

# Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

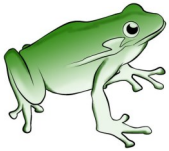


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## Wetlands Awareness Day

Sunday, May 1st, 12-4PM  
FREE



Bring the entire family and come enjoy an active, colorful afternoon with live animals, Park history presentations, nature activities, and family fun. Learn all about wetland ecology, local natural history, and the importance of our wetlands.

## Do you need a receipt?

The 2015 tax season is here! If you paid membership dues or made a monetary donation to FOHMP in 2015, these contributions may be tax deductible. If you would like a letter of receipt, please send your request to [friendsofhmp@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhmp@gmail.com), and we'll be happy to provide one.

Thank you for your support!



## Make a Difference in Your Favorite Park...

- ◆ Remove the dirt and mud from your shoes before visiting the Park. Seeds travel easily in dirt and mud. With invasive plants ranking as a top issue facing parks, this simple act makes a huge difference.
- ◆ Go one step further and help prevent pathogens, like ranavirus, from spreading. Before and after each Park visit remove the dirt and mud from your shoes and then wash your soles in a 3% bleach solution and let fully dry before your next Park visit. Visit <http://northeastparc.org/disinfection-protocol/> to learn more about disinfecting. To learn more about pathogens visit [http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/disease\\_information/](http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/disease_information/). Ranavirus has caused massive amphibian die-offs and can also affect reptiles and fish.
- ◆ Staying on official trails is an awesome way to help preserve the Park's resources, but if you must go off trail, feel good about your actions by performing the above protocols. All Park staff and volunteers should follow this protocol too.

## Huntley Welcomes Spring with Huntley Farm Day

At Historic Huntley: Saturday, April 16, 1-4 p.m.  
Suggested donation \$5



Huntley will host a special event celebrating its Harrison era. During this time (1868-1946), Huntley became a dairy farm and home to the Harrison family headed by Albert W. Harrison. The Harrisons significantly modified the Huntley villa to accommodate living there year-round. House tours during Huntley Farm Day will emphasize these changes (which had to be undone to reveal Huntley's current, earlier Mason era appearance). You will come to see Huntley in a whole new way! Farm Day will be a family friendly event with storytelling and baby animals from Frying Pan Park. Representing the fact that most of Fairfax County was once farmland, staff from nearby Green Spring Gardens will be on hand with information about their historic house and farming history. Displays on the Woodlawn Agricultural Society (to which the Harrisons were members) will show that maintaining close connections with the neighbors was important for farmers.

So, neighbor, don't be shy - come on over on April 16th and help us celebrate Huntley Farm Day!

## **President's Message**

Protecting the natural, historical and cultural resources on Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) property is a high priority for the Board of Directors of Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP). The Board is working hard to stay on top of activities that could impact the Park. These activities are not just on the Park's property; we also monitor and engage with our neighbors to make sure that project impacts outside of or adjacent to our property do not adversely impact HMP's ecosystem. This month we share with you below details of two large scale projects that could have such an impact. We are working very hard with local elected officials, Fairfax County staff, technical advisors, and project proponents to avoid adverse impacts. These projects are still going through various County, State and Federal reviews that will include public hearings or a public comment period. We intend to continue to advocate strongly and to insert ourselves into the process wherever possible to protect HMP so that it remains intact and protected for us and future generations to enjoy.

### **Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) Project:**

Dominion is planning to "replace an aging 230 kilovolt transmission line along a 2.6 mile stretch of existing right of way between its Belvoir and Gum Springs Substations in Fairfax". This project will occur along the southern boundary of the Park on HMP Property within an already established easement area. The project work will impact not only HMP property but also the neighborhoods directly to the south of the easement.

