



Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend 2021

September 11th & 12th

Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend 2021 is just around the corner. This year's theme - stewardship! We're discovering nature, learning how to take care of it, and having a blast along the way. Six parks in the Delmarva area will be offering programs for Girl Scouts throughout the weekend, many of them developed with specific badge/badge requirements in mind.

You don't have to wait for GSLSP Weekend to get started on the fun, though - check out our [State Park brochure](#) you can create during your next visit, and bring [Eleanor the Adventurer](#) along for the ride with you!

Delaware

▶ **Bellevue State Park (800 Carr Rd. Wilmington, DE 19809)**

Program: Nature 101, Celebrate National Wildlife Day! We'll give you the basics on the wildlife you see everyday at Bellevue, and how they differ from those around the world. Don't delay on registration - there's a 20 person maximum for this program.

When? Saturday, September 11th at 1:00pm

Where? Meet at the Arts Center Patio

How much? FREE

Call to register: (302) 761-6963

▶ **Alapocas Run State Park (1914 Park Dr. Wilmington, DE 19803)**

Program: Intro to Rock Climbing, Join our climbing team for some top rope rock climbing! After a brief introduction about equipment and safety, you will get harnessed up and climb on our natural rock wall. Harness, helmet, ropes and belayers provided. Must be 8 years of age or older to participate. Don't delay on registration - there's a 12 person max for this program.

When? Saturday, September 11th, 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Where? Instructions for parking will be sent with your confirmation

How much? \$22.00 per person

Call to register: (302) 577-7020, Registration and payment are due by 12:00pm Friday, September 10th

*This program aligns with the Climbing Adventure badge. Badges not provided.



White Clay Creek State Park (750 Thompson State Rd. Newark, DE 19711)

Program: Leave No Trace at the Creek, Join us to learn about how to care for and protect nature while we are in the outdoors. We'll do some Leave No Trace activities and learn all about how we protect nature and animals at White Clay Creek State Park. Explore why this park is a vital resource to our area and what you can do to help keep our forests and creeks healthy. Don't delay on registration - this program is open to 20 Daisies & Brownies and 20 Juniors, Cadettes & Seniors.

When? Sunday, September 12th, 2:00PM - 3:30PM

Where? Meet at the Chambers House Nature Center

How much? \$4.00 per Girl Scout

Call to register: (302) 368-6900

*This program aligns with the following badges: Daisy Eco Learner and Daisy Between Earth and Sky Journey (#1), Brownie Eco Friend (#1, 2, 4, 5), Brownie Hiker (#3), Brownie Outdoor Adventurer (#2, 5), Brownie Animal Habitats (#5), Junior Eco-Camper (#1, 4), Cadette Eco-Trekker (#1), Senior Eco-Explorer (#2), and Senior Water (#3). Badges not provided.

Auburn Valley State Park (3000 Creek Rd. Hockessin, DE 19707)

Program 1: Geocache Hike, Geocaching is a hobby with endless benefits and, best of all, can be done all across the United States. No matter where you vacation or travel, there's a geocache somewhere nearby. Learn to go Geocaching with the park naturalist, as you learn new skills like how to calculate coordinates via GPS and solve puzzles through 4 increasingly-difficult multicaches. This hike will cross-cover 3 miles, so be sure to wear good walking shoes as you learn not only how to Geocache but explore Auburn Valley State Park! Once you arrive at the final cache, hikers will trade items they bring with them for special items left in the cache, learning not only about community, but legacy, as they connect with previous hikers through the act of the "swap". Don't delay on registration - this program is limited to 15 people.

When? Friday, September 10th and Sunday, September 12th, 9:30AM & 4:00PM (Program will last 1.5 - 2 hours)

Where? Meet at the Gravel Event Lot

How much? \$4.00 per Girl Scout

Call to register: (302) 729-4280

*This program aligns with the Geocaching badge. Badges not provided.

***What to bring:** a hand-held GPS unit, small notebooks & pencils, a small "swag" item to trade with whatever cool items you find in the cache!

Program 2: Mark the Arc, Hiking in the great outdoors not only connects us with nature, but the spirit of adventure and learning the spirit of exploration as we "trailblaze" across unmarked trails. On this hike with the park naturalist, we'll follow the path of trailblazers over 100 years ago, who surveyed and marked the Delaware and Pennsylvania borders in the 19th century. The girls will learn basic orienteering through an activity and game, then hike up a moderately steep hill to find one of the original DE/PA marker stones! Limited to 15 people.

When? Friday, September 10th and Sunday, September 12th, 1:00PM (1.5 - 2 hours)

Where? Meet at the Gravel Event Lot

How much? \$4.00 per person

Call to register: (302) 729-4280

*This program aligns with the following badges: Brownie Hiker and Senior Adventurer. Badges not provided.

***What to bring:** Water, good hiking shoes, sun hats and sunscreen are highly recommended.

Don't forget to tag #GSCBLovesStateParks !

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Program 3: Critter Crawl, Go on a buggy adventure with our park naturalist! Read a book about insects, design a recycled bug, discover what certain features on bug's anatomy are useful for, then go for a short hike to look for insects along the trails. Lastly, examine bugs we will have pre-captured by using magnifying glasses to get up close and personal!

When? Saturday, September 11th, 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Where? Meet at the Paper Mill Parking Lot on Bengel Rd.

How much? FREE

Call to register: (302) 729-4280

*This program aligns with the Brownie Bugs badge. Badges not provided.

