



NATURE PROGRAMS

For more information on these programs,
call Mark Battista at 318-8735 or
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Register at least one week before programs.

DUTCH GAP CONSERVATION AREA

This 809-acre conservation area features bottomland forests, wetlands, ponds, meadows, a tidal lagoon, trails for hiking and biking, scenic areas for fishing and the Lagoon Water Trail. Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset. Directions: From I-95, take exit 61 (Route 10, Hopewell) east to first traffic signal. Turn left onto Old Stage Road (Route 732), travel two miles to stop sign at Coxendale and follow to park entrance on right, Henricus Park Road. Details: Noel Losen, 748-1129, or Mark Battista, 318-8735

WILD LANDSCAPES

Come and explore some of the most stunning and diverse wildlands in Virginia (and one in North Carolina) by foot and by bike. Travel through these beautiful landscapes to discover their natural history. All trips include guides and transportation. For ages 12 and older. Depart: Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road Saturdays

Biking the Dismal Swamp State Park

Bike through the Great Dismal Swamp, one of the most expansive wetlands in the east. Pedal deep into the swamp along old logging roads to find Atlantic white cedar, inkberry, fetterbush and other unique plants of the swamp. Look for wood ducks and prothonotary warblers as well as signs of black bear, foxes and bobcats. This will be an easy and flat 14-18 mile bike trek. Mountain bikes and/or beach cruisers will be provided.

March 31, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. \$50 Course 33422

Hotel Trail Hike

Journey along the Hotel Trail and the Appalachian Trail for unsurpassed views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, meadows, hollows, and the Shenandoah Valley. This 5.8-mile hike in George Washington Forest will take us to the 4000-plus foot high Cold Mountain and an inspiring mountain meadow. This will be a moderate-difficult hike with almost 1500 feet of elevation gain.

April 21, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$35 Course 33423

Biking False Cape State Park

Explore and bike one of Virginia's most wild park which is accessible only by foot, bike or boat. This bike tour will travel through Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge and False Cape State Park and explain the mission of these two agencies while learning about the unique ecology of a barrier spit. Take a short hike to walk a remote beach and to visit the wash woods cemetery. This will be an easy and flat 16-20 mile bike trek. Mountain bike and/or beach cruisers will be provided.

May 19, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. \$50 Course 33424

Mount Pleasant Hike

Head to George Washington National Forest for one of the quintessential hikes, the 5-mile circuit hike to the top of Mount Pleasant at 4,021 feet. Enjoy sweeping views from the east and west overlooks. This is a moderate hike with 1,350 feet of elevation gain.

June 30, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. \$35 Course 33425

WEEKDAY WANDERERS

Join our trips to explore and learn about the rich and diverse resources of Virginia. Each trip will reveal the natural and cultural history of the various sites. All programs include a naturalist, transportation and admission fees (if required). Depart: Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road* unless noted*



Wild Tour of Chesterfield County – Exploring the James

Hike and explore four sites along the James River. First, travel to the Brown and Williamson Conservation Area to bushwhack almost a mile of bluff overlooking the James River. Next, head to a secluded tract in River's Bend and the historic Dantzler Battery. Finally, head north to the new James River Conservation Area.

*Henricus Park Visitor Center, 251 Henricus Park Road Thursday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$15 Course 33426

Cumberland Marsh Preserve

Hike near the Pamunkey River to explore the 1,094-acre tidal marsh that serves as a home for wintering waterfowl, bald eagles and other diverse bird species. This property owned and managed by the Nature Conservancy protects the largest population of the rare sensitive join-vetch. Hike an easy 2.8-trail through wetlands and uplands with views of the Pamunkey River.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$18 Course 33427

Powhatan Wildlife Management Area

Hike an approximate 5-mile loop in the 4462-acre Powhatan Wildlife Management Area. The trail winds through diverse habitat including streams, wetlands, meadows and upland forests along with abandoned farms and a graveyard. This is a moderate hike with easy, rolling landscape.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$18 Course 33428

Hog Island

Hike and explore the 3908-acre Hog Island Wildlife Management Area, a peninsula that juts out into the James River. Laced with wetland and creeks and containing open fields and some forested areas, the area teems with winter waterfowl, bald eagles and other wildlife such as deer and foxes. This will be an easy, almost 4-mile hike.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$20 Course 33429

Ivy Creek Natural Area

Stroll an easy 4-mile loop in the Ivy Creek Natural Area in Charlottesville. Traipse along the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir, through upland forests, fields and streams. The 215-acre natural area provides gently rolling hills and diverse habitats.

