

# NATURALISTS

Maryland Master Naturalists of Frederick County Newsletter

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### Happy August, Naturalists!

If you purchased Master Naturalist merchandise and haven't picked it up yet, please contact Dana C. to set up a time to pick up your items!

The next merchandise order will be in the fall, after the class from Cunningham Falls has finished, so the new interns will be able to order items as well.

## Volunteering

⇒ Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up at Fountain Rock Park

- Saturday, September 7th, 9am - ?
- Let Katy More know if you will be attending [kmore@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kmore@frederickcountymd.gov)

⇒ The Great Frederick Fair

- The Frederick County Nature Council will be hosting a booth and would appreciate help from the Master Naturalists in manning it.
- Wayne "Doc" Leadbetter, along with Margaret Pierre-Nanan, will be sending out an email with a link to sign up for shifts.
- Fair runs Saturday, September 14 to Saturday, September 21st

⇒ Nature Center Host at Gambrill State Park

- Saturdays in August and September from 10am - 2pm
- Greeting park guests and showing animal artifacts
- Contact [kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov) if you are interested

⇒ Aviary Help at Cunningham Falls State Park

- Help care for the raptors and reptiles in the aviary area
- Must be able to commit to one shift per week (3-5 hours)
- Email [mollie.kemp@maryland.gov](mailto:mollie.kemp@maryland.gov) for more information

⇒ Weed Warriors

- If you are interested in becoming a weed warrior for the Frederick County parks, contact [kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kketzenberger@frederickcountymd.gov)

⇒ Frederick County 4H Junior Naturalists

- Sarah May-Anderson and Katie Massey, from the Cunningham Falls site have started up a Junior Naturalist course!
- They are looking for venues to hold plant sales or other fundraisers.
- If you have an event you think would fit with this group, (or if you know a young person who might be interested in attending!) please contact Sarah (818) 425-0475 (text is best) or Katie (240) 385-6338.

⇒ Park After Dark at Fountain Rock Park

- Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm.
- Sponsored by the Frederick County Nature Council.
- You are invited to attend – tickets will be \$25.00 and sold by members of the Frederick County Nature Council.
- You are invited to volunteer for the event – free admission for the night – need hosts, help with serving refreshments, set up, clean-up, etc.
- You are invited to provide an item for the silent auction – a theme basket or piece of artwork – or contribute an item for the Master Naturalist basket for the silent auction.
- **Please let Dana Collingwood if you are interested in helping with the planning and/or execution of the event.**

## Cunningham Falls State Park

### August Events

#### **Aug 2: All About Black Bears!**

8 p.m. at [Houck Amphitheater, Houck Area](#) (*Shine only*)

Join us for a cozy campfire and presentation by a Maryland wildlife expert focusing on our wonderful, and intelligent -- but often misunderstood -- forest neighbor, the black bear!

#### **Aug 3, 10, 24, 31: History Hike**

11 a.m. at [Manor Area Visitor Center](#)

Enjoy the great outdoors and the scenery of the Catoctin Furnace Trail, while learning the history of the furnace and surrounding areas. **July 7:**

#### **Aug 3: Sensational Seining!**

11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at South Beach by Boat Rentals

Stop by as our 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!

#### **Aug. 10: 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*)

The Perseids, producing as many as 60 bright meteors per hour, are some of the best meteor showers to observe. Join the Westminster Astronomy Club to view this awesome night feature!

#### **Aug 10, 31: Weed Warriors...Attack!**

10 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 nifty natives! Please bring water and wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Tools and work gloves will be provided.

#### **Aug 11, 18: 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!

#### **Aug 17, 24: Scales & Tales Campfire**

8 p.m. at [Houck Ampitheatre, Houck Area](#) (*Shine Only*)

Enjoy a cozy campfire while learning about our native Maryland wildlife. You never know what animals will stop by from our Scales & Tales program!

#### **Aug 23: Marvelous Moths!**

9 p.m. at [Houck Amphitheater, Houck Area](#) (*Shine only*)

Help naturalists catch, identify and release some spectacular species of Lepidoptera found in our park.

