

2026

American Chestnut Land Trust



MAY

- 9 Sat – Migratory Bird Guided Hike** (8-11am) NS Trails: Griffin Meadow, Turkey Trail & Spur
- 16 Sat – Mountain Laurel Guided Hike #1** (10am-12pm) SS Trail: Laurel Loop
- 19 Thu – Mountain Laurel Guided Hike #2** (6–8pm) SS Trail: Laurel Loop (tentative based on bloom time)
- 30 Sat – Double Oak Farm Garden Tour** (9-10:30am) NS - Double Oak Farm
- 30 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip** (2-5pm)

JUNE

- 6 Sat - National Trails Day & Launch of the Parkers Creek Heritage Trail** (10am)
- 20 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip** (7-10am)
- 27 Sat – Full Moon Guided Hike** (7:30-10pm) NS Trails: Double Oak Rd & Parkers Creek Rd

JULY

- 18 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip** (6-9pm)
- 26 Sun – Aloha Guided Hike** (8-10:30am) SS Trail: East Loop (*In memory of ACLT's friend Dan Boesz*)

AUGUST

- 1 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip** (5-8pm)
- 15 Sat – ACLT History Guided Hike** (10am-2pm) SS Trails: Ridge, Cemetery, & Wallace Ln
- 22 Sat - Guided Canoe Trip** (10am-1pm)

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip** (9am-12pm)
- 11 Fri – Double Oak Farm Garden Tour** (9-10:30am) NS - Double Oak Farm
- 12 Sat – Sip & Save** (1–5pm) at North Side Trailhead
- 20 Sun – Parkers Creek Challenge Triathlon** SS Trailhead 8:30am check-in/9:30am start
- 25 Fri – Senior Stroll** (9-11am) SS Trails: Frog Pond to Wallace to Ridge
- 26 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip** (2:30pm-5:30pm)
- 27 Sun – Over the Hill and Far Away** (9am-1pm) Trails: PF2Bay from St. John Vianney to Double Oak Barn and Back

OCTOBER

- 10 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip** (3-6pm)
- 11 Sun – Annual Dinner & Auction** (4–8pm) at Jefferson Patterson Pavilion (40th Anniversary Theme)
- 17 Sat – Autumn Adventures at ACLT** (10am-3pm) at North Side Trailhead
- 24 Sat – Halloween Guided Hike** (7-9:30pm) SS Trails: Ridge to Cemetery and Back

NOVEMBER

- 8 Sun – Fall Foliage Guided Hike** (9am-12pm) Trails: South Side parking lot to Oriole Trail
- Sat & Sun, 28–29 – Wreath-Making Weekend** (volunteers and their guests) at ACLT Office/North Side Trailhead

DECEMBER

- 5 Sat – Annual Wreath and Greens Sale** (11am-1:00pm) at South Side Trailhead
- 13 Sun – It's a Holly Jolly Guided Hike** (10am-12:30pm) SS Trail: Holly Hill Loop
- 40th Anniversary Celebration** (TBD)

OFF-SITE EVENTS

ACLT will participate in the following off-site events. Check organizations' websites for more details

- Sat, Apr 18 – Maryland Osprey Festival** – Town of North Beach (10am–4pm)
- Sat, May 30 - CSM NatureFest** (10 am- 2pm) La Plata Campus
- Sun, Jun 7 – Children's Day on the Farm** – (11am-4pm) at Jefferson Patterson Park
- Sat, June 13 – Dragon Boat Festival** (9am-2pm) at North Beach Waterfront
- Sun, Jun 14 – Annual Patuxent River Wade-In** (11am-2pm) at Jefferson Patterson Park
- Sat, Jun 20 – NAACP Juneteenth Celebration** (11am-5pm) at Jefferson Patterson Park
- Sat, Jul 18 – Insectival** – (9am-1pm) at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
- Sat & Sun, Sept 5–6 – Sunflower Festival** – (10am-4pm) at Serenity Farms
- Sat, Oct 10 - Patuxent River Appreciation Day (PRAD)** (10am-4pm) at Calvert Marine Museum
- Oct Date TBD – Lower Marlboro Freedom Day** (11am-4pm) at Lower Marlboro Methodist Church
- Sun, Oct 25 - SOMD Reviving the Community Fair** (11am-3pm) at Kings Landing Park



