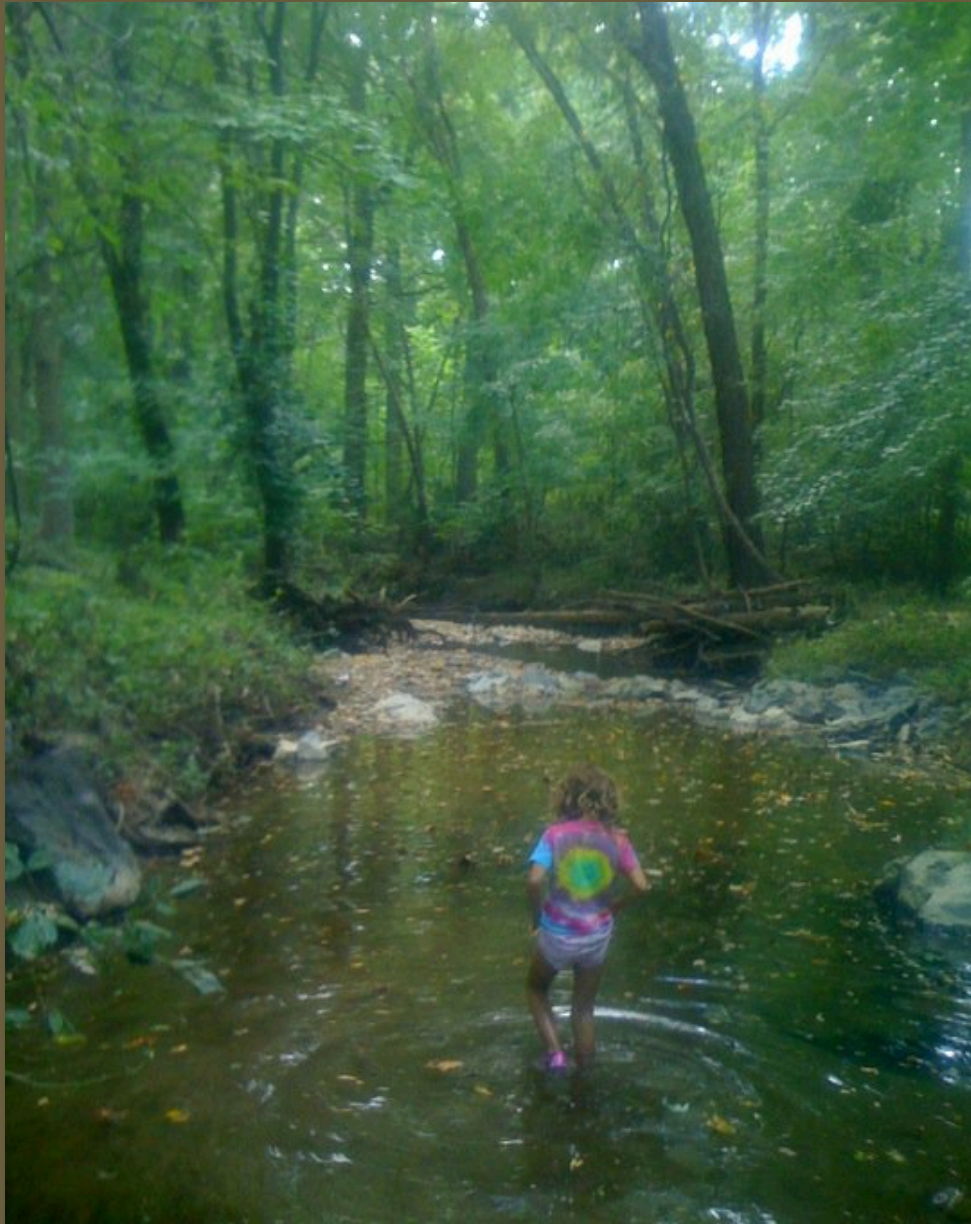


*"Hunt for the Silver Spring"
Kids' Summer Creek Hike*



Saturday, July 6, 2013

Sligo-Dennis Avenue Local Park, +1 mile downstream to Sligo Creek Golf Course

Sligo Creek Parkway & Dennis Avenue

11:00am - 2:00pm



Ages 5-15

(unless accompanied by an adult)

