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ORCHESTRA
Emil de Cou, conductor
Film & Live Score!
JUNE 20



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

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Steven Reineke, conductor JUNE 25

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ORCHESTRA
Bramwell Tovey, conductor
The Choral Arts Society of Washington
Wolf Trap Opera Soloists
JUNE 28

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Summer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

Fun and Frolicking Through the Summer

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

> BY SUSAN BELFORD THE ALMANAC

fter 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.

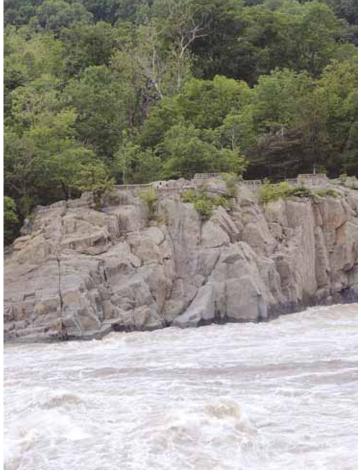
Here are some fun family leisure opportunities that shouldn't be missed this summer. Start planning now for a memorable

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



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.

Along the

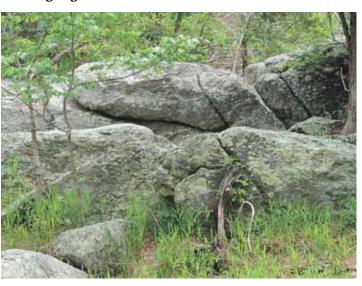
Billy Goat

Trail

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



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



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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June 2014

THROUGH AUGUST

Collegiate Baseball League. The Bethesda Big Train begins its season at the Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive. The Big Train plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden-bat collegiate league that has sent athletes to Major League Baseball, Visit www.bigtrain.org for

SECOND FRIDAYS/MAY-OCT.

Art Walk in the Park. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Glen Echo Park. Enjoy pottery, calligraphy, glass work, and much more. Visit www.glenechopark.org for

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 31-JUNE 1

Washington Folk Festival. 12 p.m. 7 p.m. Glen Echo Park. Enjoy folk music, crafts, and traditional dance, as well as storytellers and parade. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Film Screening. 7 p.m. at the Mansion t Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. World premiere screening of the new documentary "Birth of Bossa," which explores the roots of bossa nova and the role of Washington, D.C.'s musicians in popularizing the Brazilian bossa rhythm in the United States. \$12. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 3

Tea and Piano Concert. 1 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Jazz pianist Wayne Wilentz provides the score for a Brazilian spin on Strathmore's traditional high tea \$28. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project, Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

Gardening Class: Groundcovers. 1 2:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, Groundcovers serve as contrasting edge to the landscape or will fill in areas where grass is not an option Course #270552; \$6 or \$5 FOBG; registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

TUESDAYS/JUNE 3-AUG. 28

Family Game Day. 3 p.m. at the Potomac Library. Bring the family and enjoy a family game day. Children 5 and up and their families. Free. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Art Class. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Visitors Center Adult Classroom, Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallar Ave., Wheaton. Start a "sketchbook of trees" or include tree drawings in your botanical art. Classes focus on two beautiful trees at Brookside Course #271601. \$130. Visit www.parkpass.org or www.brooksidegardens.org, or call 301-962-1451.

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues. Arman Ntep plays African, Free, Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for more.



The 2013 Autism Speaks 5K Run-1 Mile Walk was held at the Potomac Library, raising funds for research on autism.

Brazilian Jazz Concert. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Romero Lubambo and Duduka da Fonseca with friends including Chuck Redd. \$35. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit

www.strathmore.org for more. Chamber Music. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda The Evermay Chamber, an ensemble with nine artists from five continents performs work from Tchaikovsky and Saint-Saëns. \$25. Call 301-581-5100

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Eliane Elias opens and Sergio Mendes performs. juxtaposing original and contemporary bossa nova. Tickets \$30-\$69. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

National Trails Day. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the River Center at Lock 8, Cabin John. Trail maintenance and stewardship activities 9:30 a.m.-noon, plant identification walk at 12:30, with the River Center open until 2 p.m. RSVP to Rebecca at long@potomac.org or call 301-608 1188, ext. 215. Visit http:// potomac.org/cc-river-center

20th Annual Imagination Bethesda Festival. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Norfolk and Auburn avenues. This children's street festival celebrating the arts will feature costume characters, face painters, international dance troupes. theater performances, a moon bounce and a variety of hands-on arts activities. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org for more

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-8 2nd Annual Women's Club of

