



**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
Nature in your hands



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"When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

– Aldo Leopold

Humans and nature are inextricably connected. Our relationship to the natural world defines us, individually and as a society, for generations.

The pathways to love and respect of the world around us are calling us home.



Baltimore Woods Mission and Vision

Connecting communities and nature in wisdom and wonder.

Baltimore Woods Nature Center is a leader in facilitating opportunities for people to build personal connections to nature. Through engaging experiences and place-based exploration, we envision communities united in stewardship and love of the natural world.

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Connecting the Community to Nature

by David DuBois, Land Steward

One of the greatest resources we have at Baltimore Woods are our trails. Young and old, rain or shine, summer and winter, from sunrise to sunset, these trails bring people into nature at Baltimore Woods. I know how much these paths into the natural world mean to people from receiving compliments on their condition, tallying the sheer number who come out and use them, and the eagerness of incredible volunteers to help maintain them. I also know that when we expanded the preserve in 2022 new trails were one of the most exciting opportunities that those newest 90 acres offered. I'm excited to be able to say that we now officially have 1.95 miles of new trails open!

These trails have taken time. Even before we owned the property we had done some reconnaissance and understood some restrictions to trail layout. Large beaver wetlands run down the center of the property, making it difficult to route a trail on dry ground and even more difficult to maintain it so far from an access point. There are numerous places where the terrain is just too steep to route a trail, and there were many trail concepts that fell apart when we walked them to ground truth the lines on a map. We discussed what opportunities community members would like to see and staff explored how these trails could enhance our program, camp, and field trip offerings. Many hours and dozens of minds worked in the background these past few years to come up with a trail design that is far better than what anyone could conceive of alone.

With a plan in hand and the trail layout created the real work of new trails started: building the trails. Hundreds of hours of staff and volunteer time went into



The Nature's Little Explorers Program has loved exploring the trails and gravel mine!

digging tread on the steep slopes of the Rim Trail, putting in posts to hang blazes on the Meadow and Schoolhouse Trails, and cutting invasives to open up space to walk through on the Bluebird Trail. To say that making these 1.95 miles of trails was time consuming and difficult is an understatement, and it wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of volunteers who were excited to create more opportunities for everyone who enjoys Baltimore Woods. I hope that when you are on these trails the work that went into them is on your mind, even when the trails themselves feel as though they have always existed and are as much a part of the place as the trees and the birds.

If you have not been out to hike the new trails yet I encourage you to. Each has vastly different experiences and feels than the existing trails and open up new opportunities to explore and experience the natural world. On Page 2 there is a brief writeup of each trail, enough to give you a sense of what is ahead without spoiling the surprises and discoveries to be had along the way.

In addition to the 10 trails you know and love, check out these 4 new trails on your next trip to Baltimore Woods!



The **Meadow Trail (0.26 miles)** serves as a gateway in to the newest 90 acres of Baltimore Woods Nature Preserve. It brings hikers through a former agriculture field that has been planted with warm season grasses and wildflowers to create a diverse meadow that will support wildlife, birds, and insects. In addition we've planted scattered oaks to mimic the native grasslands that used to occur in Central New York and create some shade for both hikers and wildlife using the space. We hope to one day upgrade the trail surface to a hardened tread to allow people of all mobility abilities to enjoy this space.



The **Bluebird Trail (0.5 miles)** brings hikers through more of the restored meadow featured along the Meadow Trail. Half of it winds through this open space, and the other half weaves through woodland edges, with vistas of the Baltimore Brook Valley below. This trail has some small hills and feels more remote than the Meadow Trail. Keep an eye out for bluebirds which were frequently perching and singing along the trail as we were building it.



The **Rim Trail (0.82 miles)** is the longest and most rugged trail on the new property, and follows the perimeter of a former gravel mine, exploring the open habitats, wide vistas, and places for naturalizing spaces that the mine created. This trail brings visitors through spaces that look unlike anything else with regionally rare plants and uncommon birds. This former mine will be an area for ongoing restoration, and the trail will give visitors a unique view into a changing landscape.



