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Ranger Michael Zwelling and Brownie Girl Scouts being patriotic outside of Old Stone House in Georgetown.
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Rock Creek Park, in cooperation with park partners, is committed to preserving the natural and cultural resources and values of one of the nation's oldest urban national parks, while providing quality recreational opportunities to visitors and residents in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

Welcome to Summer 2013 in Rock Creek Park!

Rock Creek Park is a great place for learning and outdoor fun, and research shows that spending time outdoors is good for your family's mental and physical well-being. So, adding a little fresh air to your summertime fun couldn't hurt and might just be a prescription for better health. This summer, we've introduced several new programs that make enjoying the outdoors in Rock Creek Park more active than ever.

Adults, families, and children of all ages can enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities with park staff including fun runs, pick-up soccer, ultimate frisbee, and Bark in the Park Hikes. Other opportunities for you include biking, hiking, horse-back riding, picnicking, kayaking, golfing, tennis, and more. Right outside the Nature Center, the accessible Edge of the Woods Trail meanders for a quarter mile through the woods.

For those wanting to celebrate history, the park's diverse historic sites tell the story of our rich cultural heritage. You can meet poets and artists, millers and soldiers, leaders and heroes, and visionaries and local residents who have helped shape Rock Creek Park and our nation. Special walking tours interpreting the War of 1812 as well as park geology and archeology—including a visit to D.C.'s largest unmarked African American cemetery—are just a few of the countless ways to explore the past.

Other programs include exploring the relevance of geological sciences to the park's story, strolls through beautiful Dumbarton Oaks Park, and moonlight night hikes.

And of course, Rock Creek Park brings kids closer to nature by sharing with them the importance of conservation, education, and recreation. Children can learn to tie sailors knots and learn life-lessons during All Tied up in Knots at Georgetown Waterfront Park, while Rock Creek Park's own Indiana Jones in Rock Creek Park and Rocky Rocks and Crystalline Cousins introduce children to archeology and geology, respectively. Finally, summer camp sign-ups were very busy this year, but a few spots remain for ages 11 to 13 in our Like to Hike Camp and Art in the Park Camp.

Read ahead in this newsletter to see what other programs fit your interest. And follow us at www.facebook.com/RockCreekNPS to stay up-to-date on current events. Have a great summer, stay fit and safe, and see you in the park!

Tara Morrison
Superintendent



Recreation and Exercise Programs

In the mood for exercising the body or mind in the “great nature” of Rock Creek Park? If so, join us for some recreation and re-creation. These programs are appropriate for ages eight to adult unless otherwise noted.

Bark in the Park Hike

*Sundays, 6-2, 7-7, 8-4 at 12:00 p.m.
Meet at the Nature Center.*

Bring your friendly pooch along on a hike to Peirce Mill and back with Ranger Michael Zwelling and fellow Bark Ranger Brooke. Show off your well behaved, law-abiding dog to park visitors. **Pre registration required; email Michael_Zwelling@nps.gov.**

Carter Barron Amphitheatre Summer Concert Series

Dates unknown.

At the time of publishing, the summer schedule has not been finalized. Check the park website for updates or email us at ROCR_Carter_Barron@nps.gov.

Frisbee Flinging Fun

*Sundays, 6-2, 6-30, and 8-11 at 10:00 a.m.
Meet at Picnic Grove 24, across from the Tennis Center.*

Fling it in the park with an informal frisbee meet-up group. We'll play a friendly game of ultimate after a warm-up. Frisbee flingers of all ages and abilities welcome.

Fun Run

Sundays, 6-9, 6-23, 7-7, 7-21, 8-4, and 8-18 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Nature Center.

Join an informal group on a run through our urban oasis. Led by Geologist-in-Park Intern Chelsea Lewis and Volunteer-in-Park Aaron Steely, joggers will choose to complete either a three to four mile loop or a five to seven

mile loop. This fun run is appropriate for all ages and abilities. So whether you're a high school cross country athlete, young professional looking to burn some calories and stress, or a retiree that enjoys recreational jogging, come out for some sweat and fun! Meet Aaron at 9:30 a.m. to learn some trail running basics.



Join Volunteer Aaron Steely, at left, on a trail run. *NPS Photo.*

Joaquin Miller Poetry Series

*Sundays, 6-2 through 7-21 at 3:00 p.m.
Meet at the Nature Center.*

“In men whom men condemn as ill, I find so much of goodness still,” wrote Joaquin Miller, eccentric American poet. Miller, who lived in a small cabin on top of Meridian Hill in the 1880s, always stood up for minorities and underdogs. You can stand up for what you believe in and hear the opinions of others... through poetry. Join the Word Works Press for poetry in the park. Each week, a keynote poet will present their works followed by an open mic. For more information, visit <http://wordworksbooks.org/>. Recommended for mature audiences.

Horseback Tour

Most Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Meet at the Horse Center.

Theodore Roosevelt, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, and others have rode

horseback through Rock Creek Park, and now so can you! Experience the park from six feet up by joining Ranger Tony Linforth and his equestrian friends. Age restrictions and fees apply. **Advanced reservation required. Contact the Rock Creek Park Horse Center at 202-362-0117 for more information or to sign up.**

National Trails Day Hike

Saturday, 6-1 at 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Boundary Bridge Parking Lot on Beach Drive (Maryland/DC border). Join Rock Creek Conservancy's Kathy Stevens on a six mile loop hike and discover signs of early summer in Rock Creek Park. Make new friends and learn about the park as you trek the full length of the Valley Trail and Western Ridge Trail. **To register for this free day hike, email karen.zeiter@gmail.com.**

Pick-Up Soccer

Sundays, 6-16, 7-14, and 8-25 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Picnic Grove 24, across from the Tennis Center.

