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# BLUE MARSH LAKE'S GO DAY GAZETTE



**Saturday, June 15, 2019**  
10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Dry Brooks Day Use Area,  
Lakeview Pavilion  
1420 Palisades Drive  
Leesport, PA 19533

**Directions**  
From U.S. 222, take PA Route 183 North to Palisades Drive, turn left, and take the first right into the Dry Brooks Day Use Area

**For more information**  
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# Blue Marsh Lake's National Get Outdoors Day

## Welcome!



Get Outdoors Day at Blue Marsh Lake will be held on **Saturday, June 15, 2019**. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Berks County Parks and other partnering organizations will be offering a fun day of outdoor activities from **10:00 am – 3:30 pm**. There will be over fifty clubs and organizations on site celebrating Get Outdoors PA at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area.

This annual event encourages healthy outdoor recreation. The GO Day Committee and the Corps has joined Get Outdoors PA in encouraging people to get outdoors. The purpose of this event is to make people aware of the variety of outdoor recreation opportunities that are available not only at Blue Marsh, but throughout the region.

We will officially kick off the day at 10:00 a.m. at the Lakeview Pavilion; Parking Lot D. There will be displays, presentations, workshops, and events promoting a variety of outdoor activities on both land and water. Play the scavenger hunt, and be eligible for prize drawings that occur during the event. And yes, there will be a food vendor on location!

Try to win a prize for completing the GO Day Scavenger Hunt by joining in on many of the activities throughout the day. Drawings that will

occur throughout the event. Kids can join the Pagoda Pacers on a fun run, or go on a mountain bike ride with the Berks Area Mountain Bike Association. Tours of the Sensory Trail Garden will be offered by the Berks Master Gardeners, and Control Tower Tours will be given by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Delaware Valley Orienteering Association will be teaching beginner orienteering skills, and the B.E.S.T Geocachers will show you how to use GPS units to find a hidden treasure! And if you are a dog lover, the Berks County 4H Dog Training Club will be doing dog obedience demonstrations, and the Berks County Sheriffs K-9 unit will be showing off their skills as well. Other activities will include environmental education, water safety, nature scene investigation, fly fishing, and search and rescue demonstrations.

Head down to the Boat Beach for more exciting water based activities! The Antique Outboard Motor Club will be showing off some of their outboard engines. Try your hand at some paddling sports with Aqua Om and Blue Marsh Outdoors with their kayak and stand up paddle board demos.

There will also be photo opportunities with some of the area mascots. The ever popular Smokey Bear will be on site throughout the day. He will also be joined by Berks Nature's Globey, Blue Marsh Lake's Bobber the Water Safety Dog, Texas Roadhouse's Andy Armadillo, and the Reading Royals' Slapshot!

The opportunities for outdoor recreation in Berks County and beyond are endless. Today is the perfect day for you to get outdoors and learn about the many clubs and organizations that promote fun and safe ways to enjoy them.



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# Activity Descriptions

**Canine Exhibits** – Need some tips on how to train your dog? Or are you looking for a dog to join your family? Learn about dog breeds, training and their many uses by stopping by the K-Lin Kennels/4H Dog Training Club, Animal Rescue League and the Berks County Sheriff’s K-9 Team displays.

**Control Tower Tours** – 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).

**DVOA Orienteering** – One of your first stops should be the Delaware Valley Ori-enteering Association display. They will take the time to show you how to get around by map and compass. You will then use your newly acquired skills at ori-enteering by following their GO Day map to see what else is happening!

**Environmental Education** – Berks and surrounding areas are home to numerous rivers, streams and lakes, as well as for-ests, fields and meadows. And they all offer habitat for a variety of critters. Learn how we can keep our waters clean and cool for the wildlife and for our uses as well. But not only that, learn about the wildlife that live in the area. But beware; there are some types of plants and wildlife that we do not want in Pennsylvania. Learn about native and invasive species, and what we can do to help prevent the spread of invasives.