The **Schoolhouse Trail (0.37 miles)** winds through the field on the south side of the Baltimore Woods preserve. It feels surprisingly distant from roads, and lets visitors meander through this open meadow. This field was also planted with a grassland seed mix in the summer of 2023. It is relatively flat and fitting its name it is an outdoor classroom full of grassland birds, bugs and plants for anyone wanting to learn, no matter their age.

Help Keep These Trails Maintained at an Upcoming Stewardship Work Day!



First Saturday of each month
(9am-12pm)

First Wednesday of each month
(5-7pm)

Join the volunteer work teams
at Baltimore Woods and help
steward the preserve for
all to enjoy!

Visit baltimorewoods.org/stewardship-work-days-2
or scan the QR code for more information

The Patty Weisse Educational Assistance Award Goes to...

This year's recipient is
Aaron Weber,
who has been an avid hiker,
runner, and stewardship
volunteer on the trails and
across the preserve.

Congratulations, Aaron!

Bridge Building at Baltimore Woods



Last year, one of our big stewardship projects was thrust upon us when heavy spring rains washed away part of the Boundary Trail. That event inspired us to review what other spots on the trails may be in need of significant maintenance or replacement. One of those spaces was the bridge on the Overlook Trail that spanned Spring Brook on a sharp turn in the creek. Anyone who remembers their creek flow models, or has pondered the oxbows in a river, will know this is a configuration that cannot last forever. One side of the bridge was being seriously undercut, while the trail on the other side was simultaneously being washed away periodically by the high flow. It was clear that it would only be a matter of time before a particularly serious flow would destabilize the bank or move the channel across the trail.

Over the course of months, a committed group of stewardship volunteers designed a new bridge, cut lumber, hauled material to the site, assembled, and tested it to make sure that our new bridge will last for years to come all while hikers still had full use of the old bridge. The new bridge is longer and crosses the creek in a straight stretch, which is likely to be much more stable over the years, and it creates a new viewpoint along the Overlook Trail to watch the old trail wash away. Much like the creek, the updated trail and new bridge meander to bring hikers to a new viewpoint along the Overlook Trail and a different stretch of forest before meeting with the Boundary Trail. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible!

Volunteer Spotlight

It is impossible to list all the people who helped plan and create four new trails! Here are just a few of the highlights:



In the spring of 2022, A-team volunteers installed a fence to keep deer out of the first restoration project on the new property – hundreds of native trees planted by the community on Earth Day.



As part of the annual National Grid Week of Service in the fall of 2023, over 20 employees transformed a hillside into a staircase to complete the Rim Trail.



Baxter International employees from Skaneateles spent their last two annual Earth Week service projects building the Rim Trail, including the trailhead and creating the overlooks!



In June, 6th graders from Union Springs visited Baltimore Woods for a stewardship field trip. They planted over 40 trees and distributed thousands of native wildflower seeds.

This Season at Baltimore Woods...

By Lizzy Suzedell, Environmental Educator

Can you remember a pleasant autumn day in Central New York that was interrupted by dark and puffy clouds? A sudden rain shower then came and went as quickly as it arrived. The sunshine returned, but before long there were more clouds and another shower.

When you looked at weather radar, there were green and yellow blobs of rain popping up out of nowhere across the area. The weather app was consistently wrong, telling you it wasn't supposed to rain until after lunch, and even then it was only a 20% chance! This dynamic and unpredictable weather pattern is called "lake-effect," which occurs just as much as rain in the fall as it does snow in the winter.



Measuring 193 miles long by 53 miles across, Lake Ontario is a huge nearby source of moisture that significantly impacts our weather during this season. Because water takes much longer to cool down than air does, the lake temperature remains several degrees warmer than the air well into the fall and winter months. When cool air moves over the lake, warm and moist air right at the surface rises and rapidly cools, forming clouds. Clouds go downwind over the land and give us our lake-effect rain.