Soccer is played by more people throughout the world than any other sport, but in Washington D.C., in order to play, you often have to pay and join a formal league. Not any more! Join an informal group for some friendly pick-up soccer. Get a good workout in and have some fun. All ages and ability levels welcome.



Adult Programs

Want to attend a program with only grown-ups? Attend one of our Adult Only programs, geared for visitors 18 and up.

Civil War: Birthplace of the Metropolitan Police Department

Saturday, 8-3 at 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the Nature Center.

Founded in 1861, the Metropolitan Police department has a long history and was founded in part because of the wishes of Abraham Lincoln. Learn some of the history behind the formation of the MPD during the Civil War and what the difficulties were in the early years as the Union and Confederacy squared off.

Civil War Roundtable

Saturday, 8-3 at 9:30 a.m.

Join the Rock Creek Park Civil War Roundtable on a visit to the National Museum of Health and Medicine. Email Volunteer-in-Park John Hampton at jhampton2918@verizon.net for more information.

Georgetown Presidential Stroll

Saturday, 6-16, 7-14, 8-11 at 1:00 p.m.

Meet at Old Stone House

Do you know where John Adams and Ronald Reagan had their inaugural dinners, or in which rowhouses the Kennedy's resided in? Discover Georgetown's rich presidential heritage on a walking tour with Ranger Michael Zwelling.

Huzzah! The War of 1812 in Georgetown Walking Tour

Saturday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Meet at Old Stone House.

Although the War of 1812 is highlighted on every Maryland license plate, it still remains America's forgotten war.

Join Ranger Scott Einberger exactly 199 years after British troops burned Washington. Learn about this historic event and discover some hidden and not-so-hidden War of 1812 sites around Georgetown. **Pre registration required; email Scott_Einberger@nps.gov.**

Lunch and Learn Series

Second Friday of the month (except in August) at 12:00 p.m.

Meet at the Nature Center.

Bring a brown-bag lunch and learn about current park research from the researchers. Topics focus on park natural and cultural resources and environmental challenges.

6-14 **RiverSmart Washington: Combating Troubled Water**

Presenter: Beth Mullin,
Executive Director,
Rock Creek Conservancy

7-12 **Historic Bridges of Rock Creek Park**

Presenter: John DeFerrari,
Local Historian and Author

8-2 **Early Detection, Rapid Response: Invasive Plant Species of Rock Creek Park**

Presenter: Zenovia Mitchell,
Mosaics in Science Intern

Mitigating Stormwater Runoff at the Colored Union Benevolent Cemetery

Presenter: Robert Kelley,
Geoscience Intern

Moonlight Night Hike

Friday night, 6-21 at 9:00 p.m.

Meet at the Nature Center.

By day, Rock Creek Park hustles and bustles with joggers, cyclists, hikers, and commuter traffic. But by night, wildlife rules supreme. Join Ranger Scott

Einberger on a two-mile hike to learn about nocturnal critters and observe your park after dark. **Pre-registration required; email Scott_Einberger@nps.gov.**

Super Secrets in the Soil: Geology and Archeology Hike

Saturday, 8-10 and 8-17, at 10:00 a.m.

Meet outside the Woodley Park Metro Station on the Red Line.

Did you know that near the national zoo you can find a thrust fault formation as well as one of the largest African American burial sites in D.C.? Want to learn about the geology of the Rock Creek Valley while looking down at it from 300 feet above? Join Geologist-in-Park Chelsea Lewis and Ranger Scott Einberger for a unique park geology/archeology adventure. We'll do a broad loop around the zoo on this four-mile, three hour walk. Bring a backpack with brown-bag lunch and drink. **Pre-registration required;**



Ranger explaining presidential history of the City Tavern during the Georgetown Presidential Stroll. *NPS Photo.*

Children's Programs

Join us for several new programs geared for ages five to 12 and their families, unless otherwise noted.

All Tied up in Knots

Sundays, 6-16, 7-14, 8-18 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Georgetown Waterfront Park splash fountain.

Land ho! Discover Georgetown's seafaring history and learn to tie knots like sailors did in the 1700s during this hands-on program.

Colonial Games: Let's Play!

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Meet at Old Stone House in Georgetown.

Know how to play nine men's Morris? What about game of graces? Discover and play the games that children played in the 1700s with Volunteer-in-Park Libby Moulton. Be prepared to run around, have fun, and make new friends.

Are you a teacher?

Rock Creek Park offers a wide variety of curriculum-based environmental education programs at the Nature Center and history programs out of Peirce Mill. We also have wildlife outreach trunks on deer and owls. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/rocr and click on the "Teachers" link or email Anthony_Linforth@nps.gov.

Or a Scout?

Complete your merit badge or scout projects in Rock Creek Park! Contact Ranger Michael Zwelling at 202-895-6012 or Michael_Zwelling@nps.gov for more information and to see how we can assist you.

Creature Feature

Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

Meet at the Nature Center.

Did you know that turtles have existed for more than 200 million years or that snakes can't bite their food so they have to swallow it whole? Join a ranger during feeding time to learn more about your favorite Nature Center critter.

