

I'm watching you!



Please don't litter!

Tidal Marsh

Before you lies acres of tidal marsh that attract migratory and native bird species. The dense reeds provide cover and safe nesting areas for many of the bird species. Around the marsh wild Mulberries, Cherries, and Blackberries provide food for the visiting birds. The tides help to deliver food to the carnivorous birds such as the patient Great Blue Herring. Numerous species of reptiles, amphibians, crustaceans and fish also make their home here. The marsh acts a massive filter to remove industrial pollutants from the river.

Watch the water as it flows into and out of the small pond, to the left of the entrance. This will give you a good indication of the speed and volume of tidal flow in this area.



Located only 500 yards from Chesapeake City Hall



- In Chesapeake,
- From Greenbrier area take Battlefield Blvd South. Turn onto Albemarle Dr. Park is approx. 1 mile on the right.
 - From Dominion Blvd. Travel east on Cedar towards City Hall. Turn Left onto Albemarle Dr. Park is Approx 1/2 mile on the left.

Check us out online—www.cityofchesapeake.net



—then click on "Parks and Recreation"

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Parks and Recreation Department



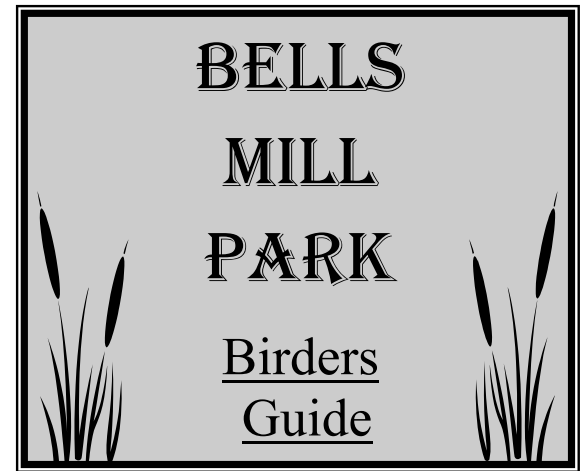
Do your part to:
Keep Chesapeake Beautiful!

The park is open year round from sunrise to sunset.

**For more information
contact**

**Chesapeake Parks and Recreation
at 382-6411.**

By Outdoor Programmer, Kevin Kaul



Due to the City of Chesapeake's commitment to environmental stewardship, what was once a land-fill is now a thriving and vibrant ecosystem in the heart of Chesapeake.

Enjoy a leisurely hike around the park's 2.5 mile perimeter trail, as you watch and listen for these birds which are commonly found in and around Bell's Mill Park!

Grebes

_ Pied-billed Grebe

Cormorants

_ Double-crested Cormorant

Bitterns-Herons

_ American Bittern

_ Great Blue Heron

_ Great Egret

_ Green Heron

_ Black-crowned Night Heron

Geese-Ducks

_ Snow Goose

_ Canada Goose

_ Wood Duck

_ Mallard

_ Ring-necked Duck

_ Hooded Merganser

Rails

_ Clapper Rail

_ King Rail

_ Virginia Rail

Vultures-Hawks

_ Black Vulture

_ Turkey Vulture

_ Osprey

_ Bald Eagle

_ Coopers Hawk

_ Sharp-shinned Hawk

_ Red Tailed Hawk

_ American Kestrel

_ Merlin

Gulls

_ Laughing Gull

_ Ring-billed Gull

_ Herring Gull



American Kestrel

Chesapeake Parks and Recreation hopes you enjoy your visit!

Checklist of Common Birds

Doves-Cuckoos-Owls-Swifts

_ Rock Dove

_ Morning Dove

_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo

_ Eastern Screech Owl

_ Great Horned Owl

_ Barred Owl

_ Chimney Swift

_ Belted Kingfisher



Swallows-Jays-Crows

_ Purple Martin

_ Tree Swallow

_ Barn Swallow

_ Blue Jay

_ American Crow

_ Fish Crow

_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Titmice-Nuthatches-Wrens

_ Carolina Chickadee

_ Tufted Titmouse

_ Red-breasted Nuthatch

_ White-breasted Nuthatch

_ Brown Headed Nuthatch

_ Carolina Wren

Kinglets-Thrushes-Thrashers

_ Golden-crowned Kinglet

_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

_ Eastern Bluebird

_ Veery

_ Hermit Thrush

_ Wood Thrush

_ American Robin

_ Gray Catbird

_ Northern Mockingbird

_ Brown Thrasher

Waxwing-Starling

_ American Pipit

_ Cedar Waxwing

_ European Starling

Vireos-Wood Warblers

_ White-eyed Vireo

_ Solitary Vireo

_ Pine Warbler

_ Palm Warbler

_ Black-and-white Warbler

_ American Redstart

_ Prothonotary Warbler

_ Ovenbird

_ Common Yellowthroat

_ Hooded Warbler

_ Yellow-breasted Chat

_ Orange Crowned Warbler

Tanagers-Sparrows

_ Summer Tanager

_ Northern Cardinal

_ Blue Grosbeak

_ Eastern Towhee

_ Chipping Sparrow

_ Savannah Sparrow

_ Fox Sparrow

_ House Sparrow

_ Song Sparrow

_ Swamp Sparrow

_ White-throated Sparrow

_ Dark-eyed Junco

Song Sparrow



Marvin Powers

Blackbirds-Finches

_ Red-winged Blackbird

_ Eastern Meadowlark

_ Rusty Blackbird

_ Common Grackle

_ Brown-headed cowbird

_ Orchard Oriole

_ House Finch

_ Pine Siskin

_ American Goldfinch

_ Evening Grosbeak

This list is not complete and is only intended to represent birds which can commonly be found within their seasons.

Researched by Dr. Dean Bohon