

Black Ski Hiking Trip Upper Marlboro, MD Patuxent River Park / Judge Bay Natural Area Saturday – July 23, 2022 - 8:15 am

We're on the hiking move again. BSI will hold its next nature hike at the Patuxent River Park/Judge Bay Natural Area on Saturday, July 23, 2022, and meet at 8:15 am. The park is along the Patuxent River in Upper Marlboro, MD. The plan is to hike portions of the Purple, Brown, and Blue Loop totaling around 4.3 miles.

Please sign up by *July 18, 2022*, and complete the registration form online. Be sure to read and follow the COVID-19 proof of vaccine requirements to attend and participate in this Black Ski, Inc., event. To prepare for your hike:

- Dress appropriately and wear fitted long pants, hiking or shoes with thick soles, and a hat.
- The use of bug/tick spray is *highly* recommended.
- Carry water to stay hydrated.
- If you're not a regular hiker, poles are recommended.
- The hike route will include beautiful river walkways, so be aware that snakes are in the area.

Once you've registered, please <u>meet the group by 8:15 am on Saturday, July 23, at the Ranger station office</u>. There are <u>no</u> portable toilets in the hiking areas, so please visit the bathrooms in the parking lot *prior* to the hike. If there are no marked parking spaces, you may park on the grassy area near the bathroom/Purple Loop trail.

The park is at 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Please note: The hike will be postponed if there is sizable rain in the area within 24 hours of the walk.

Hike Registration Form: https://form.jotform.com/221827752738162

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