Nature embraces these showers as much as all the other changes of the season. With a raincoat and perhaps an umbrella in hand, I encourage you to explore outdoors next time you notice a lake-effect weather pattern occurring. Whether it is at The Woods or around your neighborhood, observe the fresh smell of the earth. Listen to the sounds of the rain hitting different surfaces. Stop for a moment to watch what the creatures are doing, or how the water droplets roll off the branches and leaves. Look out for rainbows amongst the dark and beautifully towering clouds. With all of your senses, experience this special phenomenon of Central New York!

Currently in the Gallery
Captured Moments

by
Sandra Roe

On Display
September 8 - October 29

Reception: **September 8**
2:30-4pm - open to the public!



Upcoming in the Gallery

Drawing on Talent
Member Art Exhibit

November 2 - December 19

Reception: **November 2, 2:30-4pm**

Call for Artists!

Members of Baltimore Woods are invited to submit work to our 16th annual members' exhibit.

Visit www.baltimorewoods.org or stop by the Interpretive Center to pick up the entry form and guidelines.

More information can be found at
baltimorewoods.org

The Winter Farmers Market at Baltimore Woods



Second Saturday of each month
from 10am-1pm

November 9
December 14
January 11

February 8
March 8
April 12

Shop for locally produced and grown products to enjoy fresher and more delicious food while vastly reducing the carbon footprint of your food.

Admission and parking are free.

Find the Winter Market on Facebook @
Winter Farmers Market at Baltimore Woods

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Nature Adventure Day Camp

Monday, October 14, 9am-3pm

Monday, November 11, 9am-3pm

Ready for a break from school? Come for an adventure outside in the woods, hiking, exploring, and playing in the Baltimore Woods Nature Camp tradition. Cost: \$52/child.

Search for school break camps at baltimorewoods.org and sign up.

**2025 Winter and Spring Break
camp dates coming soon!**

Outdoor Programs Just For Kids

Whether you're searching for opportunities to meet other homeschooling families, extending your learning to the outdoor classroom, or just looking for some child-led discovery in the great outdoors, Baltimore Woods is the place to go! Developed by our expert education team, these monthly sessions run from September to June.

Nature's Little Explorers
Preschool mini series
for ages 3 and 4

Tuesday Mornings or Afternoons
10am-noon
1:30-3:30pm

Trail School
Child-led nature explorations
for ages 5 to 13

Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons
1:00-4:00pm



*These programs fill up quickly. Save your child's spot today!
Register or join our waitlist online at baltimorewoods.org.*

September

13 The Benefits of Birding 8-10am

During our busy, at times, stressful lives, observing birds can bring a sense of calm and joy. In this program, we will search for migrating birds as their fall journey begins. This will include discovering the beauty of birds, sharing excerpts from literature, and discussing how birding slowly and mindfully can create peaceful moments in our lives. For adults. \$6 members; \$9 public.

Experience a Forest Therapy Walk



During this slow, mindful, and quiet walk, Certified ANFT Forest Therapy Guide June Leo-Randazzo will provide a series of relaxing invitations to engage all your senses, release your mind chatter, and deepen connections to nature, allowing you to connect with yourself and others through nature in new ways.

Upcoming Forest Therapy Walks:

September 15
October 5
November 3
December 15

14 A Night at the Woods 7:30-9:30pm

While our trails close at dusk, some life in The Woods is just starting to stir when the sun goes down. Join us for a bona fide Baltimore Woods tradition as we explore the exciting and mysterious nocturnal forest at an event for all ages! Using flashlights, black lights, and no lights at all, we'll put our senses



to the test as we listen for owls and look for glowing mushrooms. Don't miss your chance to experience A Night at The Woods! Program for all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

Join our Literature & Nature Book Group



Calling all nature-loving bookworms! The Literature & Nature Book Group at Baltimore Woods welcomes you to nourish and enhance your appreciation of the natural world with ongoing friendly discussions of great writing on that theme. Open to all interested adult members of the community.

