

Carroll County Park Pavilions

are available for rent!

Carroll County Recreation & Parks schedules pavilion rentals at park sites located throughout the county. To reserve a pavilion, please contact the Department at 410-386-2103 or send an email to clear@ccg.carr.org. All facilities are scheduled on a first come, first-served basis. The cost is \$75 to reserve the pavilion.

Pavilion Locations:

- Bennett Cerf Park - fishing in pond, stream, tennis courts
- Deer Park - fishing in pond, playground, tennis and basketball courts, walking trail
- Double Pipe Creek Park - fishing and boating in creek, playground, free play area
- Freedom Park - walking trail, playground, swings
- Landon C. Burns Park - fishing in pond, playground
- Mayeski Park - tot lot
- North Carroll Community Pond - fishing in pond
- Sandymount Park - playground, tennis and basketball courts, walking trail
- Westminster Community Pond - fishing in pond, playground, swings, free play area

NOTE: To reserve a pavilion at Piney Run Park (410-795-3274), Hashawha (410-386-3560), or the Sports Complex (410-857-4832), contact the facility directly.

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. If you have questions, suggestions, or complaints, please contact Jolene Sullivan, the Carroll County Government Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, at:

410-386-3600, 1-888-302-8978,
and TT No. 410-848-9747.

The mailing address is 10 Distillery Drive, First Floor, Suite 101, Westminster, MD 21157.

BEAR BRANCH NATURE CENTER

Hashawha and Bear Branch Nature Center are located just north of Westminster, off of Rt. 97 at 300 John Owings Road. Bear Branch Nature Center is open year round with **NEW** hours: Wednesday-Saturday from 11am-5pm, and Sunday from 12pm-5pm. The Nature Center staff can be contacted by phone at 410-386-3580 or email bbnc@carr.org. All Nature Center programs require pre-registration, unless otherwise noted. Groups MUST schedule programs directly with Nature Center.

Hashawha's trails are open to the public from dawn until dusk 365 days a year. Parking is only available at Lake Hashawha or Bear Branch Nature Center. There is no entrance fee for the park.

PLEASE NOTE: The Hashawha Environmental Facility is not open to the public except through reservation. Please do not enter the Hashawha gates or the posted restricted areas. For more information about group rentals of the facility, contact the Hashawha staff at 410-386-3560, or via e-mail at Hashawha@carr.org.

In case of inclement weather... should inclement weather be in the forecast, please call the Nature Center before coming to your program to check and see if it has been cancelled or postponed. Note that if Carroll County Government is closed, the Nature Center is also closed.

******* All programs meet at the Bear Branch Nature Center unless otherwise indicated.*******



BEAR CUBS CLUB

Mar 11 OR Apr 1 OR May 6 1 session Thursday
Program #10BB01 3/11 Program #10BB24 4/1
Program #10BB25 5/6

Join us for one or all in the series of program just for the little ones!! Your youngster will learn about the natural world through hikes, games and other hands-on activities, so get your aspiring naturalist started early with our Bear Cubs Club! Age: 4-6.

TIME: 10:30-11:30am **FEE:** \$5

ALL ABOUT NATURE FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Mar 11 OR Apr 1 OR May 6 1 session Thursday
Program #10BB02 3/11 Program #10BB26 4/1
Program #10BB27 5/6

Calling all Junior Naturalists! Through hikes, experiments and other hands-on activities each month you can learn "all about" some of your favorite nature topics with a naturalist. Dress for being outside. Age: 7-12 (children should be mature enough to attend program on their own).

TIME: 2-3:30pm **FEE:** \$5

GREEN TEENS

Mar 11 OR Apr 1 OR May 6 1 session Thursday
Program #10BB03 3/11 Program #10BB28 4/1
Program #10BB29 5/6

If your home schooled teen is feeling green, then this monthly foray is suited just for them. Every session we'll meet and spend our time outdoors learning about natural history and completing conservation related projects. Teens should be prepared and properly dressed for outside. Age: 13-18.

TIME: 2-3:30pm **FEE:** \$5

HAWK WALK

March 13 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB04

Winter can be a great time to look at hawks! We'll meet a live hawk up-close, learn about local hawks, then go for a short walk and look for more hawks. We'll discuss where to look for hawks, what kinds are around, how to identify them, and what they like to eat. Age: 7-adult (under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5



HOOTING FOR OWLS

April 11 1 session Sunday

Program #10BB10

Do you know which owl wants to know, "Who cooks for you?" Does a Screech Owl really screech? Does a Great-horned Owl have horns? Find out the answer to these questions as we see some owls up close inside and then we'll hike to find where they might live outside. Age: 6-adult (under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5

HERPETOLOGY FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

March 17 1 session Wednesday

Program #10BB05

Herpetology is all about "creeping animals." We will learn what makes these animals unique in the animal kingdom through various hands-on activities, games and a "meet and greet" time. We will go out and have a herp search. Bring a lunch. Age: 7-adult.

