



# PINEY RUN PARK & NATURE CENTER



Pre-registration is needed so that we can be fully prepare for you to enjoy our programs.  
Youth **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED** by a **PAYING ADULT** for any of our "All Ages" programs AND those listed as "age # - ADULT"

**410-795-6043**

**30 Martz Road, Sykesville**

### (OFF-season)

**December 1 thru February 28**

**PARK** "off-season" hours: Park gates are open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm; closed weekends and holidays. No entrance fees will be collected during the "off-season" and the lake is closed for boating. Visitors are still welcome to walk the trails, fish from the shores, and visit the Nature Center.

**NATURE CENTER** "off-season" hours: 11am-4pm Monday-Friday; closed weekends and holidays.

### (OPEN-season)

**March 1 thru November 30**

**PARK** "open-season" hours and entrance fees: Park gates are open 7 days a week from 7am until sunset. Entrance fees are collected at the Gatehouse upon arrival for \$5/vehicle for Carroll County residents, \$10/vehicle for all others; and season Vehicle Passes are available from the Park Office and Gatehouse for \$50/vehicle for Carroll County residents, \$75/vehicle for all others. Entry for seniors and active military is free with ID. \*Please note vehicle entrance fees are waived for Nature Center programs listed in this section for pre-registered participants ONLY (those registered at least 24 hours before program), unless otherwise stated in the description. All fees are subject to change without notice.

**NATURE CENTER** "open-season" hours: Open Wednesday-Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm; closed Monday, Tuesday and Holidays.

**In case of inclement weather...** if snow/icy conditions or heavy rains/thunderstorms are in the forecast, call before coming to a program to see if it has been canceled/postponed. If Carroll County Government is closed, the Park and Nature Center are also closed. If Carroll County Schools are closed, delayed, or dismissed early, Nature Center programs that fall during those time periods are canceled as well (please see full Inclement Weather Policy for Rec & Parks in the back of this brochure).

**Nature Center Membership:** The Nature Center offers several options of memberships to help support its activities. Newsletters and program announcements are mailed to members regularly. Members receive discounts on our popular Nature Camp and on purchases made at the Nature Center Shop. Membership to the Nature Center does NOT include the entrance fee into the Park. Please call for more information on Membership Benefits (see form on page 16 to apply).

## WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

**#19PR01 Sunday, March 3, 10-11am**

World Wildlife Day seeks to celebrate the world's plants and animals while raising awareness of issues that impact wildlife. Join us, as we venture out on a hike with binoculars and curiosity and see what wild life we can find in our woodland areas. We will finish our hike by the nature center, where we will make a bird feeder to attract native birds to your own yard!

**5 -12 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$5 child**

## MOTHER NATURE & ME

11:00-11:45am

**#19PR02 Wednesday 3/6, 4/3, 5/1**

**#19PR03 Friday 3/8, 4/5, 5/3**

Accompany your child, grandchild, niece or nephew for a fabulous and stimulating preschool program!

Dress for the weather, as some activities may take place outside. Learn about nature through outdoor and indoor activities such as crafts, songs and stories.

**3-6 years (w/ an adult) / 3 sessions / \$18 child**

## NEW MOON & OWL PROWL

**#19PR04 Wednesday, March 6, 8-9:30pm**

We will begin our adventure exploring the woods of Piney Run for the sounds of our resident owls. Following our hike, we will gather by the camp fire to cook our delicious s'mores and try to see the New Moon high above us!

**All Ages / 1 session / \$7 person**

## IT'S PI DAY!

**#19PR05 Thursday, March 14, 4-5pm**

You know what that means – it is time to come to Piney Run Nature Center, roll up your sleeves, and make a mud pie! Using dirt –which we collect, water, sticks and decorations, we will make our very own pie to take home to celebrate pi day! Of course, we have to go on a short hike to collect all of our ingredients!

**All Ages / 1 session / \$5 person**

## MARCH FOR PARKS 5K FUN RUN/WALK

**#19PR06 Sunday, March 17, 8:30 – 11am**

Enjoy a beautiful run/walk through scenic the park. Medals and a 2019 Piney Run Vehicle pass will be awarded to the overall top male and female finishers. Pre-registration preferred, includes park entrance, race bottle of water and t-shirts. (T-shirts not guaranteed for the day of event registrations) Call the nature center for more details

**10-Adult / 1 session / \$20 person**

## MORNING BIRD WALK

Thursdays, 8:30-11am

**#19PR07 March 21**

**#19PR08 April 18**

Venture outside and join Dave and Maureen Harvey of the Carroll County Bird Club for a morning bird walk. Search for the many different types of songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, and woodpeckers. Beginning birders are welcome. We suggest bringing along binoculars and field guides. Dress for the weather since walks occur rain or shine. Please meet at the Nature Center Parking Lot.

**10-Adult / 1 session / \$5 person**

## SPRING FEVER COFFEE HOUSE

**#19PR09 Friday, March 22 , 7-9pm**

Once again, Piney Run will be hosting a fabulous night of live Celtic Music with the Whirligig band featuring the Koons family. Each Jig, played on a traditionally crafted instrument, is accompanied by a story and a rich historical narrative. Various flavored coffees, teas and excellent desserts will be served.

**12-Adult / 1 session / \$25 person**

## "MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY, HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?"

**#19PR10 Saturday, April 6, 10-11am**

With seeds of course! Please join us as we first hike to find seeds that are all around us. Next we will return to the park to plant some seeds of our own, to take our first steps in getting our garden to grow!

