September 2017

Schedule of Events
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September is a time for celebrations. The weather is getting cooler—perfect for hiking—with lots to see. Explore the park with a ranger on one or more of our Seasonal Discovery Walks. In addition, on September 16, we will celebrate the life of Elizabeth Thomas, a free black woman. Her land was confiscated to build Fort Stevens. She stayed to help the Union efforts.

Weekly Programs

Wednesdays

• Young Planetarium - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. Ages 4 and older. (30- 40 minutes)

Fridays

• Creature Feature - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park’s wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. All ages. (20- 30 minutes)

Saturdays

• Summer Night Sky - 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Discover tonight’s brightest stars, planets, and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park Planetarium. Ages 5 and older. (45 minutes)

• Exploring the Universe - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep-space objects in this high-tech planetarium program. Ages 7 and older. (45 minutes)

Sundays

• Summer Night Sky - 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Discover tonight’s brightest stars, planets, and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park Planetarium. Ages 5 and older. (45 minutes)

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Additional Programs

Saturday, September 9

• Civil War Roundtable - 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center - Civil War Historian/Curator Hari Jones discusses “Why Victors Have Been Portrayed as Victims: America’s African Descent Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion.” Ages 10 and older. (1.5- 2 hours)

• Run of the Mill - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m at Peirce Mill - See 2,000- pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using the good old-fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington D.C.’s only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the family programs and exhibits at Peirce Barn next door, too. All ages. (3 hours)
**Sunday, September 10**

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** - 11:00 a.m. at Georgetown Waterfront Park fountain (corner of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street) - Stroll Georgetown Waterfront Park with us to learn about the history of Georgetown. **Age 7 and older.** (35-40 minutes)

- **Colonial Arts and Crafts** - Drop in between 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Old Stone House - Children of all ages are invited to discover the oldest home in Washington D.C. They will also be able to design a corn husk craft and play Colonial games during this hands-on program. **Ages 5 and older.** (Drop in)

**Saturday, September 16**

- **Seasonal Discovery Nature Walk: Milkhouse Ford Loop** - 10:00 a.m. starting at the Nature Center - Join us for a series of ranger-led hikes. This program explores nature—including ecological concepts—and the history of significant structures located in the immediate vicinity of the Rock Creek Park Nature Center. **Ages 8 and older.** (2 hours)

- **Elizabeth Thomas Day** - Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Fort Stevens - Join us as we commemorate the life and legacy of Elizabeth Thomas, a free African-American woman whose land was used to build Fort Stevens.

- **Exploring the Sky** - 8:00 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot; on Glover Road near Military Road, NW—near Nature Center) - Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope with a ranger from Rock Creek Park and volunteers with National Capital Astronomers. This is a family-friendly night of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **All ages.** (2 hours)

**Saturday, September 23**

- **Run of the Mill** - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill - See 2,000-pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using the good old-fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington D.C.’s only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the family programs and exhibits at Peirce Barn next door, too. **All ages.** (3 hours)

**Sunday, September 24**

- **Colonial Arts and Crafts** - Drop in between 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Old Stone House - Children of all ages are invited to discover the oldest home in Washington D.C. They will also be able to design a corn husk craft and play Colonial games during this hands-on program. **Ages 5 and older.** (Drop in)

**Saturday, September 30**

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** - 11:00 a.m. at Georgetown Waterfront Park fountain (corner of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street) - Stroll Georgetown Waterfront Park with us to learn about the history of Georgetown. **Age 7 and older.** (35-40 minutes)

- **Seasonal Discovery Nature Walk: Rapids Bridge Loop** - 1:00 p.m. at Nature Center - This ranger-led walk, part of a series of hikes, explores nature—including ecological concepts—and the history of significant structures located in the immediate vicinity of the Rock Creek Park Nature Center. **Ages 8 and older.** (2 hours)

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**Locations in Rock Creek Park**

- **Fort Stevens** = Corner of 13th and Quackenbos streets, NW, Washington, D.C.
- **Georgetown Waterfront Park** = 3000 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
- **Nature Center & Planetarium** = 5200 Glover Road, NW, Washington, D.C.
- **Old Stone House** = 3051 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
- **Peirce Mill** = 2401 Tilden Street, NW, Washington, D.C.