Fun at Peirce Mill Series

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Meet at Peirce Mill

Step back in time with Ranger Jeanne Minor and learn about the 1800s through fun activities and games. Here is the summer schedule:

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| 6-19 | Storytime with the Miller |
| 6-26 | Milling Then and Now |
| 7-10 | Sketching the Mill |
| 7-17 | Cornhusk Doll Making |
| 7-24 | Gaming in the 1820s: Let's Play! |
| 7-31 | Storytime with the Miller |
| 8-7 | Milling Then and Now |
| 8-14 | Sketching the Mill |
| 8-21 | Cornhusk Doll Making |
| 8-28 | Gaming in the 1820s: Let's Play! |

Indiana Jones in Rock Creek Park

Saturday, 6-29 and 7-25 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Nature Center.

Dig for artifacts, explore a rock quarry, and be a junior archeologist with Geologist-in-Park Chelsea Lewis.

Junior Scientist Series

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

Meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

Discover the natural and scientific world through hands on activities and buckets of fun. Here's the schedule for our Junior Scientist program series:

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| 6-6 | Cicada Manamana |
| 6-13 | Fun with the Sun |
| 6-20 | Cicada Manamana |
| 6/27 | Avian Mysteries |
| 7-11 | Bird Watching for Beginners |
| 7-18 | How Well do you Know Mother... Earth? |
| 7-25 | Indiana Jones in Rock Creek Park |
| 8-1 | Train Like an Astronaut |
| 8-8 | How Well do you Know Mother... Earth? |
| 8-15: | Birds of Prey |
| 8-22 | In a Nutshell: Story and Hike |
| 8-2 | Avian Mysteries |

Moonlight Night Hike

Friday, 8-14 at 8:30 p.m.

Meet at the Nature Center.

Explore the sights and sounds of Rock Creek Park after dark on this ranger-guided hike. **Reserve your spot by emailing Anthony_Linforth@nps.gov.**

Rocky Rocks and Crystalline Cousins

Saturdays, 6-15, 7-27 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Nature Center.

Children and their parents are invited to join Geologist-in-Park Chelsea Lewis for some rock skipping, boulder hopping fun. Kids will learn all about rocks and minerals through hands-on learning on a two-mile loop hike down the creek.

Young Planetarium

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Curious young minds will enjoy this program especially designed to encourage families to use their sense of exploration and their keen observations to discover our solar system and beyond. Recommended for ages four to 10 and their families.

Natural and Cultural Heritage Programs

Discover the rich nature and history of Rock Creek Park. The programs below are appropriate for ages 10 to adult.

By George! Four Centuries of Georgetown History

Saturday, 6-15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Meet at the splash fountain at Georgetown Waterfront Park.

Did you know that Francis Scott Key, the author of our national anthem, lived in Georgetown, or that African American slave and then freeman Yarrow Mamout of Georgetown was painted by a famous artist in the early 1800s? Stop by the Georgetown Waterfront Park and discover the ritzy neighborhood's rich heritage during this informal program.

Daily Life in Early Georgetown

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Meet at Old Stone House in Georgetown.

Join Volunteer-in-Park Cane West on a tour through the oldest building on its original foundation in all of the capital. Discover hidden stories and learn about life in Georgetown in the late 1700s.

Dumbarton Oaks Park Stroll

Saturdays, 6-8, 7-13, 8-10 at 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Lovers Lane on the corner of R Street and 31st St. NW in Georgetown.

Stroll through this historic park with Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy and explore the features designed by Beatrix Ferrand, a pioneering female landscape architect. We'll learn how this naturalistic landscaped garden turned public park is being restored to its former glory.

Fort Stevens Day

Saturday, 7-13 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meet at Fort Stevens in the Brightwood neighborhood.



What type of rock is that? Why are there rapids on Rock Creek? Learn about park geology during the "Let's Rock: Introductory Geology Hike." *NPS Photo.*

Landscapes and lives of DC residents changed drastically during the U.S. Civil War. Discover how the war affected Elizabeth "Aunt Betty" Thomas and the Rock Creek Valley during the Battle of Fort Stevens on its 149th anniversary. Special presentations, history displays, and children's activities will abound. For more information, email Kym_Elder@nps.gov.

It's Miller Time: Peirce Mill in Action

The second and fourth Saturday of the month: 6-8, 6-22, 7-13, 7-27, 8-10, 8-24.

Tours take place on the hour from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill.

See the waterwheel turn and smell corn being ground into fresh cornmeal: Peirce Mill is operating! Take a mill tour and see this "machine in a box" in motion.

Let's Rock: Introductory Geology Hike

Saturdays, 6-8, 6-22, 7-6, 7-21, and 8-3 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Nature Center.

Naturalist John Muir once said that "When we try and pick out anything in itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe." Join Geologist-in-Park Chelsea Lewis on a three-mile ramble to learn about park geology.

Discover how geology is connected to history, the forest, and water supply.

Oliver Evans: Titan of the Industrial Revolution

Wednesdays, 6-19, 7-17, 8-7, 8-28 at 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill.

His automated gristmill was U.S. patent number three, but Oliver Evans still remains an elusive figure of the Industrial Revolution. Discover Evans' life and legacy during this ranger talk and see how he is connected to Peirce Mill.