FOHMP is actively engaged in reviewing this project for impacts on all aspects of the environment (natural, historical, and cultural resources). We are also working closely with Friends of Historic Huntley regarding impacts on the viewshed and other historical and cultural resources on HMP property. This includes consulting with 3rd party technical experts with relevant backgrounds that inform our review and recommendations. We expect, at the least, to provide both written input and public testimony to influence the project's implementation so that it (1) avoids; (2) minimizes, and (3) proposes compensatory measures for any impacts identified that could not be adequately mitigated through project re-design. This process is challenging, and I invite those with technical expertise who could provide input for us to consider to email me at [president.fohmp@gmail.com](mailto:president.fohmp@gmail.com). The application and information pertaining to the project can be found at: <https://www.dom.com/library/domcom/pdfs/electric-transmission/belvoir-gum-springs/application.pdf?la=en>. A March 23, 2016 local public hearing is scheduled at 4:30PM and 7:00PM at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. **Those wishing to testify** should arrive 15 minutes early to register. Public comments can be submitted until June 8, 2016 here: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case/PublicComments.aspx> then search for case #PUE-2015-00133.

### **Fort Belvoir Residential Communities Initiative Project:**

On contiguous Fort Belvoir Property in the southeastern region of HMP, the Fort Belvoir Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) is proposing a housing development on a currently wooded 51 acre tract of undeveloped land. This project also has potential adverse environmental impacts that have been identified. FOHMP has provided specific written comments informing the RCI team of these adverse impacts for HMP via the public comment period which ended on December 14, 2015. Since this is a federal property, we have engaged with and provided our input to our elected officials including Congressmen Beyer's and Connolly's offices, Supervisors Dan Storck (Mt. Vernon District) and Jeff McKay (Lee District), and others. Our goal is to protect the natural, historical, and cultural resources on HMP property from activities on neighboring property that may have potential adverse impacts. A DRAFT Supplemental Environmental Assessment has been completed and this included a DRAFT Finding of No Adverse Environmental Impact. We do not agree with this finding and have expressed this in our written comments and shared this opinion with our elected officials. We feel there are key components missing from the Supplemental Environmental Assessment based on our extensive knowledge of the Park, its water hydrology, vegetation, and wildlife. We recommended that a Full Environmental Impact Statement is needed before this project proceeds.

We welcome active engagement with these projects from you, our Friends, and hope to see you on the trails this spring!

Cathy Ledec, President FOHMP

## **Best Times to Visit Huntley Meadows in the Spring**

The Park is open dawn to dark, and with 12+ hours of daylight there's lots of time to enjoy the HMP.

### **Early mornings**

Great birding, great light for photography, peaceful walks, energizing jogs on the stone dust trails.

### **Mid-morning**

School groups visit to enrich their required learning standards. Many thanks go to the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park for providing scholarships for schools in financial need. This strongly supports Huntley's mission of environmental education. Most school groups depart around noon.

### **Afternoon**

Some wildflowers, like spring beauties, open their petals with the sun and close them at other times to protect their pollen. Sunny afternoons offer a great chance to see wildflowers at their most radiant. This is a peak time for butterflies and pollinating insects. Sunny days are great for turtles to bask on logs.

### **Late afternoon to dusk**

Late afternoon provides great lighting for photographers. Cooler temperatures are a great time for a family walk. Wildlife is more active during this time of day, so keep an eye out for deer, beaver, and muskrat. You may also be serenaded by frogs or toads. Or enjoy a relaxing cool evening jog on the stone dust trails.

## **Monday Morning Bird Walk**

In a journal entry in February of 1854, Henry David Thoreau wrote, "Is not January alone pure winter? December belongs to the fall - a wintery November - February to the spring - it is a snowy March." This description seems mostly true of the winter of 2015/16. Our January was pure winter indeed. Winter is usually a good season for birding. Many migrants settle in our area for the winter; leafless trees make spotting birds easier; there are no biting insects to contend with; and the heat and humidity are not factors. Sometimes, however, we might get too much of a good thing. Portions of this winter have thwarted the Monday Morning birders. The giant storm of January 22/23 forced us to cancel the Monday Morning walk because of icy trail conditions and a closed parking lot. Then again on February 15 we were forced to cancel because of weather. But, as I write this in late February, there is the annual hope of spring. Early spring flowers such as (*Galanthus nivalis*), are blooming as well as Winter Aconite (genus *Eranthum*). Neither of these is native to our area, but they offer a cheery presence to what otherwise is often a dreary background. Bird behavior shows signs of spring as well. We noticed Brown Creepers recently gathering in small groups as they prepare for the journey to northern nesting grounds. Wood Ducks and Hooded Mergansers have been pairing up and searching for nest sites. Our growing population of Red-headed Woodpeckers are exploring nesting holes as well. So, take a walk at Huntley and observe. Watch for these little signs in your wanderings at the Park. Again from a Thoreau Journal entry, "The question is not what you look at but how you look and whether you see."

