



### July 2018

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Thursday, Jul. 05 10:00 AM	Project Wet "Water Quality? Ask the Bugs!"	Stilling Basin Lower Lot
Tuesday, Jul. 10 10:00 AM	Project Wild "Habitacks"	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Vista Pavilion
Saturday, Jul. 14 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Jul. 14 8:00 PM	Owl Hike	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Hillside Pavilion
Thursday, Jul. 19 10:00 AM	Project Wild "Bird Song Survey"	Visitor Center
Saturday, Jul. 21 9:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Tuesday, Jul. 24 10:00 AM	Project Wet "Water Quality? Ask the Bugs!"	Stilling Basin Lower Lot
Saturday, Jul. 28 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Old Roads and Main Trail	Justa Road Access Area

### August 2018

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Thursday, Aug. 02 10:00 AM	Project Wild "Litter We Know"	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Vista Pavilion
Tuesday, Aug. 07 10:00 AM	Project Wet "Storm Water"	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Vista Pavilion
Saturday, Aug. 11 8:00 PM	Owl Hike	Dry Brooks Day Use Area Hillside Pavilion
Thursday, Aug. 16 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Aug. 18 9:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, Aug. 25 10:00 AM	Guided Hike Multi-Use Trail Beauty Hike	Church Road Access Area

### September 2018

Date and Time	Event	Meeting Location
Saturday, Sept. 08 10:00 AM	Tower Tour	Visitor Center
Saturday, Sept. 15 9:00 AM	Volunteer Work Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, Sept. 29 9:00 AM	National Public Lands Day	Visitor Center
Saturday, Sept. 29 10:00 AM	Ranger Guided Hike	Visitor Center



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

**Control Tower Tours:** Thursday, August 16, and Saturdays July 14 and September 08 @ 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, July 21, August 18, and September 15 @ 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 610-376-6337 or by emailing Brianna.L.Treichler@usace.army.mil.

**Old Roads and Main Trail Guided Hike:** Saturday, July 28 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Justa Road Access Area.

Its peak summertime weather! Get out and enjoy it by joining volunteer, Ron Waszk for a guided hike through 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!

**Main Multi-Use Trail Beauty Hike:** Saturday, August 25 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Church Road Access Area.

Summer is coming to a close! Make the most of it by joining volunteer, Ron Waszk, to hike back around open fields perfect for wildlife and bird viewing on the horse bypass trail. Then loop along the main trail following the lake around inlets and streams that offer the view of a small waterfall. The hike will be an easy to moderate 3 miles.

**Ranger Guided Hike:** Saturday, September 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.

**Owl Hikes:** Saturdays, July 14 and August 11 @ 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 preferred but not required by contacting Rangers Scott Graham, 267-284-6550, or Brianna Treichler, 267-284-6551.

**National Public Lands Day:** Saturday, September 29 @ 9:00 AM, meet at the Visitor Center

Come join us to celebrate and connect to the federal public lands that Blue Marsh Lake provides! Friends, families, and organizations are invited to join the project staff for the day opting outside and giving back to our community resources by completing various volunteer projects around the lake. Projects include trash pickup, trail maintenance, nesting structure improvements, and more. Pre-registration is preferred but not required by contacting Rangers Nathan Freiwald, 267-284-6546, 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:

**“Habittracks”:** Tuesday, July 10 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area – Vista Pavilion

Participants will explore while searching for the basic needs of all animals: food, water, shelter, and space. They will use critical thinking and map skills to evaluate how different animals require these needs in a suitable arrangement for survival.

**“Bird Song Survey”:** Thursday, July 19 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Visitor Center

Participants will be investigating areas using bird counting techniques to conduct an inventory of bird populations within the park. They will use observational, math, and map skills to identify a variety of bird species that utilize the Blue Marsh Lake area as habitat.

**“Litter We Know”:** Thursday, August 02 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area – Vista Pavilion Participants will learn about the hazards of litter to wildlife and why it is important to keep our environment clean and free of trash. They will use observational and math skills to see what types of litter are most commonly found and rank how detrimental they are to the surrounding wildlife.

**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:

**“Water Quality? Ask the Bugs!”:** Thursday, July 05 & Tuesday, July 24 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Stilling Basin Participants will actively learn about aquatic macroinvertebrates and how they are an important tool in evaluating water quality by performing a bioassessment of the Tulpehocken Creek. \*Note: Participants may get wet and are recommended to bring a towel or change of clothing and shoes acceptable to walk in the creek.

**“Storm Water”:** Tuesday, August 07 @ 10:00 AM, meet at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area – Vista Pavilion Participants will learn how water travels throughout a community and how management practices, such as the dam, can reduce the impacts of storm water runoff. They will evaluate how different surfaces found within the landscape affects water movement during storm events and how we can solve the problems storm water can present.