Group meets the 1st Saturday of the month

Upcoming dates:

October 5
November 2
December 7

21 The Art of Seeing Things 1-3pm

The art of truly seeing things in nature lies in learning to be present in your thoughts and your heart. As we approach the fall equinox, take some time for mindful observation of the natural world, inspired by the writings of the famous naturalist, John Burroughs. We'll engage in some simple observation exercises along the trail that will help to open your eyes and heart to the beauty of the changing season. Learn how to form a deeper connection with nature and make the most of your time outdoors. Program for adults. \$6 members; \$9 public.



27 Autumnal Equinox Hike 10am-12pm

September brings a lot of changes to our lives. The heat dissipates, it gets cloudier, leaves begin to change color, and the last flowers have bloomed – and it's a great time of year to go outside and celebrate the changing landscape. Join us for a hike with a naturalist around Baltimore Woods where we will explore and welcome the autumnal forest. Program for adults. \$6 members; \$9 public.

October

11 Forest Clay Creations 10am-12pm

Take inspiration from myth, literature, and your own imagination to create works of art. In the heart of Baltimore Woods we will sculpt tree spirits using our hands, natural clay, and other found materials. Bring your sense of whimsy and creativity to reveal the hidden faces of the trees! Program for ages 5 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.



Autumnal Fairy Festival

Saturday, October 12, 12-4pm

Presented by

Doug's Fish Fry Skaneateles

Meet the Fairy Queen

Explore the enchanted trails
Stroll through the labyrinth
Make fairy houses in the gardens
Create a handcrafted wand
Share in the magic of The Woods!

*Costumes are encouraged and
imagination is a must!*

For all ages. \$10 members; \$15 public.

25 Secret Camp Spots Tour 10am-12pm

Have you heard of Peanut Hill or Harrison's Hideaway? Campers at Baltimore Woods spend their days exploring secret spots of their own beyond the marked trails. If you've ever wanted to see Baltimore Woods through a child's eyes, now's your chance! During this program, we'll take a behind-the-scenes tour of the places where campers play, explore, develop, and make lifelong connections to nature. Join us to see what makes these places so special and rediscover your inner child! Program for adults and teenagers. \$6 members; \$9 public.

26 Painting Fall Leaves with Watercolors 10am-12pm

Experience the joy of fall colors by making fun art outside! Let's go for an adventure to search for scarlet, gold, orange, purple, and brown leaves on the forest floor. We'll bring what we find to the beaver meadow along the Harrison Trail and sit on logs to paint the fall colors. All painting materials will be provided. Program for ages 5 and up. \$8 members; \$11 public.

November

8 Montezuma Field Trip 10am-12pm



As fall transitions towards winter, a grand spectacle of bird migration is unfolding and the Montezuma Wetlands Complex

is one of the best places in North America to see it. As we tour the most active parts of Montezuma to watch geese, ducks, shorebirds, and more, we'll discover the stories of how they can travel so far. We'll also learn how the history of human interactions with the wetlands have given birds a wing up. Program for adults. \$9 members; \$12 public.

16 A Water-shaped Landscape 10-11:30am

Through weathering, erosion, freezing, and thawing, water has carved and shaped the landscapes of Baltimore Woods and the rest of the world. Through a guided hike, we will explore the clues to how the land in our area was formed, how it will continue to change, and why it matters to the generations of people that have and will call Marcellus "home." Join us to discover features of The Woods that exist because of this powerful force. Program for adults. \$6 members; \$9 public.

17 Star Party: Leonid Meteor Shower 6:30-9pm

Cultures across the world and throughout time are united in a fascination with the night sky. Humans have used stars to mark the passage of time, tell stories, build mythologies, and navigate across vast dark oceans. With powerful telescopes and a wealth of knowledge, Bob Piekielek is your tour guide to the stars and planets, revealing the secrets of the far away, inspiring us to think about how special our little green and blue ball in space is. This is the famous Leonid meteor shower, which can be highly unpredictable. We will also be able to see Venus and Saturn, and maybe catch a glimpse of Mercury. Program for ages 8 and up. Free!