Harry Glasgow



The Monday Morning Bird Walk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows Park since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7AM (8AM from November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the Park's parking lot at 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria, VA. Questions should be directed to Park staff during normal business hours at (703)768-2525.

## **Support the Huntley Meadows Park 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bird-a-thon 2016-Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Every year on a springtime Tuesday morning, Park staff and volunteers spread out across Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) to count birds. In 1997, an annual survey evolved into an event to remember and honor two exceptional men: Ken Howard and Ed Weigel. Both were volunteers who inspired a love of nature within the Park visitors they met. Their work continues to this day through the Park's Resource Management Internship funded by the HMP Bird-a-thon. This internship provides a young person with the opportunity to begin a career in conservation and to get hands-on experience in this wonderful Park. Over the years, I've had the privilege of interacting with the interns and believe this opportunity has a positive impact on their future endeavors and as stewards of our parks and green spaces.

Here is what some of the past years' interns have said about their experiences:

"I wanted to learn more about birds and reptiles, but I never expected to learn as much as I have."

"I have learned countless forest, meadow and wetland plant species, and I've learned about invasive plant management and herbicides."

"One of the main objectives of the internship is to assess the water quality of the wetland by taking the macro-invertebrate samples and identifying them...The diversity and amount of organisms I've gathered have really surprised me. Seeing the dedication of Huntley's staff and volunteers continues to inspire me to work harder."

It's hard to believe 2016 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Bird-a-thon and 20 years for the Resource Management Internship. As a former staff person and now volunteer, I thoroughly enjoy my involvement with this fundraiser. We have experienced all types of birding conditions from cold and rainy to downright hot; some exceptional birding mornings, like sighting our all-time high of 109 species to having to search for one house sparrow to boost our numbers to 90 species; but no matter the day, it's always such a treat to be in the Park. I always complain about having to get up way too early, but I'm always rewarded with a memorable morning of wildlife watching and comradery with my fellow birders. **So, let's make our 20<sup>th</sup> Bird-a-thon event the best fundraising effort ever!!! -- Annie Stat**

The FOHMP Board requests donations to support this annual event which, in turn, funds the yearly Resource Management Internship. Your generous donation will help us reach our goal of \$2,800.

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Board of Huntley Meadows Park

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### 2016 BIRDATHON AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to FOHMP and mail this form with your check to:  
Huntley Meadows Park - Bird-a-thon  
3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306



Alternatively you can use our PayPal feature on the Membership page of our website  
<http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/membership.html>.



## Park Manager's Message by Karen Sheffield

This spring Huntley Meadows and Historic Huntley have so much to celebrate. The southern leopard frogs and spring peepers are singing, an otter was spotted recently in the wetland, red-headed woodpeckers are active, and the villa at Historic Huntley will open for tours April 30th.

Huntley is also celebrating staffing additions and greatly thanks the Virginia Native Plant Society - Potowmack Chapter (VNPS-P) for fully funding our native plant intern, Max Ferlan. Max will be completing critical natural area work integral to protecting and preserving Huntley Meadow's treasured flora. Max's work will make a lasting impact at Huntley, and he will be sharing his intern accomplishments with VNPS and Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP). Thank you VNPS-P for supporting Huntley Meadows Park and its mission!

Many thanks also go to FOHMP for fully funding a natural resource apprentice position. Please welcome Chris Taylor as he begins his one year appointment involving key projects essential to achieve the Park's resource management goals. We express gratitude to FOHMP for making Chris' position a reality and for its ongoing support of Huntley's mission and goals. Huntley's tremendous successes are due in great part to FOHMP's support.

Please join me in congratulating Kathleen O'Shea as the Park's new Visitor Services Manager. Kathleen's education and experience in cultural resource management along with her management skill set makes her a natural fit for the position. Kathleen will oversee visitor services, volunteer functions, and programming for both Historic Huntley and Huntley Meadows.

