



Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule

January 2020

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Wednesday, Jan. 01 10:00 AM	First Day Hike Skinner's Loop	Church Road Access Area
Saturday, Jan. 11 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Jan. 18 10:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day SLF Egg Mass Scrape	Conference Center
Saturday, Jan. 25 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Old Roads and Main Trail	Justa Road Access Area

February 2020

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Saturday, Feb. 08 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Feb. 15 10:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day SLF Egg Mass Scrape	Conference Center
Saturday, Feb. 22 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Foxtrot and Shoreline Exploration	Dry Brooks Boat Launch

March 2020

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Thursday, Mar. 12 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Mar. 21 9:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day 2 nd Annual Shoreline Clean Up	Dry Brooks Boat Launch
Saturday, Mar. 28 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Ranger Hike	Visitor Center



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Control Tower Tours: Saturdays, January 11 and February 08 and Thursday, March 12 @ 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, January 11 & February 15 @ 10:00AM, and March 14 @ 9:00 AM

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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Spotted Lanternfly Egg Scraping: Saturday, January 11 and February 15 @ 10:00 AM

Meet at the Conference Center

Come help Blue Marsh staff invasive species management initiatives by conducting Spotted Lanternfly egg scrapings before they hatch! Efforts during this event will help reduce this years Spotted Lanternfly numbers while providing data to managing agencies. A brief informational program on SLF egg mass identification and management practices will be held before we head out for the day’s activities.

Shoreline Cleanup: Saturday, March 21 @ 9:00 AM

Meet at Dry Brooks Boat Launch

Let’s keep our waterways clean! Come help us clean up along the shoreline before the summer season. The winter pool level allows us to access those hard to reach areas and items.

First Day Hike - Skinner’s Loop, Wednesday, January 01 @ 10:00 AM

Meet at the Church Road Access Area

Did you set some health goals for your New Year’s Resolution, or do you want to enjoy nature more? Start the New Year off right with a guided First Day Hike at Blue Marsh Lake. 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.

Old Roads and Main Trail Guided Hike: Saturday, January 25 @ 10:00 AM

Meet at the Justa Road Access Area

Break out of the house and embrace the winter 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!

Foxtrot and Shoreline Exploration Guided Hike: Saturday, February 22 @ 10:00 AM

Meet at the Dry Brooks Boat Launch

Get up and get out! The lake is still down and is perfect for exploration! Join us for a hike along the main trail and down to the lake edge to explore the area around the Dry Brooks Day Use Area. The hike will be an easy to moderate 2.5-3 miles.

Ranger Guided Hike: Saturday, March 28 @ 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.