Oliver Evans, portrayed above, invented the automated gristmill and first high-pressure steam engine. Learn all about him during the program mentioned above. *Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.*

Natural and Cultural Heritage Programs

Peircing the Landscape

*Wednesdays, 6-26, 7-24, 8-14 at 2:00 p.m.
Meet at Peirce Mill*

Besides Peirce Mill, the Peirce family distilled whiskey, harvested apples, and built a mansion that now houses park headquarters. Learn all about the Peirces during this ranger talk.

Presidents in the Park

Saturday, 7-6 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meet by the Rock Creek Park Police Station (D3) on Beach Drive at Joyce Rd. Did you know that Rock Creek Park is home to a presidential memorial, and that one president referred to the park as “the prettiest place in the world”? Learn about commander-in-chief visits to Rock Creek Park during this drop in program with Ranger Scott Einberger.

Water, Grain, and Gravity

Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Meet at Peirce Mill. Discover the technological marvel of an automated 1820s gristmill on a tour outside and through Peirce Mill. Learn how renewable energy powers the mill.

What’s That You Say? The Language of Milling

Wednesdays, 7-10, 7-31, 8-21 at 2:00 p.m. Meet at Peirce Mill. Ever wondered where sayings like ‘keep your nose to the grindstone’ come from? Discover commonly used figures of speech that come to us from milling. You’ll also learn the terms for some of Peirce Mill’s gadgets and gizmos.

Volunteer at Peirce Mill or Old Stone House

Interested in sharing park history with visitors? Email Scott_Einberger@nps.gov for more information.

Astronomy Programs

Here’s what’s cooking with park astronomy this summer. Unless otherwise noted, the following programs are appropriate for ages seven to adult.

Exploring the Sky

Saturdays, 6-1, 7-13, at 9:00 p.m. 8-10 at 8:30 p.m. Meet at Military Field (near Picnic Grove 13)

Join the National Capital Astronomers Association and National Park Service on an exploration of our local night sky through the lens of a telescope. Examine the extraordinary beauty and technology of these amazing instruments and the objects they enable us to discover. Bring your astronomy and telescope questions with you. In case of rain or cloud cover, the program will be cancelled. All ages welcome.

Exploring the Universe

*Sundays at 4:00 p.m.
Meet in the planetarium.*

Travel from Earth to the most distant objects in the universe in this in-depth look to unlock the secrets and discover the mysteries of deep space.

Famous Astronomers and Their Discoveries

*Saturdays in June at 4:00 p.m.
In the planetarium.*

From Persian astronomy to Greek mythology, and from Galileo to Hubble, discover the discoverers and their discoveries with Ranger Tony Linforth.

Spring/Summer Night Sky

*Saturdays and Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Meet in the planetarium.*

Uncover the mysteries and explore the wonders of the night sky above Rock Creek Park. Learn about the brightest stars, planets, and constellations

this season, and hear their stories. Recommended for ages five to adult.

Sun Spotting at Meridian Hill Park

Saturday, August 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Meridian Hill Park

Learn all about the sun and see it safely with our sun spotter. Park staff will also be on site to introduce you to the many statues and features of Meridian Hill Park during this drop-in program.

Wacky Weather of the Solar System

Saturday in June at 4:00 p.m. If you thought that last year’s derecho or Hurricane Sandy were intense weather events, how would you like to experience the 800 degree heat on Venus or a twirling wind cyclone double the size of Earth on Jupiter? Discover the solar system’s out-of-this-world weather with Ranger Tony Linforth.

Fire and Ice: Moons of the Solar System

Saturday in June at 4:00 p.m. Did you know that Jupiter’s moon Io hosts active volcanoes, and that Saturn’s moon Titan includes lakes of liquid methane? Discover the moons of the solar system and search for life with Ranger Michael Zwelling.

Young Planetarium

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Curious young minds will enjoy this program especially designed to encourage families to use their sense of exploration and their keen observations to discover our solar system and beyond. This children’s program is appropriate for ages four to 10 and their families.

Programs by Date

* Visit the page in parentheses () for program description, location, and registration information.

Saturday, June 1

- 8:40 a.m. National Trails Day Hike (page 3)
- 10:00 a.m. Life and Death Along the 7th Street Turnpike (page 4)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 1:00 p.m. Spring Night Sky (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 3:00 p.m. Daily Life in Early Georgetown (page 7)
- 4:00 p.m. Famous Astronomers and Their Discoveries (page 7)
- 9:00 p.m. Exploring the Sky (page 7)



Old Stone House in Georgetown. Learn the special stories of this humble home on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. *NPS photo.*

Sunday, June 2

- 10:00 a.m. Frisbee Flinging Fun (page 3)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
- 12:00 p.m. Bark in the Park Hike (page 3)
- 1:00 p.m. Spring Night Sky (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 3:00 p.m. Colonial Games: Let's Play! (page 5)
- 3:00 p.m. Joaquin Miller Poetry Series (page 3)
- 4:00 p.m. Exploring the Universe (page 7)

Wednesday, June 5

- 4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (page 7)

Thursday, June 6

- 4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Cicada Manamana (page 5)

Friday, June 7

- 4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, June 8

- 10:00 a.m. Let's Rock: Introductory Geology Hike (page 6)
- 11:00 - 2:00 It's Miller Time: Peirce Mill in Action (page 7)
- 1:00 p.m. Spring Night Sky (page 8)
- 2:00 p.m. Dumbarton Oaks Park Stroll (page 6)
- 3:00 p.m. Daily Life in Early Georgetown (page 6)
- 4:00 p.m. Famous Astronomers and Their Discoveries (page 8)

