Welcome to the Nature Playspaces



Black Hill Vistor Center, 20926 Lake Ridge Dr, Boyds MD 20841

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Waterfowl Viewing Blind

Hand carved duck decoys will help you identify ducks and geese that visit the lake, especially in winter. You can stand on the benches for better viewing but be quiet, so you don't scare away the birds!



Timberton

Climb and crawl through our giant Sycamore log. Play pretend in a magical tree house.

Meadow

Look for groundhog holes and deer beds in the winter, flowers in spring, tall wavy grasses and butterflies in the summer, and a maze in the fall.

Children's Gardens

These garden beds are for kids of all ages to explore and play. Cut flowers and herbs from the two beds closest to the center. The middle bed is for digging, making mud, and a mud oven to bake magic mud pies. The end bed is a pollinator garden for different butterflies like the Tiger Swallowtail.



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Earth Bench

Sit and enjoy the view on our bench made from recycled materials. Can you find all the animals hidden in the mosaic pattern?

Imagination Stage

Here is a stage for all the park to see! It could be a place to dance, to act out a nature scene, or may just be the perfect spot to chat with friends.

Pond

Every season brings new arrivals to our pond. How many fish do you see? Do you hear the toads singing? Is it cold enough for ice to be on the pond?

Monarch Way-station

Starting in late July into October, monarch butterflies use our native plant gardens to lay eggs, grow, and mate. Do you see any butterflies or caterpillars?



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Pebble Harp

Drop some pebbles into the harp to make a natural tune.



Log Garden

Roll over a log or pick up a rock to see a world in miniature living underneath, even during the winter! Birds love the dead tree in the garden. What kinds of birds do you see there?

Sand Box

Find hidden bones and shells or make designs with natural materials. See the sorting tables and boxes next to the sand box for inspiration.



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Fairy Garden

This is a garden for fairies and kids! Make a new fairy house, change the scenery, and let your imagination run wild.

Butterfly Garden

Not only are these native flowers beautiful but they are a necessary part of a butterfly's life cycle. The lower tier of this garden is accessible to all and offers flowers you can smell, touch, and cut.



