

WSSC Welcomes Springtime

Spring is in the air...and in addition to providing the community with clean fresh water, WSSC offers its customers and the broader community many educational and recreational opportunities.

H₂O Fest - On Saturday, April 12th local elementary school students, staff from local government agencies, Boy Scouts and the Patuxent Riverkeeper will be on hand to help the public celebrate how thinking green can protect blue - the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed. People of all ages can learn how to preserve and protect our water sources through a variety of demonstrations including:



- Wetland on Wheels
- Tours of T.H. Duckett Dam
- Demonstration showing the impact of oysters on the environment
- Wind power display
- Arts and crafts
- Environmental products, including a SmartCar
- Rain barrel raffle



This **FREE** event will be held near **WSSC's T. Howard Duckett Dam at 7400 Brooklyn Bridge Road in Laurel (just west of the I-95 overpass).**

Waste Water Treatment Plant Tours – On April 19, WSSC will open its Seneca and Damascus Waste Water Treatment Plants for public tours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in signing up for a tour or, have questions about touring, one of these plants, please call 301-206-7900.



Children's Water Festival – On May 7th & 8th this year, WSSC will hold an outdoor festival designed to provide students with hands-on learning about water issues, the environment, and the impact our day – to – day habits have on the availability and quality of water –life's most precious resource. 300 fourth grade students from Montgomery and Prince George's County Public Schools will visit the festival this year. Schools are selected by random drawing.



WSSC Recreation Areas - now open for picnicking, boating, fishing and horseback riding.

The recreation areas include:

Brighton Dam – From mid-April to early June, the Azalea Garden flourishes. There is a covered picnic area and shore fishing (with MD fishing license for those over 16 years of age).



Greenbridge Fishing Area – a boat ramp and shore fishing (by permit only)

Triadelphia Picnic and Fishing Area – The area is closed until further notice because of dredging activities.

Pigtail Branch Fishing and Hunting Area – The boat ramp is not open, but there is shore fishing available (by permit only).

Big Branch Recreation Area – shore fishing (by permit only) and picnic area is open. The boat ramp is not open.



Brown's Bridge Fishing Area - shore fishing (by permit only)

Supple Lane Recreation Area - providing a boat ramp and shore fishing (by permit only) and a picnic area.

Scott's Cove – shore fishing (by permit only), a picnic area and boat ramp.

The recreation areas are open from sunrise to sunset. Seasonal fishing permits are \$30.00 and a day permit costs \$3.00. Permits are required for persons 16 to 64 years of age.

For questions regarding WSSC recreation areas or required permits and activity fees, please contact the Brighton Dam Visitor's Center at (301) 774-9124.