Sunday, June 9

- 10:00 a.m. Fun Run (page 3)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
- 1:00 p.m. Spring Night Sky (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 3:00 p.m. Colonial Games: Let's Play! (page 5)
- 3:00 p.m. Joaquin Miller Poetry Series (page 3)
- 4:00 p.m. Exploring the Universe (page 7)

Wednesday, June 12

- 4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (page 7)

Thursday, June 13

- 4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Fun with the Sun (page 5)

Friday, June 14

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn:
RiverSmart Washington:
Combating Troubled Water (page 4)
- 4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, June 15

- 10:00 a.m. Rocky Rocks and Crystalline Cousins (page 5)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 11:00 - 2:00 By George! Four Centuries of Georgetown History (page 6)
- 1:00 p.m. Spring Night Sky (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 3:00 p.m. Daily Life in Early Georgetown (page 6)
- 4:00 p.m. Famous Astronomers and Their Discoveries (page 7)

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Sunday, June 16

- 10:00 a.m. Pick-Up Soccer (page 3)
- 10:00 a.m. All Tied up in Knots (page 5)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
- 1:00 p.m. Spring Night Sky (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Georgetown Presidential Stroll (page 4)
- 3:00 p.m. Colonial Games: Let's Play! (page 5)
- 3:00 p.m. Joaquin Miller Poetry Series (page 3)
- 4:00 p.m. Exploring the Universe (page 7)

Wednesday, June 19

- 11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Storytime with the Miller (page 5)
- 2:00 p.m. Oliver Evans: Titan of the Industrial Revolution (page 6)
- 4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (page 5)

Thursday, June 20

- 4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Cicada Manamana (page 5)

Friday, June 21

- 4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)
- 9:00 p.m. Moonlight Night Hike for Adults (page 4)

Saturday, June 22

- 10:00 a.m. Let's Rock: Introductory Geology Hike (page 6)



Where are the cicadas? After 17 years underground, Cicada 'Brood 2' are reappearing near Rock Creek Park this summer. Learn all about these unique insects during Thursday' June 6th 20th children's program. *NPS Photo.*

11:00 - 2:00

1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

It's Miller Time: Peirce Mill in Action (page 6)

Summer Night Sky (page 7)

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Sunday, June 23

- 10:00 a.m. Fun Run (page 3)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
- 1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 3:00 p.m. Colonial Games: Let's Play! (page 5)
- 3:00 p.m. Joaquin Miller Poetry Series (page 3)
- 4:00 p.m. Exploring the Universe (page 7)

Wednesday, June 26

- 11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Milling Then and Now (page 5)
- 2:00 p.m. Peircing the Landscape (page 6)
- 4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (page 7)

Thursday, June 27

- 4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Avian Mysteries (page 5)

Friday, June 28

- 4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, June 29

- 10:00 a.m. Indiana Jones in Rock Creek Park (page 5)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 7)
- 2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 3:00 p.m. Daily Life in Early Georgetown (page 6)
- 4:00 p.m. Famous Astronomers and Their Discoveries (page 7)

Sunday, June 30

- 10:00 a.m. Frisbee Flinging Fun (page 3)
- 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
- 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
- 1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 7)
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Programs by Date

Wednesday, July 3

4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (page 5)

Thursday, July 4

Park visitor centers closed for federal holiday.

Friday, July 5

4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, July 6

10:00 a.m. Let's Rock: Introductory Geology Hike (page 6)
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Wednesday, July 10

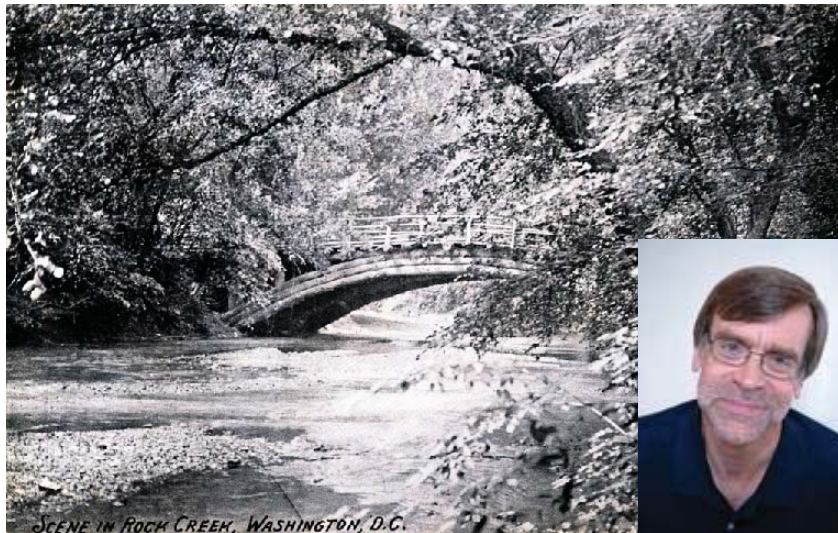
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Friday, July 12

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn: Historic Bridges of Rock Creek Park (page 4)



Join John DeFerrari, author of *Lost Washington, D.C.*, for a presentation on historic bridges of Rock Creek Park. The program is part of the Lunch and Learn series, a second-Friday program spotlighting current research in the park.

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Saturday, July 13 Fort Stevens Day!