#### **Aug 25: Misery Trail Advanced Hike**

10 a.m. at [Dam Parking Lot](#)

Join a naturalist on a guided hike on one of the best trails in the park! Strenuous but enchanting, this trail-less-traveled offers rare views of popular park features that will inspire you to come back for more!



The clearest way into the  
Universe is through a forest  
wilderness.

John Muir

## School's Out - Fountain Rock Nature Center is Open

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for Master Naturalists to help “man” the Nature Center and Kaufman House from 10am – 4pm on these dates – assist with crafts, animal encounters, etc. Contact Dana if you are interested in helping.

## Upcoming Advanced Training at Fountain Rock Park

**Project WILD and Aquatic WILD workshop:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 8am-2:30pm at Fountain Rock Park. Kelly Ketzenberger will lead the class. Cost is \$5.00 – covers the crafts. You will get the two books (filled with lessons and activities) for taking the class. Register at [www.recreator.com](http://www.recreator.com) Course# 18353.

**Growing Up WILD workshop:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 9am – 1pm at Fountain Rock Park. Cost is \$5.00. You will also get the book for taking the class. Register at [www.recreator.com](http://www.recreator.com) Course #19111. Kelly Ketzenberger will be teaching the class.

**Wilderness First Aid Certification Course:** Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 8am – 4pm at Fountain Rock Park. Jeff Huggins will be teaching the class. Cost is \$75.00. For 18+ years of age. Register at [www.recreator.com](http://www.recreator.com) Course #19076.

**Advanced Training Opportunity:** from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Fountain Rock Park. Ron Kaltenbaugh of the Frederick County Nature Council will present a class on **Climate Change**. Fee is \$10.00. Contact [dcollingwood@gmail.com](mailto:dcollingwood@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

## Other Advanced Training Options

**\*\*Please check with your program facilitators prior to taking non-site offered advanced training to make sure it is approved\*\***

If you do not get the **Maryland Master Naturalist group e-mails**, the site is: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/maryland-master-naturalist> If you need to be added to this group, or if your email address has changed since you went through the course, you will need to contact Joy Shindler Rafey [jrafey@umd.edu](mailto:jrafey@umd.edu). This group serves as a forum for Maryland Master Naturalists and Maryland Master Naturalist Training Program Facilitators to share information, ask questions, and start discussions with their peers. It is also a method for distributing information about upcoming events, training, and volunteer opportunities. Participation in this listserv is voluntary and you are free to unsubscribe at any time.

**Multi-Faith Alliance for Climate Stewards** will be hosting a program, “**Floods, Droughts and Justice**” from 12- 4:30pm at Hood College on **October 20, 2019**. Price is \$15.00 and an additional \$10.00 for lunch. They are also looking for vendors to participate in the event. <https://www.macsfrederick.org/projects>

## Looking forward to 2020

At the Quarterly Meeting, Kelly Ketzenberger announced a partnership with Ceresville Mansion about an Adult Nature Lecture series for early 2020 with drinks and hors d'oeuvres on Wednesday evenings: **January 15 (snow date Jan 22), February 19 (snow date Feb 26), and March 25, 2020**. These will be sponsored by the Master Naturalists of Frederick County and count as advanced training hours. Kelly is working on details and presenters (photographer John Cancalosi, naturalist Taylor Roman and DNR's Kerry Wixted).



## SAVE THE DATE

What: Master Naturalist Quarterly Meeting

When: Thursday, October 24, 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

**Frederick County Nature Council** – meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 7-9pm. January – May meetings are held at Catoclin Creek Nature Center. June – October meetings are held at Fountain Rock Nature Center. No meetings November & December. **Meeting attendance counts toward Master Naturalist volunteer hours.** Council is a member of the Frederick County Association of Recreation Councils and works on/ supports: Volunteer Recognition Event in January, Nature Fest/Silent Auction in April/May, Frederick County Fair in September, Park After Dark/ Silent Auction in October, Dear Santa in December, volunteering, funding and facilitating projects to benefit Catoclin Creek Park & Nature Center and Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center. Just show up to the next meeting!

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

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

Frederick County Maryland Master Naturalists

<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 **Catoclin 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 if you are working on a project and need volunteers - let Katy know and she can add that information into the newsletter! [kmore@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:kmore@frederickcountymd.gov)