



# JULY is NRPA's Park & Recreation Month

Complete the activities below and try to get five boxes in a row for B-I-N-G-O!

Turn in your winning card to the front desk staff at one of the three community centers (Gary J. Arthur, North Laurel or Roger Carter) to receive a prize while supplies last.

B I N G O				
Take a HCRP class	Go bird watching at a HC park or trail	Enjoy a picnic with friends or family	Follow HoCoRec on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram	Pick up trash & recyclables
Visit the B&O EC Station Museum	Photograph wildlife or nature in HC	Visit a HC park, trail or playground	Visit the skills course or a playground at Blandair Park	Attend the July 4th Fireworks at the Columbia Lakefront
Go fishing at Centennial Park	Explore the Robinson Nature Center		Plant native plants or flowers	Build a bird feeder/house or a bat house
Play tennis or pickleball	Attend July 17 Public Star Party at Alpha Ridge Park	Sign up for a volunteer activity with HoCoVolunteers	Go hiking in HC	Record a funny video at your favorite HC park or facility
Participate in the Once Upon a Park scavenger hunt <a href="http://tinyurl.com/OnceUponAPark">tinyurl.com/OnceUponAPark</a>	Visit Worthington Dog Park with a furry friend (\$5 daily permit)	Play a game of bocce at Blandair Regional Park	Use the walking track at Roger Carter Community Center	Exercise at a HC community center or facility



**Howard County**  
RECREATION & PARKS



**NRPA** National Recreation and Park Association  
*Because everyone deserves a great park*



## July Events

### **July 4 | Fireworks, Food Trucks, Local Bands (All ages) | Free 5pm: Food Trucks & Live Music**

#### **9:20pm Fireworks (dependent on weather)**

Lakefront at Columbia (Lake Kittamaquindi)

We ask that spectators wait until after 3pm to lay down any blankets so as to preserve the grass.

The Little Patuxent Parkway may close around 7 PM due to expected high traffic volume from this event.

[www.howardcountymd.gov/july-4th-fireworks](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/july-4th-fireworks)

### **July 9 & 23 | Nite Bite Fishing (All ages) | \$5 per person Check-in by 7pm**

Centennial Pk boat launch in Centennial Park South

10000 Route 108, Columbia, MD 21042

Bring your own fishing pole, bait, tackle, bug repellent, flashlight or lantern, chair, or boat. On-site registration. Under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. Although you must check in, register and pay on site; please RSVP so that we may contact you if there is inclement weather.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a4ab2fabfd0-nite](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a4ab2fabfd0-nite)

### **July 10 | NEW! Virtual Game Show Night (18 yrs+) \$20 | 8pm**

Put the kids to bed, prepare your favorite beverage and snacks, and gather round the computer for an interactive night of TV game show-style fun via Zoom. Winners receive gift certificates! Must register by 7/7.

[tinyurl.com/hcrpgames](http://tinyurl.com/hcrpgames)

### **July 11 | Wild for Water Day (All ages)**

**\$15, 3 yrs+; \$10: 18 yrs+; Under 3 yrs, free (must register)**

**Staggered entry times From 10am to 2:30pm**

Robinson Nature Center

6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia, MD 21044

Enjoy fun water games as a family, create and race homemade mini-boats, participate in a river treasure hunt or take a guided stroll in the stream. Each child over the age of 3 years gets a take home goody bag with materials to do water experiments at home and explore different stages of water with your senses. Must register by 7/3.

[tinyurl.com/hcrpwaterday](http://tinyurl.com/hcrpwaterday)

### **July 23 | Nite Bite Fishing (all ages) | \$5 per person**

See July 9 description.

### **July 23 | Sensory-Friendly Sunday (all ages)**

**Free | 11:30am**

Robinson Nature Center

6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia, MD 21044

These events are designed for families with kids, teens, and adults with sensory-processing differences, autism spectrum disorder, or developmental disabilities. Center opens early, allowing visitors to enjoy a calm environment. Each event focuses on a theme with an outdoor, self-guided and self-paced activity for your family to try together. You can also explore the exhibits, Discovery Room, trails, and outdoor play area. Itineraries and sensory backpacks available inside.

Registration: 410-313-4700.

Info: [tinyurl.com/hcrpsensory](http://tinyurl.com/hcrpsensory)

## Useful Locations

### **Baltimore & Ohio Ellicott City Station Museum**

2711 Maryland Ave, Ellicott City, MD 21043

### **Gary J. Arthur Community Center (Cookeville)**

2400 Rt. 97, Cookeville, MD 21723

410-313-4840

### **North Laurel Community Center (Laurel)**

9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd, Laurel, MD 20723

410-313-0390

### **Roger Carter Community Center (Ellicott City)**

3000 Milltowne Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21043

410-313-2764

### **Robinson Nature Center (Columbia)**

6692 Cedar Lane Columbia, MD 21044

410-313-0400

### **Parks Maintained by Howard County Recreation & Parks**

[www.howardcountymd.gov/recreation-parks/parks](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/recreation-parks/parks)