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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 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.

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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