

Summer ²⁰¹⁴ Fun

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Wild cabbage plants border this part of the trail at the Potomac Horse Center.



UNDER THE STREETLAMP GENTLEMAN'S RULE
Retro Jersey Boys quartet with male a cappella powerhouse
MAY 30



DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
JUNE 6-8



TREY McINTYRE PROJECT
Final D.C. Performance
JUNE 11



RINGO STARR & HIS ALL-STARR BAND
Steve Lukather, Todd Rundgren, Gregg Rolie, Richard Page, Mark Rivera, and Gregg Bissonette
JUNE 12



IL VOLO
JUNE 13



WOLF TRAP'S 25TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA SWAMP ROMP™
Big Sam's Funky Nation
BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet
Stooges Brass Band
JUNE 14



JOHN BUTLER TRIO
ALLEN STONE
JUNE 18



PIXAR IN CONCERT
NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Emil de Cou, conductor
Film & Live Score!
JUNE 20



SING-A-LONG GREASE
Full Film & Lyrics!
JUNE 21



BEN FOLDS NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Steven Reineke, conductor
JUNE 25



BEETHOVEN'S 9TH THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA
Bramwell Tovey, conductor
The Choral Arts Society of Washington
Wolf Trap Opera Soloists
JUNE 28



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JUNE 29

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Fun and Frolicking Through the Summer

Here are some suggestions for family activities in and around Potomac.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

After school's out, summer seems to fly by, with vacations, summer camp, sports clinics, team games and everything else. But every year, when fall starts, many wish they had done just a few more family outings or taken advantage of the many activities in and around Potomac.

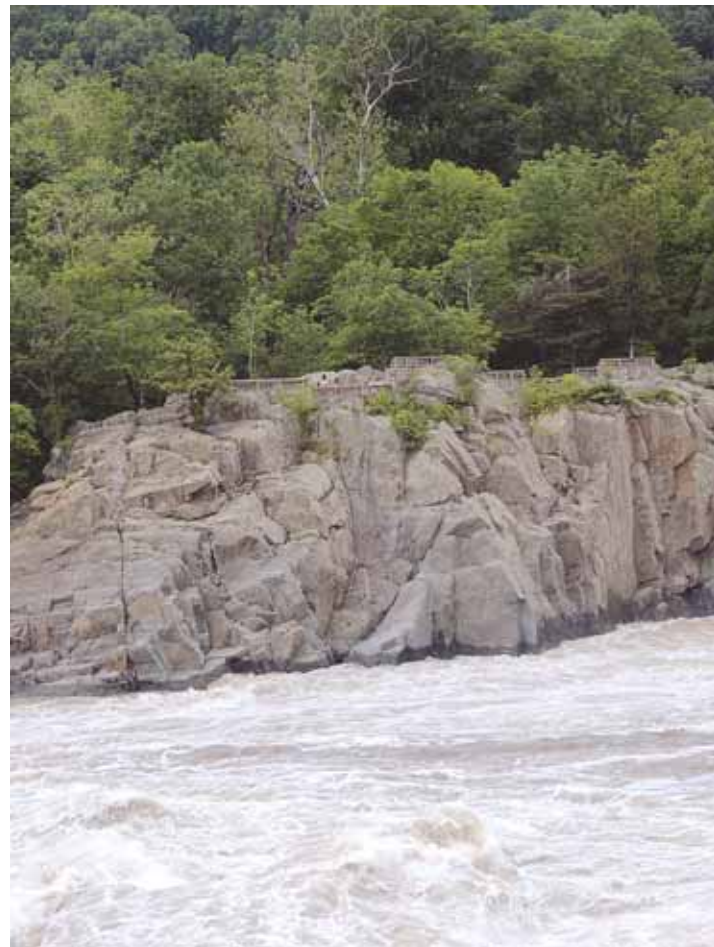
Here are some fun family leisure opportunities that shouldn't be missed this summer. Start planning now for a memorable summer.

