

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH
JUNE 2011

WHEREAS,

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH is an opportunity to celebrate and experience Maryland's natural treasures and renew our commitment to safeguarding our air quality, restoring the Chesapeake Bay, and preserving and protecting our state parks and public lands; and Dedicated men and women work to preserve, protect, enhance and restore Maryland's natural resources for the wise use and enjoyment of all citizens all year long; and

WHEREAS,

Opportunities to hike, bike, fish, boat, camp and enjoy countless other outdoor activities abound throughout the Free State from the mountains in the west to the beaches of the Eastern Shore. Outdoors recreation promotes health, fitness, and environmental awareness and stewardship, as well as opportunity to gather with family and friends to enjoy camaraderie and create memorable experiences; and

WHEREAS,

Children who spend frequent time outdoors experience enhanced use of the senses, fewer attention difficulties and decreased rates of physical and emotional illness and obesity, and develop a connection to nature and the foundation on which to build an environmental stewardship ethic; and

WHEREAS,

All Marylanders are urged to support The Maryland Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights which was issued in April of 2009 to help ensure every Maryland child has the opportunity to: discover and connect with their natural world; play and learn outdoors; splash and swim in the water; camp under the stars; follow a trail; catch a fish; watch wildlife; explore wild places close to home; celebrate their culture and heritage; and share nature with a great mentor, teacher or parent; and

WHEREAS,

Each citizen plays an important role in continuing our legacy of natural resources stewardship and enjoyment of the great outdoors.

WHEREAS,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 2011 as GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join their fellow citizens across the United States in supporting this observance.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of June
Two Thousand and eleven


Governor


Lt. Governor


Secretary of State

