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Schedule of Events

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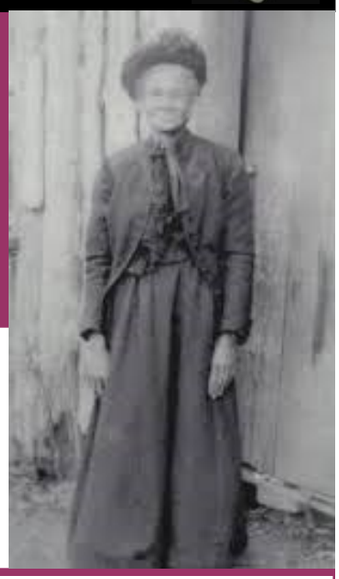

In September we will celebrate the life of Elizabeth Thomas, a free black woman, who had her land confiscated to build Fort Stevens — and stayed to help the Union efforts. If you are in Georgetown you can stop by the Old Stone House for a talk about the changing uses of the English-style garden that now adorns the grounds. If music is what you want, visit Carter Barron Amphitheatre for one of our concerts!

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.**

Thursday

- **Nature's Classroom: STEM Time for Toddlers** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center join us for Toddler Time where we will share Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities designed for those 1- 4 years old. It could be a sensory hike, an animal feature, counting or soring activities. Activity changes weekly . **Ages 1- 4**

Fridays

- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join us o learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.**

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.**
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Saturday, September 3

- **Civil war Roundtable** 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center Join Ranger Jeffrey Reardon as he provides an overview of Civil War music including songs of the Union, Confederacy, and enslaved people. A guest will perform period music **All ages.**
- **Blues Festival** noon to 7:30 p.m. at Carter Barron Amphitheatre . Performances by Slam Allen; Jackie Scott & The Housewreckers; The Countess & Royalty Blues Band; Lauren Mitchell, and; DC Mudd with special guest Gayle Harrod. Gates open at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Septermber 3 (continued)

- **Exploring the Sky** 8:00 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot; on Glover Road near Military Road NW) Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope. The National Capital Astronomers Association and Rock Creek Park invite you to a friendly hour of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **All ages.**

Sunday, September 4

- **Herbs, Blossoms and...Buicks?** 2:00 p.m. at the Old Stone House The garden of the Old Stone House has gone through a lot of changes in more than 250 years. Join us as we discover the history of the garden and where used cars fit in. **Age 7 and older.**

Saturday, September 10

- **Run of the Mill** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill See the 2,000 pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using 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 exhibits at Peirce Barn next door as well. **All Ages.**
- **Mill Works** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Hey Kids! Have we got something for you! Join us for fun and games at the mill. There will be toys to play with and crafts to make. Rain or shine we will be there, ready to have some fun. Be sure to pick up a Junior Ranger book and earn your Rock Creek Park Badge. **All ages.**
- **Rock the City** 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Carter Barron Amphitheatre Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets required, http://musicatthemonument.com/.

Sunday, September 11

- **Centennial Hike** 11:00 a.m. at the Nature Center The National Park Service preserves historic homes, battlefields, and natural wonders. Did you know that all that can be found right here in the Rock Creek Park. Join us for a two- mile hike as we celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service. When hiking remember to wear sturdy shoes, use sun protection, and bring water. **All ages.**

Saturday, September 17

- **Elizabeth Thomas Day** Noon to 2:00 p.m 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. Fort Stevens is at the corner of 13th and Quackenbos streets NW.
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Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours

Nature Center & Planetarium = 5200 Glover Road, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

Old Stone House = 3051 M Street, NW. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self guided tours, and bookstore.

Peirce Mill = 2401 Tilden Street, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Peirce Mill is an 1820s grist mill — the last remaining on Rock Creek.

Other Park Locations

Fort Stevens = fort grounds are at the corner of 13th and Quackenbos streets NW. Grounds are open from sunrise to sunset everyday.

Carter Barron Amphitheatre = Is at 4850 Colorado Ave., NW.