WOLF TRAP CHILDREN'S THEATRE-IN-THE-WOODS

Every summer, the Wolf Trap Foundation and National Park Service present Wolf Trap's beloved outdoor theatre for children, which has been a tradition for generations. At Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, summer is all about music, dance, puppetry, and storytelling. Performances run from late June through mid-August and begin at 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. Shows are approximately 45-60 minutes in length and are recommended for children ages 4 and older. To learn more, go to www.wolftrap.org/woods.

LOCUST GROVE NATURE PROGRAMS

From story time under the giant Sycamore to adult Friday Forays around the county, Locust Grove programs delight and inform visitors of all ages. Wander the trails, enjoy the observation deck, explore the exhibits indoors and out, or discover the wonder of the center's natural playground. Some of its summer programs include a campfire



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The waters of the Potomac River at Great Falls are running high and fast.

Hikers can see Virginia from atop Billy Goat Trail.

and nature walk on June 13 at 6:30 p.m., a Father's Day program from 1 – 2:30 p.m. on June 15 called "Wild Dads," and an Evening Stream Splash and Campfire on June 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Check out its website and sign up for family adventures. Go to http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature_centers/locust/#. Locust Grove is located next to the Cabin John Indoor Tennis Courts at 7777 Democracy Blvd. Bethesda. Call 301-299-1990.

GUIDED TRAIL RIDES AND RIDING LESSONS

One doesn't have to live in the mountains

to experience horseback riding on scenic trails. Enjoy the beauty of the Muddy Branch Stream Valley Park with a guide from the Potomac Horse Center.

The center also features riding lessons, dressage, clinics, summer camps, therapeutic riding, birthday parties and more. They are located at 14211 Quince Orchard Road, North Potomac. Call 301-208-0200 or visit www.potomachorse.com

HIKE BILLY GOAT TRAIL

There is nothing more fun than hitting the Billy Goat Trail, just off the C&O Canal near Old Angler's Inn. Scramble over the boulders and hike through the forest, ending up on a high peak overlooking the rapids of the Potomac River. Take a picnic lunch and marvel at the views while basking in the sunshine. The trail is in three sections that total 4.7 miles altogether — about 4

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Locust Grove Nature Center offers trails, hiking and learning about nature.



One of the messages of the Locust Grove Nature Center

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SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Riley's Rumble Half-Marathon. A half marathon through rural Montgomery County for experienced runners. Visit www.mcrc.org for more.

FRIDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 8-16

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Come help celebrate Montgomery County's agricultural heritage. Check website for specific times and schedules. Visit www.mcagfair.com for more.

WEDNESDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat Rides. 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Boat rides along the historic C&O Canal. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-falls-canal-boat-rides.htm

SATURDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel Carousel 12-6 p.m. Rides on the historic carousel at Glen Echo Park. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Uncorked Wine and Music Festival. 12- 6 p.m. Enjoy free concerts and cooking demonstrations. \$15 for wine tasting. 36 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

MONDAY/AUG. 26

First day of school, Montgomery County Public Schools. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

Glen Echo Open House. 12-4 p.m. Open house, hosted by Glen Echo Park Partnership, introduces visitors to arts, dance, theater, classes at the park. Visit www.glenechopark.org

FRIDAY-MONDAY/AUG. 30-SEPT. 2

Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery 43rd Annual Labor Day Art Show. 7-9 p.m. Features the work of more than 250 artists, including painting, photography, ceramics, jewelry, glass, pottery and more at Glen Echo. Visit www.glenechopark.org or www.yellowbarnstudio.com

SATURDAY, MONDAY/AUG. 31, SEPT 2

Irish Music and Dance Showcase.



PHOTOS BY DEBORAH STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

Glen Echo Park's 2013 folk festival showcased more than 450 musicians, storytellers, dancers and crafters. From left are Nora Palka, Bella Gleim, Bob Rice and his African Grey Bird Fred.

1-6 p.m. Two days of Irish music and dance. Presented by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and the Irish Inn at Glen Echo. see glenechopark.org

Montgomery County's park system. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Online registration is open. Visit www.mcrc.org for more.