Scan Code for full calendar or go to www.acltweb.org/events

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Connecting people with the land since 1986*



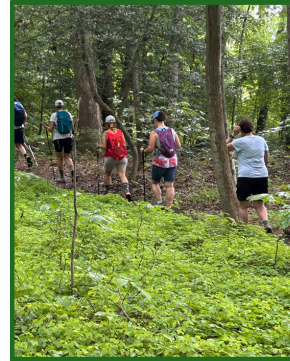
Mission Statement: The American Chestnut Land Trust preserves and conserves the natural and cultural resources of the Parkers Creek and Governors Run Watersheds for the benefit of this and future generations. We provide environmentally sustainable public access to managed properties for educational, scientific, recreational, and cultural purposes. We promote land conservation and preservation throughout Southern Maryland.

About Us: ACLT is a member- and donor-supported nonprofit. Our staff and volunteers care for approximately 3,500 acres of preserved land and maintain over 26 miles of trails that are open year-round to the public, free of charge. We connect people with the land by offering guided hikes and canoe trips as well as programs to inspire and teach about caring for and sustaining a healthy ecosystem.

The Parkers Creek watershed is recognized as one of the last remaining pristine watersheds on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. As a hotspot of ecological diversity, it has been referred to as the "Chesapeake in miniature".

What does ACLT have to offer?

Guided Hikes: Join us! Our 26 miles of trails meander through old-growth forests, up and down ravines, and along meadows, streams, and the pristine Parkers Creek. These hikes are led by Master Naturalists who will fill you in on all you're seeing along the way. Registration is required. To view the schedule, visit our website: www.acltweb.org/guided-hikes.

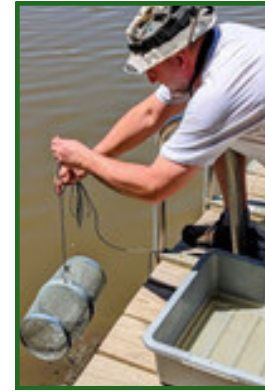


Guided Canoe Trips: Your chance to paddle up Parkers Creek! ACLT provides friendly, expert guides to make your trip fun, informative, and safe! You have the option of using one of our canoes [2 person] or bringing your own canoe/kayak. For more information, visit our website: www.acltweb.org/canoe-trips.

Educational & Volunteer Opportunities: Share your love of nature! Become a Maryland "Master Naturalist" at ACLT. Master Naturalists are citizen scientists who are dedicated to the care and conservation of the natural environment. They share their knowledge with the community through guided hikes and canoe trips, create and improve habitat for wildlife, work with scientists to monitor the health of our land and waterways, find and help remove invasive species that are damaging our native plants, and so much more! Classes held annually. More info: www.acltweb.org/master-naturalist.



Prime location for bird-watching: The National Audubon Society has designated the Parkers Creek Watershed as a "Maryland Important Bird Area." Bald eagles, herons, warblers, woodthrushes, indigo buntings, and many other birds are spotted here, some seasonally and many year-round. For more info and to see a complete list of birds, visit: www.acltweb.org/watershed-ecology.



Watershed Friends Groups: Members of these groups are the eyes, ears, and advocates of local watersheds. Composed primarily of watershed residents, these groups work to educate other residents about what is going on in their watershed, connect people to the watershed through recreational excursions, and mobilize others to be stewards of the land. Learn more: www.acltweb.org/watershed-friends-groups.

Double Oak Farm: ACLT's 1-acre farm uses sustainable farming methods to raise produce for the food insecure in our community. ACLT is fortunate to have a core group of volunteers who show up regularly to keep the farm going. They are happy to share years of expertise and teach natural, environmentally conscious farming and gardening to new volunteers. ACLT also manages a Food Forest - a method of growing food that mimics natural forest ecosystems. This method removes the need for pesticides or herbicides. You can also get involved in perma-culture, flower gardening, and more. To volunteer, go to: www.acltweb.org/volunteer.



The land ACLT protects is not a park! We do not receive any government funding. The support of our Members, Donors, and Volunteers is what makes ACLT the success it is today. If you enjoy ACLT's trails and the tranquility of the Parkers Creek watershed, visit our website at www.acltweb.org to learn about ways you can show your support for ACLT's mission and work. Donations gratefully accepted.



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