



Ranger-Led Programs

George Washington Memorial Parkway

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Get the inside story on parkway sites with these Ranger-led Programs.

Walks, Talks, and Hikes

“Picturing” Biological Diversity

Great Falls Park:

11 am to 12 pm, on June 25, 26, 29. July 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 16, 23, 30 Aug 6, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30.

1 pm to 2 pm, on June 25, 26, 29. July 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, August 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Belle Haven Park:

Saturday June 28th from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and 1 pm to 2 pm.

Smile for a family ‘selfie’ with your favorite species during this introduction to biodiversity. Bring your digital camera or cell phone for a one-hour walk with a ranger. You will leave ready to use the tips and tricks you learned for discovering and recording the wild around you wherever you are.

Summer Night Adventure

Great Falls Park:

July 19th , 8 pm to 10 pm, come explore the diversity of moths under the peaceful night sky.

August 2nd, 7:30 pm to 9 pm, come along and listen to the sounds of owls, coyotes , and insects deep into the night.

August 16th, 7:30 pm to 9 pm, come listen to the chirping of the katydids and crickets.

Biodiversity Discovery Club

Join a ranger for a 2-hour gathering to explore, discover, record and share the amazing diversity of

plants and animals. Each week we’ll focus on something different. Come three times and earn a bug box and magnification lens. Bring a digital camera (cell phone or point and shoot), binoculars, and a favorite field guide, if you have them; and we’ll have some to share. Closed shoes and summer-weight long pants are recommended. Designed for families; all ages welcome—fun for all. Children must be accompanied by an adult (parent, grandparent).

Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve:

9 am to 11 am on July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, Meet at the Haul Road gate near the Belle Haven Marina, Alexandria.

Great Falls Park: (visitor center courtyard)

9 am to 11 am, on July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24.

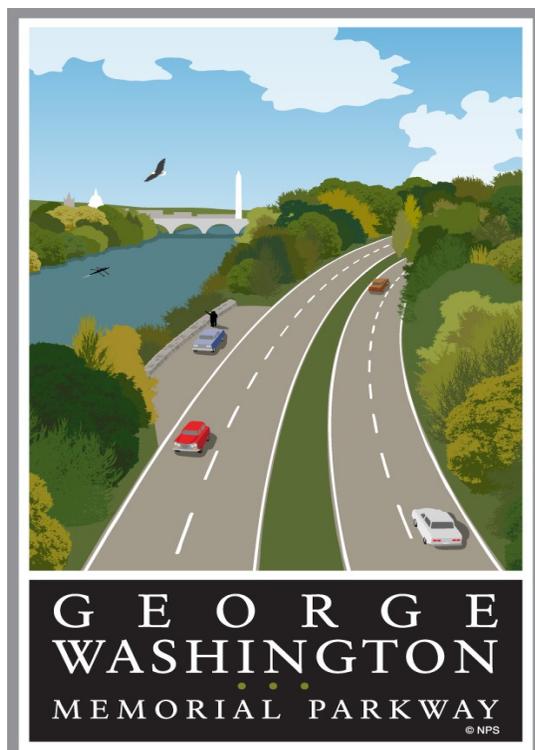
Great Falls Park

Falls Walk (easy walk)

Saturdays and Sundays at 11 am and 12:30 pm Ranger for a half hour walk to all three overlooks and discover the natural and cultural history of Great Falls Park. Meet in the visitor center.

Birds of Dyke Marsh (easy walk)

Sundays from 8 am to 10 am Use your eyes and ears to find some of the 300 species of birds that call Dyke Marsh home. Walks are led by birders from the Friends of Dyke Marsh. Meet in the south parking lot of the Belle Haven picnic area.



Clara Barton National Historic Site

Clara Barton's Home (easy walk)

Daily on the hour from 10 am to 4 pm From her Civil War work to the founding of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton dedicated her life to the relief of suffering. Tour this unusual structure and learn more about this remarkable person. Meet at the house.

Glen Echo Park Carousel (easy walk)

Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30 am to 11 am
Where are the carousel's "windows to the past?" How many carousels are protected by the National Park Service? Find out the answers to these questions and more. Meet at the carousel.

Arlington House

Open Daily from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Tour the residence of Confederate Civil War General, Robert E. Lee, and learn about its significance in American history.

Great Falls Park, VA

Ranger Rendezvous (talk)

Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30, 3:30 4:30 pm
Rangers will be on hand to answer questions and to chat about general topics related to the park. Bring your questions and perceptions. Meet at overlook 3 in Great Falls Park.

Glen Echo Park History Tour (easy walk)

By reservation. Call 301-320-1400 to schedule a tour. How many people could swim in the Crystal Pool at one time? How did Glen Echo become a part of the National Park Service? Explore Glen Echo Park's history on this tour and find out the answers.

Theodore Roosevelt Island

Island Safari (easy walk)

Dates: 6/14, 6/22, 7/12, 7/27, 8/24, 9/13, 9/28, 10/11, 10/26, 11/8 from 10 am to 11 am. Join a ranger for a guided walk through some of Theodore Roosevelt Island's wild times—both human and natural. Meet at the footbridge, near the bike racks.

Hands-on Activities

Learn to Ride

By reservation. Call 703-289-2500 to register. Ride a bicycle without training wheels! A ranger will help you learn how to ride your bicycle in a safe, stress-free environment. Ages 5 and up.

Jones Point Park

Lighthouse Life

Every Sunday from 10 am to 11 am
Explore life as a lighthouse keeper through games and activities. Meet at the Jones Point Lighthouse. Children and families welcome.

Special Events

Clara Barton National Historic Site The Art of Clara Barton

Daily on the hour from 10 am to 4 pm
A special exhibition featuring Clara Barton's own artwork will be displayed along with the work of contemporary artists who have focused on her life and work. Meet on the front porch.

Healthy Parks Healthy People

First event is on Saturday June 14th from 10 am to 3 pm. Call or check the website for future summer and fall events. Come and participate in activities that celebrate our relationship with parks, nature, and healthy ways of living.

Great Falls Park

Biodiversity Discovery Mini Camp (reservation required)

9 am to 3 pm, on July 17-18, July 24-25, July 31-August 1, August 7-8, August 14-15. For this program meet at the Visitor Center courtyard.

Contact laura_sebastianelli@nps.gov or 703-289-2522 to make a reservation.

Become a Junior Ranger

Learn about the park and earn a certificate and badge by completing activities in one—or all—of the park's free Junior Ranger booklets. Pick up your booklet in a visitor center or parkway headquarters.

You can earn a different badge at each of these park sites:

- Clara Barton National Historic Site
- Fort Hunt Park
- Glen Echo Park
- Great Falls Park
- Theodore Roosevelt Island