Thursday, March 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$20 Course 33430

Beaverdam Park and Gloucester Village

Return to Beaverdam Park to hike along the western cove that winds near the shoreline, around small coves and tributaries and through wetlands and mature forests. Afterwards, take a short stroll through historic Gloucester. This is an easy 4-mile hike.

Thursday, March 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$20 Course 33376

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Rappahannock River Heritage Trail

Take a leisurely 3.3-mile hike along the Rappahannock Canal Walk and the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail that showcases nature and river views in a city environment. Hike along the old canal and along the fall zone of the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg. This is an easy hike along a paved trail. Have lunch at Old Mill Park nestled along the Rappahannock River. Stop at landmark Carl's after the hike for a deserved frozen treat.

Thursday, March 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$20 Course 33431

Chippokes Plantation State Park

Stroll an easy five miles where natural history and cultural history converge along the banks of the James River. Roam along a cypress swamp, agricultural fields, historical building, including the Chippokes Mansion, tidal creeks and the banks of the James River where fossils reveal an ancient ocean.

Thursday, March 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$30 Course 33377

The Great Dismal Swamp

Hike and van tour through one of Virginia's most spectacular ecosystems, the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Tour six miles by van to Lake Drummond, in the heart of the wildlife refuge. The swamp is a haven for black bears, bobcats and over 200 species of birds. It also supports unique plants such as Atlantic white cedar, dwarf trillium and silky camellia.

Thursday, April 12, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. \$32 Course 33381

Hickory Hollow Nature Preserve

Find spring at Hickory Hollow located in the Northern Neck. Stroll along a patchwork of trails that lead through mature forests, down into Cabin Swamp and along streams. Observe spring wildflowers and returning birds.

Thursday, April 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$30 Course 33378

Rapidan and Staunton Rivers Hike

Stroll along the Rapidan and Staunton Rivers to imbibe in the mountain streams and reap the beauty of spring wildflowers. See plunging pools, check water quality by observing stream organisms and enjoy the colorful wildflowers such as showy orchids, golden ragwort, Solomon's seal, trillium and lady's slippers. This will be a slow, easy hike along the Rapidan and Staunton Rivers. Hike will be about three miles.

Thursday, April 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$30 Course 33380

Montpelier

Roam the rolling terrain and discover the range of landscapes at James Madison's Montpelier. Hike through the Landmark Forest to see venerable white oaks and tulip poplar trees while learning about the history of the land. Hike beautiful meadows and forested lands, enjoy views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and visit the Slave Cemetery and the Madison Family Cemetery. Purchase lunch at the visitor center or bring your own lunch. Hiking distance is about 2-3 miles.

Thursday, May 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$20 Course 33432

Kiptopeke State Park

Head across the Bay Bridge Tunnel for an excursion through Kiptopeke State Park. Check out returning migrants as we stroll along shorelines, meadows, dunes, ponds and forests. This will be an easy four-mile hike.

Thursday, May 10, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$32 Course 33433

Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail

Take a leisurely hike along this unique rails-to-trail that borders Amherst and Nelson Counties. Start at Rose Mill Trailhead, and then head down river with the Piney River at your side to the confluence of the Tye River. This is an easy out-and-back 5.5-mile hike.

Thursday, May 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$30 Course 33382

Mountain Meadow Hike

Start your hike at Hog Camp Gap, then ramble along the Appalachian Trail to the mountain meadow of Cold Mountain. The 4,000-plus-foot high meadow provides a panoramic view of the George Washington National Forest, surrounding mountains and Shenandoah Valley. This is one of the most spectacular views in the George Washington Forest. Hike will be approximately 3.5 miles and only 480 feet of elevation gain.

Thursday, May 24, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. \$32 Course 33379

Roslyn Landing

Start your hike at Roslyn Landing in Colonial Heights then walk along the paved Appomattox River Trail System that shadows the Appomattox River. Enjoy the riparian habitat and discover the old Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the diversion channel. Continue across the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge, and then walk into downtown Petersburg for lunch. After lunch, return along the same route. This is a very easy 4-mile hike.

