Rock Creek Park

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Schedule of Events

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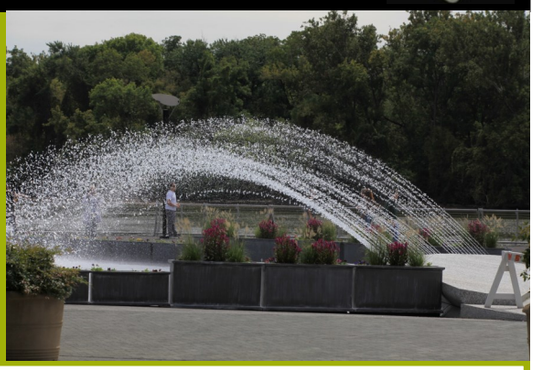

In June we welcome summer and open our registration for our July Junior Ranger Camps. Remember, spaces are limited! We are celebrating the centennial of the National Park Service (NPS) with a hike that will show how Rock Creek Park represents the NPS as a whole. You can join us on a stroll of Georgetown Waterfront Park, a scavenger hunt at Montrose Park, and a planetarium program that explores the life cycle of our solar system.

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

- **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.**
- **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.**

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- **Poetry in the Park: The Joaquin Miller Poetry Series** 3:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join The Word Works in the Rock Creek Nature Center Auditorium for original poetry readings each Sunday afternoon in June and July. **Ages 14 and older.**
- **Rise and Fall of our Solar System** 4:00 p.m. in the Planetarium Join us as we explore the life cycle of our solar system! Our solar system is centered around the sun, and as the sun goes so do the planets that orbit it. See what will happen, including the possible formation of a precious stone the size of a world! **Ages 7 and older.**

Saturday, June 4 National Trails Day

- **Civil War Roundtable** 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center Join us for a lively discussion of select Civil War topics led by a guest speaker. For details please see our schedule of events at www.nps.gov/rocr. **Ages 10 and older.**
- **The NPS in Miniature: How Rock Creek is the National Park Service** 10:00 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.**
- **Seasonal Stroll from Peirce Mill** 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Join us on a 2.5 mile hike from Peirce Mill where we will see landmarks such as Pulpit Rock and Boulder Bridge while also enjoying the flora and fauna of Rock Creek Park. When hiking remember to wear sturdy shoes, use sun protection, and bring water. **All ages.**
- **Exploring the Sky** 9:00 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 family- friendly hour of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **All ages.**

Sunday, June 5

- **Building Georgetown** 2:00 p.m. at the Old Stone House Join us as we look at the history of Georgetown and the Old Stone House from the 1600s to today. **Age 7 and older.**

Saturday, June 11

- **Buds** 9:30 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.**
- **Mill Works** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Watch our mill wheels in action then make play dough using corn meal ground at Peirce Mill! Use your hands to knead, roll, shape, and cut — just like a 19th century baker.
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- **Montrose Park Scavenger Hunt** 10:00 a.m. at the top of Lover's Lane (off "R" Street between Avon and 31st streets, NW Join us as we take an exploratory stroll through Georgetown's Montrose Park for hidden 'treasures.' Riddles and story time included. **Ages 4 to 6.**

Sunday, June 12

- **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. When hiking remember to wear sturdy shoes, use sun protection, and bring water. **Age 7 and older.**

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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.

Montrose Park = is in Georgetown with the main access through Lover's Lane. Programs meet at the top of Lover's lane on "R" Street between Avon and 31st streets NW.

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2016 Junior Ranger

Experience the sights and sounds of Rock Creek Park with a ranger

• Discover the park's biggest trees on a nature hike
• View the night sky during the day in our planetarium
• Discover a Civil War fortress
• Meet the nature center's live animals
• Play games, do hands on activities and more

Come prepared—equipping your camper

• Bring a backpack to carry all your stuff
• Water or a sports drink to stay hydrated
• Snacks and a bag lunch to stay energized
• Hiking boots or tennis shoes for healthy feet (no sandals or flip-flops)
• Sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses are highly recommended because it's sunny in D.C.

Registration for July camps starts June 15
Registration for August camps starts July 15

Astronomy Camps: Astronomy Camp will further camper's understanding of and appreciation for astronomy and the night sky. Activities will include hands-on activities, planetarium programs, completing a special Dark Sky Junior Ranger booklet, stargazing session, and more.

July 9 Ages 9-11

August 6 Ages 7-8

Two Day Junior Ranger Camps: The Junior Ranger Camp serves as a general introduction for children to the natural and cultural resources of Rock Creek Park. Campers will enjoy a nature hike, an astronomy program in the planetarium, a visit to historic Peirce Mill, arts and crafts, trail games, and more.

July 13-14 Ages 7-8

July 20-21 Ages 9-11

National Park Service Centennial Camps: Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation of the National Park Service , the Centennial Camp will shed light on the achievements of our first 100 years. Campers will explore the park and envision what the next 100 years could bring!

August 10-11 Ages 7-8

August 24-25 Ages 9-11

Georgetown Camps: Georgetown has a rich a varied history. Campers will experience Georgetown's history by visiting Rock Creek Park's Dumbarton Oaks Park, Montrose Park, Old Stone House and Georgetown Waterfront Park.

July 27 Ages 7-8

August 17 Ages 9-11

For more information or to register, contact the Rock Creek Park Nature Center at (202) 895-6070.