



Programs and Events

Fall 2015

Daily Programs

Our programs and events are free and open to public. Reservations are required for groups of 5 or more, Monday through Friday. No group reservations are needed on the weekend. Group reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance. Programs can be canceled at anytime without prior notice.

	Sunday	Monday <i>(no morning programs on the third Monday of the month)</i>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30				Wagon Ride			
10:00	Meet the Cow	Meet the Cow		Farm Morning Wagon Ride		Meet the Cow	Meet the Cow
10:30	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride		Wagon Ride		Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride
11:00	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride
11:30	Chicken & Egg	Wagon Ride Chicken & Egg		Wagon Ride		Wagon Ride Chicken & Egg	Chicken & Egg
2:00	The Park's Past	Wayside Walking Tour	Wayside Walking Tour	Wayside Walking Tour	Wayside Walking Tour	Wayside Walking Tour	The Park's Past

Meet the Cow

Limit: 50 participants

Help the park ranger milk the cow and learn about cattle and the dairy products they produce.

Farm Morning

Limit: 100 participants

Experience farm life with hands-on activities.

Chicken and Egg

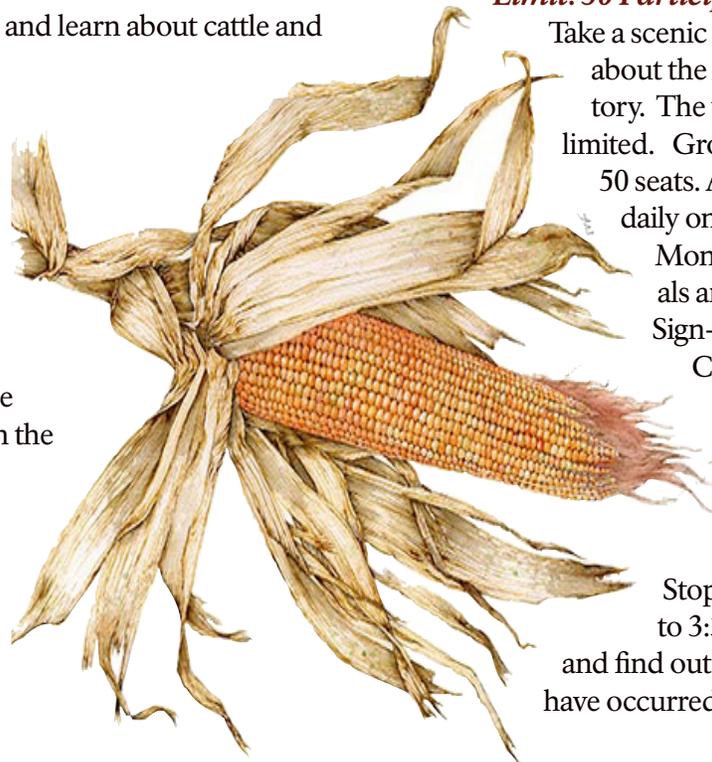
Limit: 30 participants

Help with the chores by feeding the chickens. Learn about chickens on the farm, and the the eggs they lay.

Wayside Walking Tour

Drop-in visitors only

Take a short walk through the park and stop at each outdoor exhibit to discuss its theme. Wear comfortable shoes for this approximately 1 mile walk.



Wagon Ride

Limit: 50 Participants

Take a scenic ride through the park and learn about the environment and the park's history. The wagon ride is free but space is limited. Group reservations are taken for up to 50 seats. Also, at least 25 seats are available daily on a first-come basis (except the 3rd Monday of the month) to individuals and groups of 4 or fewer visitors. Sign-up begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center on the day of the ride.

The Park's Past: An Invitation to Learn the Story of Oxon Cove Park

No group size limit

Stop by Mount Welby from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and explore the park's past and find out some of the fascinating stories that have occurred on the park property over time.

Education Programs

Our education programs are offered to organized groups, such as schools and home school organizations. These programs are offered October through June. Reservations are required and must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Animal Life on the Farm

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:00 a.m.

Grades Pre-K to 1st

25 students or fewer

Students will learn about farm animals, food products, and farm life. Students will meet the dairy cow, feed the chickens and take a wagon ride through the barnyard area. The program includes loan of an education kit to be used in classroom prior to field trip.

Exploring the Past at Oxon Cove Park

Kindergarten to 6th

25 students or fewer

Students will discover what life was like on the Mount Welby plantation during the early 1800s. Teachers can choose from fourteen activities based on the themes of immigration, slavery and the Underground Railroad, and the War of 1812. Pre-site and post-site activities are required to be completed by students.

Special Events

Meet the Buffalo Soldiers, Some of America's First Park Rangers

Saturday, October 10, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All ages

Come out and meet the Buffalo Soldiers, African American troops created after the Civil War. Meet uniformed "troopers" who will share stories about these pioneers who braved the western frontier and the scourge of racism to fight for and serve their country. Meet a cavalry horse and learn about the unique relationship between soldier and horse.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph You're the Apple of My Eye!

Monday, October 19, 2015

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, we'll concentrate on everyone's favorite sweet

October treat... No, not candy

corn! The All-American apple! Find out if it's true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.



Compost How To

Saturday, October 24, 2015

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All ages

Join us at the Oxon Hill Farm Demonstration Garden (near the chicken coop) to learn how to grow healthier plants and save the environment with compost! We'll be talking about different methods of composting and learning how to turn leaves, grass clippings, and food scraps into nutrient-rich compost for gardens and flower pots.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Deer Me!

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Monday, November 16, 2015

Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Shhhh! In November, if you are quiet, you are almost certain to observe a deer or two along the treeline at Oxon Cove Park. This month, learn about does, bucks, and fawns. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Jingle All the Way!

Monday, December 21, 2015

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh! This month, celebrate the holidays with tales, crafts, and carols, all featuring farm animals. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

On-going Programs

Junior Ranger Program

Earn a badge and patch and learn what it takes to become a Junior Ranger.

Scout to Ranger Program

Scouts can earn a stewardship patch while engaging in park activities.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday Shoreline Sweep-up

Every first Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., join Ranger Steph and your fellow park-lovers as we clean up the trash that finds its way onto the banks of Oxon Cove. Spend your afternoon in the fresh air, getting some exercise and making a visible difference. Earn service hours needed for your organization. Wear old clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. We will provide work gloves. Come alone or bring a group! Come once or every month! Meet in the parking lot, no later than 1:30. We will take a tractor-drawn wagon down to the cove. This event is canceled if the weather is inclement.

For more volunteer opportunities or for more information, please call us on 301.839.0503 or visit us at

- www.nps.gov/oxhi
- www.facebook.com/OxonHillFarm

Did You Know?

The National Park Service will be 100 years old in 2016. To celebrate, we invite you to find your park and share your story of discovery of national parks and programs in your own backyard! To find out more visit www.findyourpark.com

