

## **\*DNR info on Patapsco Valley State Park**

In one of Maryland's first state parks (1907), the valley and its natural resources have been enjoyed by the Native Americans, explorers, settlers and present-day citizens.

Patapsco Valley State Park extends along 32 miles of the Patapsco River, encompassing 16,043 acres and eight developed recreational areas. Recreational opportunities include hiking, fishing, camping, canoeing, horseback and mountain bike trails, as well as picnicking for individuals or large groups in the park's many popular pavilions.

The park is nationally known for its trail opportunities and scenery. We have 170 miles of trails, with 70 of those miles identified as maintained trails. There are hiker only trails and multi-use trails accessible from many areas of Patapsco.

- Hours of Operation:

9 a.m. to Sunset

Certain activities are permitted outside of the regular park hours (e.g. fishing, boat launch, hunting where permitted). Please check with the park before your visit if you plan to engage in an activity which requires you to be in the park before or after the posted hours.

- Pet Policy:

Pets are allowed in the Avalon, Orange Grove, Glen Artney and McKeldin Areas of Patapsco Valley State Park. Pets are allowed in the day-use area of the Hilton Area. Pets are prohibited in the campground of the Hilton Area of Patapsco Valley State Park. Pets are allowed in the day-use and campground areas of the Hollofield Area of Patapsco Valley State Park. Pets are prohibited in the Pickall area of Patapsco Valley State Park.

- Hunting Policy:

Archery-only hunting for deer permitted on 3,895 acres of designated hunting areas with daily sign-in required - Managed Hunt Permit required  
Hunt from Vehicle provisions for disabled hunters

- OPERATION: CAMPOUT!

It's never too late to discover the joys of sitting around a roaring campfire, roasting marshmallows or sleeping under the stars! With the new *OPERATION: CAMPOUT!* Program, we can lend you gear free of charge (includes a tent, chairs, stove, lantern and more). This program is designed for military individuals and military families new to camping or experienced campers stationed or recovering in this area. *OPERATION: CAMPOUT!* is an opportunity for families to reconnect with each other and the great outdoors in a comfortable, safe and relaxing setting. Campsites have picnic tables and fire pits. Some sites have electric hook-ups. Restrooms and shower facilities are nearby. Contact the park office directly by phone to make your reservation. Be sure to let us know you are reserving through *OPERATION: CAMPOUT!*

## Contact the Park Service

- To Report Violations of Park Rules: 1-800-825-7275 (Park Watch) or 1-410-260-8888 (Communications Center)
- General Information: 1-800-830-3974 (Annapolis Office)
- Reservations: 1-888-432-2267

## Plan Ahead for "Filled To Capacity" Park Closures

- Patapsco Valley State Park is one of Maryland's most popular parks and serves a very high volume of visitors during summer weekends and holidays. To ensure the safety of our visitors and protection of the park's natural resources and facilities, the park has a limited capacity.
- During periods of high visitation, when the park's capacity is reached, the park will be closed and traffic will be turned away from the park entrance. When that occurs, no additional vehicles / visitors will be allowed to enter the park, including those with members of their party who may already be in the park. If you are not traveling in the same vehicle with others in your party, we suggest that you all arrive at the same time.
- When the park is closed due to being full to capacity, individuals and groups with shelter and/or camping reservations will be admitted, as parking is reserved for those purposes.
- Based on recent experience and visitation trends, and depending on good weather, Patapsco Valley State Park will likely fill to capacity and close on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day holiday weekends, and other weekends during the course of the summer. Please take this into consideration when planning your trip.