**Fishing 101** – Did you ever try to tie a fly or cast a fly rod? Do you love to fish, but want to learn more about the necessary equipment? There are numerous exhibits you can stop by and actually try to catch a fish, cast a rod, see if you can hit a target when casting, and even learn how to tie a fly.

**Geo Cache Workshop**—Do you love the outdoors and solving puzzles? Want to go on a treasure hunt? Well, this work-shop is for you! Geo caching is growing in popularity. This beginners workshop will explain the basics, and then you will have the opportunity to put your new found skills to the test! Any age is wel-come, and no experience needed.



**Leave No Trace** – Find out how we can help out the streams, plants and animals when we are “playing” outdoors by learn-ing about the 7 principles of “Leave No Trace.”

**Mountain Biking and Hiking**– Experi-ence the outdoors by foot or bike. Berks Area Mountain Bike Association (BAMBA) and East Ridge Outfitters will have demo bikes for you to check out. And you can join BAMBA on a mountain bike ride along the multi-use trail. You can also learn about backpacking with the folks from East Ridge Outfitters.

**Paddling Demos** – Stroll on down to the Boat Beach (to the left of the swim area) and visit with the folks from Aqua Om and Blue Marsh Outdoors. They will have both kayaks and paddleboards there for you to check out. Learn from the experts how to safely participate in paddling sports.

**Penn STAR 4 Helicopter** – Penn STAR 4 is one of several helicopters that provide critical care air transportation between medical facilities or from the site of an accident to a medical facility, such as Tower Health. Stop by and get a look at the helicopter, and meet the crew that is on the front lines of emergency medical care.

**Search and Rescue** – What happens when you get lost when hiking or biking on one of the many area trails? Visit Mid-dle Creek and Reading Search and Res-cue Teams and find out what they do when they get a report of a lost individual.

**Sensory Garden Tour** – Join the Berks Master Gardeners for a look at the Senso-ry Garden, which is located along the Eyes of the Eagle Nature Trail. You will see a variety of plants, some of which are native to PA and attract butterflies and hummingbirds. This trail is universally ac-cessible, and is easy walking.

**Mascot Photo Ops**—Make sure you stop by to visit the Hamburg Volunteer Forest Fire Crew, and learn about fire safety. And hopefully you will have the opportuni-ty to meet Smoky Bear! Keep an eye out for Bobber the Water Safety Dog, Texas Roadhouse’s Andy Armadillo, Berks Na-ture’s Globey, and the Reading Royals.

**Water Safety** – The warm weather is here, which means many of us will be spending a lot of time around the water, whether it is at a pool, lake, ocean or riv-er. Visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-neers, Blue Marsh Sailing Association and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to learn how we can be safe and fun experience in the wa-ter.

