower Tours: Saturdays, April 20 and June 15 (GO Day), Thursday, May 16 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

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 27, May 18, and June 22 @ 9:00 AM, meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

Join other volunteers to help clean up Blue Marsh Lake and complete volunteer projects! Tools, gloves, trash bags will be provided. You will meet at the Visitor Center and then be directed to your project or area of clean up. Pre-registration is preferred but not required by calling 267-284-6551 or by emailing

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Bat Counts: Wednesdays, May 29 and June 26 @ 7:30 PM, meet at the Visitor Center.

Join us at dusk to count bats that roost in our barns and nesting structures for the annual Pennsylvania Bat Count. Data gathered helps document and track bat populations across the state. For more information or pre-registration contact Ranger Jonah Eckert at 267-284-6554.

Owl Hike: Monday, June 17 @ 8:00 PM, meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area - Hillside Pavilion

Come join the Rangers for a guided night hike while searching for some of our nocturnal residents. Learn about how the Blue Marsh Lake staff help provide owls with habitat through land management practices. Please bring a small flashlight, we will hand out red covers to protect the owls' and our night vision. The hike will be easy to moderate and approximately 1 mile. Pre-registration is REQUIRED and limited to 30 group participants by contacting Ranger Scott Graham at 267-284-6550.

Old Roads and Main Trail Guided Hike: Saturday, April 13 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Justa Road Access Area

Break out of the house and embrace the spring weather by joining us for a guided hike along the old paved roadways throughout 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. The hike path is group's choice between different loop variations in the area. Opt for an easy to moderate hike of just over 3.75 mile hike, or a more challenging 5 mile hike!

Skinner's Loop Guided Hike: Saturday, May 25 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Church Road Access Area.

Join us on a guided hike through Skinner's Loop to experience scenic landscape views with great wildlife and bird watching opportunities. The hike distance will be easy to moderate and approximately 2.5 miles. You will meet at the Church Road Access Area and carpool over to the Lake Road Access for the hike.

Ranger Guided Hike: Saturday, June 29 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Visitor Center.

Come join the Rangers on a scenic and fact filled guided hike! Trek across the dam, through the Spillway and back up along the Tulpehocken Creek to the Stilling Basin while learning some history about the lake and why certain structures exist. The hike distance will be easy to moderate and approximately 3.5 miles.