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**Elk Neck State Park
4395 Turkey Point Road, North East, MD 21901
2016 Events Calendar**

Elk Neck State Park, situated between the Elk and North East Rivers in Cecil County, Maryland, provides an opportunity for visitors to explore the diverse landscapes that overlook the Chesapeake Bay.

Join the Naturalist for these family fun events. Please call (410) 287.5333 for more information and to make your reservation.

January 1st "First Day Hike: Under the Frost!" 1-3pm

Ring in the New Year by breaking in your hiking boots! Join a Ranger on an invigorating two mile trek on the Pond Loop, learning more about the winter behaviors of Elk Neck's critters along the way. Meet at the Park Store in the Campground Area. Donations welcomed!

February 14th "A Turkey Point Valentine" 4pm

Looking for a different way to celebrate Valentine's Day? Travel to Elk Neck State Park and enjoy a beautiful and informative two mile round-trip stroll up to the Turkey Point Lighthouse. While there, share a refreshing treat of sparkling juice, chocolate covered strawberries and other holiday favorites with your best friend. Enjoy the sunset and get your photo taken by the lighthouse. Parking is limited; reservations required! \$20 per couple.

March 12th "Tracking 101- Who Goes There?" 1pm

You do not need to see an animal to know that it is around or where it's been. Join a Ranger to learn more about tracking by looking for signs of animals in the park's forested areas. Day-use fees apply (\$3 per Maryland resident, \$5 per out-of-state resident). Call for more details and to make your reservation today!

April 23rd "Eagle Watch" 9 am

Celebrate Earth Day by catching a glimpse of the majestic Bald Eagle along the banks of Elk Neck State Park. Join a Ranger to learn more about this bird of prey through various activities and a Bald Eagle ambassador from the Scales & Tales program. \$5 per person. Call for more details and to make your reservation today!

April 30th "Birding 101" 8am

Join a Ranger and a representative of the Cecil County Birding Club on a hike to the Turkey Point Lighthouse looking for local and migrating songbirds along the way. Learn more about birding with and without binoculars, examining bird size, silhouette and song. Call for more details and to make your reservation today!

May 14th "Bicycle Safety" 6pm

Wait! Watch out! Look both ways! Whether bicycling through the park's campground, on a trail or in your neighborhood, there are many obstacles a rider must be aware of at all times. Join a guest speaker to learn more about bicycle safety and then test your knowledge by taking a ride through Elk Neck's bicycle obstacle course. Be sure to bring your own bike. Meet at the Amphitheater located within the Campground Area. Day-use fees apply (\$3 per Maryland resident, \$5 per out-of-state resident).

June 4th “National Trails Day Hike” 10am

Get a jumpstart into celebrating “Great Outdoors Month” by joining a Ranger on National Trails Day to hike the Farm Road and Pond Loop trails. Have your hiking shoes ready to enjoy and explore Mountain Laurel filled forests and lively marshy habitats. Meet at the Farm Road trailhead (across from Shelter One) in the North East Beach Area for this four (4) mile hike. Day-use fees apply (\$3 per Maryland resident, \$5 per out-of-state resident).

June 18th “7th Annual Cecil County Wade-In” 10am

Join us as we pull up our pant legs and wade into the Upper Chesapeake Bay at the beautiful North East Beach to measure water quality the way retired Maryland State Senator Bernie Fowler did 25 years ago with his “sneaker index”. No reservations required.

June 26th “Elk River Exploration” 9-11am

Explore the banks of Turkey Point by paddling the Elk River. Along the way learn to identify some of the animals that call this watery habitat home. \$20 per canoe or tandem kayak and \$15 per single kayak. Have your own canoe or kayak - bring it along for just \$5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations. Meet next to the boat launch facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area.

July 16th “Evening Paddle” 6-8pm

Enjoy an evening paddle on the serene waters of the Elk River. Discover the wonders that abound on the water as the sun sets. Meet next to the boat launch facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area. \$20 per canoe or tandem kayak, and \$15 per single kayak. Have your own canoe or kayak - bring it along for just \$5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations.

August 14th “Elk River Exploration” 9-11am

Explore the banks of Turkey Point by paddling the Elk River. Along the way learn to identify some of the animals that call this watery habitat home. \$20 per canoe or tandem kayak and \$15 per single kayak. Have your own canoe or kayak - bring it along for just \$5 per person. Space is limited, so call today to make your reservations. Meet next to the boat launch facilities in the Rogues Harbor Area.

September 24th National Public Lands Day, 1-4pm

Come out and celebrate Public Lands Day at Elk Neck State Park! You will be among thousands of people nation-wide who volunteer their time to benefit America's public lands. Work side-by-side with park staff and afterwards enjoy a live animal program featuring some of Maryland's most common reptiles. Meet in the North East Beach Area. Call for more details.

October 8th “Turkey Point by Moon Light!” 8pm

Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night by hiking approximately two miles round-trip, by the light of the moon, to the Turkey Point Lighthouse. Learn more about the earth's “natural satellite” along the way. Parking is limited; reservations required! \$3 per person or \$10 for a family of four.

October 16th “Hawk Watch” 10am

Look high in the sky at Turkey Point and you will see migrating hawks and falcons. Join volunteers from Turkey Point Hawk Watch and Cecil Birding Club (and animals from the Scales & Tales program) to learn how to identify these birds of prey by color, shape, size, and silhouette. Meet at the Turkey Point Lighthouse parking lot. Donations welcomed. Call to make a reservation today!



To learn more about the Maryland Junior Ranger program, please visit:
<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/jrranger.aspx>