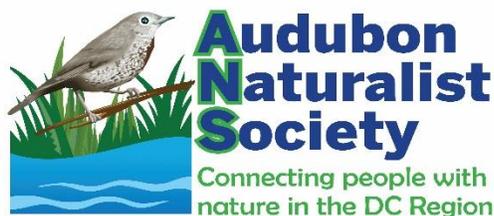
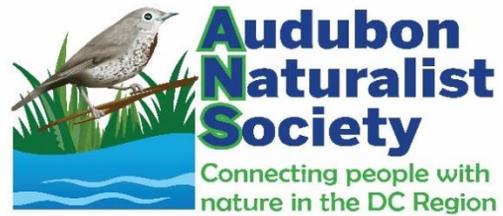


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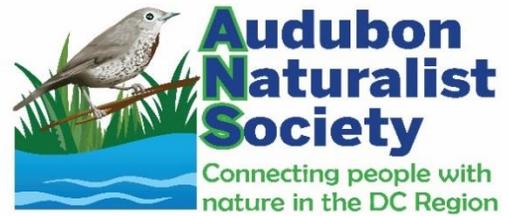
1. For the children
2. For the fun of it
3. To take a walk on the wild side
4. To take a hike in the woods
5. To explore the great outdoors
6. To feel young again
7. To see what's old
8. To see what's new
9. Because we provide nature's classroom
10. To learn in nature's classroom
11. Because our nature sanctuary is FREE and always open to the public
12. To do the right thing for our planet
13. Because we're in your backyard
14. To unleash your inner naturalist
15. To be a nature hero
16. Because nature lovers live longer
17. Because you can wear flip flops to our annual gala
18. Because everything in creation has a name, and ANS can teach it to you
19. Because the red shouldered hawk greets you at ground level when you drive up the road.
20. Because we saved Dyke Marsh, the C&O Canal, and Ten Mile Creek
21. Because creepy crawly microfauna are as important as charismatic megafauna
22. Because of GreenKids
23. Because of Salad Science
24. Because we started the first Nature Preschool in the state
25. Because our Nature Preschool is Award-winning
26. Because we're opening the first Forest Kindergarten in the state
27. Because we provide FREE science education to tens of thousands of children
28. Because we're cutting edge
29. Because we're old school
30. For the birds and the bees and the butterflies
31. For the bloomers
32. To speak for the trees
33. To plant a tree or hug a tree
34. To watch a garden grow
35. To go on trips to some of the most beautiful nature spaces in the world
36. To find kindred spirits
37. As a counterpoint to our plugged-in life
38. Because of Woodend Rentals
39. Because of Summer Camp
40. Because of Nature Camps
41. Because of Testing the Waters
42. Because of Nature R.O.C.K.S.
43. Because of Garbology

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44. Because of our 50-Year Masterplan for Woodend
45. Because of Taking Nature Black
46. Because of Naturally Latinos
47. Because of Creek Critters
48. Because of Conservation Café
49. Because of the Blair Native Plant Garden
50. Because of the Rain Garden
51. Because of the Stone and Holt Foundation
52. Because of our Naturalists in the Classroom
53. Because of our Stormwater Partners Network
54. Because of our Adult Nature Classes and Field Trips
55. Because of Natural History Field Studies
56. Because of the Water Quality Monitoring Program
57. Because you like drinking clean water
58. To open your eyes to what's around you
59. Because ANS is celebrating 120 years of protecting the environment
60. Because there is strength in numbers
61. To volunteer your heart out
62. To work for positive change
63. For Rachel Carson
64. For Chan Robbins
65. For Theodore Roosevelt
66. To learn how to recognize a bird's song
67. To tiptoe around the tulip trees
68. To fight dirty water
69. To clean streams of pollutants
70. To feed your curiosity
71. To put your money where your mouth is
72. For your children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
73. Because we show children that there is wonder and beauty in the natural world
74. Because kids with special needs need nature too
75. Because ANS says "YES!" to kids when they want to investigate
76. Because ANS says "YES!" to kids when they want to explore
77. Because ANS says "YES!" to kids when they want to push limits and boundaries
78. Because ANS says "YES!" to kids when the rest of the world so often says "no."
79. Because ANS teaches our children to love and protect nature
80. Because you can have a wedding in a beautiful nature sanctuary

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81. Because weddings are wondrous at Woodend
82. To make friends
83. To find company with other nature enthusiasts
84. For peace on earth and goodwill toward Mother Nature
85. To know what's in your backyard
86. Because nature expands your mind and calms your soul
87. To be let in on the secrets of nature
88. To be a force of nature
89. Because the force is with us
90. Because you're a thrill-seeker
91. Because you're an activist and the environment needs you
92. Because adventure sure looks good on you
93. Because ANS can take your breath away
94. To go slow, for a change
95. Because ANS will give you something to smile about
96. Because ANS inspires love letters
97. Because we all could use a time-out
98. To give wildlife a sanctuary in an urban area
99. To have more Mountain Laurels in your life
100. To see more Goldenrods glisten in the sun
101. To start your mornings with Morning Glories
102. To contemplate the great oaks
103. To have a close encounter with the Tree of Heaven
104. To see a Shooting Star come out of the ground
105. To watch a Flowering Dogwood dance in the wind
106. To smell the scent of Wild Bergamot
107. Because you can help to save the Chesapeake Bay
108. Because the Pulitzer Prize-winning book about the Chesapeake Bay, *Beautiful Swimmers*, by William Warner, was written in an ANS office
109. Because of the wealth of nature goodies to discover in the Sanctuary Shop
110. Because the chocolate in the Sanctuary Shop is so much sweeter
111. Because you can get excellent binocular training from the Sanctuary Shop
112. Because you can buy the highest quality birdseed from the Sanctuary Shop
113. Because you can buy the BEST nature books from the Sanctuary Shop
114. Because the Sanctuary Shop has a whole lot of play things for children
115. To preserve an oasis of peacefulness
116. Because of the monarchs and tiger lilies, oh my!
117. To see a tortoise come out of its shell
118. To see a red-bellied woodpecker peck like a boss
119. Because you deserve a whole lot more magic in your day
120. Because at ANS every day is Earth Day