***What to bring:** Water. Snacks are provided.

Program 4: Tree Explorer Workshop, Hike on our trail with our park naturalist. Attendees will learn tricks to identify and classify trees, discuss the growth of trees in the transition between new growth and old growth forests and learn to make connections with trees by picking a tree to sketch in a journal, noting how the organisms around the tree thrive off it's existence. At 12:30PM, the Girl Scouts will break for lunch under the shade of a historic tree and a discussion on forestry practices will serve as the topic of debate. After lunch, the girls will learn how to identify certain threats to a tree's health and steps that can be taken to protect trees in their local areas.

When? Saturday, September 11th, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Where? Meet at the Yorklyn Bridge Trail pavilion parking lot on Yorklyn Rd.

How much? FREE

Call to register: (302) 729-4280

*This program aligns with the Cadette Trees badge. Badges not provided.

***What to bring:** Water and lunch. Snacks, sketch books and pencils will be provided. Hats and sunscreen are encouraged.

Program 5: Using Water to Work, This intensive workshop invited participants to get outside and visit a historic working dam and mill race to learn about the historical process of utilizing waterpower at a 19th century mill. After hiking the length of the process, the Girl Scouts will write down their reflections and observations on the relationship between people and water resources, then share their thoughts. Next, the girls will learn about a proposed project to reinstall a water wheel at the site, and will design innovative uses for the power that the water wheel could generate, or envision designs for the layout of the water wheel platform to make it an educational space. The girl will be given an engineering talk by a specialist involved with the project, and then given tools to begin their sketches and ideas. We encourage them to continue to work on their concepts after the workshop and present it to their troop after further design and research.

When? Saturday, September 11th, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Where? Meet at the Paper Mill parking lot on Bengel Rd.

How much? FREE

Call to register: (302) 729-4280

*This program aligns with the Ambassadors Water badge. Badges not provided.

***What to bring:** Water. Snacks, sketch books and pencils will be provided. Hats, sunscreen and cameras are encouraged.



First State Heritage Park & Partners (The Green in Dover)

First State National Historic Park (NPS): NPS will be offering a program focusing on Leave No Trace. A First State NHP Ranger will explore the seven principles of Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics by engaging Girl Scouts in activities to explore each principle in depth.

When? Saturday, September 11th, 10:00AM - 4:00PM (All-day, come and go event)

Where? The Green in Dover, DE

How much? FREE

*This program aligns with the [Girl Scout Ranger Certificate and Badge](#).

First State Heritage Park (FSHP): Ben Franklin Kite-making activity, bark rubbing, identifying native plants in our colonial garden, Trees of the The Green walking tour.

When? Saturday, September 11th, 10:00AM - 4:00PM (All-day, come and go event)

Where? Ben Franklin Kite Activity will be inside the John Bell House (43 The Green), Bark Rubbing, Native Plants and Trees of the Green will be held on the The Green.

How much? FREE

*This program aligns with the [Girl Scout Tree Promise patch](#).

Biggs Museum of American Art: Plant studies, “Creating our Universe” and pastel sunrise and sunset.

When? Saturday, September 11th, 10:00AM - 4:00PM (All-day, come and go event)

Where? The Green in Dover, DE

How much? FREE

*This program aligns with the Outdoor Art badges.

*These programs are all aligned with the [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#). Badges not provided.

Delaware Seashore State Park (25039 Coastal Hwy, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971)

Program 1: Beach Bonfire and Guided Bridge Hike, Hike to the top of the iconic Indian River Inlet Bridge and learn about how man and natural forces have shaped the inlet over the last 200 years. Combine the evening with a bonfire on the beach, complete with roasted marshmallows!

When? Friday, September 10th, 7:30PM

Where? Learn parking details after registration

How much? \$8.00 per person

Call to register: (302) 227-6991

Program 2: Nautical Flag Art, Historically and even today, ship-to-ship communication has a language all its own. Explore the history and meanings behind the International Signal Code, then paint your own Nautical Flag message on a rustic piece of wood to hang in your home. Open to girls age 12 and up.

When? Saturday, September 11th, 10:00AM

Where? Learn parking details after registration

How much? \$20.00 per person

Call to register: (302) 227-6991

Program 3: Sea Glass Jewelry, Make a simple sea glass pendant using a few basic wire-wrap techniques. Bring your own piece of sea glass or choose from our collection. Open to girls age 12 and up.

When? Sunday, September 12th, 10:00AM

Where? Learn parking details after registration

How much? \$15.00 per person.

Call to register: (302) 227-6991

Maryland

Maryland State Parks have an awesome opportunity for your troop during Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! All fees have been waived for camping at Tuckahoe and Pocomoke River State Parks. Spots are limited. You **MUST** register using the links below to take advantage of this special offer.

- Troops will need to provide all necessary camping equipment, food and volunteer ratio for the weekend.
- **Registration forms below DO NOT take the place of any necessary troop/travel paperwork.**
- Park staff can provide programming to fulfill some badge requirements, demonstrate/teach outdoor skills, and discuss career information depending on what is requested.
- This free opportunity is open to Brownies - Ambassadors.
- View state-wide park activities you can do at any time, even from your own home, [HERE](#).

Tuckahoe State Park (13070 Crouse Mill Rd. Queen Anne, MD 21657)

Youth Group Campsites 2 and 3 are available (70 total spots, 35 at each campsite).
Learn more about the park [HERE](#).

**REGISTER FOR TUCKAHOE
STATE PARK**

Pocomoke River State Park (3461 Worcester Hwy, Snow Hill, MD 21863)

Barred Owl and Painted Turtle Youth Group campsites are available (80 total spots, 40 at each campsite).
Learn more about the park [HERE](#).

**REGISTER FOR POCOMOKE RIVER
STATE PARK**