# Scheduled Activities

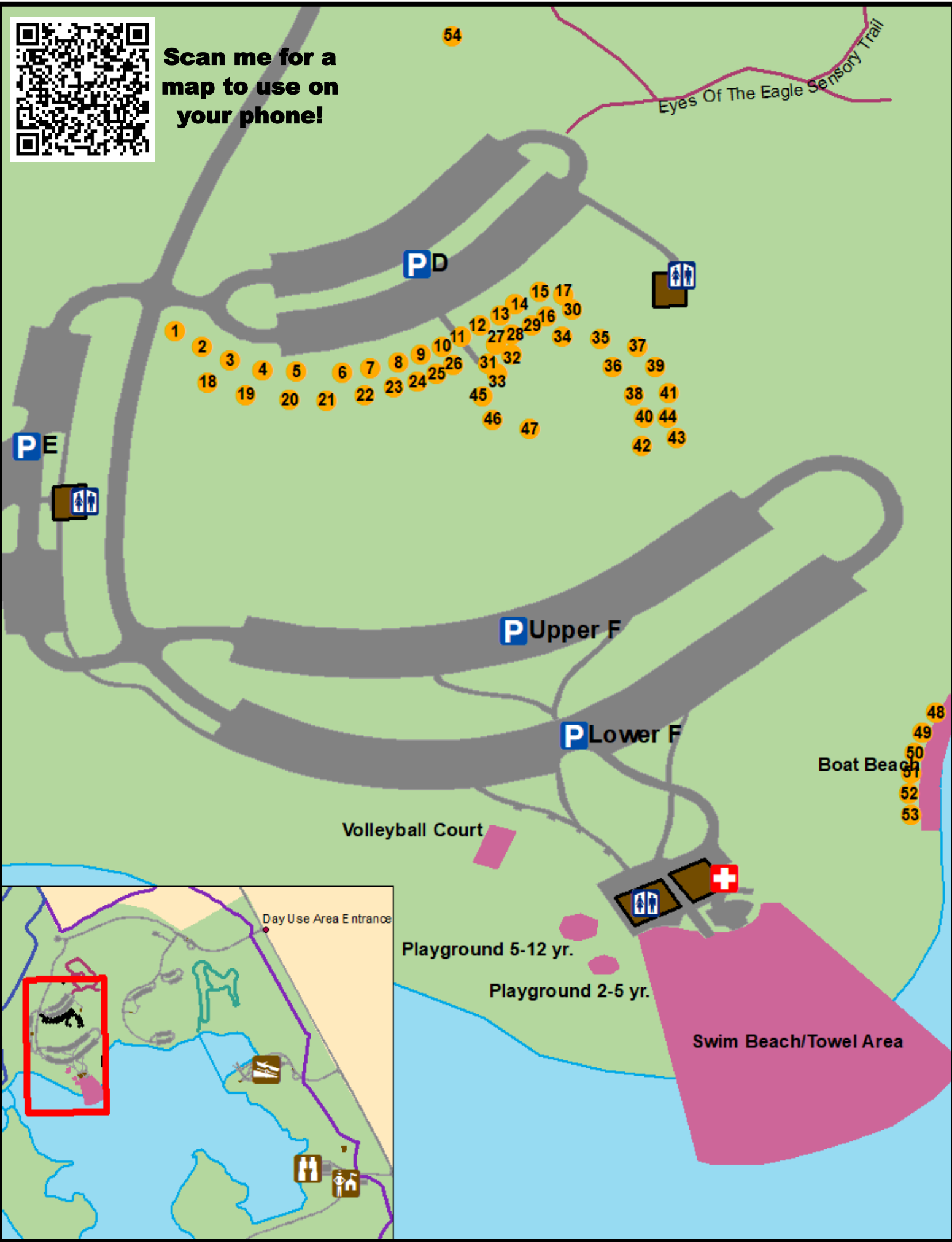
★ All Scheduled Activities are included in the Scavenger Hunt ★



Time	Activity/Program	Presenter	Location
10:00—10:15 AM	Welcome to Get Outdoors Day	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rangers	Presentation Stage
10:30—11:00 AM	K-9 Demo	Berks County Sheriff’s K-9 Unit	Presentation Stage
11:00 AM—12:00 PM	Tower Tour (1 of 2)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dam Operator	Meet at the Pavilion, Drive to Tower for tour
11:00 AM—11:30AM	Car Wreck Demo (1 of 2)	Greenfields Fire Department	Parking Lot D, Dry Brooks Day Use Area
11:30—12:00 PM	Backpacking 101	East Ridge Outfitters	Presentation Stage
12:00—1:00 PM	Penn Star 4 Helicopter	Flight Crew	Field by Parking Lot D
12:30—1:00 PM	Search & Rescue Demo	Middle Creek Search & Rescue	Presentation Stage
1:00—3:30 PM	Mountain Bike ride to State Hill Boat Ramp ( Group will join 1:30PM Tower Tour)	Berks Area Mountain Biking Association (BAMBA)	Meet at the BAMBA tent
1:30—2:30 PM	Tower Tour (2 of 2)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dam Operator	Meet at the Pavilion, Drive to Tower for tour
1:30—2:00PM	Car Wreck Demo (2 of 2)	Greenfields Fire Department	Parking Lot D, Dry Brooks Day Use Area
2:15—2:45 PM	Newfoundland Club Demo	New Pen-Del Newfoundland Club	Boat Beach
3:00 —3:30PM	Dog Agility Skills Demo	Berks County 4-H Dog Training Club & K’Lin Ken’l	Presentation Stage
3:30 PM	Closing & Final Prize Drawing	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rangers	Presentation Stage



