



Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule



January 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Sunday, January 1 10:00 am	First Day Hike	State Hill Boat Launch
Saturday, Jan 7 1:00 pm	Winter Get Outdoors Day	Conference Center
Saturday, Jan. 21 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Thursday, Jan. 26 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Jan. 28 10:00 am	Hike with a Volunteer	Old Church Road
Saturday, Jan. 28 1:00 pm	Beginner Snowshoe & Cross Country Ski	Berks County Heritage Center Pre-register at 610-374-2944

February 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Saturday, Feb. 18 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Thursday Feb. 23 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Feb. 25 10:00 am	Hike With a Volunteer	Justa Road

March 2017

Date and Time	Event	Location
Saturday, March 18 9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Thursday, March 23 10:00 am	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, March 25 10:00 am	Hike With a Volunteer	State Hill Boat Launch

April 2017

Saturday, April 29 9:00 am	Take Pride in Blue Marsh	Visitor Center and Lakeview Pavilion Pre-register at 610-376-6337
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

First Day Fun Hike: Saturday, January 1, 10:00 am State Hill Boat Launch: Get your New Year off to a good and healthy start with a late morning hike at Blue Marsh Lake. We will enjoy the first day of the New Year by completing a two hour hike either with boots, snowshoes or skis exploring one of the many trails at Blue Marsh Lake. This cooperative program between USACE staff at Blue Marsh and Berks County Parks and Recreation Department will provide a fun outdoor experience for people of all ages. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and keep in mind that in the event of extreme weather conditions, this event may be rescheduled or canceled. Call 610-374-2944 for more information.

Blue Marsh Winter Get Outdoors Day: Saturday, January 7 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Conference Center: Let's move and get outdoors by joining us for a great day of winter fun. Learn about recreational opportunities in Berks County and surrounding areas. Try out some winter activities such as snowshoeing and cross country skiing. You can also learn about how animals adapt and survive for the winter. This cooperative program between USACE staff at Blue Marsh and Berks County Parks and Recreation Department will provide a fun outdoor experience for people of all ages. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and keep in mind that in the event of extreme weather conditions, this event may be rescheduled or canceled. Call 610-374-2944 for more information.

Volunteer Work Days: Saturdays, January 21, February 18, and March 18, 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 Hallie.e.groff@usace.army.mil.

Control Tower Tours: Thursdays, January 26, February 23, and March 23, 10:00 am, 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).

Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, January 28, 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.

Hike with a Volunteer: Saturday, February 25, 10:00 am, Justa Road Access: Join volunteer, Ron Waszk for a 3 mile hike that will follow old paved roadways through 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, March 25, 10:00 am, 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 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.