Thursday, May 31, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$18 Course 33385

PADDLING TRIPS

Depart: Henricus Visitor Center, 251 Henricus Park Road. Fee includes guides, kayaks and accessory gear.

Floating the Nottoway River

Float and paddle the Nottoway River from Courtland to Cypress Bridge where "Big Mama" reigns amidst a grove of towering cypress trees. Relax with the gentle and somber coastal river while admiring stream banks lined with tupelos, cypress and water and overcup oaks. This will be a five-mile float. For ages 12 and older. An adult must accompany children aged 12-16

Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$35 Course 33372

Seldom Seen Island

See the Tidal Lagoon in the Dutch Gap Conservation Area like you have never seen it before. Paddle at low tide to see exposed barges and Seldom Seen Island. See what's revealed after the water drops almost four feet. Minimum age is 8. An adult must accompany children aged 8-14. Paddling time is approximately two hours.

Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-noon \$16 Course 33373

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Evening Paddle at the Heron Rookery

Embark on an evening paddle at the Dutch Gap Conservation Area. Slip quietly through the waters to observe wildlife and observe the heron rookery. Watch the changing colors as the sun sets below the horizon. For ages 10 and older. An adult must accompany children aged 10-14. Paddling time is approximately 2 hours.
Saturday, May 19, 5 - 8 p.m. \$16 Course 33371

Sunset Paddle

Paddle into the evening hours as the sun drifts below the horizon and the tide ebbs. Visit the graveyard, islands and labyrinth. Minimum age is 10. An adult must accompany children 10-14 years of age. Paddling time is approximately 2 hours.
Saturday, June 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$16 Course 33383

Swift Creek Conservation Area

Paddle and explore the county's newest conservation area along the lower Swift Creek. Venture into three aquatic environments which include river, swamp and tidal marsh in this 459-acre conservation area. For ages 10 and older. An adult must accompany children 10-14 years of age. Paddling time is approximately 3 hours.
Saturday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$21 Course 33384

FAMILIES IN THE OUTDOORS

Unplug from the digital world and join us for a series of outings to explore our local environments. Each program is designed to encourage families to get outdoors, get exercise and enjoy the wild outdoors.

Bushwhacking the Brown & Williamson Conservation Area

Bushwhack and explore the 500-acre conservation area along the James River. Find the eagle nest, clues that reveal the story of the land, skunk cabbage and vernal pools. Have lunch in the hollow, then trek to the bluff that overlooks the James River. This will be an adventurous 3-mile hike involving lots of bushwhacking and some stream crossings. Minimum age is 10. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Henricus Visitor Center, 251 Henricus Park Road
Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$4 Course 33367

Exploring Mary B. Stratton Park

Hike and bushwhack to explore a park not yet open to the public. Hike along old trails and bushwhack through forested uplands, meadows, floodplains and along Falling Creek. Discover an old road bed, a beaver dam and Trampling Run. Minimum age is 8. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road
Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$4 Course 33368

Explore the Appomattox River Valley

Start your journey at the Radcliffe Conservation Area. Bushwhack along the northern boundary to roam along the bluff, along small wetlands, rock outcropping and some stream crossings. Reunite with the River Trail and continue downriver for lunch at the abutment dam. Return along the River Trail. This will be an adventurous 2.5-3 mile hike involving some bushwhacking and stream crossings. Minimum age is 5. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Radcliffe Conservation Area and Canoe Launch, 21501 Chesdin Road
Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$4 Course 33417

Moonlight Ride and Campfire

Explore the Dutch Gap Conservation Area by bike - at night! Start your bike trek before sunset and pedal an easy two miles to the Peninsula. Enjoy a lite dinner, some activities and a campfire with S'mores. Turn on your headlights and ride back 2.5 miles to the parking lot. This is an easy bike ride with minimal elevation gain. Trail is suitable for bikes hauling trailers. Mountain bikes and hybrid bikes are necessary. Helmets and bike lights are required. Bring a light lunch and drink. We will provide the S'mores.
Henricus Visitor Center, 251 Henricus Park Road
Saturday, April 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5 Course 33369

