

Planetarium/Observatory



Bear Branch Nature Center has exciting opportunities for amateur astronomers of all levels.

A 29-seat planetarium allows visitors to tour the stars. Newly renovated in 2013, the planetarium is now fully-digital, offering audiences a chance to participate in guided tours of the night sky, visit the planets of our Solar System, and to view exciting feature movies about the heavens.

In addition, the Blaine F. Roelke Memorial Observatory was completed in 2015. This small observatory houses a 14-inch telescope which allows users to view distant stars and nebulas. It also offers a unique, up-close view of closer objects such as the moon and earth's neighboring planets.



All public planetarium programs are listed in the Recreation and Parks program guide. A link is provided on our homepage.

To register, please call Recreation and Parks at 410-386-2103 or visit ccreepark.org.

To schedule a private program for your group, or if you have any questions, please contact Bear Branch Nature Center staff at 410-386-3580 or bearbranch@carrollcountymd.gov.