

Northwest River Park

Trout Stocked at Lake Lesa

Lake Lesa has received its first load of Trout of the season by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Fishing at the park requires a trout and Virginia freshwater license.

For more on Chesapeake fishing: <https://www.visitchesapeake.com/things-to-do/fishing/>



SkyWatch

Join Back Bay Amateur Astronomers as they bring their expertise and telescopes to bear on the night sky. SkyWatch is held in the Equestrian Area at Northwest River Park, weather permitting. Free.



Owl Prowl

Join our park naturalist for an Owl Prowl at Northwest River Park. Three species of owl frequent the park and nest nearby: the Eastern Screech Owl, Barred Owl and the Great Horned Owl. Our evening begins with an interpretative program inside the park's Activity Building where you will learn about these different species of owls, learn to recognize their calls and learn about the adaptations that make them such successful nocturnal hunters. Afterwards, we head outside to listen for owls and try to call some into us for a closer look. Free.



Elizabeth River Park

Saturday SUN-days

Observe the sun, the heart of our solar system, with Back Bay Amateur Astronomers during this daytime viewing at Elizabeth River Park, weather permitting. Viewing available between 10 am and 1 pm. Club and weather updates provided at: <http://goo.gl/Zq8Njs>. Free.



Chesapeake Ranger Talk

Dawn Grover, Park Ranger

It's the start of winter and Northwest River Park may not have as many people around, but the owls are busy making lots of noise at night! There are three different owls that inhabit Northwest River Park: the Barred Owl, the Great Horned Owl, and the Eastern Screech Owl. If you find owls fascinating, stop by our Ranger Station to check out the ones we have on display! Our owls vary in size, color, and even their calls. The Barred Owl's call sounds like "Who-cooks-for-you, who-cooks-for-you-all?" the Great Horned Owl call says "hoo-h'OOO-hoo-hoo" and the Eastern Screech Owl call is made up of different sounds with the most common ones being the whinny's and tremolo "a bounce song." If you would like to hear them call at night, sign up for our upcoming Owl Prowl and listen to those calls!



Great Horned Owl rescued at Northwest River Park by Park Rangers and Animal Control, 2017.

December

Free Events

- 1 Fly Fishing at [Northwest River Park](#) 10am—1pm
- 1 SkyWatch at [Northwest River Park](#) 5—8pm
- 8 Owl Prowl at [Northwest River Park](#) 5—7pm
- 15 SUN-days at [Elizabeth River Park](#) Between 10am and 1pm



Volunteer Spotlight: Dr. Dean Bohon

Dr. Dean Bohon has received the Volunteer of the Quarter award to recognize his outstanding volunteer efforts in park programs. Dr. Bohon has been deeply committed and involved with our parks for 30+ years. He oftentimes volunteers on a monthly and even weekly basis to bring awareness to the abundance and intricate nature of flora and fauna found within our city.

Dr. Bohon is very knowledgeable and passionate about our natural environment and sharing this knowledge with others. He has presented programs and led walking tours on various topics including, but not limited to, Birds, Reptiles and Amphibians, Plant and Pond life. Not only does he provide his time and knowledge, but he donates resources for the educational enrichment of our community.

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