22 Campfire Pumpkins 10am-12:30pm

Cooking over a fire connects us with our ancestors in a very tasty way! Using traditional campfire cooking methods like roasting, coal stacking, and cast iron we'll cook up some pumpkins just like people would have done 250 years ago. While the pumpkins are roasting, we'll learn about the history of Marcellus and Baltimore Woods, ponder how life was different back then, and how we can still see evidence of their lifestyles on the landscape today. Then we'll eat! Program for adults. \$10 members; \$15 public.

23 Unearthing the Past 1-3pm

Travel back in time as we explore mysteries of Baltimore Woods. Go off trail to discover remnants of the past and find out how the land was used years ago. Who knows what we will uncover from the depths of history! For ages 8 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.

December

13 Illustrating Climate Change 10-11:30am

Understanding climate change and taking effective action requires looking at it through an interdisciplinary lens, including science, the humanities, and art. We will share prompts about climate change with a focus on helping the planet and processing our thoughts and feelings through art. This workshop is not about any particular artistic style, instruction, or skill level, but rather a chance to express our ideas freely on paper and spark discussion in diverse ways. All art materials will be provided. Program for adults. \$6 members; \$9 public.

14 Caroling in the Woods 7-8:30pm

Pick up a lantern and song sheet and enjoy a beloved tradition at Baltimore Woods. This event is free for all, and as always, donations are appreciated. Lanterns will be provided. Bring a small flashlight if you prefer. Program for all ages. Free!



20 Winter Solstice Hike 7-8:30pm

The winter solstice, with only nine hours of sunlight during the day, transforms our world into a quiet moon-lit wonderland at night. While it can be easy to forget in the dark, the winter solstice is truly a night of beginnings. Come for a tranquil lantern-lit walk to discover and celebrate the promise of longer days ahead. Program for ages 8 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.

New Perspectives on Nature

By Katie Robideau, School Programs Manager

It is hard to believe the 22nd year of the *Nature in the City* program has wrapped up and we are starting a new school year! We have much to celebrate from this past year, thanks to teachers' continued support in coordinating visits and providing students with the opportunity to connect with nature in their classrooms and communities. There's no greater joy than seeing a student's face light up when discovering something during one of our programs. This past spring, fifth-grade students across the Syracuse City School District (SCSD) used hand microscopes to examine living things in their schoolyard to build a food web. After learning how to focus their microscopes, we often heard collective gasps as they examined the beauty of the microscopic world right outside their

school. These structures in nature too small to be seen by the naked eye were revealed to students in a way that sparked their curiosity and helped them build on science concepts in their curriculum.

As a Kindergarten teacher at McKinley Brighton Elementary shared with us, the benefit of *Nature in the City* is that "Students learn they don't need to travel far to see nature, and they get to see examples right in our schoolyard."

We look forward to another year of new experiences, discoveries, and learning about nature concepts in their curriculum!

To learn more, visit baltimorewoods.org/nature-in-the-city



"The kids love it and engage in the material. The lessons stick with the kids and they talk about it when we go outside for recess."

-1st grade teacher, Franklin Elementary School

"Students gain or strengthen the connection of nature in their neighborhoods and surrounding community. The program also supports student knowledge from FOSS curriculum."

-5th grade teacher, Syracuse Latin Pre-K-8 School

Exploring Nature's Classroom

By Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

Each fall, we are thrilled to welcome all SCSD fifth-graders to the preserve for a field trip. While they may be familiar with us from *Nature in the City* visiting their classroom, this is almost universally their first time visiting a place like Baltimore Woods.

