

2018 Reclaim Our River, Nanticoke Series - Watershed Events, Workshops and Floating Fun!



Your guide for reclaiming and enjoying your waterways. *Protect where you play!*

Free Saving the Monarch Presentation -February 19th, 6PM at the Seaford Library

Join Mike McFarlin who has single-handedly raised hundreds of monarchs each summer in an attempt to repopulate Delaware's monarch population. **In the last 20 years the monarch population has decreased 90%!**



Come learn about this majestic butterfly's migration routes, the impact humans have on their environment, where to look for eggs, raising the monarch from eggs, feeding them and ultimately, releasing the developed butterfly. Limited supply of free milkweed seeds for participants. Come early to visit information tables.

Free Gardening for Clean Water and Butterflies Presentation -March 26th, 6PM at the Seaford Library



Invite butterflies to your outdoor living space with native plants! Learn to recognize our local butterfly species and the native plants for your garden that support their life and benefit our local water quality.

Enjoy landscaping your yard, big or small, with attractive native plants that support butterfly habitat while helping to reduce pollution in our waterways. Learn how to create a **Certified Wildlife Habitat**.™ Come early to visit information tables.

Did you know? Flowering plants help to purify water and prevent erosion through roots that hold the soil in place, and foliage that buffers the impact of rain as it falls to the earth. Plants depend on pollinators like butterflies to reproduce!



Free Rain Barrel Building Workshop

-April 14th, 10AM at Hardin Hall in Blades



Build a free Rain Barrel with a kit and plastic drum provided by DNREC.

This hands-on workshop is a fun, easy way to learn about how rain barrels can reduce runoff and flooding and save you money! All materials will be provided and participants will go home with their own free rain barrel made during the workshop.

Wetlands Celebration Day

-May 5th, 9AM - 2PM at Trap Pond State Park

- 9:00 to 3:00 - Pontoon Boat Tours leave on the hour, every hour - register at the Boat House
- 9:30 to 11:00 - Music by Tony Windsor
- 10:00 - Plant the Park, meet at the Welcome Tent
- 10:30 - Get in Gear Family Bike Rally, visit the Trap Pond Partners for more info
- 11:00 to 1:00 - Volunteer Olympic games
- 11:00 to 12:30 - Music by Crabmeat Thompson
- 12:30 to 2:00 - Music by Free Range



“Wade In” with the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance

-June 9th at Trap Pond State Park



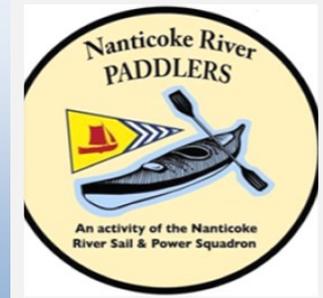
Mark your calendars and get ready to join the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, Nanticoke Creekwatchers, and friends at the 2018 Nanticoke Wade In! Admission is free, and we'll have a bunch of FREE programs for kids and adults! Join us for the "sneaker index" and the Nanticoke River Ten Year Report Card release, and make sure you grab some noms from one of the food trucks. A full schedule will be available closer to the event. Check out www.nanticokeriver.org for more info.

Thanks to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation for their generous support of this program!

Clean-up and Paddle

-July 11 on Deep Creek in Seaford

Enjoy a leisurely paddle on Deep Creek and lend a hand to this natural area by helping pick up trash along the banks of the creek and along Concord Pond Road. Deep Creek is a tributary of the Nanticoke River. Enjoy great views of wildlife and scenery along the paddle.



Eco Paddle

-June 23rd at Phillips Landing in Laurel (Rain Date: June 24th)



Explore Broad Creek during this guided paddle. Learn about wildlife, water quality, history of the Captain John Smith trail, public access, and the National Parks Conservation Association's Freedom to Float campaign.



After your paddle, join us for lunch, see exhibits, and discover more about the Nanticoke River with the Reclaim Our River Team.

This paddle will travel along one of the most iconic and scenic rivers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The Nanticoke River Water Trail spans a 26-mile segment of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail through Delaware and Maryland. In 1608, Captain John Smith explored the river which is named for the Native Americans who lived along its banks. Today, the 725,000-acre watershed supports a diverse range of wildlife and more rare plants than any other landscape in the Chesapeake.

Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta

- August 4th at the Nanticoke River Marine Park in Blades (Rain Date Aug. 5th)



Bang! And the race begins! Grab some cardboard now and start building. On August 4th, we'll be at the Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta at Nanticoke River Marine Park in Blades. [More information and registration](#)

This is a sight not to be missed. This year, if you're between races or just there to watch, you can enjoy the music, food, and exhibits from the ROR partners. [Check out the video!](#)

Chapel Branch Nature Day

- Date TBD at the Chapel Branch Nature Park in Seaford

Join us at Chapel Branch Nature Area in Seaford where the ROR partnership will be celebrating Delaware's efforts throughout the series. The event will be from 8AM to 1PM at Chapel Branch Nature Area located at 492 Woodland Road Seaford, DE 19973.

There will be fun activities for the whole family including nature walks where guides will be discussing native wildlife and hands-on activities exploring the creek critters of Chapel Branch with the Delaware Nature Society. We'll also be demonstrating how citizens can test the quality of their waterways and local Boy Scouts and other volunteers will be lending a hand to the nature area by cleaning up trash, working on invasive species removal, trail maintenance and trail building. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the beautiful nature area. Some tools will be available although volunteers are encouraged to bring additional items such as clippers, shovels, saws, and wheelbarrows which may be in short supply. The event will educate residents on techniques used to improve water quality by reducing nutrient and sediment pollution entering Delaware's waterways.

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