

# Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks

**Mission:** To support and enhance the programs and recreational offerings of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks through charitable contributions and in-kind donations.

## FEBRUARY 2022 E-NEWSLETTER



Welcome Friends! Join us in supporting and enhancing the programs and recreational offerings of Maryland's Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State parks through volunteering and in-kind donations.

### Season and Events

#### February Nature Activity Calendar

Created by volunteer Bonnie Gitlin. Click calendar to download from our Facebook page

*Nature* **FEBRUARY** DAY-BY-DAY

1	Will the groundhog see his shadow tomorrow?	16	Will there be a full moon this month?
2	World Wetlands Day	17	Go on a snow picnic - Dress warmly!
3	Hug a tree	18	Who's in your backyard?
4	Listen! What does winter sound like?	19	Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count
5	National Weatherperson Day What's the weather where you are?	20	Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count
6	Look for animal tracks in the snow	21	How many hours of daylight today?
7	How many hours of daylight today?	22	At what temperature does the ocean freeze?
8	Read a book about snow	23	Visit a zoo
9	Build a snow shelter	24	What did you write in your nature journal today?
10	How far can you throw a snowball?	25	Make a bug hotel
11	As the crow flies... How far can you walk in a straight line?	26	Why is February the shortest month?
12	Make a terrarium from things you find in your yard	27	Start a rock collection
13	What plants are still green?	28	Explore a waterfall How is it different in winter?
14	Go on a "Heart Hunt" find heart shapes in nature		Explore a waterfall How is it different in winter?
15	Who will see the first robin?		Who will see the first robin?

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# Volunteer Opportunities



## 2022 Maple Syrup Festival

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources invites the public to celebrate the Maple Syrup Festival at Cunningham Falls State Park this March. This event will take place on two weekends, March 12-13, and March 19- 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteer tasks include assisting with parking, information tables, selling merchandise, trash patrol, story walk guides, helping at the boiling sites, and more.

## Visitor Center and Nature Center

Need volunteers to staff the buildings starting in April - no special skills required, but a willingness to chat with the public, answer basic questions and open/close the building.

Fridays-Sundays are peak visitation from the hours of 10am - 2pm, but their opportunity to discuss any availability/interest.

## 2022 Fishing Rodeo

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to collect data, hand out prizes, help participants check in, and provide a short lesson on casting and tying knots.

## 2022 Earth Day, Frederick April 22

Staff will work together with volunteers for a parkwide cleanup of both Cunningham Falls and Gambrill state parks. More details to follow as the date draws closer. Mark your calendar and spend part of your day helping staff pick up trash throughout both parks.

Contact [claudia.padilla@maryland.gov](mailto:claudia.padilla@maryland.gov) if you're interested in helping.

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Those who want to know more about the syrup-making process can enjoy the [Virtual Maple Syrup Festival video](#) series on the Cunningham Falls State Park website.

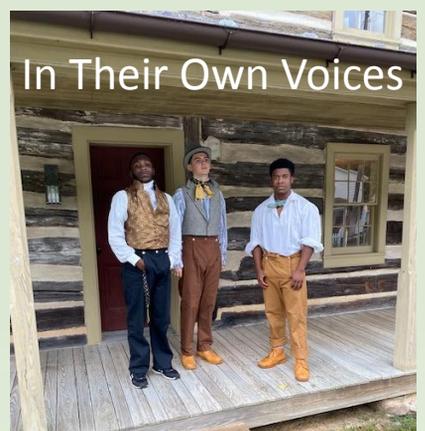
For more information or to see the Maple Syrup Fest Swag early [click here!](#)

In commemoration of Black History Month, students from Silver Oak Academy will virtually reprise scenes from "Spirits of the Furnace" and share food preparation videos based on traditional recipes.

This year, the commemoration will be virtual and uploaded to YouTube for all to experience.

The virtual event will premiere on the [Catoclin Furnace YouTube Channel](#) on Feb. 23, 2022.

Please visit the events page on [catoclinfurnace.org](http://catoclinfurnace.org) for a link to the program.



### In Their Own Voices

**Have you seen our new Website!!**

**Come look around and explore all the wonderful things we have coming to the parks.**

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