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 3:00 p.m. Daily Life in Early Georgetown (page 6)
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 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
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Wednesday, July 17

11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Cornhusk Doll Making (page 5)
 2:00 p.m. Oliver Evans: Titan of the Industrial Revolution (page 6)
 4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (7)

Thursday, July 18

4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: How Well do you know Mother... Earth (5)

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Friday, July 19

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Saturday, July 20

10:00 a.m. Let's Rock: Introductory Geology Hike (page 5)
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Sunday, July 21

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 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (3)
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Wednesday, July 24

11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Gaming in the 1820s (page 5)
 2:00 p.m. Peircing the Landscape (page 6)

Thursday, July 25

4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Indiana Jones in Rock Creek Park (page 5)

Friday, July 26

4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, July 27

10:00 a.m. Rocky Rocks and Crystalline Cousins (page 5)
 11:00 - 2:00 It's Miller Time: Peirce Mill in Action (page 6)
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11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)

1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 7)
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Wednesday, July 31

11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Storytime with the Miller (page 5)
 2:00 p.m. What's That You Say? The Language of Milling (page 7)
 4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (page 5)

Thursday, August 1

4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Train Like an Astronaut (page 5)



Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. at Peirce Mill is time for fun! Children can play popular games of the 1800s, like checkers, during the "Gaming in the 1820s" program. During "Storytime with the Miller", Ranger Jeanne Minor will read children's books on what life was like back then. *NPS Photos.*

Friday, August 2

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn: Early Detection, Rapid Response: Invasive Plant Species in Rock Creek Park AND Mitigating Stormwater Runoff at the Colored Union Benevolent Cemetery (page 4)
 4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, August 3

9:30 a.m. Civil War Roundtable (page 5)
 10:00 a.m. Let's Rock: Introductory Geology Hike (page 6)
 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
 1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 7)
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Sunday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Fun Run (page 3)
 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
 12:00 p.m. Bark in the Park Hike (page 3)
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Show your well-behaved dog off to park visitors on a hike to Peirce Mill and back during the Bark in the Park Hike. *NPS Photo.*

Wednesday, August 7

11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Milling Then and Now (page 5)
 2:00 p.m. Oliver Evans: Titan of the Industrial Revolution (page 6)
 4:00 p.m. Young Planetarium (page 5)

Thursday, August 8

4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: How well do you know Mother... Earth (page 5)

Friday, August 9

4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, August 10

10:00 a.m. Super Secrets in the Soil: Archeology and Geology Hike (page 4)
 11:00 - 2:00 It's Miller Time: Peirce Mill Grinds Again (page 6)
 1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 6)
 1:00 - 2:00 Sun Spotting at Meridian Hill Park (page 7)

2:00 p.m. Dumbarton Oaks Park Stroll (page 6)
 3:00 p.m. Daily Life in Early Georgetown (page 6)
 4:00 p.m. Wacky Weather of the Solar System (page 7)
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Sunday, August 11

10:00 a.m. Frisbee Flinging Fun (page 3)
 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
 11:00 a.m. Horseback Tour (page 3)
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Wednesday, August 14

11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Sketching the Mill (page 5)
 2:00 p.m. Peirce the Landscape (page 6)
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Thursday, August 15

4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Birds of Prey (page 5)

Friday, August 16

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Saturday, August 17

10:00 a.m. Super Secrets in the Soil: Archeology and Geology Hike (page 4)
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Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Fun Run (page 3)
 10:00 a.m. All Tied up in Knots (page 5)
 11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
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11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Cornhusk Doll Making (page 5)
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Thursday, August 22

4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: In a Nutshell Story and Hike (page 5)

Friday, August 23

4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, August 24

11:00 - 2:00 It's Miller Time: Peirce Mill in Action (page 6)
1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 7)
1:00 p.m. Huzzah! The War of 1812 in Georgetown Walking Tour (page 4)
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4:00 p.m. Wacky Weather of the Solar System (page 7)

Sunday, August 25

10:00 a.m. Pick-Up Soccer (page 3)
11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)

1:00 p.m. Summer Night Sky (page 7)
2:00 p.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
3:00 p.m. Colonial Games: Let's Play! (page 5)
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Wednesday, August 28

11:00 a.m. Fun at Peirce Mill: Gaming in the 1820s (page 5)
2:00 p.m. Oliver Evans: Titan of the Industrial Revolution (page 6)

Thursday, August 29

4:00 p.m. Junior Scientist: Avian Mysteries (page 5)

Friday, August 30

4:00 p.m. Creature Feature (page 5)

Saturday, August 31

11:00 a.m. Water, Grain, and Gravity (page 7)
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The War of 1812 in Montrose Park



Montrose Park in Georgetown is administered by Rock Creek Park. In the early 1800s, the park was known as Parrott's Woods. NPS Photo.

Montrose Park is an uneventful park with a boring past. At least this is what I had always thought until I discovered that James McCubbin Lingan's funeral was held there back in 1812. Lingan, a Revolutionary War veteran, prisoner of war, and Georgetown tobacco merchant, was one of the first U.S. citizen to die defending freedom of the press. Here's the backstory on the funeral and untimely murder of James Lingan.