As students get off the bus, there is a mix of excitement and trepidation about where the trails will lead and whether there are dangerous animals here. But after learning about the flora and fauna of different ecosystems as

they explore fields, forests, streams, and the pond, that nervousness has been replaced by wonder, an eagerness to spend more time outside, and relief that a picnic lunch awaits them. After the trip, students share their favorite experiences. Observing animals is #1 – but dozens also list the sensory activities – like being completely silent to take in the sounds of nature – as the moments that mattered most during their visit. I hope those moments stay with them long into the future!



To learn more, visit baltimorewoods.org/field-trips/

What do teachers have to say about *Nature in the City*?

Each spring, we conduct a feedback survey of participating teachers. This year, we had teachers respond from all 22 schools for a total of 148 responses.

98% of teachers found that *Nature in the City* visits increased student understanding of the science standards/topics.

97% of teachers indicated that the *Nature in the City* program enhanced and enriched their classroom instruction.

93% of teachers feel their students show an increased interest in the natural world as a result of our program.

89% of teachers reported that observing a *Nature in the City* lesson motivated them to take their class outside for lessons.



Onondaga County WEP

What is the most beneficial part of the program for students?

“Hands-on, real-life experience that they cannot get from a textbook, video or other experiment in the classroom. With the ENL population in the room, having the hands-on/visual experience helped them be able to contribute and participate in the same learning as everybody else.”

- 3rd grade teacher, Roberts Pre-K-8 School

View the 2023-24 Impact Report at baltimorewoods.org/nature-in-the-city



Contributing Partners

Thank you to everyone who made hands-on experiences with science through nature possible for thousands of students during the 2023-2024 *Nature in the City* program:

- The Syracuse City School District •
- Onondaga County Save the Rain • The Green Family Foundation •
- National Grid • Bob Hurka and Susan Stewart • KeyBank •
- The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation •
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As we begin the 23rd year of *Nature in the City*, give a gift that opens new worlds of discovery

If you or your company are interested in becoming a *Nature in the City* sponsor, contact Executive Director Whitney Lash-Marshall at whitney@baltimorewoods.org or (315) 673-1350.

Sustain These Special Spaces

Where Exploration and Discovery Happen Every Day

You make it possible for nature to be the catalyst for a lifetime of learning, discovery, and stewardship that will shape our world in new ways - right here across the growing network of trails at Baltimore Woods.

As a 501(c)(3), we rely on contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations to deliver year-round engaging environmental education for all ages, inspire artists and scientists, introduce children to the natural world, steward the trails and places that have special meaning to each of us, and continue improving access to nature for every person that finds their way to a program or the preserve.



Give the gift of deeper connections to nature today!



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Call Executive Director Whitney Lash-Marshall at (315) 673-1350 with questions or for more details.

The Evolution of Baltimore Woods Nature Center

By Sue March, Board Member



When we moved to Marcellus 43 years ago, I discovered a special place to wander in the woods, enjoy nature programs, volunteer, and interact with nice people! I had found Centers for Nature Education, now known as Baltimore Woods Nature Center.

The first office building, moved here from Skaneateles, was a huge step. We finally had an office, but no running water or heat! Jump ahead a few years. The nature center was active and growing, hosting nature programs, field trips, hikers, camp kids, and lovers of the outdoors. Desperate for workspace, many people donated time (I sold donations on eBay) and funds for the building expansion that created the John A. Weeks Interpretive Center you know today. We were thrilled to have program space, more offices and prep rooms, public restrooms, and a place to exhibit our wildlife collections.

Now, in 2024, we are inspired by the continuing impact of this special place! Interesting programs, an expanded preserve with additional trails, growing numbers of people visiting, thousands of students and campers learning about nature, an established partnership with Syracuse City Schools through the *Nature in the City* program, and students from local universities like ESF and Cornell conducting research and volunteering. With the support of our community, Baltimore Woods Nature Center has established itself as a leader in nature education. What great changes in my 43 years as a member and volunteer! The barn skeleton shown in this photo is gone, the Interpretive Center is bursting at the seams again, the log cabin is maintained, an events pavilion enhances the facility, grounds and clearly marked trails are well cared for by staff and volunteers, and over 150 acres have been added to the original preserve.

