

Eagle Scout Projects, Cleanups Enhance the Preserve

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Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and several Eagle scouts and their troops, the Parris N. Glendening Nature Preserve at Jug Bay is beginning to be transformed to a visitor-friendly preserve. Eagle scout Bobby Klosowski and his troop from Cheverly, Maryland, cleared an area at the edge of a large open field of fallen trees and branches, took down dead trees that were in danger of falling, removed barbed wire, cleared debris, laid mulch, and built a bench that will provide a shady resting area for hikers and other visitors to the new Preserve.

Chris Boyer, a Jug Bay volunteer and Eagle scout, surveyed the 610-acre preserve to locate unwanted items, including 19 old deer stands and large trash piles. Chris also located, identified, and measured the preserve's largest trees. The trees, deer stands, and trash piles were marked on a map with the Global Positioning Systems that Chris purchased and donated to the Sanctuary.

In addition to Eagle Scout projects, five cleanups have improved the appearance and safety of the Preserve. Volunteers picked up trash along the service road to prevent it from being swept into Galloway Creek, collecting 21 bags of recycling, seven bags of trash, and 22 old tires. At the Preserve, they also removed fallen fences, barbed wire, and unwanted shrubs; cleaned out barns; tore down dog houses; and took many loads of trash to the dump. Many thanks to the volunteers and scouts for their hard work.