



MONTGOMERY PARKS

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

2425 Reedie Drive | Wheaton, MD 20902

Montgomery Parks Updates- September 2024

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Gravity Mountain Bike Park at Wheaton Regional Park Opening

- Ribbon cutting for the Gravity Mountain Bike Park at Wheaton Regional Park (Shorefield area) held July 21, 2024.
- Geared towards mountain bikes and BMX riders looking for adventure.
- Two courses featuring dirt beams, dirt tabletops, rollers, platforms, jump sections, and more.



Brookside Gardens – Rose Garden Exhibit

Brookside Gardens completed the renovation of their popular rose garden exhibit in June. It features over two hundred roses including thirty rare species, heirloom, and modern selections intermixed with approximately 800 flowering perennials and ornamental grasses. The new plantings will attract more wildlife and extend the bloom time from May to November.



Upcoming Events

13th Annual Urban Tree Summit

On September 18th, Montgomery Parks and Casey Trees, Washington D.C., will present the thirteenth annual Urban Tree Summit. Presentations will focus on the health and welfare of trees in our increasingly developed landscapes. Learn from some of the country's leading experts about innovative efforts to plant, protect, and preserve trees in urban and suburban settings. The Urban Tree Summit will be held in person at the Silver Spring Civic Center in Silver Spring, MD.

Register here: [Urban Tree Summit](#)

Fall Twilight Concert Series – September 11, 18, and 25 | 6–7:30 p.m. | Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton

Join us Wednesday evenings in September for a series of free musical performances. Bring friends and family, chairs, blankets, and picnics (*alcohol not permitted). Food trucks will be onsite selling food and drinks. Go to the event page for food truck details. All ages. Free. Fall Twilight Concert Series

- September 11, YötRök ('70s and '80s Rock Hits)
- September 18, David Bach Consort, (World Contemporary/Jazz)

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- September 25, René Ibañez & Cubano Groove (Latin/Cuban)

Wheaton Passport to Sports on September 8 from 11 am to 3 pm | Wheaton Ice Arena, 11717 Orebaugh Avenue, Wheaton

Explore the exciting world of sports and recreation at the Wheaton Ice Arena, Wheaton Sports Pavilion, and Wheaton Indoor Tennis. This event offers something for everyone, from experienced athletes to beginners. Ages three and older. Registration required. \$10 per person. Wheaton Passport to Sports

Canopy Connection on September 11 from 9 am to 12 pm at Washington Square Neighborhood Park

Embark on a tree climbing adventure—a unique opportunity to learn the basics of ropes, how to tie basic knots, proper techniques to ascend ropes, and safety equipment used for tree climbing. Ages 55 and older. Registration required. \$50 per person. Canopy Connection

Acoustics and Ales | North Four Corners Local Park | 315 University Boulevard, Silver Spring :

Cool down with a cold beverage while enjoying a performance by local artist, Shane Gamble Duo. Food, locally made craft beers, and non-alcoholic drink options, will be available for purchase from Third Hill Brewing Co., Silver Branch Brewing Co., Two Smooth Dudes, Money Muscle BBQ, and Sno Blast DMV. All ages. Free. Acoustics and Ales

Children's Day| September 21 | 10 a.m.–2 p.m. |Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton

Explore the science and art of gardening through child-driven art projects and engaging science activities. Some activity stations available in Spanish and English. Bring a picnic, friends, and family for a special day. All ages. Free. Children's Day

Parks Ale Trail | September 21 |11 a.m.–3 p.m. |Rock Creek Regional Park, Lake Needwood Trails, 15700 Needwood Lake Circle, Rockville

Catch the Oktoberfest spirit with live music, local craft beer, food, and hiking, as well as live entertainment and tree climbing for the kids. All ages. Free. Parks Ale Trail

Foodie Fridays| September 27 | 6:30 –8:30 p.m. |Josiah Henson Museum and Park, 11410 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda

Learn how Montgomery County's history has shaped the food system we see today with historian and author Tony Cohen. Discussion will focus on historical foodways, with a focus on the Museum Garden at Button Farm Living History Center and the heirloom varieties grown there. The registration fee includes light refreshments, one alcoholic beverage (21 and older), and a ticket to Josiah Henson Museum (\$5 value, redeemable during regular museum hours). Ages 18 and older. \$15 per person. Foodie Fridays: Hear the Past

Sunday Serenade| September 29 | 10–11:30 a.m. | Cabin John Regional Park, 7400 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda

End the weekend and start your week off right by relaxing on the lawn and listening to live music from Redmond, Langosch, Cooley. Local bakery, Ella's Bake Shop, will be onsite selling breakfast



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foods. Guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs and make it a morning picnic at the park. All ages. Free. Sunday Serenade

Montgomery Parks is a co-sponsor of the following events taking place in parks during the month of September:

- Parks Half Marathon (September 8) @ Rock Creek Regional Park
- Long Branch Festival (September 13–14) @ Flower Avenue Urban Park
- Friendship Picnic (September 15) @ Wheaton Regional Park
- Yappy Hour (September 19) @ Elm Street Urban Park
- Burtonsville Day (September 21) @ Columbia Local Park
- Wheaton Arts Parade (September 28) @ Marian Fryer Town Plaza