As we celebrate the return of spring, we hope you'll have a chance to enjoy the trails and wetland at Huntley Meadows. Stop by to say hello!

Please join Karen at her Park  
Manager walk and talk Saturday:  
May 7th

### New Staffing Assignment

Hello everyone! I'm Kathleen, the new Visitor Services Manager here at Huntley Meadows Park. You may recognize me as the same person who joined the staff just three and a half years ago, as the Volunteer Coordinator. Since then, I've gotten married and just recently returned from maternity leave, after giving birth to a sweet baby boy! I began my new role on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, and am doing my best to juggle my new home and work responsibilities!

I grew up in Fairfax County, first in Annandale and then in Burke. I attended St. Michael's grade school, followed by Bishop Ireton High School. For college, I studied Anthropology and Historical Archaeology at James Madison University, and graduated in 2004. From that time to this, I've pursued a professional career as an archaeologist. My work brought me to many remote places throughout the United States, from Alaska to Florida. I returned to Fairfax County in the Spring of 2010, and worked for a few years for the FCPA's Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch, before becoming the Volunteer Coordinator here in 2012.

I am ready to take on the increased responsibility as the Visitor Services Manager. As I mentioned, I have a background in Cultural Resources Management. That will help me oversee the programs and operations of Historic Huntley, along with Site Coordinator Cheryl Repetti. I am now overseeing the daily operations of the Visitor Center, as well, and am looking forward to working closely with both the weekday and weekend staff to keep things running smoothly.

I feel lucky to be here at Huntley Meadows in part because of its large and active Friends groups. The Friends and the staff truly make a community, and I am so happy to be a part of it!



## Huntley Meadows Park Programs & Camps

All programs **require reservations**, unless free. Sign up online using Parktakes. Search "Huntley" at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes), or call 703-222-4664. For help, call Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525.

### Summer Camps

See full descriptions at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes)

Start date 6/6/2016

**Insect Safari (4-6 yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 3402959301

Start date 6/13/2016

**Reptile Rangers (4-6 yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 3402227101

Start date 6/20/2016

**Sense-ational Animals (4-6yrs)** 9AM-12PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 3402957901

Start date 6/27/2016

**All-American Girl: Living Dolls (5-9yrs)** 9:00AM-

12:00PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 5782248601

**Scientists & Artists (6-9 yrs)** 9AM-12PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 3402239201

**Nature Ninjas (4-6 yrs.)** 9:00AM-12:00PM \$190.00

Registration Code: 3402203601

**Nature Quest (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM \$295.00

Registration Code: 3402237501

Start date 7/5/2016

**Nature Quest (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM \$235.00

Registration Code: 3402237502

**Wilderness Survival Camp (8-12 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM \$235.00

Registration Code: 3402232201

Start date 7/11/2016

**Nature Quest (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM \$295.00

Registration Code: 3402237503

**Reptile Rangers (4-6 yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 3402227102

**Scientists & Artists (7-12 yrs)** 9AM-4PM. \$295.00

Registration Code: 3402235501

Start date 7/18/2016

**Dig It: Archaeology Adventures (8-12yrs)** 9:00-4:00PM. \$295.00

Registration Code: 5782227901

**Insect Safari (4-6 yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 3402959302

**Nature Quest (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM \$295.00

Registration Code: 3402237504

Start date 7/25/2016

**Native American Survival Skills (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM. \$299.00

Registration Code: 3402229801

**Nature Quest (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM \$295.00

Registration Code: 3402237505

**Wild Bird Camp (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM \$295.00

Registration Code: 3402248301

Start date 8/1/2016

**All-American Girl: Living Dolls (5-9yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00. Registration Code: 5782248602