It's September 1st, 1812 at Parrott's Woods (Robert Parrott owned a rope-making business in northern Georgetown during the early 1800s, and his streamside property was referred to by locals as Parrott's Woods. This property eventually became Montrose Park). Hundreds of citizens and dignitaries—from three cities and five counties in fact—are present for the funeral service of James Lingan. George Washington's tent hails above the stage. Among those in mourning include Major Benjamin Stoddert, the first Secretary of the Navy; and Lingan's son. Presiding over the service is George Washington Parke Custis, stepson of the first President. Custis, a renowned writer and orator, begins the eulogy:

Say ye who best can tell, was he [Lingan] not the kind indulgent parent? the good husband? the faithful friend? the upright honorable man? If there be any one in this assembly who will deny this praise, now let him speak, for him have I offended... SOLDIER of my COUNTRY! DEFENDER of her LIBERTIES—FAREWELL!

There are so many people around that I forget to listen for a moment, but then I regain my focus on the speaker:

Oh, MARYLAND! Would that the waters of thy Chesapeake could wash this foul stain from thy character!—Oh MARYLAND! Would that the recording angel, who carries thy

black deed to Heaven's chancery on high, could drop a tear upon it, and blot it out forever! But no! A voice cries from the tomb of the brave. It rises to the God of Nature and Humanity, and demands a vengeance on the murderer!

It's amazing to me that such a grandiose funeral took place in a seemingly sleepy Georgetown park. But how did Lingan die? What "stain" on Maryland's character does Custis speak of?

The story of Lingan's death began a couple of months before the funeral, when Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee and Alexander Contee, two journalists for the Baltimore Federal Republican, began writing in opposition to President Madison and his declaration of war against Great Britain. In their articles, Lee and Hanson told people to throw down their arms instead of fight. This enraged some Democratic-Republican "war hawks" in Baltimore to the extent that they burned and looted the printing office. After a stakeout, Lee and Hanson fled for their lives to Georgetown where they continued to write out in opposition to the war. They were treated kindly in Georgetown by their friend and associate, one James Lingan.

The problem was, the trio travelled back up to Baltimore too soon. Hanson, Lee, and Lingan thought the excitement would be over, but when they reappeared at the Baltimore printing office, the mob came back and this time with guns and knives and obtuse wordage. The Baltimore Police escorted Lingan, Hanson, and Lee to jail for their own safety. But that evening, the night watchman turned his back.

The angry mob stormed the jail and beat the daylights out of the three men. Hanson was blinded in one eye when they poured hot candle wax over him, and the worst treatment was done to the person who wasn't even a journalist: they stoned Lingan to death. In his final moment, Lingan stripped off his shirt to show the mob his war wounds—he had been bayoneted by the British in '76. But the mob didn't care about his patriotic service. One of the mobsters pitched a



James Lingan's tombstone inside Arlington National Cemetery. No portraits exist of Lingan. Photo courtesy of Flickr.

BEE Safe in the Park this Summer

stone at Lingan's chest and, well, that was it.

The James Lingan story is not a happy story, but a fascinating story if you ask me. Just think: this Revolutionary War hero and affluent Georgetown citizen died defending the rights of journalists. And his honorable funeral was completed right in Montrose Park. It makes me wonder how many other Washington, D.C. sites there are that, instead of being "boring," actually have a rich heritage. James McCubbin Lingan: first in war, first in peace, and one of the first U.S. citizen to die in defense of freedom of the press.

Article written by Scott Einberger, Interpretive Park Ranger

To learn more about the War of 1812, visit the website for the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail at <http://www.nps.gov/stsp/> or register for the special August 24th van tour (details on page 3).

BEE Safe in the Park this Summer

Ouch! You're out on a hike in the park soaking up some sun, working up a sweat, and enjoying some "great nature," but then a little black and yellow bugger stings you, AND IT HURTS, MAN! Stings by bees and wasps are the most common first aid incident that we interpretive park rangers deal with every summer. Here are some important tips for you to know about our stinging friends. By taking precautionary steps and knowing what to do in the event of an unfortunate bee sting, you'll be able to trek through the park more easily and happily.

Precautionary Steps

1. Staying on trails and not picking up downed logs or branches is the number one thing you can do to avoid being stung by a bee or wasp. Many wasps build their nests around fallen logs, and disturbing them might not be in your best interest!
2. If you are allergic to bee stings, make sure you bring your EpiPen along on your hike.

What to do if Stung

1. Walk away from the area where you got stung. Bees release a scent which attracts other bees. If you are still around when reinforcements arrive, well...

2. Locate the stinger and remove it as quickly as possible. Use your finger nails or pinch it out. The longer the stinger is in, the more severe the pain will be, so just get it out!

3. Remedy the pain. If you have an ice pack or sting reliever cream or oil, apply it to the area you got stung. If you were stung on your arm or leg, elevate it to relieve pain. Take an over-the-counter pain killer if you want to.

4. After you are stung, if you experience anything weird—trouble breathing or speaking, tightness in the throat, fast heartbeat, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, or loss of consciousness—call 911 immediately.

5. If you are stung over ten times, call 911 immediately.

6. If allergic to bees, use the EpiPen as perscribed by your doctor immediately.

Don't not visit Rock Creek Park because you are afraid of getting stung, but do be in the know about bees just in case the unfortunate happens.

Article written by Scott Einberger, Interpretive Park Ranger



Bees play an important role in nature. They pollinate certain flowers, are an important food source for many other wild animals, and produce honey for us to put on warm cornbread! *NPS Photo.*

Employee Spotlight on Jeanne Minor

Meet Jeanne Minor, Mill Operator for Rock Creek Park. Jeanne was born in Olney, Maryland (“in the same hospital as my mom”) and raised in Gaithersburg (“I actually still live on the same street just a few houses up from my Mom’s house”). Jeanne can see her high school from her front and back yards!

