

Carroll County Nature Centers are here for you!

Get into the fun by becoming a member of one of the two Carroll County Nature Centers – **Piney Run Nature Center** at Piney Run Park in Sykesville, and **Bear Branch Nature Center** at Hashawha Environmental Center north of Westminster. Membership at one Nature Center gives you membership privileges at both.

Membership Donation Benefits include:

1. Reciprocal membership privileges at both Nature Centers.
2. Carroll County Program Guide mailed directly to you 4 times a year.
3. Priority and discounted registration for the Piney Run Summer Nature Camp in July.
4. 10% discount on Nature Shop purchases.
5. Invitation to the “members only” event.
6. Discounts on some Council-sponsored events.
7. Recreation Council scholarship opportunities.
8. An opportunity to serve on the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council.



Your membership donation will help the Nature Centers provide quality programs, a variety of exhibits, and environmental education programs and activities. We thank you for your support and hope to provide you with a broad range of programs to meet your expectations.

Piney Run Nature Center is located in southern Carroll County within Piney Run Park, and is assisted by the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council, Phone # 410-795-6043. Piney Run Nature Center hours are:

March 1 thru November 30:

Wednesday – Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 pm
Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

December 1 thru Feb 28:

Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed on Weekends and County holidays.

The Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council works together with the Piney Run Park and Nature Center staff in planning and implementing programs, and provides valuable financial support. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, etc.) at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room in the Nature Center. If you have ideas or wish to get involved in any way – or even if you’re just curious – feel free to join us. Meetings are informal, just drop in!

Bear Branch Nature Center is located in northern Carroll County at the Hashawha Environmental Education Center complex. Bear Branch Nature Center is open to the public Wednesday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 – 5:00 pm year-round. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays and County holidays. Phone # 410-848-2517.

Purchase your membership online at ccrecpark.org or complete the form below and mail your check and form to the Carroll County Commissioners. Also, please check off any areas in which you would be willing to volunteer.



The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600 or 1.888.302.8978 or MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

Nature Center Membership

You may purchase a membership for the current year by either completing the application below, or by going online to: https://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark_reg/Default.aspx.

Membership donations have enabled us to continue offering programs for all ages and to add new exhibits and learning materials to the Center.

By purchasing a membership, you will receive upcoming issues of *The Carroll County Recreation and Parks Program Guide* for the year.

Your membership will entitle you to: reciprocal membership at Bear Branch Nature Center, all Nature Center mailings, early and discounted camp registration, Recreation Council scholarship opportunities, early sign up for holiday craft day, 10% discount on Nature Shop items, discounts for some Council-sponsored events, an invitation to our "members only" event, and an opportunity to serve on the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council. Follow the [Friends of Piney Run Park & Nature Center](https://www.facebook.com/PRPRecreationandConservationCouncil/) Facebook page for upcoming park and Nature Center event information (<https://www.facebook.com/PRPRecreationandConservationCouncil/>).

Yearly Membership Form (Calendar Year)

Name _____
 Address line #1 _____
 Address line #2 _____
 City State Zip _____
 Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
 Cell Phone _____
 E-mail _____

To purchase a membership, register online at ccrecpark.org OR mail this completed form and your check payable to:

Carroll County Commissioners
300 S. Center Street
Westminster, MD 21157

Please Circle One

Membership Rates

Family	\$20
Individual	\$12
Senior Citizen (62+)	\$6
Full Time Student	\$8
Lifetime	\$250

Contributions in excess of your membership fee are tax deductible. Mail your **donation check** payable to:

Piney Run Rec. & Conserv. Council
30 Martz Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

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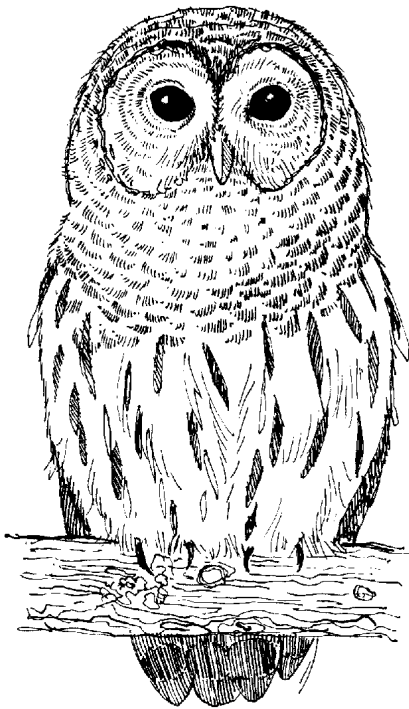
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Please check programs that you would most like to see offered:

- Preschool programs K-2nd grade 3-5th grade 6-8th grade High School
 Interpretive Nature Programs Craft classes Bird watching Evening classes
 Daytime classes for adults Walking/Hiking Clubs Kayak or canoe programs
 Native American Weed Warriors Photography
 Other _____

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During the Park season, a fee is collected at the gate. **Nature Center membership does not cover the Park entrance fee!** For frequent users of the Park and Nature Center we recommend purchasing a "season pass" which allows unlimited vehicle entries for the year. Entry for seniors and active military is free with ID.

Although Piney Run Nature Center is active with programs all year round, the Park's other facilities close for the winter months from December 1st through February 28th. You are welcome to visit and enjoy the Park during the "off-season," but you will notice there are no boats allowed on the water, the rest rooms are locked, and fewer Park staff are available.

Volunteering at Piney Run

Volunteers play an important role in all the Nature Center's activities. Your help would be greatly appreciated in any capacity. Please look through the list below and check off the areas of interest to you. Volunteers age 12 - 14 are also welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Thanks in advance for offering your help!

Please check your volunteer interests:

Special Events

- Children's Programs: Willing to assist in programs and parties.
- Apple Festival: The last Saturday in September.
- Fishing Tournaments: Several during each season.
- Holiday Workshop: Teach a class or help in general.

**Please call the Nature Center
(410-795-6043) to volunteer:**

- Anytime Winter
- Weekends Fall
- Weekdays Spring
- Summer

Skills

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art: sketching, painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance: cleaning, "grunt work" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking: cooking, refreshments | <input type="checkbox"/> Beekeeping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist: interpreter, biologist | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing: Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: desk help, telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening: weeding, planting |



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