\$15/kid (adults free)

Pack a Lunch

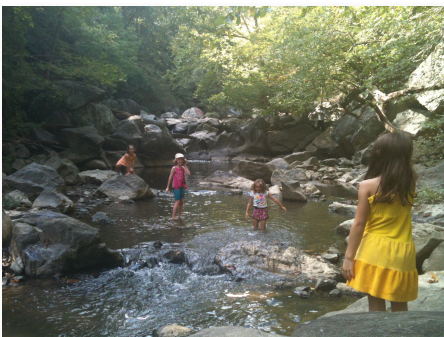
(Water, Lemonade, and Hand Sanitizer will be supplied)

Rain or Shine!

Water carves a wild path through our manmade landscape.

By traveling the water's path, instead of following the usual roads and bike trails, kids get to spy on our human world - as well as seeing what lies underneath and between the layers of its asphalt skin. In this little stretch of wilderness, we can go on a safari right in the middle of our own neighborhood.

On this creek hike, we will follow Sligo Creek one mile downstream from the site of one of the original "silver springs", discovering its science, history, and magic along the way. We'll learn a little bit about what made the springs silver, a little bit about what happened to them, and a whole lot about mud, squishy sneakers, water bugs, and other things we can't possibly predict.



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The Creek Hike...

* Will begin at the creek near the Sligo-Dennis Avenue park (right at the intersection of Sligo Creek Parkway and Dennis Avenue) at 11:20am. Please meet at the parking lot at 11:00 to allow a little bit of time for preparation

* Will end one mile downstream, at the soccer field across the street from the Sligo Creek Golf Course, at 1:40pm. Park at the parking lot for the large soccer field, and meet us at the bridge crossing over the Creek. All kids should be picked up by 2:00pm at the latest.

* Will include a snack/picnic at the Snapping Turtle Pond (drainage pond complex near Forest Glen and Sligo Creek Parkway). Please **pack a lunch and water bottle**; there will additionally be water, ice, lemonade, and hand sanitizer at the picnic spot.

* Will be on, **RAIN OR SHINE**. If we happen to get a hard rain July 6, bring an umbrella and lots of towels - you are in luck. While we will NOT be walking in the creek during flood (multiple safety issues), we will get the chance to witness urban stormwater swell: an exhilarating experience that teaches a sobering lesson. With the help of some little boats and a stopwatch, we'll trace the stormflow from Neeka's house (901 Robin) to the Dennis Avenue Bridge. Then we'll have a mud fight and drink cocoa. In case of rain, dropoff and pickup will both be at Sligo-Dennis. Please call or email the morning of July 6 for a weather update.

Please wear/pack...

* Bag lunch

* Water bottle

* Good shoes! Old sneakers are ideal. Boots are okay, if they fit - but expect them to get flooded. Water shoes are okay only if they have strong soles. Sandals are bad; flip-flops are unacceptable. Remember, this is an urban creek, and that means glass as well as sharp sticks and slippery rocks.

* Shorts (though expect they may get wet)

* Sunscreen/Sun Hat

* Bug Spray

* Small backpack (optional)

* Don't pack too much else, because it will have to be carried downstream. I will have some nature exploration tools (buckets, nets, etc) posted at the picnic and pickup areas)

Note on safety: Sligo Creek is a suburban creek. The majority of the runoff that effects the creek is detrimental to stream life but harmless to humans, and I test the stream's bacteria level prior to each hike. That said, please do not send your child on this hike if you do not trust they can keep hands away from mouths, or if they have a significant cut or open wound on their feet or legs. The route we are following only requires children get wet up to their knees. For more info: www.fosc.org