



# Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule

## April 2018

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Sunday, Apr. 15 2:00 PM	Cold Water Safety Program	Conference Center
Thursday, Apr. 19 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Apr. 21 9:00 AM	Take Pride In Blue Marsh Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, Apr. 28 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Skinner's Loop	Church Road Access Area

## May 2018

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Saturday, May 12 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, May 19 9:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Sunday, May 20 1:00 PM	Tully Pedal & Paddle	Berks County Heritage Center
Saturday, May 26 10:00 AM	Ranger Guided Hike	Visitor Center
Sunday, May 27 1:00 PM	Dam Safety Program (Observance of National Dam Safety Day, May 31)	Conference Center

## June 2018

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Saturday, Jun. 02 10:00 AM	Trails Day	Stilling Basin Stone Lot
Saturday, Jun 09 10:00 AM	Get Outdoors Day	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Parking Lot D
Tuesday, Jun. 12 10:00 AM	Project Wild "Oh, Deer!"	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Vista Pavilion
Saturday, Jun. 16 9:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Thursday, Jun. 21 10:00 AM	Project Wet "The Incredible Journey"	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Vista Pavilion
Thursday, Jun. 21 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Tuesday, Jun. 26 10:00 AM	Project Wild "Checks and Balances"	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Vista Pavilion
Saturday, Jun. 30 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Geocache	Visitor Center



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

**Control Tower Tours:** Thursdays, April 19 and June 21, and Saturday May 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, April 21, May 19, and June 16 @ 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-register by calling 267-284-6551 or by emailing [Brianna.L.Treichler@usace.army.mil](mailto:Brianna.L.Treichler@usace.army.mil).

**Skinner’s Loop Guided Hike:** Saturday, April 28 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Church Road Access Area.

Spring has sprung! Join us on a guided hike through Skinner’s Loop to see how the landscape is coming back 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, May 26 @ 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.

**Geocache Guided Hike:** Saturday, June 30 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

Come learn about Geocaching while hiking! Your search will take you out across the dam along the trail to the Spillway and Tulpehocken Creek while discovering geocaches along the way. The hike distance will be easy to moderate and approximately 3.5 miles.

**Trails Day Event:** Saturday, June 02 @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Stilling Basin Stone Lot

Join the Berks County Parks and Recreation Department presenting guided hikes along the Union Canal Connector Trail, and around Blue Marsh Lake for National Trails Day. Bring binoculars to view wildlife. Trail maps for Berks County and nearby counties will be available.

**Get Outdoors Day Event:** Saturday, June 09 @ 10:00 AM, Dry Brooks Day Use Area in 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 610-374-2944 or visit [www.nap.usace.army.mil/bluemarsh](http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/bluemarsh).

**Cold Water Safety Program:** Sunday, April 15 @ 2:00 PM, meet in the Conference Center.

Do you know what happens to your body during cold water conditions? Join the Park Rangers for a fun and informative program about cold water safety! Learn how to be safe while recreating during cold water season and what to do if you find yourself accidentally in the water during it. All age groups are welcome!

**Dam Safety Program:** Sunday, May 27 @ 1:00 PM, meet at the Conference Center

Come join us to celebrate National Dam Safety Awareness Day (May 31) with a program that helps participants learn how a dam works and how they are vital infrastructure pieces to communities by being an “engineer” for the day. Great for children grade levels 5-8 but all are welcome! Pre-registration is preferred but not required by contacting Rangers Scott Graham, 267-284-6550 or Brianna Treichler, 267-284-6551.

**Project Wild Programs:** Join the Park Rangers for educational environmental programs regarding resource management practices that help children of all ages learn how to evaluate choices and make responsible decisions by using critical thinking skills. All ages are welcome to attend! Remember to wear proper footwear and clothing for outdoor and trail activities. Pre-registration is preferred but not required by contacting Rangers Scott Graham, 267-284-6550 or Brianna Treichler, 267-284-6551. This month’s programs are:

**Oh Deer!:** Tuesday June 12 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Vista Pavilion

Participants will get active while participating in an activity that helps them learn the essential components of habitat, and how they affect a habitat’s ability to support wildlife.

**Checks and Balances:** Tuesday June 26 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Vista Pavilion

Participants will learn about how the Blue Marsh Staff manages resources and how to identify factors that can affect wildlife populations by playing a game with the Rangers.

**Project Wet Programs:** Join the Park Rangers for educational environmental programs regarding water resources, their management, and why water is vital to us socially, economically, and environmentally while using critical thinking skills to identify and solve problems. All ages are welcome to attend! Remember to wear proper footwear and clothing for outdoor and trail activities. Pre-registration is preferred but not required by contacting Rangers Scott Graham, 267-284-6550 or Brianna Treichler, 267-284-6551. This month's programs are:

**The Incredible Journey:** Thursday, June 21 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Vista Pavilion  
Participants will learn about the journey water takes throughout the dynamic water cycle through an interactive mapping game.

**Tully Pedal and Paddle:** Sunday, May 20 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Berks County Heritage Center  
Join the Berks County Parks and Recreation Department presenting their pedal and paddle program along the Tulpehocken Creek. The trip is for people with some paddling experience, and is limited to 20 people. Pre-registration is required by May 14<sup>th</sup>, call 610-374-2944 or visit <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Parks> for more information.



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