Survival in a Bag Hike

Begin your adventure at the edge of civilization before stepping into the unknown. Learn basic hiker safety and what 10 everyday items you should carry in your bag for basic survival. Hike into the forest of Rockwood Park learning how to read the landscape. You will learn how to leave markers for others to find and learn what to do if you find yourself lost. Finally, learn how to make a basic shelter and make your way back to civilization. Bring food, water, a light backpack, a trash bag, wear long pants and sturdy boots. This hike will be about 3-4 miles in length around various sites in Rockwood Park with light off trail instruction. Minimum age is 8. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road
Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$6 Course 33419

Sky Watch

Join the Richmond Astronomical Society to roam the night sky in search of star clusters, planets, and other sky objects. View the cosmos with various telescopes. Programs last about one hour and meet at the Woodlake Athletic Complex located behind Clover Hill Elementary School.
Program 1: Friday, March 23, 8-9 p.m. Course 33374
Program 2: Friday, April 27, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Course 33375
Free but register online at www.chesterfield.gov/parks

Community Garden Plots

Rent a garden plot at Rockwood Park. A single 20 x 20-foot plot costs \$45; a second plot costs an additional \$25. Plots are tilled, located near a water source, and are open from approximately early March to the end of November. To rent a plot, or for additional information, call Mark Battista at 318-8735.

Individual and Group Canoe/Kayak Tours

Enlist the naturalist for a nature tour to discover and explore the Dutch Gap Conservation Area. All trips include sit-on-top kayaks, paddles, personal flotation device, basic paddling instructions and guided tour. Tours can accommodate an individual, couples or groups. For more information and to schedule a tour, call Mark Battista at 318-8735.

NATURE PROGRAMS – ROCKWOOD

For more information on these programs, call 674-1629.
www.chesterfield.gov/naturecenter



Discover our live snake, turtle and honeybee exhibits, and learn more about the plants and animals of Central Virginia. Sign up for an archery program, summer camps, environmental education programs or arrange the next outing for your class or other children's group. Our naturalists are available to answer your questions and expand your understanding of our natural world.

Location: Rockwood Park, 3401 Courthouse Rd. 804-674-1629

Volunteer for Nature: We have a variety of volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. See the latest volunteer offerings at www.chesterfield.gov.

Facility Rental: Looking for a unique, private location for your next event? The Rockwood Nature Center multipurpose room is available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. An hourly charge will apply. The 1100-plus square foot room has a drop down projection screen, tables and chairs, and multiple sinks. Details: 674-1629

ARCHERY

Introduction to Archery

Enjoy the fun of learning a new sport, from stance to follow through, focusing on beginning form, safety, and proper use of equipment. Participants will learn the basics of archery on their choice of simple compound bows or recurve bows. This class focuses on group-style target archery and is taught by USA Archery certified instructors. All classes take place on the group instructional range located directly next to Rockwood Nature Center. Class is held rain or shine, but in the event of inclement weather, instruction and shooting take place inside the nature center's classroom. For ages 8 and older, adults and families welcome. \$20/ person

Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon

Feb. 10

March 24

April 14

May 26

Sundays, 2 - 4 p.m.

Jan. 21

March 4

April 29

Course 33024

Course 33025

Course 33026

Course 33027

Course 33028

Course 33029

Course 33030

Adult Introduction to Archery

For those interested in archery but who didn't know how to get started, the USA Archery-certified instructors teach an adults-only version of our popular Introduction to Archery course. Learn the basics of this fun and rewarding sport, including the rules, safety and step-by-step shooting form for tournament-style target archery with adjustable compound bows for individuals of all strengths and draw lengths. All classes take place on the group instructional range located directly next to Rockwood Nature Center. Class is held rain or shine, in the event of inclement weather, instruction and shooting will take place inside the nature center's classroom. Minimum age is 18.

Sunday, March 11, 2 - 4 p.m. \$20

Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-noon \$20

Course 33007

Course 33008



Beyond the Basics: Level 1 – Archery Form Development

For those who have learned the basics of archery and are ready for more, this class will focus on more details of form and body mechanics for those who want to continue their development as a beginning-intermediate archer. Students may choose from compound- or recurve style bows. All classes take place on the group instructional range located directly next to Rockwood Nature Center. Class is held rain or shine, in the event of inclement weather, instruction and shooting will take place inside the nature center's classroom. For ages 8 and older, adults and families welcome. **PREREQUISITE:** Participants must have completed Chesterfield County's Introduction to Archery within the past year or participated in an archery club to be eligible for this program.