**Extreme Naturalist (8-12 yrs)** 9AM-4PM. \$295.00  
Registration Code: 3402232601

**Reptile Rangers (4-6 yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00  
Registration Code: 3402227103

Start date 8/8/2016

**Dig It: Archaeology Adventures (8-12yrs)** 9:00-4:00PM. \$295.00. Registration Code: 5782227902

**Scientists & Artists (6-9 yrs)** 9AM-12PM. \$190.00  
Registration Code: 3402239202

**Wildlife Rangers (6-11 yrs)** 9AM-4PM. \$295.00

Registration Code: 3402213701

Start date 8/15/2016

**Native American Survival Skills (6-11 yrs)** 9:00AM-4:00PM. \$299.00

Registration Code: 3402229802

**Reptile Rangers (4-6 yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00  
Registration Code: 3402227104

**Wetlanders Camp (6-9 yrs)** 9AM-4PM. \$295.00  
Registration Code: 3402227601

Start date 8/22/2016

**All-American Girl: Living Dolls (5-9yrs)** 9:00AM-12:00PM. \$190.00

Registration Code: 5782248603

### Boy Scout Merit Badges\* (Ages 11-17)

**Archaeology:** Sunday, June 5, 10:00AM-3:00PM, \$38  
Registration Code: 3402739701

**Chemistry:** Friday, April 22, 10:00AM-2:00PM, \$30  
Registration Code: 3402748201

**Citizenship in the Community:** Sunday, May 22, 10:00AM-2:00PM, \$30

Registration Code: 3402749001

**Citizenship in the Nation: At Historic Huntley,** Saturday, April 9, 10:00AM-2:00PM, \$30

Registration Code: 5782739901

**Citizenship in the World: At Historic Huntley,** Saturday, April 23, 10:00AM-3:00PM, \$38

Registration Code: 5782749101

**Fish and Wildlife:** Sunday, April 3, 1:00-5:00PM, \$30  
Registration Code: 3402740901

**Forestry:** Sunday, May 15, 1:00-5:00PM, \$30  
Registration Code: 3402740301

**Insect Study:** Saturday, June 11, 9:00AM-1:00PM, \$30  
Registration Code: 3402740501

**Plant Science:** Saturday, May 21, 9:00AM-1:00PM, \$30  
Registration Code: 3402740402

\*All programs satisfy most of the requirements to earn these badges.

## **Adult and Family Programs**

### **APRIL**

**2 Saturday - Poetry Sketch Walk** - (Ages 14-Adult) 10:00AM-12:00PM. Celebrate nature, & sharpen your outdoor observational skills, by penning your thoughts & sights in a sketchbook of words & images. Join us for a Poetry Sketch walk that combines nature study, drawing and poem craft in the forest and wetland. \$7. Registration Code: 6402034101

**3 Sunday - Wetland Rangers** - (Ages 3-8) 2:00-3:30PM. Explore the wild wetland habitat through stories, games, and nature walks. Become a young wetland ranger! Different topic each class. Accompanying adult does not pay. \$6. Registration Code: 3402038301

**9 Saturday - Live Animal Lunchtime!** - (Ages 3-Adults) 12:00-1:30PM. Learn about animals' diets, adaptations, & habitats through crafts and hands-on learning. Bring your lunch, dessert is our treat! Children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a registered adult. \$7. Registration Code: 3402036101

**Boardwalk Astronomy** - (Ages 11-Adults) 8:00-9:30PM. What's new in the night sky? Join park naturalists as they take you on a tour of constellations, comets and other current events happening in the heavens above. \$6. Registration Code: 3402865101

**16 Saturday - Tune into Nature News** - (Ages 8-Adults) 5:00-7:00PM. Tune in to the latest nature headlines! Each season will be a unique broadcast & walk! Children 8-16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. \$7. Registration Code: 3401036301

**Evening Walk** - (Adults) 7:15-9:45PM. Join naturalist PJ Dunn to hike the trails after dark, looking and listening for owls, beavers, and other night animals. \$7. Registration Code: 3402881801

**17 Sunday - Live Animal Lunchtime!** - (Ages 3-Adults) 12:00-1:30PM. See 4/9. \$8. Registration Code: 3402036102

**22 Friday - Flora Fauna Formulas: Spring** - (Adults) 6:00-7:30PM. Have you ever wondered about the unique relationships between plant & animal pairs? Each walk and discussion will feature a different flora-fauna pair. \$6. Registration Code: 3402038901

**24 Sunday - Birding for Beginners** - (Ages 12-Adults) 8:00-11:00AM. Learn about the birds in the Park and some basic identification skills. Children ages 12-16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Program begins in the parking lot. \$8. Registration Code: 3402842501