TIME: 11am-2pm FEE: \$10

SAND ART

March 20 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB06

Have you ever wondered how sand is made and where it comes from? How does it end up at the beach? Join us to find out and then make your own piece of artwork out of sand! Age: 6-adult.

TIME: 1-2:30pm FEE: \$5

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

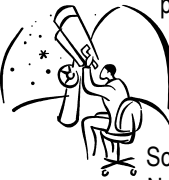
Mar 20 OR Apr 23 OR May 22 1 session Fri OR Sat

Program #10BB07 3/20 Program #10BB30 4/23

Program #10BB31 5/22

Join the Westminster Astronomical Society under the star dome to learn the stars and constellations of the night sky. Following each planetarium show, the Westminster Astronomical Society invites you outside for a Star Party to observe the nighttime sights. Bring your own telescope or look through one of theirs! Age: 8-adult. TIME: 7:30pm FEE: \$5

Scout groups (or other organized groups) MUST call Nature Center to schedule their own planetarium show.



PEEPER PROWL

April 17 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB12

Peeps! Croaks! Snores! You'll be hearing these sounds and more this spring when the frogs start talking. Learn to identify some of our amphibians by their springtime songs. Join us for a short excursion to the wetlands to listen and look for the peepers! Age: 7-adult (under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 6-7:30pm FEE: \$5

MUD, STICKS AND STRINGS

April 18 1 session Sunday

Program #10BB13

Spring is the time the birds are busy building nests. We will go for a hike to look for nests and observe how the master builders accomplish such a task. Then afterwards, we will try our hands at nest building. Prepare to get dirty. Age: 5-9.

TIME: 1-2:30pm FEE: \$5

SALAMANDER SEARCH

March 28 1 session Sunday

Program #10BB08

Sure they're cute, but these amphibians also play a vital role in the ecosystem. We'll find out why they're so important, as we uncover rocks, flip over logs, and look under leaves for salamanders. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet and muddy. Age: 7-adult (under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 1-2:30pm FEE: \$5



EGG-CITING EGGS

April 3 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB09

Eggs are laid by all sorts of different creatures and come in all sorts of sizes and colors. Learn all about eggs and the animals that lay them! Finish this program with an egg-cellent egg inspired craft. Age: 6-adult.

TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5



SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

April 24 1 session Saturday

Program #10BB14

Spring has returned! Join us as we head out into the park in search of signs of new life and warmer weather. Prizes will be awarded to all participants! Age: all.

TIME: 2-3pm FEE: \$5

COMPOSTING CRITTERS

April 25 1 session Sunday
Program #10BB15

Search the forest floor looking for different kinds of decomposers that are recycling naturally, and discover how important they are. We'll learn all about earthworms, spiders, snails, slugs, centipedes, millipedes, insects, and different fungi. Age: all.
TIME: 1-2:30pm FEE: \$5

CANOE & CAMPFIRE AT LAKE HASHAWHA



April 30 1 session Friday
Program #10BB16

Enjoy a relaxing paddle on the calm waters of Lake Hashawha as the sun begins to set. After canoeing, roast hotdogs and make s'mores over the campfire! Great for beginners; all gear including required PFDs will be provided. Age: 8-adult

(children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult); We will meet at Lake Hashawha.
TIME: 6-8pm FEE: \$10

MEET THE BEEKEEPERS

May 1 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB17

Learn all about this amazing insect. Do bees really dance? Are there boy bees? How is honey made? What do beekeepers do? Learn the answers to these questions and more, and meet a real beekeeper! Age: all.

TIME: 10am-12pm FEE: \$5



FLOWER POWER -- PLANT SWAP AND WILDFLOWER WALK

May 2 1 session Sunday
Program #10BB18

Celebrate the beauty of spring by joining us for a plant swap and wildflower walk. Bring your divided and labeled flowers, shrubs and trees (native plants preferred, please do not bring invasive, exotic plants) to swap with others, and then enjoy a leisurely stroll around Bear Branch's gardens filled with native wildflowers. Age: adults.

TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5



BUSY BEAVERS



May 7 1 session Friday
Program #10BB19

Are beavers really busy? We'll find out during this nocturnal program as we learn about beavers, then hike to the wetland in search of Hashawha's resident beavers. Bring a flashlight. Wear old, sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting a little wet and/or dirty. Age: 8-adult (under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 6:30-8pm FEE: \$5

GOING FOR A DIP

May 8 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB20

Ever wonder what could be living around and in the depths of Lake Hashawha? Plan to get wet and muddy as we look for the small creatures that make Lake Hashawha their home. Age: 7-adult.
TIME: 1-2:30pm FEE: \$5

SPRING FLING FAMILY CAMPOUT

May 15-May 16 1 session Saturday - Sunday
Program #10BB21

Spend a night camping out under the stars with the sounds of spring and your family! We'll set up camp, build a campfire, and then enjoy hotdogs, s'mores and a night hike. This program is for families who have young children and limited camping experience. Tents will be provided, however, if you do have your own that you would like to bring, please let us know when you sign up. You should bring your own sleeping bags. Age: families.

