



## Calendar of Events



## AUGUST 2008

### Saturdays and Sundays **FALLS WALK**

**12:30 - 1:15 p.m. & 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.**

Join a ranger to explore the natural and cultural aspects of Great Falls Park on this walk. Meet the ranger in the Visitor Center.

### Sundays, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. **BIRD WATCHING**

Grab your binoculars and join this informal group to catch a glimpse of resident and migratory birds in Great Falls Park. Meet in the Visitor Center courtyard. Rain or shine.

**For the following free programs, please call for reservations: 703-285-2965**

### Saturday, Aug. 2 **ALIEN INVADERS**

**Sunday, Aug 31**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

They creep! They climb! They slowly take over and strangle the life out of native species! What are they? Where do they come from? Meet a ranger in the Visitor Center for a walk to unravel the answers.

### Sunday, Aug. 3 **DISCOVERING SNAKES**

**Saturday, Aug. 23**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Mondays & Fridays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Snakes are wildlife too! Come meet a very special snake. Discover more about these creatures and why it is important to protect them. Meet in the Visitor Center auditorium.

### Saturday, Aug. 9 **CREEPY CRAWLY CRITTERS**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

What's YOUR favorite bug? Bugs are everywhere around us, but how much do you really know about them? Kids, 10 years old and younger, meet the ranger in the Visitor Center.

### Saturday, Aug. 9 **AMMAZZZING ANTS**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Come learn about one of the most popular species in the insect world – ANTS. See them hard at work. Make a craft to take home. Kids, 10 years old and younger, meet the ranger in the Visitor Center.

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**Sunday, Aug. 10      IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON**

**Saturday, Aug. 16**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Join a ranger for a walk along the scenic and historic Patowmack Canal, one of America's first man-made waterways to the west. George Washington's "Dream Canal" is considered to be America's greatest engineering achievement of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Meet the ranger in the Visitor Center.

**Saturday, Aug. 16**

**YOUNG GREEN THUMBS**

**Sunday, Aug. 17**

**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Hey Kids! How does *your* garden grow? Meet with a ranger to learn a bunch of neat, cool facts about plants and gardening. You'll even receive your very own plant to take home to! Meet the ranger at Overlook #2.

**Sunday, Aug. 17**

**WILDFLOWER WALK**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Join this exciting and educational walk to learn how to identify wildflowers and the role they play in the ecosystem at Great Falls Park. Meet in the Visitor Center courtyard.

**Saturday, Aug. 23 & 30**

**HIGH WATER MARKS**

**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Dramatic floods always seem to arouse curiosity about nature's power and explosive energy. Meet a ranger at the pole with the high water marks at Overlook #3 to get all of the details.

**Sunday, Aug. 24**

**DISCOVERY HIKE**

**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Have you ever wanted to explore the park beyond the overlooks? Join a park ranger for a hike to explore a gorge, a canal, and the Potomac River. Meet in the Visitor Center.

**Sunday, Aug. 31**

**SOLAR OVEN COOK-OFF**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

You're invited to try your hand at solar cooking. Pick up information and registration forms at the Visitor Center desk. The registration deadline is August 25, 2008.

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*Great Falls Park is managed by the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National Park Service. To learn more about other sites at GWMP, call 703-289-2500 or visit [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp).*

## *SPECIAL INVITATION*

*Come celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the George Washington Memorial Parkway as a National Park Service site on Sunday, August 10. This date marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial and Theodore Roosevelt Island as National Park Service sites, too! More anniversary events will follow in the next 12 months!*

- 1. Enjoy a free jazz concert (with Laissez Foure) from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on August 10 at Fort Hunt Park.*
- 2. Participate in the first park-wide photo contest (starting in August 2008) at the George Washington Memorial Parkway.*