### **MAY**

**7 Saturday - Live Animal Lunchtime!** - (Ages 3-Adults) 12:00-1:30PM. See 4/9. \$7. Registration Code: 3402036103

**Evening Stroll** - (Ages 6-Adults) 7:30-9:00PM. Come for a relaxing stroll through the Park at dusk. A naturalist takes you on a tour of the woods and wetlands to watch and listen for beavers, owls and other nocturnal residents. \$6. Registration Code: 3402827901

**13 Friday - 4 Seasons at Huntley - Coffee Table Book** - (Adults), 1:30-3:30PM. Come visit the wetlands in similar places & patterns 4 different seasons of the year to create an 'A Year in the Life of Huntley Meadows' coffee table book to share with family & friends. Choose your media to bring with you; camera, sketchbook, etc. 2 classes offered per season for your choice. \$7. Registration Code: 3402036201

**14 Saturday - Tune into Nature News** - (Ages 8-Adults) 5:00-7:00PM. See 4/16. \$7. Registration Code: 3401036302

**15 Sunday - Live Animal Lunchtime!** - (Ages 3-Adults) 12:00-1:30PM. See 4/9. \$7. Registration Code: 3402036104

**20 Friday - Flora Fauna Formulas: Spring** - (Adults) 6:00-7:30PM. See 4-22. \$6 Registration Code: 3402038902

**21 Saturday - Sketch Hike: Birds** - (Ages 11-Adult) 10:00AM-12:00PM. Join park naturalist & artist Margaret Wohler for a hike focusing on birds & learn sketching techniques to enhance your observation skills. \$7. Registration Code: 3402031501

**Evening Walk** - (Adults) 7:45-10:15PM. See 4/16. \$7. Registration Code: 3402881802

**22 Sunday - Wetland Rangers** - (Ages 3-8) 2:00-3:30PM. See 4-3. \$6. Registration Code: 3402038301

### **JUNE**

**4 Saturday - Evening Stroll** - (Ages 6-Adults) 7:30-9:00PM. Come for a relaxing stroll through the Park at dusk. A naturalist takes you on a tour of the woods and wetlands to watch and listen for beavers, owls and other nocturnal residents. \$6. Registration Code: 3402827902

**Wild Side Wagon Ride** - (Ages 4-Adults) 2:00-3:30PM. Take a 90-minute tractor ride with a park naturalist to parts of the wetland that are difficult to reach on foot. Take a moment for refreshments while looking for wildflowers, birds, and dragonflies. Meet at 6901 South Kings Highway. Canceled if rain. \$7. Registration Code: 3402864901

**Wild Side Wagon Ride** - (Ages 4-Adults) 4:00-5:30PM. See above 6/4. \$7. Registration Code: 3402864902

**5 Sunday - Birding for Beginners** - (Ages 12-Adults) 8:00-11:00AM. See above 4/24. \$8. Registration Code: 3402842502

**11 Saturday - Wetland in Bloom** - (Ages 4-Adult) 1:00-2:30PM. Take a plant ecology hike to the wetland during peak spring bloom. Search for birds and mammals that use these plants for food, shelter, and nesting. Canceled if rain. \$6. Registration Code: 3402842201

**18 Saturday - Wild Side Wagon Ride** - (Ages 4-Adults) 2:00-3:30PM. See 6/4. \$7. Registration Code: 3402864903

**Wild Side Wagon Ride** - (Ages 4-Adults) 4:00-5:30PM. See 6/4. \$7. Registration Code: 3402864904

**Friends of Huntley Meadows Park  
Membership and Renewal Form**

Please support Huntley Meadows Park by joining our Friends group. Dues contribute toward funding new initiatives and programs, and your membership support will help us to be stronger advocates for the Park.

Fill out this form and mail the application to:

**Dues information (Annual):**

- \$15 Individual
- \$20 Family
- \$10 Student/Senior
- \$150 Lifetime Membership
- Donation

**Friends of Huntley Meadows Park  
3701 Lockheed Blvd.  
Alexandria, VA 22306**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_



Alternatively you can use our PayPal feature on the Membership page of our website <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/membership.html>.



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