Potomac Art Show And Sale, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church Parish Hall, 9908 S. Glen Road, Potomac. Proceeds go to Montgomery Hospice and the Potomac Women's Club Benevolence Fund. Visit www.calander.visitmaryland.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Strathmore Open House. Noon-5 p.m. at Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, Discover Strathmore: Sounds of Brazil, Annual familyfriendly open house features free music and dance performances,

workshops, artistic demonstrations and hands-on art activities celebrating the music of Brazil. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for

Takoma Park JazzFest. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free, all-day jazz festival eaturing local and nationally known performers, food, and arts/crafts vendors. Visit www.tpiazzfest.org

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues, Bethesda. Levi Free, Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for more.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 12-13

Gardening Workshop: Container Gardens, 10-11:30 a.m. each day at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Fee includes materials including a 14-inch container. Course #272403 - Thursday or Course #272404 - Friday. Fee \$40 or FOBG \$35. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Singer-songwriter John Prine. Tickets \$45-\$65. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more

TUESDAY/JUNE 17

Zen Garden Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Use dwarf plant varieties, stones and the traditional wooden box to create a zen garden Fee includes all materials. Course #272405. Fee \$90 or FOBG \$80. www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18 Summer Salads Cooking

Demonstration. Noon-1:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Enjoy samples of easyto-follow recipes. Course #272652. Fee \$35 or FOBG \$30. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more

THURSDAYS/JUNE 19-JULY 31

FARMERS MARKETS



The Potomac Village farmers market opened Thursday, May 1. Carole Carrier of Plantmasters offers hanging flower baskets, cut flowers and plants for herb gardens.

Potomac Village Farmers Market. Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, at Falls Road and Democracy Boulevard. Visit www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net

Bethesda Farm Women's Market. Year-round, every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7 a.m.-4 p.m., at 7155 Wisconsin Ave. Visit www.farmwomens market.com for more.

Glen Echo Park's Summer Concert

in Bumper Car Park, Free, Visit

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

www.glenechopark.org for more

Series. 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings

Rockville Farmers Market. Through Nov. 22, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Rockville Town Center. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/ farmers.htm for more. Pike Central Farmers Market.

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., near the Shriver Aquatic Center in the bus parking lot at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Boulevard (enter on Executive Boulevard). The move was necessitated by ongoing construction. Visit www.centralfarmmarkets.com.

Kensington Farmers Market. Year-round on Saturdays, 8 a.m. noon. at Kensington train station parking lot on Howard Avenue. Visit http://tok.md.gov/events/

Fulks Corner Farmers Market. Runs Thursdays from May 8-Nov. 20, 1p.m.-6p.m. Corner of Route 355 and Fulks Corner Avenue in Olde Towne, Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/ leisure/markets/farmers-markets

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

5-10. Based on Roald Dahl's book

farmers-market for more

or call 301-962-1400. MONDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 23-29

#270652. Free. Visit

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues, Bethesda. Built 4 Comfort plays blues and classic rock. Free, Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for more.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 19-20 **Gardening Class: Miniature**

Hostas. 10-11:30 a.m. each day at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Learn about the varieties and how to care for them. Fee includes all materials. Course #272401 - Thursday or Course #272402 - Friday. Fee \$50 or FOBG \$45. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Garden Tour. 2-3 p.m. at the Conservatory Entrance, 1500 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Brookside Gardens is an award-winning display garden, featuring an abundance of annual and perennial displays throughout the season. Course

www.brooksidegardens.org, contact about the big friendly giant, this play leslie.mcdermott@montgomeryparks.org, incorporates puppetry, visuals and storytelling. Tickets start at \$10. Visit www.imaginationstage.org or call 301-280-1660.

Ouicken Loans National Golf. Formerly known as AT&T National

Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. at the features 120 PGA Tour professionals at Congressional Country Club in Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Bethesda who will compete for a \$6.5 Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, Ber million purse. The event raises funds and awareness for the Tiger Woods Sollee, cellist and vocalist. Free. Call Foundation while paying tribute to 301-581-5100 or visit U.S. armed forces. Visit www.strathmore.org for more www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org or pgatour.com THURSDAY/JUNE 26

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

Garden Trip. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Conservatory Entrance at Brookside Gardens, 1500 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Come for a trip "back is time" as we visit the beautiful Oatlands Historic House and Gardens Course #272153. \$50. Visit parkpass.org, www.brooksidegardens.org, contact

or call 301-962-1451.

