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**BLACK HILL NATURALISTS INVITE PUBLIC TO  
SERIES OF SPECIAL FREE EVENTS**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's park naturalists at Black Hill Visitor Center invite children and adults to participate in a series of free special events and many other programs during March and April.

**Registration is required for each of these free events.** A ParkPASS account is necessary to register. Visit [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org) to open an account. Allow 24 hours for the account to be opened. Enter the five digit ParkPASS code listed after the program title to find the desired program.

**Storytime! "Maryland Dinosaurs" – ParkPASS # 13401**

Thursday, March 9, 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Park naturalists will tell a story of the dinosaurs that roamed Maryland millions of years ago and teach kids to make an edible dino-egg.

Ages 3-8.

**Star Search and Parade of the Planets – ParkPASS # 12820**

Wednesday, March 29, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

View winter constellations, clusters, galaxies and planets through telescopes and mega binoculars with volunteer astronomers.

Ages 6 years and older.

**Leo the Lion and the Galaxies' Realm – ParkPASS # 12850**

Friday, April 7, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

See the lion with a star cluster tail and galaxies along its belly! Catch Jupiter, Saturn and the Beehive Cluster.

Ages 6 and older.

**Children's Spinfishing for Trout Clinic – ParkPASS # 12852**

Wednesday, April 12, 2 - 6 p.m.

New location – Central Park Pond, South Germantown Recreational Park.

Seneca Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and M-NCPPC staff provide fun, food and fish!  
Ages 6-16 years.

In addition to these free events, Black Hill's nature programs in March and April include a craft workshop using natural dyes for eggs, woodcock watching for wee ones van tour, a first frogs hike, geology and fossils van trip, birding by boat and many more. More information on Black Hill is available at [www.blackhillnature.org](http://www.blackhillnature.org).

Located at 20926 Lake Ridge Drive in Boyds, Maryland, 20841, Black Hill Regional Park is the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's 1,342-acre park offering boating, kayaking, fishing, hiking trails, picnic shelters, conservation areas and the Black Hill Visitor Center overlooking scenic Little Seneca Lake.

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