September 2014

THURSDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Potomac Village Farmers Market 2-6:30 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road at corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. Visit potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

75th Annual Labor Day Parade. 1 p.m. Olde Towne Gaithersburg, rain or shine. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

The Trawick Prize Finalists Exhibition. Downtown Bethesda's annual juried arts competition awards: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards. Runs through Sept. 28. Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Parks Half Marathon. 7 a.m. Run from

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Potomac Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.

Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Rockville Town Center, 200 East Middle Lane. Benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit www.afsp.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Wanda Sykes. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Standup comic Wanda Sykes will be performing. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Cabin John Kids Run. 9 a.m. Cabin John Regional Park in Potomac, Westlake Drive. Free for runners 18 and under. A mile run, half-mile run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only. Visit www.mcrc.org.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Guided tours of Riley's Lockhouse. One of the C&O Canal's original lockhouses. Join volunteers in period costume and explore the life of a lock-keeper. Riley's Lock Road. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/.

SATURDAYS-SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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The National Park Service offers boat rides on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal from April through October. The summer schedule is Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

START SUMMER OFF AT WOLF TRAP

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final DC performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



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The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 D.C.-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60.

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TUESDAY/JULY 1

Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48.

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.



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Destination for Fun

Glen Echo Park began in 1891 as a National Chautauqua Assembly, which taught the sciences, arts, languages, and literature. By the early 1900s Glen Echo Park had become an amusement park, serving the Washington area until 1968. In 1971, after the federal government obtained the land, the National Park Service began managing the park. The National Park Service collaborated with artists and arts organizations to create an arts program in the spirit of the original Chautauqua movement. Today the park is managed by the nonprofit Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. on behalf of Montgomery County.

Get Out and About This Summer

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hours from start to finish if hiking all three sections. To learn more, go to www.nps.gov/.../greatfallstraildescriptions.

PLAN A FAMILY CAMP NIGHT

Campers can spend a night roughing it in Potomac. The Robert C. McDonell Campground, located in Cabin John Park offers seven walk-in primitive sites. Campsites feature grills, tables, a campfire circle and pit toilets. There are two tent pads on each site. Depending on the site, up to 10 campers can be accommodated. To reserve a campsite, go to http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks_facilities_directory/cabinjohnrncampground.shtm

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Kick off the weekend by dancing under the stars, dining while listening to live music, or bringing the children and friends to enjoy the music and frolic in the fountains in Rockville Town Square every Friday evening from 6:30 – 9 p.m. A variety of genres keep the crowds on their feet, swing-

ing and swaying to pop/rock hits, Irish rock, Americana Country, Blues and Soul and more. Check out the full schedule of entertainment at www.rockvilletownsquare.com.

BOHRER PARK WATER PARK, SKATEBOARD PARK OR MINIATURE GOLF

Located in Gaithersburg, the pool is like a dream vacation on an island resort with palm trees, multiple slides, floatable animals, and a “tumble bucket” water feature for children to enjoy. The pool also has a zero-depth entry, making it accessible to all. A major attraction at the water park (for those 48 inches and taller) is the double water slide that is 250 feet long and twists and turns into the main pool. For the adventuresome, the blue slide offers a breathtakingly fast ride, while the white slide offers a tamer, slower water journey. Bohrer Park also has a 12,300-square-foot skate park, designed for skateboards, inline skates and BMX bikes as well as a miniature golf course. To find out more, go to www.gaithersburgmd.gov.



Tulip Tree Trail is just one of the hiking trails at Locust Grove Nature Center.



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A view from the top of the Billy Goat Trail.

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Music in the Air

The Motor Driven Band (Dan Dimmick, Art Fox, Paul Stagnitto, and Tom Ross) plays at the Concerts in the Courtyard series at Potomac Place Shopping Center on Saturday, May 24. The band will be playing at The Rio in Gaithersburg on July 4.

The Playground in Potomac's Backyard

What the C&O National Park offers for summer fun.