Jeanne worked as the Head Lion Keeper of the National Zoo, where, for over 18 years, she fed, trained and took care of the lions and many other small cats and carnivores like coatis, caracals, cusimanse, servals and leopards. After briefly working “across the river” at George Washington Memorial Parkway, Jeanne arrived at Rock Creek Park in late 2010., where she now serves as the miller for historic Peirce Mill. Below, Jeanne takes some time out of her busy day to answer a few questions.

What do you like best about Rock Creek Park?

The best thing about Rock Creek Park is that it is an oasis of forest in the middle of D.C. You can be downtown with all the buildings and pavement, and 10 minutes later be walking in the beautiful woods, hearing birds and seeing flowers. Of course, I also really enjoy telling people about Peirce Mill; they are very interested in the technology of Milling.

Speaking of the mill, what do you like about Peirce Mill?

Peirce Mill is a great piece of history, not only milling technology, but personal history for many of our neighbors here in D.C. Many people stop by and say that they used to come here as a kid with their parents; now they are bringing their kids. Some folks used to skip school and come here to swim in the creek; others just to seek a peaceful place to lunch.

What’s the most challenging part about being the miller?

The most challenging part of being a miller is the learning curve. But the miller training that I took was great; I learned that I cannot turn on the mill and have it blow up!

What gadget in the mill do you like best?

I really like to see the gears and water wheel go ‘round; and I would love to see the grain elevator in motion! It’s beautiful seeing sparkling water on the water wheel being made into energy that runs a whole building of machines!

To experience Peirce Mill in action, visit the mill on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. On these dates, you’ll smell fresh cornmeal and observe the waterwheel converting renewable energy into power. Mill tours are conducted by dedicated Volunteers-in-Parks, or VIPs, on the hour from 11:00 to 2:00. Aside from showing you how the mill functions, the tours introduce you to the Industrial Revolution; Oliver Evans, inventor of the automated gristmill; and the Peirce family.



Ranger Jeanne Minor in 1820s costume at Peirce Mill. NPS Photos.

Hats off to Amanda Kopil and Zach Gostlin!

Washington Center Interns Amanda Kopil and Zach Gostlin were a tremendous help during the winter and spring of 2013. These unpaid interns assisted the Division of Interpretation by creating a climate change powerpoint presentation for the Nature Center, presenting education programs for visiting school groups and staffing the Nature Center front desk. Zach and Amanda’s “go with the flow” attitude and



Amanda and Zach in action. NPS Photos.

quiet, positive demeanors were a significant help in enhancing the visitor experience to Rock Creek Park. Thank you to Amanda, Zach, and the Washington Center. For more information on the Washington Center visit www.twc.edu.

Park Partners

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) connects people to the natural world, sustainable agricultural practices and the cultural heritage of their local watershed through education, stewardship and advocacy. For more info, visit fergusonfoundation.org.

Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy

Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy (DOPC) seeks to restore one of America's ten greatest garden landscape designs: the 27-acre Dumbarton Oaks Park in Georgetown. For more information, visit dopark.org.

Eastern National

Eastern National (EN) promotes the public's understanding and support of America's national parks by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services to visitors. For more info, visit easternnational.org.

Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park

Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park works to support the maintenance of Georgetown Waterfront Park through fundraising. For more information, visit georgetownwaterfrontpark.org.

Friends of Peirce Mill

Friends of Peirce Mill (FOPM) works to raise awareness of and funding for the restoration of this early 1800s water-powered gristmill. For more information visit peircemill-friends.org.

GeoCorps America

See insert at right. For more information, visit www.geosociety.org.

National Capital Astronomers

National Capital Astronomers (NCA) advances space technology, astronomy, and related sciences through information, participation, and

inspiration. For more information, visit capitalastronomer.org.

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Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC), through volunteer efforts, advocacy and education, maintains the Appalachian Trail and other trails nearby for the enjoyment of present and future hikers. For more information, visit patc.net.

Rock Creek Conservancy

Rock Creek Conservancy (RCC) works to protect and restore Rock Creek and its waters, parks, and lands. For more information, visit rockcreekconservancy.org.

Student Conservation Association

Student Conservation Association (SCA) builds the next generation of conservation leaders and inspires lifelong stewardship of our environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land. For more information, visit thesca.org

Washington Tennis & Education Foundation

Washington Tennis & Education Foundation improves the life prospects of DC-area youth, particularly those from lower-income communities, by providing athletic, academic, and life-skills activities that teach discipline, build confidence, and improve academic performance. For more information, visit wtcf.org.

Spotlight on GeoCorps America

GeoCorps America, also known as the Geosociety of America, provides hands-on geoscience experience and internships for students who are working toward careers in industry, academia, or land management. GeoCorps interns raise knowledge and awareness of the value of geoscience resources on America's public lands. GeoCorps is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation.

Rock Creek Park thanks GeoCorps for bringing two interns into the park this summer: Chelsea Lewis and Robert Kelley. Chelsea will provide interpretive programs and materials on park geology and archeology. Robert will study the hydrology and geology of Dumbarton Oaks Park and the hillside below the Colored Union Benevolent Cemetery (Walter Peirce Park) with an eye towards stormwater mitigation.



Last Look



All smiles in Rock Creek Park after a day hike in late April. *NPS Photo.*