TIME: 5pm-8am FEE: \$50/family



MEADOW LAND

May 23 1 session Sunday
Program #10BB22

Fields and meadows are always alive with wonderful plant and animal life interacting. We'll see some meadow animals up close inside and then afterwards investigate the fields and meadows outside. Age: 6-adult (under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5

TREE-MENDOUS TREES

May 29 1 session Saturday
Program #10BB23

All trees look the same, don't they? Of course not! Head out into the park and test your tree ID skills, and then make a cool tree-inspired craft. Age: 8-adult.

TIME: 2-3:30pm FEE: \$5



SPECIAL EVENT

MAPLE SUGARIN' FESTIVAL AT HASHAWHA

Sunday, March 7 10:30am-4pm
\$5/vehicle entrance fee

This event takes place on the grounds of Hashawha Environmental Center. A pancake breakfast with REAL maple syrup starts the day with plenty of other maple foods available until closing. This festival celebrates the American tradition of collecting maple sap and boiling it down to rich maple syrup. Activities and demonstrations will take place both indoors and out, and include tree tapping, sap boiling, syrup tasting, wagon rides, and an indoor children's activity area with crafts, games, and face painting. For more information about the festival, please call Hashawha at 410-386-3560.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Numerous volunteer opportunities exist at the Nature Center. For more information about these and other upcoming volunteer opportunities call Bear Branch at 410-386-3580 or email bearbranch@ccg.carr.org.

TRAIL BLAZIN'

Sundays, March 14, April 18, & May 9 1-3pm
Help out with Hashawha's trails. Age: 14-adult.

MAPLE SUGARIN' FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 7 10:30am-4pm
Teens can earn student service learning hours. Age: 12-adult

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

Saturdays, March 20 & May 1 2:30-4:30pm
Students assist with ongoing conservation projects in the park. Age: 4th-12th grades

ADOPT-A-BLUEBIRD

Sunday, March 21 1-3pm
Bear Branch Nature Center is continuing to improve our Bluebird Trail, but we sure could use some extra help! We need help monitoring nesting boxes this spring and summer so as many bluebirds are raised as possible. If you are interested in this project then join us as we discuss monitoring, learn about bluebirds, and go for a hike along the Bluebird Trail! Age: 7-adult (under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult).

PROJECT CLEAN STREAM

Saturday, April 10 9am-12pm
Join Bear Branch for Project Clean Stream, the region's largest coordinated stream clean-up and restoration project, with hundreds of sites in the Central Maryland Area! Be prepared to get wet and/or dirty! Wear old clothes and shoes. Students can earn Student Service Learning Hours! Scout groups welcome! Contact the Nature Center for location and additional information. Age: all (under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult).

GARDENING DAYS

Saturdays, April 24 & May 22 9am-12pm
Help maintain the Nature Center's gardens, no experience required! All ages welcome (under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult).

BEAR BRANCH AND PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER MEMBERSHIP



Are you a Nature Center Member?

Nature Centers Members play an important role within our parks and membership has numerous privileges! Membership benefits include: discount registration for Nature Camps, 10% discount in either Nature Center Gift Shop, invitations to "Members Only" programs and activities, an opportunity to serve on your affiliate Council, plus Library book check out privileges at Piney Run and Bear Branch. As a member of either Piney Run or Bear Branch, you also know that you are helping to support quality environmental education programs at the Nature Centers in Carroll County.

Membership Rates:

Family	\$15
Individual	\$10
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$8
Senior Couple	\$12
Full Time Student	\$8
Organization	\$25
Contributing	\$50
Sustaining	\$100
Patron	\$500
Benefactor	\$1000
Lifetime	\$250

YES, I would like to become a member of (please check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> Bear Branch Nature Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Piney Run Nature Cntr
<i>Check payable and mailed to:</i>	<i>Check payable and mailed to:</i>
<i>Friends of Hashawha/Bear Branch</i>	<i>Piney Run Recreation &</i>
<i>300 John Owings Road</i>	<i>Conservation Council</i>
<i>Westminster, MD 21158</i>	<i>30 Martz Road</i>
	<i>Sykesville, MD 21784</i>

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____
(type) membership

*Contributions in excess of your membership fee are tax deductible.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____