**5 -12 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$5 child**

## FAIRY TEA PARTY

**#19PR11 Friday, April 12, 4-5pm**

Come and enjoy a wonderful spring themed fairy tea party. With lots of delicious herbal tea, story time, and tasty treats, wear your best tea party outfit and join us for what is sure to be a fun filled gathering.

**5-10 years (w/ an adult) / 1 session / \$6 child**

## HIKE THE DAM

**#19PR12 Saturday, April 20, 10-11:30am**

Grab your hiking boots and join us to when we explore the underdeveloped side of Piney Run Lake. Dress for the weather. Light snacks will be provided for your convenience.

**All Ages / 1 session / \$5 person**

## RECYCLE ART DAY

**#19PR13 Saturday, April 20, 12-4pm**

With Earth day right around the corner, we invite you for an afternoon of drop in crafts. All artwork will have one thing in common – the materials used are trash!!! Let's create some interesting and unique artwork using nothing but trash and imagination!

**All Ages / 1 session / \$5 donation to Park Legacy Fund**

**NO EARLY BIRD or SENIOR DISCOUNTS for Piney Run Nature Center programs.**

**All programs meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted in description AND include park entrance fee for PRE-REGISTERED participants only (unless noted in description)**



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## TIME TO GET OUT OF YOUR SHELL!

#19PR14 Saturday, May 11, 11am-12pm

Join us as we explore the ecosystem at Piney Run Park, welcoming our native critters from their long hibernation. Many of our bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile species can be observed during this informative waterfront hike.

5 -12 years / 1 session / \$5 child

## PERENNIAL SWAP

#19PR15 Sunday, May 19, 1-3pm

Join local plant lovers and novice gardeners for our spring plant exchange. Meet behind the Nature Center to share the bounty of our perennial and herb beds, shrubs, trees and seeds. Please label your contributions and bring along any information to share about them. If you do not have anything to share, please come as there are usually plenty of extra plants needing homes.

All ages / 1 session / FREE



## BEAR BRANCH AND PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

### Are you a Nature Center Member?



Nature Center 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 Gift Shop at the Center, invitations to 'Members Only' programs and activities, plus an opportunity to serve on your affiliate Council. As a member you also know that you are helping to support quality environmental education programs at the Nature Centers in Carroll County.

Membership Rates:	PR Membership #:	BB Membership #:
Family \$20	19PR-fam	19BB-fam
Individual \$12	19PR-ind	19BB-ind
Senior Citizen (62+) \$6	19PR-sr	19BB-sr
Full Time Student \$8	19PR-st	19BB-st
Lifetime \$250	19PR-lif	19BB-lif

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

Bear Branch Nature Center       Piney Run Nature Center

**NEW- Register online at [ccrecpark.org](http://ccrecpark.org) OR use the form below to mail in with a check to Carroll County Commissioners.**

Enclosed is my check for \*\$\_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_

(type of membership requesting)

**\*Contributions in excess of your membership fee are tax deductible, under Park Legacy Fund.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## KAYAKING

*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION*

We will begin scheduling lake tours in May. Should you need to get paddling before that, please call the Nature Center to arrange for a private kayak tour. We also offer 90 minute paddles for private groups! Minimum participation is 4, maximum is 10 with a cost of \$25 per person. Call us today to schedule!

Participants must be comfortable in a kayak on the water and must wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD-life jacket) provided by Piney Run Park or you may bring your own. A short lesson/demonstration on kayaking skills and safety is covered. Dress appropriately for the weather and try to wear nylon and polyester which work much better on the water. Bring a hat, sunglasses, water bottle, binoculars (optional). Your feet WILL get wet so bring water shoes or old tennis shoes.

All kayaking programs require pre-registration -- NO walk-in registrations will be accepted. Park in upper Nature Center lot and walk down to the Yak Shack.

For youth under the age of 18, parental consent and a waiver are required to be signed the day of your program, and youth must be accompanied by a registered and participating parent/guardian.



## PINEY RUN BULLETIN BOARD

410-795-6043 / [pineyrunpark@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:pineyrunpark@carrollcountymd.gov)

Contact us about these or other upcoming opportunities or events.

### PINEY RUN NATURE CAMPS

Looking for a day camp dedicated to promoting thoughts of awareness and appreciation of nature through fun games, activities and educational programs. Piney Run Park is the place to be. Fees vary depending on age, and weeks of camp.

### ADOPT A CRITTER

The Nature Center's live animal collection requires constant care. Animals in need of sponsors include birds of prey, snakes, and turtles. Support the critters or sponsor a particular animal.

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for a wild time on your birthday? Nature Center birthdays include the use of the Yurt for 3 hours and a 45 minute naturalist-led program. Fee is \$175; set-up and clean-up are the responsibility of the scheduling parent. In a rush and don't have time for goody bags? No problem, we can make unique nature-related bags - \$5 per bag, with advanced notice.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL CLASSES & FIELD TRIPS

Call to schedule a program - public, private or home school. Programs can be scheduled as Nature Center field trips or to have a naturalist come to your location: Carroll County groups \$4/person with a \$25 minimum; and out-of-county groups \$5/person with a \$50 minimum.

### FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS (Adult)

Interested in volunteering for the Nature Center front desk? Answer the phones, take program registrations, answer nature questions, and sell items from the nature shop. No experience necessary, positive attitude and love of nature preferred.

For most up-to-date info, visit [ccrecpark.org](http://ccrecpark.org)