

September 14th River Days Festival

Know Before You Go

Good afternoon,

This is a reminder that you have registered to join us for Anne Arundel County's River Days Festival taking place this **Saturday, September 14th** at Fort Smallwood Park. Please read this entire email for all the information you need to know before the event. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at riverdays@aacounty.org.

Saturday, September 14th 11:00am - 3:00pm
at Fort Smallwood Park
9500 Fort Smallwood Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122

Arrival & Parking: There will be no park entrance fee for River Days attendees. The park will open for River Days attendees only at 10:30am. The park will reopen to the public at 3:00pm and the boat ramp will reopen at 3:30pm. When you arrive at the park, please tell the gatehouse attendant that you are here to attend River Days. Free parking is available throughout the park.

Activities: This event will have boat rides, kayak lessons, crafts, games, face painting, food trucks, live music from Saved by Zero, and tables hosted by local environmental groups and county agencies. You can view the full map and schedule of activities below.

Boat Rides: Boat rides will be available first come, first served to festival attendees. Tickets are limited. We will have two of Watermark's Miss Anne boats providing 10, 30-minute boat rides throughout the day, with 21 tickets available for each lesson. Boat rides will feature environmental educators from Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center to provide passengers a fun and educational cruise on the Patapsco River.

Departure Times: 11:30 | 11:45 | 12:15 | 12:30 | 1:00 | 1:15 | 1:45 | 2:00 | 2:30 | 2:45

A full schedule of the boat rides is above to help you plan your day accordingly. When you arrive at the festival, please visit the boat ride table near the dock to inquire about available tickets. Children of all ages are welcome accompanied by an adult and are considered a passenger.

The boat ride tickets are very popular, so please plan to arrive early enough to secure your tickets. In order to ensure all tickets are used, your whole party must be present at the festival to reserve tickets.

Kayak Lessons: The Department of Recreation & Parks will hold 4, 45-minute lessons throughout the day, with 10 tickets available for each lesson. When you arrive at the festival, please visit the welcome tent near the front of the festival to inquire about available tickets. Participants must be 9 years of age or older, and complete a waiver at the festival. A full schedule of kayak lessons is below to help you plan your day accordingly. Lessons are limited and very popular, so please plan to arrive early.

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Food: A variety of food trucks will be at the festival with food and drink available for purchase - Kona Ice, The Daily Crepe Co., Breaking the Borders, and the AACOFD Alarmers.

What To Bring: This event will take place outdoors on pavement. We recommend that you dress appropriately for warm, sunny weather. Bring a water bottle, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and bug spray. Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or small chairs to utilize in the park.

Prohibited: Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and illegal substances or weapons of any kind are all prohibited.

Weather: This event is rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, we will make a decision whether or not to cancel by 8:00am on September 14th. Please watch for an email from us and check aacounty.org/RiverDays for updates.

Questions & Accommodations: If you still have questions about the event, or are in need of any special accommodations, please respond to this email or contact us at riverdays@aacounty.org.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday at River Days!