John Weeks' dream and many people pitching in have given so many opportunities. Good changes have happened over the years, while maintaining the natural beauty and peacefulness of Baltimore Woods. This evolution has touched many lives and grown many peoples' understanding and love of nature and the outdoors. I am excited to be part of the next steps, and I hope you are, too!

Finding Art in Nature

Spending time in nature nurtures the body, mind, and spirit!

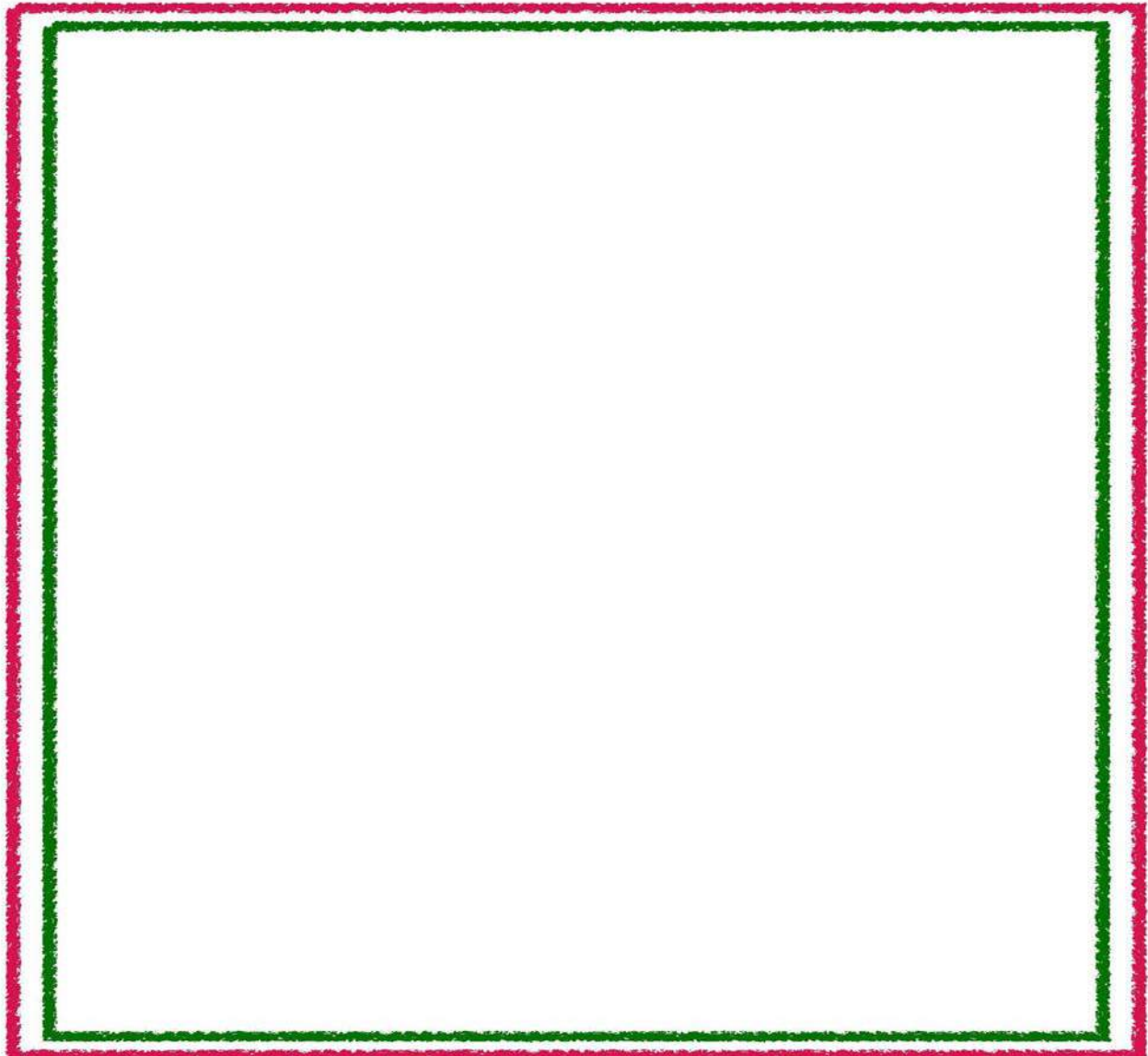
Over the summer, we invited the community to participate in the “Beyond the Bend” exhibit inspired by the work of art by the same name donated to Baltimore Woods Nature Center by local artist Wendy Harris this spring. Visitors shared artwork inspired by their own time in nature, often sketching “en plein aire” just like Wendy.

