Rock Creek Park

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Schedule of Events

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Join us in April as we celebrate National Parks Week (April 16th-24th) and Junior Ranger Day (April 23rd) with special programming all month. We will have special readings of The Lorax in our planetarium, a presentation about National Parks through the lens of postage stamps, and a walk at the Georgetown Waterfront Park. For you 'early birders' we will have a bird walks this month at 7:00 a.m. Join us for any or all of our programs at Rock Creek Park, the backyard of the nations capital.

Join us on our *Active Trails* hikes and walks.

For more information go to http://tinyurl.com/kbbkbk7

Daily

- **Perspectives of the Old Stone House** 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday at the Old Stone House The Old Stone House has a long and diverse history. Rangers will present insights on middle- class life in Georgetown, the evolution of a neighborhood, and the changing uses of an urban garden. **All ages.**

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.**

Fridays

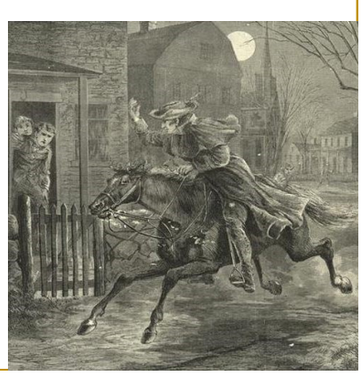
- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.**

Saturdays

- **Native American Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover American Indian star stories and constellations. Learn how Coyote and Eagle created the seasons. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **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.**

Sundays

- **Spring 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.**
- **Revolutionary Skies: Deflating Patriot Myths** 4:00 p.m. in the Planetarium We will explore the night sky during famous events of the American revolutionary period and examine famous artworks to see if they got it right! **Ages 7 and older.**



Saturday, April 2

- **Civil War Roundtable** 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center Michael A. Schaffner will discuss his research into the significance of the United States Colored Troops in winning the Civil War. **Ages 10 and older.**
- **Fort DeRussey Hike** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Come out for a short one mile hike to Fort DeRussy and explore the Civil War in the nation's capital. **All ages.**

Saturday, April 3

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** 11:00 a.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park Stroll the Georgetown Waterfront Park with us and learn how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. Meet at the Georgetown Waterfront Park fountain at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street. *Active Trails* **Age 7 and older.**

Thursday, April 7

- **Ranger Reads: *The Lorax*** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join us for a story time IN THE PLANETARIUM! We will read Dr. Seuss' environmental classic, *The Lorax.* **All ages.**

Saturday, April 9

- **Buds** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join our friends from Casey Trees for tree- focused story time interspersed with songs and a craft project. Each family will leave with a list of seasonally appropriate "scavenger hunt items" to track down while exploring the trails on their own after the program. **Ages 18 months to 4 years.** Please register at http://caseytrees.org/events/upcoming/
- **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.**

Saturday, April 16

- **The National Park Service: A Centennial of Stamps** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center In honor of National Parks Week join us for a discussion of how America's national parks have been honored by the United States Postal Service. **Ages 7 and older.**

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Saturday, April 23

- **Centennial Junior Ranger Day** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Join us for Junior Ranger Day for a series of activities that will help kids to learn about their parks. **All ages.**
  - **Earn your Centennial Junior Ranger Badge** 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Throughout the day grab one of our Centennial Junior Ranger books, complete the activities and earn your Centennial badge! **Ages 5 and older.**
  - **Corn Husk Craft** 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Children and families are invited to try their hand at making a corn husk doll. Materials are provided. **Ages 6 and older.**
  - **Learn to Make a Map** 10:00 a.m. Using a compass, pencil, and sheet of paper, we will go on a short hike to learn how to make a simple line map. **Ages 8 and older.**
  - **Knot Tying** 12:00 p.m. Materials will be provided as we learn to tie some common knots. **Ages 6 and older.**

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Sunday, April 24

- **Morning Walk to Meridian Hill** 10:00 a.m. at Picnic Grove 24 playground at the Tennis Center: In honor of Park RX day we will take a two- mile walk from the Tennis Courts to Meridian Hill Park. Remember to wear comfortable shoes and to bring some water. *Active Trails*
- **Be a Statue, and Get Fit!** 11:00 a.m. at Meridian Hill Park: Join us as we walk around Meridian Hill and learn some new exercises that will also help us see the art in the park in a different way. All ages. Meet at the Joan of Arc statue. *Active Trails*
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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

Georgetown Waterfront Park = Programs meet at the fountain at the intersection of "K" Steer and Wisconsin

Meridian Hill Park = Is bordered by 15th and 16th streets NW to the east and west, and Euclid and 'W' streets NW to the north and south. Programs meet at the Joan of Arc statue.

Picnic Grove #24 = is near Coloradr Avenue and 16th Street NW. Picnic Grove #24 has a playground nearby.