JUNE 25-AUG. 10 Children's Theater. Imagination Stage presents "The BFG" June 25-Aug. 10 at the Lerner Family Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Best for ages

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Children's Theater. 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Backyard Theater Stage at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Recess Monkey, a trio of teacher isicians, perform. Tickets \$8. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more

Garden Tour. 1-2:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, The Gude Garde construction has been completed and replanted, tour with the head horticulturist. Course #270599. Fee \$6 or FOBG \$5. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans www.ConnectionNewspapers.com Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues. Natty Beaux plays swing. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Flower Photography Workshop. 8-10 a.m. at the Visitors Center Adult Classroom at Brookside Gardens,

1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Workshop for all levels will emphasize creative approaches to flower photography. Course #272449. Fee \$35 or FOBG \$30. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org for more, Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 28-29

Heritage Days. Noon-4 p.m. throughout Montgomery County. Free admission to 40 sites that highlight local history and culture, with outdoor recreation, family activities, music and food. Visit www.HeritageMontgomery.org or call 301-515-0753.

JUNE 28-AUG. 10

Children's Theater. Imagination Stage presents "Mouse on the Move," an nteractive play for children ages 1-5. Performances run June 28-Aug. 10 at the Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Shows are at 10 and 11:15 a.m. and last approximately 45 minutes each. Tickets are \$10-\$12. with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Purchase online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660. Group rates available. "Mouse on the Move" book on sale for \$6.99 in Just Imagine! The Shop at Imagination Stage

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Serenade. 4 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, Strathmore and Classical Movements present global choral voices in Serenade! Featuring nternational ensembles, this year from the Czech Republic, Georgia, Russia, The Netherlands and



Marcus Medlin is the train conductor for the miniature train at the Cabin John Regional Park, shown here in summer 2013.

Zimbabwe. Free, general admission. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for more

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FRIDAY/JULY 4

Autism Speaks Annual 5K. 8 a.m. Run or walk one-mile to benefit research for autism. Start at Potomac Village Library Parking Lot. Visit

www.autismspeaks.org for details. 4th of July Fireworks. 5 p.m. Montgomery County Fairgrounds Activities include live music, games and food. Visit

www.gaithersburgmd.gov Independence Day Fireworks. 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Montgomery College Rockville Campus, Rockville. Activities include live music, food, and fireworks. Free. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 10

Mister G - ABC Fiesta. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Backyard Theater for Children. Tickets are \$8 for ages three and up. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest. 8:45 p.m. 8k Road Race and 1k Fun Run at the Rockville Town Center. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more

TUESDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 22-26

Bethesda Outdoor Movies. 9 p.m. Takes place at corner of Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org for movie schedule

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 26-27

Montgomery County Farm Tour and Harvest Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Help celebrate Montgomery County's agricultural heritage and taste local farm fresh foods. Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov for

- Camps, Classes & Workshops —

Summer Science and

Engineering Camp. The county recreation department is holding half- and full-day science and education camps this summer for children ages 6-12. Topics include Lego engineering, crime solving, hemistry and space. The camps are held at elementary schools and recreation centers. To register or for more information visit http://therecordmcr.blogspot.com/2014/03/ science-and-engineering-summer-

camp-so.html. Summer Camp Registration. Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is offering 88 summer camps in 2014 spanning a variety of

interests including ice skating tennis, golf, gardening, outdoor adventure, nature, and more. Summer camps are available for tots to teens at all skill levels and at hundreds of locations across the county. A \$25 discount is being offered for early registration for a select group of camps. Registration is open at www.ParkPASS.org. A complete list can be found at

where camp searches may be filtered by age, location and key words. The 2014 Summer Camps guide is available online at www.MontgomervParks.org/guide Print copies may be found at select Montgomery Parks' facilities, Montgomery County Recreation centers, government buildings and libraries while supplies last.

www.MontgomervParks.org/camps.

Summer Camp Registration Now Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., has summer camps for age 7 and up. Visit www.ssreg.com/glenechopark/classes

Theater Recital. This spring's productions, featuring students in grades 4-11, are all directed by practicing professional theatre artists. Interface" (Speak Out On Stage Ensemble) will be performed on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 1 at 3 nances will be in The Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theatre at Imagination Stage. Tickets are \$10 per person, and may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or at 301-280-1660

Garden Crafts Camp. Explore a tiny, imaginative world: make fairy and gnome gardens, learn about flowers and fun plant lore, make crafts and play games. For ages 6-8. Runs June 16-20, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fee \$290. Course #259493, registration required at ParkPASS.org. Extended care available, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$70 course #259494, Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org

for more.