Sunday, March 25, 2-4 p.m.

\$20

Course 33009

Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. - noon

\$20

Course 33010

Beyond the Basics: Level 2 – Aiming and Scoring

Take your archery skills to the next level with the intermediate series of archery courses. Now it's time to work on aim and learning how to score a regulation target face. Participants will learn different aiming techniques for bare-bow as well as how to use a basic target sight and the importance of your sight picture. Play some aiming games and end the sessions with a mini-scoring round. Class is held on the instructional archery range directly next to Rockwood Nature Center. All equipment is provided, or use your own with instructor permission. **PREREQUISITE:** Participants must have completed the Beyond the Basics: Level 1 course within the past year or participated in an archery club in order to be eligible for this program.

Sunday, May 6, 2-4 p.m.

\$20

Course 33011

Star Shooters Youth Archery Club

Join the Star Shooters Archery Club for an entire shooting season! This program, for kids ages 8-16, meets weekly for eight weeks. This is a great way for kids to receive more in-depth archery instruction in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. During each class, participants will learn techniques, form, and rules for target archery, as well as try different types of bows (compound and recurves), shoot archery games and perform drills to become a better archer. Twice per season, kids have the opportunity to earn one of a series of rank patches based on their personal shooting scores. Bows and equipment are provided, or use your own with instructor approval. At the end of the season, archers compete in a members-only tournament where kids can pit their skills against others in their age brackets to take home a trophy! New students with no archery experience are encouraged, but also must register for the New Archery Club Member Introduction class. Instructors are USA Archery certified. Cost includes equipment, patches, tournament medals and trophies. Three time slots are available but space is limited, so register early to be assured a spot! 100\$/person

INDOOR: Rockwood Nature Center, 3401 Courthouse Road

Thursdays, Jan. 25-March 15

11 a.m.-noon

4-5 p.m.

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tournament – TBD

Course 33449

Course 33450

Course 33013

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OUTDOOR

Tuesdays, April 10 – May 29

11 a.m.-noon

4-5 p.m.

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tournament Saturday June 2

Course 33014

Course 33015

Course 33016

Star Shooter Club New Archer Introduction

Required for all students new to archery who would like to participate in the Star Shooters Youth Archery Club but did not take an introduction to Archery Course within the past year. Participants must be enrolled in courses 33449, 33450, 33013, 33014, 33015, or 33016 to take this class.

INDOOR:

Thursday, Jan. 18, 5:30-7 p.m.

\$10

Course 33018

OUTDOOR:

Tuesday, March 27, 5:30-7 p.m.

\$10

Course 33019

High School Archery – CCPS online PE Credits eligible

Students will learn the skills needed to gain a firm foundation in archery. This is designed as a beginner archery development program for high school age students. This class focuses on group-style target archery and is taught by USA Archery-certified instructors.

All equipment is provided and this course meets 20 hours for CCPS online PE requirements per season. For ages 15 – 18.

\$65/student for this series of 10 classes

Mondays & Thursdays, April 9 – May 10, 4-6 p.m. Course 33046

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD)

This is the next step for youth archers who are experienced shooters and serious about taking their archery to the next level. JOAD is a developmental program offered by Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation that uses the USA Archery curriculum. This program is for youth, ages 8-20. To be eligible to join the JOAD program, members must own their own bow, have completed at least two seasons of the Chesterfield Star Shooters Youth Archery program and be able to shoot a score of 55 points or higher in that class (Exceptions can be made those with substantial archery experience outside of the Star Shooters program, i.e. NASP, etc.) JOAD registration cost includes star pins earned and lanyard to hold them. Additional membership in USA Archery (www.usaarchery.org) is highly recommended and required to compete in most tournaments, but not required to initially participate in the JOAD program. For registration information or information on the Golden Arrow Archers JOAD club contact Rockwood Nature Center. For registration information, contact Rockwood Nature Center 804-674-1629 or TrappL@Chesterfield.gov

INDOOR: Crestwood Elementary, 7600 Whittington Drive

Wednesdays, Jan. 10- March 14, 5:30-7 p.m. \$100 Course 33098

OUTDOOR: The Pit at the Chesterfield Technical Center, 13900 Hull Street Road

Wednesdays, April 11-June 6

\$90

Course 33012

1-2:30 p.m.