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George Washington surveyed it. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas saved it from becoming a super-highway. John Quincy Adams broke ground for it on July 4, 1828. The armies of the North and the South considered the control of it an important milestone in the War Between the States.

The C&O Canal is a part of U.S. history and also of the history of Potomac. Many residents explore it time after time, learning something new each time they visit. They might spot an unusual bird, or enjoy listening to the thunder of the waters after a deluge of rain.

Potomac residents love exploring the many trails or invading the rapids with a kayak and some are even energetic enough to bike from Georgetown all the way to Cumberland — or even on to Pittsburgh.

In 1924, the C&O Canal ceased operation and in 1971, the C&O National Historical Park was established, preserving the beauty, the historical remains and the natural setting for animals, for people and for future generations. Each year, over 4 million visitors come to the canal to explore its natural beauty, to enjoy the wildlife and to enjoy playing in nature's wonderland — a place to bike, hike, kayak, rock climb, walk, paint, take pictures and picnic.

It is just minutes from Potomac Village but it feels like a different world when venturing down the two-mile hill into the park.

Here are some entertaining ways to experience the park with family and friends during the summer:

CANAL QUARTERS

Go back to the time of locktenders and boatmen moving cargo down the Potomac River through the canal. Spend the night in a historic Canal Quarters Lockhouse. Some are rustic with no electricity or running water (it's very dark on the canal without lights); others have the comforts of power and indoor plumbing. All the lockhouses have been restored and contain furniture from significant eras in the canal's history. To find out more or to register, go to www.canalquarters.org or call 301-745-8888.

CANAL DISCOVERIES

When in the park, visitors can access special C&O locations, called "discoveries," on their own personal mobile device. Each discovery, narrated by a National Park Service ranger, includes nearby points of interest, a photo gallery of historic and contemporary photos, links to videos and podcasts



Water rushing into Lock 20 in front of the Great Falls Tavern Museum.

— and driving directions. Discover places like Paw Paw Tunnel, Four Locks, Point of Rocks and more.

GREAT FALLS MULE-DRAWN BOAT RIDES

The Charles E. Mercer is a replica of an 1870's canal boat. Experience the thrill of rising eight feet in a lock and listen to stories about the life of those who lived and worked on the canal, told by rangers in period clothing. On Saturday and Sunday, the boat rides take place at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, the boat leaves at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$6 for seniors.

HIKING TRAILS

Besides the well-known and loved Billy Goat Trail, there are scores of other trails to explore.



PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

The stories of boatmen are told inside the Great Falls Tavern Museum.

a rowboat, canoe or kayak for a few hours. Visitors can rent fishing gear and buy bait and tackle for an angler's adventure. The cost for most boats is about \$14 per hour or about \$30 per day. Visit www.fletcherscove.com or www.whitesferry.com for more.

VISIT THE GREAT FALLS TAVERN VISITOR CENTER

The Great Falls Tavern has a long history of hospitality to visitors coming from both the land and the river. It was opened in 1831

as both a tavern and an inn for the many visitors who traveled up and down the Potomac River. It also became a weekend destination in the summer, away from crowded, humid Washington D.C. Now the Visitor Center offers ranger-led walks and talks, exhibits and short films on canal and local history and the geology of the Potomac. It also features mannequins of locktenders, boatmen and their wives and children

with historical stories about each.

BECOME A C&O VOLUNTEER

Whether interested in living history, bike patrolling, park maintenance, or staffing a visitor center, the C&O Canal has many volunteer jobs. Go to www.chohvip.org for news and events in the park's volunteer program. Register to be a volunteer at <http://www.nps.gov/choh/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>.



The replica of the canal boat is pulled by mules.

A park ranger recommended the Gold Mine Loop (interesting because gold was mined from 1867–1939 by the Maryland Mine in this tract), the Olmstead Island Bridges (spectacular views) and the Woodland Trail.

TAKE TO THE WATER IN A ROWBOAT, CANOE OR KAYAK

Drive or bike to Fletcher's Boat House or to White's Ferry (near Poolesville) and rent