Kids Gardening Camp. Explore the children's garden "classrooms" to discover how math, science, reading art, music, and even lunch/recess connect to gardening and the natural world. Participate in hands-on gardening activities, games and crafts. Plant and grow a container garden For ages 9-11. Runs June 23-27, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$290. Course #263399, registration required at ParkPASS.org, Extended care available, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$70: course #263449. Call 301-962-1451 or visit

www.brooksidegardens.org for more Art Camps. VisArts Rockville offers a variety of camps for children 5-12 in multiple sessions June 16-Aug. 15. \$300 and up, scholarships available. Before camp and extended care also available. Visit

www.visartsatrockville.org/

summer-camp. Financial Boot Camp for Girls.

Girls from age 11-17 can learn money and budgeting skills from an array of experts during the week-long free financial boot camp for girls at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road. July 7-11, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. daily. Hosted by the Financial Literacy Organization for Women and Girls and the Montgomery County Public Libraries. Topics will include budgeting, financial responsibility and decisionmaking, investing, identity theft and consumer advertising. Attendees must commit to week long participation. Visit http:// montgomerycountymd.libguides.com

Golf Group Lessons. Get Golf Ready, a series of five 60-90 minute group golf lessons is designed for those who have never played the game or want to brush up on their fundamentals. Price varies depending on location. Area locations hosting lessons include Falls Road Golf Course, Potomac; Needwood Golf Club, Rockville; and Northwest Golf Course, Silver Spring. Visit GetGolfReady.com.

Summer Fun for Potomac

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SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Riley's Rumble Half-Marathon. A

half marathon through rural Montgomery County for experienced runners. Visit www.mcrrc.org for

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

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.

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

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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

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

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

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



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

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 Svkes, 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.mcrrc.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 Glen Echo Park's 1921 Dentzel

Carousel 12-6 p.m. Rides on the historic carousel in Glen Echo Park. Visit www.glenechopark.org

START SUMMER OFF

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:

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:

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

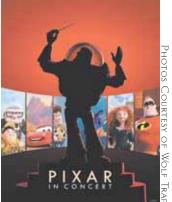
Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

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



Pixar in Concert: Watch 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 June 20.

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. Handel Giulio Cesare. Check

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

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-

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Photo by Deborah Stevens/The Almanac

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

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_off.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

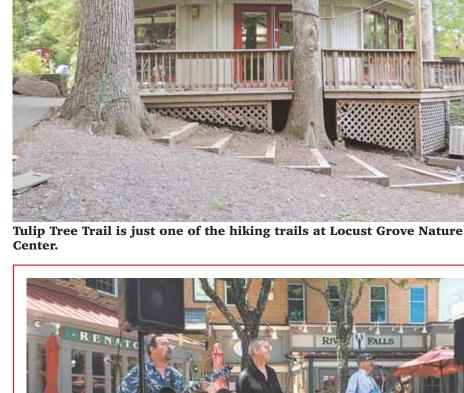
Kick off the weekend by dancing under the stars, dining while listening to live music, or bringing the children and friends to enjoy the music and frolic in the fountains in Rockville Town Square every Friday evening from 6:30 – 9 p.m. A variety of genres keep the crowds on their feet, swinging and swaying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



A view from the top of the Billy Goat Trail.



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.

Summer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

The Playground in Potomac's Backyard

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

By Susan Belford The Almanac

eorge 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.

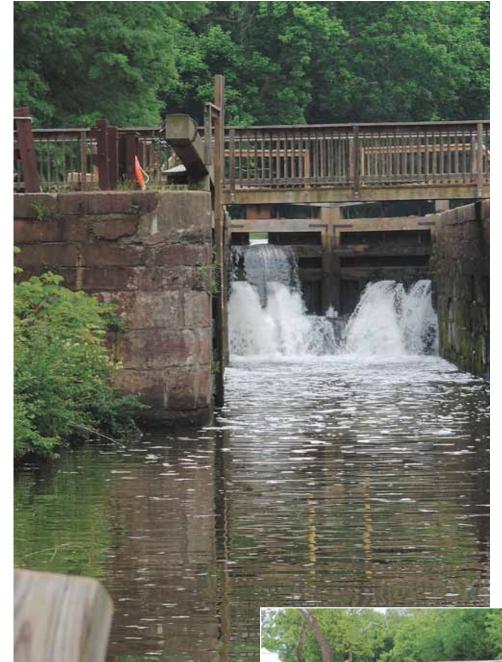
Here are some entertaining ways to experience the park with family and friends during the summer:

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.

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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.whites ferry.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 Great Falls of the Potomac. It also features mannequins of locktenders, boatmen and their wives and children

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

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.

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