5:30-7 p.m.

Course 33017

Adult Archery Practice

Join fellow adult archers for weekly practice and archery camaraderie. Archers must bring all their own equipment and know how to use it, no formal lessons will be given during practice times, but informal tips and coaching from instructors will be given as needed. Distances can be shot from 15 – 70 meters, all targets and FITA style target faces will be provided.

INDOOR: Crestwood Elementary, 7600 Whittington Drive

Tuesdays, Jan. 9- March 13, 6-7:30 p.m. \$65 Course 33099

OUTDOOR: Chesterfield Career and Technical Center at Hull, 13900 Hull Street Road

Fridays, April 13-June 8, 6-7:30 p.m. \$60 Course 33006

Calling All Scouts!

Rockwood Nature Center offers nature-themed badge workshops for all scouts. Archery for age 8 and older, is available as well as a variety of themes such as trees, bugs, and more! Workshops do not include badges. For more information and to schedule a workshop, please contact Denise Flora at 745-7020 or florad@chesterfield.gov.

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Yoga: All Hands on Deck

Immerse yourself with the sights and sounds of nature while enjoying gentle yoga on the deck at Rockwood Nature Center. This class is designed for every "body." We move mindfully and with compassion offering modifications and props to fit your needs. Please bring a mat, water bottle, and a small towel. Bolsters, straps, and blocks will be provided. We meet rain or shine.

Limited to 10 students per class. For ages 18 +.

Sundays, 8-9 a.m. \$12

March 18

Course 33081

April 15

Course 33082

May 6

Course 33083

Paper Making

Have you ever thought about making your own paper? Join us at Rockwood Nature Center where we will learn how to make paper! We will talk a bit about the history of paper, and what Native Americans and early Colonists used to write on. We'll take a walk in the park and gather items to decorate some of our paper creations.

Ages 7 – 17, Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult:

Sunday Feb. 4, 1-2:30 p.m. \$10

Course 33065

Saturday, March 10, 1-2:30 p.m. \$10

Course 33067

Ages 18 +

Sunday, Feb. 4, 3-4:30 p.m. \$10

Course 33066

Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$10

Course 33068

Ink Making and Feather Quills

How do you imagine colonists and native Americans made ink and dye? Have you ever tried writing with a quill pen? Join us for a colorful day to learn about and try out your own ink-making, quills, and other tools of nature that we can draw/ write with.

*Please wear old clothing that can be stained.

Ages 13 – 17

Sunday, April 15, 1-2:30 p.m. \$15

Course 33072

May 12, 1-2:30 p.m. \$15

Course 33070

Sunday, April 15, 3-4:30 p.m. \$15

Course 33073

Ages 18 +

May 12, 11-12:30 p.m. \$15

Course 33071

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Storytelling at the Nature Center

Join us for a relaxing and fun storytelling time at the nature center! Bring a cozy quilt or pillow and recline with your friends and family on our back deck as we entertain you with nature inspired stories and poems! Dress for the weather as we will be outside, if you bring along a mug we will provide hot water and your choice of cocoa, tea, or cider!

Children under 10 must be accompanied by a participating adult. In the case of inclement weather the program will be held in the classroom.

Fridays, 5-6 p.m.	\$5	Course 33074
March 16		Course 33075
April 20		Course 33076
May 4		

Spring Campfire at Rockwood Nature Center

Join Nature Center staff for a fun hour by the fire. Enjoy being outside by the fire while listening to a performance. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Saturday, March 24, 6-7 p.m.	\$5	Course 33049
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It's a Snake

Join the leader of Rockwood Nature Center's animal care team, Jessi Sakiewicz, to learn about Virginia's snakes. Find out how to tell the difference between venomous and non-venomous species, discover more about snake behavior, get tips about snakes as pets, and interact with Rockwood's reptiles. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Please register at least one week in advance.

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	\$5	Course 33032
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Raging Reptiles

Join Metro Richmond Zookeeper, Jessi Sakiewicz, to learn about all of the nature center's reptile friends. Enjoy hands-on interactions with turtle, lizards and snakes to see what makes reptiles so cool. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Please register at least one week in advance.

Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$5	Course 33047
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Candle Making

Learn about the process of candle making as you create your very own pour candle. Discuss different types of wax and various methods to melt it. Try your hand at the art of candle dipping and brushing while discussing how candles have changed throughout history.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 1-3 p.m.	\$12	Course 33021
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Art Inspired by Nature

Do you like art and nature? Would you like to improve your artistic abilities? Join an artist to learn about different ways to look at your everyday surroundings and be inspired by nature to enhance your artistic skills. This will be a combination lecture and hands-on course where you will try new techniques and create some drawings. For ages 13+.

Saturday, Feb. 3, 1-3 p.m.	\$10	Course 33447
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Saturday, May 26, 1-3 p.m.	\$10	Course 33448
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Leaf Hike and Craft

Taking a walk through the woods is a great way to find your artistic muse! We will wander through the trails of Rockwood Park observing, identifying, and perceiving differences in the leaves of the trees as inspiration before heading back to the classroom to create a leaf inspired pinch pot. For ages 12 and older

Saturday, April 28, 1-3:30 p.m.	\$10	Course 33077
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Backyard Birding for Kids

What birds are only here in Winter? Where do they nest? What do they eat? Learn about and identify these cold weather visitors or our Nature Center Backyard bird feeders. Dress for the weather as we will be outside. For ages 12 and older.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 1-2 p.m.	\$15	Course 33078
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Log Rollin' Rockwood Style!

It looks like a rotten log to you, but it's a whole wide world to critters. We will turn over some of these logs to discover and identify what is living underneath. Dress for the weather as we will be outside.

Ages 6+ ; Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday May 5, 10-11:30 a.m.	\$7	Course 33079
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Create a Flying Decoration!

Come to the nature center and make a flying piece of art! Choose from butterflies or birds to make a spinning mobile and hanging ornament. We will use an assortment of materials, from paper to cloth. Various levels of detail can be made, depending on your choice of project!

For ages 7+.

Friday, April 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$10	Course 33069
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You have Great Photos, Now What?

Taking photos shouldn't be the end of your endeavors – they need to be shared and viewed! This class will go over some editing tricks and tips to get your images popping. Next, We will explore various ways of sharing your work, including some easy and inexpensive book makers, printed photo albums, website sharing ideas, and how to get your feet wet in the commercial world if desired. For Ages 13+.

Saturday Feb. 24, 9 a.m. - noon	\$20	Course 33085
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You Have Some Great Footage, Now What?

It's one thing to shoot lots of video, a whole different beast to get down to editing and creating a visual story. We will go over tips and tricks of editing & organizing your footage, developing your story behind the footage, and ways to share that new creation with the world at large! This class will focus largely on iMovie and Premier Pro. Feel free to bring a laptop and some of your own work.

Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m. - noon	\$20	Course 33086
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Photographs as Shapes, Angles & Content

This class is a continuation of the Taking Better Pictures class offered in 2017 but all photographers looking to learn more all welcome.

There'll be a refresher of how to train your eye for photography, then we will spend most of the class going forth into nature, back into the classroom to review work, forth into the great outdoors to take new images, back to the classroom to get more feedback from fellow students and photography instructor Elli Morris, learning and practicing as we go. For ages 13+.

Location TBD

Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$15	Course 33084
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NATURE PROGRAMS – ROCKWOOD

For more information on these programs,
call Rockwood Nature Center, 674-1629.
www.chesterfield.gov/naturecenter

50+ PROGRAMS

50+ Intro to Archery

For those 50 years and up interested in archery but who don't know how to get started, the USA Archery-certified instructors are teaching a seniors only version of our popular Introduction to Archery course. Learn the basics of this fun and rewarding sport, including the rules, safety and step-by-step shooting form for tournament-style target archery with adjustable compound bows for individuals of all strengths and draw lengths. All classes take place on the group instructional range located directly next to Rockwood Nature Center. Class is held rain or shine, in the event of inclement weather, instruction and shooting will take place inside the nature center's classroom. Minimum age is 50.

Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. – noon \$20 Course 33031

50+ Nature Collage Art

Using an assortment of nature items, from sand to twigs, you will make your own nature inspired collage masterpiece to keep. All supplies and instructions included.