As the seasons change, we invite you to continue sharing your inspirations from time in nature! Using the box below, sketch a bird perched in your backyard, find some colorful leaves to tape or glue to the paper, smudge some dirt around the page, or write a nature-inspired poem - there are so many different ways to bring nature into your art.

Take a picture of your completed artwork and send it to us with us at connect@baltimorewoods.org for a chance to be featured on our social media!



Baltimore Woods Executive Director Whitney Lash-Marshall, Board President Taryn Jirousek, and Board Vice President Lauren Chyle with artist Wendy Harris at the Gift of Art Reception. You can view the original in the Interpretive Center.





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**Interpretive Center
and Art Gallery Hours:**
Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm
Saturday, 10am–4pm
Closed Sundays

Holiday Closures:
November 28 & 29
December 23–January 1

Hiking trails are open dawn to dusk
No admission or parking fees
No pets please

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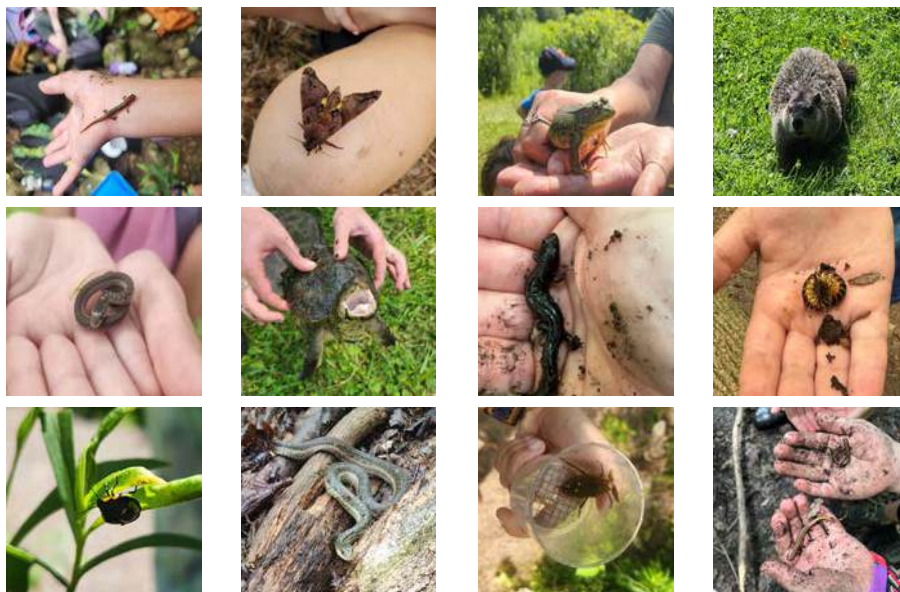
NATURE TIP



Mimicking nature is one of the best things you can do to make native wildflowers thrive! Many species – such as Early Goldenrod, New England Aster, and Brown-Eyed Susans are going to seed in the fall, making it the perfect time to spread seeds in your landscape and enjoy the blooms for years.

Need planting inspiration? Explore the new Meadow and Bluebird trails where we used the same methods.

Check out all of the critters our 517 Nature Day Campers found this summer!



Can you find any on your next trip to Baltimore Woods?