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# Scavenger Hunt Game & Activities

## Scavenger Hunt Rules

- 1) Participating activities are denoted by ★ a on the list and their booth sign.
- 2) Complete at least 15 of the ongoing activities OR Complete 3 scheduled activities plus 8 ongoing activities
- 3) At least 1 activity MUST BE FROM THE BOAT BEACH ACTIVITY LOCATION
- 4) Bring completed sheet to the pavilion for your name to be entered into the prize drawing
- 5) You must be present during the drawings to collect a prize

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| 1. Reading Search & Rescue ★               | 2. Special Unit #66 Search & Rescue ★          |
| 3. Greenfields Fire Department ★           | 4. Western Berks Ambulance                     |
| 5. Berks County Sheriff's Department       | 6. Berks County 911/Emergency Planning ★       |
| 7. Blue Mountain Wildlife ★                | 8. Appalachian Mountain Club ★                 |
| 9. Reading Hospital—Tower Health           | 10. Township of Spring Parks and Recreation ★  |
| 11. PA Americana Region ★                  | 12. Berks Nature ★                             |
| 13. 4-H Dog Training Club & K'Lin Kennel ★ | 14. Berks County Conservation District ★       |
| 15. Berks County Master Gardeners          | 16. Master Well Owner Program                  |
| 17. Middle Creek Search & Rescue ★         | 18. Hamburg Forest Fire Crew ★                 |
| 19. Pagoda Pacers Athletic Club ★          | 20. Berks County Bicycle Club                  |
| 21. BAMBA ★                                | 22. Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club ★        |
| 23. Girls On The Run                       | 24. Healthy Kids Running Series ★              |
| 25. Blue Marsh Sailing Association ★       | 26. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary ★               |
| 27. Reading Radio Club ★                   | 28. New Your Life Child ID Program ★           |
| 29. Berks County Master Watershed Stewards | 30. Delaware Valley Orienteering Association ★ |
| 31. GO Day Scavenger Hunt Drop Off         | 32. Berks County Parks ★                       |
| 33. USACE Blue Marsh Lake ★                | 34. Flying Dutchmen Ski Club                   |
| 35. B.E.S.T. Geocachers ★                  | 36. Reading Royals Ice Hockey                  |
| 37. PA Fish & Boat Commission              | 38. Texas Road House                           |
| 39. Berks Citizen Climate Lobby            | 40. PA DCNR—Marsh Creek State Park             |
| 41. Trout Unlimited, Tulpehocken Chapter   | 42. Edgar Payne & Julie Fox Fly Fisshing ★     |
| 43. Patient First ★                        | 44. Leave No Trace ★                           |
| 45. Concession Stand                       | 46. GO Day Picnic Grove                        |
| 47. GO Day Presentation Stage ★            | 48. Mount Pleasant Fire Company ★              |
| 49. New-Penn-Del Newfoundland Club ★       | 50. Aqua Om Paddle ★                           |
| 51. Greater Philadelphia Search & Rescue   | 52. Antique Outboard Motor Club                |
| 53. Blue Marsh Outdoors ★                  | 54. Penn 4 Star Helicopter Landing Zone ★      |