



2011 COMMUNITY STROLLS

We live in a large and diverse county that seems to offer the best of everything. So come out this spring and summer to learn more about our communities and parks teeming with natural resources, recreational amenities and rich history. Conservation Montgomery offers a Community Strolls series as a way to discover parts of the county you may have never experienced and a way to learn about the important connection between protecting our natural resources and maintaining our quality of life in Montgomery. Find our 2011 series listings below, but be sure to check our www.ConservationMontgomery.org website and our Facebook page for updates and rain-date messages. Or e-mail us at ConservationMontgomery@live.com to register or check on rescheduling in the event of rain. At each event, please look for the Conservation Montgomery banner to locate us.



May 21st Takoma Park Tree Stroll

Have you ever wondered about Takoma Park's lush tree canopy that makes this community so appealing and special? Join us for a walking tour of Takoma Park where we'll hear from Takoma Park's arborist, Todd Bolton. Todd will discuss the city's tree ordinance, the Community Forestry Program which pays for tree planting and maintenance and the city's designation as a Tree City USA municipality. He will also discuss this recent Takoma Park Tree Canopy Report: http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/documents/TreeCanopy_Report_TakomaPark.pdf

Todd Bolton has had a substantial career working in land use management and natural resource protection, including developing public education programs. Before becoming the Takoma Park Arborist in 2006, Todd worked as a Water Resource Specialist with the Virginia Department of Transportation. For 11 years prior to that, he worked in the Natural Resource Protection Group of the Fairfax County Park Authority, five of those years as the Manager. Todd has held an ISA arborist certification for 18 years.

- Start Time:** 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 21st
- Meeting Place:** City Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue (intersection of Maple and Philadelphia)
- Contact:** Caren Madsen 240-793-4603 or Evan Glass 301-980-2968
- Cost:** No cost. However, donations to Conservation Montgomery are welcome.
- Registration:** Please send an e-mail to ConservationMontgomery@live.com by May 20th.



June 12th Parks & Playscapes

Why do governments protect and conserve land? Is one parcel of land better than the other to protect? Why is protecting and conserving land for families important? What protected landscapes make great playscapes for children? The Rachel Carson Conservation Park is a great example by which to discuss and provide answers to these questions. Join Conservation Montgomery for a family-friendly Community Stroll in this beautiful park dedicated to one of America's best-known conservationists. Walk and discover with your kids the natural playscapes in this park.

- Start Time:** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, June 12th
- Meeting Place:** Rachel Carson Conservation Park, 22201 Zion Road, Brookeville, MD
- Contact:** Jennifer Chambers 301-588-1716
- Cost:** No cost. However, donations to Conservation Montgomery are welcome.
- Registration:** Please send an e-mail to ConservationMontgomery@live.com by June 10th.



July 9th **Underground Railroad Experience Trail**

Join in with friends from the Montgomery County Sierra Club to help remove invasive plants from trees along this trail. Located at the headwaters of Northwest Branch, the Underground Railroad Experience Trail has benefited from the efforts of the Sierra Club Group of Montgomery County where, for the last 3 years, they have removed non-native invasive vines that are toppling the trees in this park. This project will focus on protecting the trees along the creek. The goal for 2011 is to remove vines from 200 trees. Tools and gloves are provided. Long sleeves, pants, gloves, comfortable walking shoes or boots, hat, and water are recommended.

Start Time: 9 a.m. – noon, Saturday, July 9th

Meeting Place: 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring, MD

For a trail map and more information, go to the Montgomery County Department of Parks [website](#). Take Rt. 28E (Norbeck Road) across Georgia Ave. to the intersection with Layhill Road. Go left on Layhill and proceed to the intersection of Norwood and Ednor Roads. Go left on Norwood. Take the first driveway on the right to Woodlawn at 16501 Norwood Road. Please meet at the Woodlawn Manor parking lot.

Contact: For information, Jeremy.Arling@maryland.sierraclub.org

Cost: No cost. But register by sending an e-mail to ConservationMontgomery@live.com by July 8th.

August 27th **Conservation Montgomery** **1st Anniversary Celebration**

Come out to celebrate our first year as a nonprofit conservation organization in Montgomery County. We'll have a brief Community Stroll to be followed by socializing, games and a potluck picnic in Montgomery Hills Park in Silver Spring. There are many reasons to celebrate all of our county parks. Learn more about our award-winning 35,000 acre county park system and a few of the historic streets in this older section of Silver Spring bordering Lyttonsville.

Start Time: 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27th

Meeting Place: Montgomery Hills Park, Silver Spring. At the intersection of Seminary Place and Riley Place.

Contact: Caren Madsen 240-793-4603

Cost: No cost but please bring a beverage and a potluck dish to share.

Registration: Please send an e-mail to ConservationMontgomery@live.com by August 24th.

And save these dates....

September 24th Stroll from Rileys Lock to Swains Lock along the Potomac River

October 22nd Stroll through the charming Wyngate Community in Bethesda and visit the historic Shoemaker Cemetery tucked away in the middle of this neighborhood.