Saturday, March 24, 1-3 p.m. \$10 Course 33080

50+ Habitat Hike

Explore Rockwood Park while the leaves are off the trees and the plants are dormant. This is the best time to find hidden animal homes like bird and squirrel nests, fox dens, insect homes and other secrets of the park. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Sunday January 28, 1 – 2:30 p.m. \$7 Course 33023

50+ Spring Flowers Hike

Discover the first plants to wake up after a long dormant winter. We'll explore Rockwood Park and be on the search for Pink Lady Slipper, Coastal Fetterbush and more.

Saturday May 5, 12:30 – 2 p.m. \$7 Course 33048

TODDLER/PRESCHOOL NATURE PROGRAMS

Please register for all programs at least 24 hours in advance.

Details: Denise Flora, florad@chesterfield.gov or 745-7020

Nurtured By Nature

Is your one-year-old a little nature explorer? If so, this series of classes is just for you! We will have songs, movement, stories and lots of outdoor fun! We ask that each child be one-year-old by the first class and that younger siblings not attend.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

\$20 per child for this series of five classes Course 33045

Jan. 16 A Winter's Nap

Feb. 13 Shadows of Nature

March 13 Animal Safari

April 10 Signs of Spring

May 8 Touching Nature

My First Nature Adventure

Bring your little two-year-old nature tot to this series of nature explorations, stories and hands-on activities. We ask that each child be age 2 and that younger siblings not attend.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

\$5 per child for each class

Feb. 6 Shadows of Nature

Course 33033

Feb. 20	What Does Nature Feel Like?	Course 33034
Feb. 27	What Does Nature Taste Like?	Course 33035
March 6	What Does Nature Smell Like?	Course 33036
March 20	What Does Spring Sound Like?	Course 33050
March 27	What Does Nature Sound Like?	Course 33051
April 17	What Does Spring Look Like?	Course 33052
April 24	What Does Nature Look Like?	Course 33053
May 15	Animal Safari	Course 33054
May 22	Exploring Nature with All Our Senses	Course 33055

Nature Explorers

Bring your little nature sprout aged 3-5 to Rockwood Nature Center each week for fun nature explorations, crafts, and stories. Fridays, 10-11 a.m.

\$6 per child for each class

Jan. 19	Where Are All the Animals in Winter?	Course 33037
Jan. 26	What Do Birds Eat?	Course 33038
Feb. 2	Where is Groundhog's Shadow?	Course 33039
Feb. 9	What is the Texture of Nature?	Course 33040
Feb. 16	What's Wild?	Course 33041
Feb. 23	Who Lives in Rockwood Park?	Course 33042
March 2	What is the Wind?	Course 33043
March 9	Wildlife is Everywhere!	Course 33044
March 16	Let's Go on a Shamrock Hunt	Course 33056
March 23	What Do We Hear in Spring?	Course 33057
April 13	Who Hatches From an Egg?	Course 33058
April 20	Does Water Get Sick?	Course 33059
April 27	What Are Butterflies?	Course 33060
May 4	Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!	Course 33061
May 11	What's Buzzing?	Course 33062
May 18	How Does A Plant Grow?	Course 33063

Evergreens in Winter

What makes an evergreen tree different from other trees?

What is a Conifer and what shape is it? Let's explore these special trees! We will paint with pine needles, make Cheerio garlands, and learn "Big & Little" and "Prickly & Ticky" by playing a sorting game! Participants are welcome to bring sprigs of evergreens and pine cones brought from home for "Show-N-Tell". For ages 3-5 years and a parent or guardian.

Sunday, Feb. 11, 3-4 p.m.

\$5

Course 33022

Details: Denise Flora, 745-7020 or florad@chesterfield.gov

What Do We See in Spring?

Come with us on a springtime adventure as we take a nature walk to find signs of spring. We will make a lovely spring craft, listen to fun springtime stories, and maybe sing a song or two! For ages 3-5 years and a parent or guardian.

Sunday, March 18, 3-4 p.m.

\$5

Course 33064

Details: Denise Flora, 745-7020 or florad@chesterfield.gov

Bursting Buds!

How do you feel when you see flowers suddenly open up in spring? What colors do you notice in spring that you haven't seen all winter? We will answer these and other questions as we explore the arrival of spring on the trails of Rockwood Park. We will paint with nature objects, discover what is inside a bud, and plant some seeds to take home! For ages 3-5 years and a parent or guardian.

Sunday, April 8, 3-4 p.m.

\$5

Course 33020

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