

# NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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### Happy July, Naturalists!

I hope your summer is off to a great start!

Here are some upcoming volunteer opportunities and the quarterly meeting save the date.

Dana will be sending out an update about the merchandise order very soon!

## Volunteering

### Fountain Rock Park Volunteer Opportunities

- ⇒ Monarch Waystation Maintenance at Fountain Rock Park
  - Please contact Matt Seubert if you are interested in helping with the Monarch Waystation. [matts853@gmail.com](mailto:matts853@gmail.com)
  - Duties include monitoring, watering, and weeding as necessary.
  - Starts SOON and goes through the summer.
- ⇒ Frederick County Rescue Mission
  - Awesome Animals Presentation
  - July 9th @ Frederick Location
  - July 23rd @ Thurmont Location
  - Please email Kelly, [kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov) if you are interested
- ⇒ Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up at Fountain Rock Park
  - Saturday, September 7th, 9am - ?
  - Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and gloves
  - Let Katy More know if you will be attending [kmore@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kmore@frederickcountymd.gov)
  - **We STILL need someone to take Katy's place as the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator, too!**

### Help Wanted!

Angela Moxley, Class of 2016, is seeking volunteers for a vegetation survey this summer at the Fred J. Archibald Audubon Sanctuary near New Market. The survey is part of her master's degree work at Hood College and will establish baseline information about plant communities at the nature preserve prior to the addition of over 2,000 new homes in the surrounding area. Expert plant identifiers are needed to help with the survey. Sampling will take place over three weeks in mid-July and full-day shifts are preferred. If interested, send Angela an email at [armoxley@gmail.com](mailto:armoxley@gmail.com)

# Cunningham Falls State Park

## Upcoming Events

### **July 5, 12: Creatures of the Night Hike**

8 p.m. at [Campground Trailhead, Houck Area](#)

Join us for a night hike and learn about the critters who come out after dark! Sturdy, closed-toe shoes, a flashlight and a drink are recommended.

### **July 6: Wineberry Blitz**

3 p.m. at [Falls Trailhead, Houck Area](#)

Join a naturalist for a tasty hike to the falls while we pick fresh wineberries! Discover the shocking truth behind these and other invasive plants in the park, and find out what you can do to help!

### **July 7: Sensational Seining Activity**

11 a.m. at [South Beach](#)

July is Lake Appreciation Month! Stop by as naturalists use a seine net for a close-up look at the different species of fish living in Hunting Creek Lake. Use your hands to catch and release the fish!

### **July 14, 21: Guided Hike to the Falls**

10 a.m. at [Falls Trailhead, Houck Area](#)

Enjoy a leisurely hike to the majestic Cunningham Falls with park staff to guide the way. Learn about cool creatures, geological features and peculiar plants during the hike!

### **July 17: Guided Hike**

4 p.m. at [Cat Rock Trailhead](#)

Join a park ranger on a challenging hike! Three miles in total, this steep hike features views from Cat Rock. Please bring water and sturdy footwear for a serious hike!

### **July 19: Fireflies Hike**

8 p.m. at [Campground Trailhead, Houck Area](#)

Join us for a night hike and learn about the critters who come out after dark, especially fireflies. Come to learn more about the species of fireflies here in Maryland! Sturdy, closed-toe shoes, a flashlight and a drink are recommended.

### **July 26: Marvelous Moths**

9:30 p.m. at [Houck Amphitheatre](#)

Celebrate National Moth Week! Help naturalists catch, identify and release some spectacular species of Lepidoptera found in our park.

### **July 27: Weed Warriors Attack!**

9 a.m. at [Falls Trailhead, Houck Area](#)

Join forces with a park naturalist and wage war on invasive plants! Hike to the falls and learn about these pesky plants while we remove them to make room for our noteworthy natives! Please bring water and wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Tools and work gloves are provided.

### **July 27: Stargazing, Day or Night**

2-5 p.m. at the [Houck Area South Beach](#)

9-11 p.m. at the [Dam Parking Lot](#) (*Shine only*)

Ever wonder what would happen if two of the largest planets lined up in the sky? Join the Westminster Astronomy Club to view Jupiter, Saturn and the moon.



## SAVE THE DATE

What: Master Naturalist Quarterly Meeting

When: Thursday, July 25th, 6-8pm

Where: Fountain Rock Park Pavilion, 8511 Nature Center Place, Walkersville

You are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share

**We want to know what you've been working on or what you are passionate about! If you would like to give a short 10-15 minute presentation on a Naturalist topic at the meeting, please let Kelly Ketzenberger know!**

[KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:KKetzenberger@FrederickCountyMD.gov)

### Frederick County Nature Council

The next meeting is Monday, July 15, at 7:00pm at Fountain Rock Nature Center. All are welcome to attend.

For more information on how you may become involved with The Frederick County Nature Council please visit:

<http://www.naturecouncilfc.org/>.

**Attendance at the Nature Council meetings counts toward your volunteer hour requirements!**

Join these Facebook pages for more information about local Events, Resources, and Advanced Training Opportunities.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/358589201604780/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/161447094719398/>

Maryland Master Naturalist Graduates: Cunningham Falls State Park

### Please Submit Your Volunteer Hours!

If your volunteer hours are being conducted at **Fountain Rock Park** or **Catoctin Creek Park**, please make sure to fill out a **county volunteer hours** sheet. These need to be submitted monthly to each of the sites. This information should ALSO go on your Master Naturalist volunteer sheet, but that only gets turned in once per year!

If you have questions about any volunteer service hours, please contact your site facilitators!

### Newsletter Submissions

If you have a club or group that meets regularly, or you are working on a project and need help - let Katy know and she can add that information into the newsletter!

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