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NOTE: Interviews with series producer Stefanie Robey and some individuals featured in episode segments are available. In addition, production photos and series graphics are available to download from MPT's Dropbox [HERE](#).

MPT series *Outdoors Maryland* returns with two new episodes in February

Segments include rescuing stranded seals, adaptive sailing, and statewide surveys for freshwater mussels

OWINGS MILLS, MD – [Maryland Public Television](#)'s (MPT) award-winning original series *Outdoors Maryland* continues its 37th season with new episodes on February 3 and February 10. Produced in cooperation with the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) (DNR), *Outdoors Maryland* continues to captivate viewers with memorable stories and compelling videography.

Outdoors Maryland airs Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on MPT and online at mpt.org/livestream, with encore broadcasts on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Episodes will be available to watch live and on demand via MPT's [online video player](#) and the free [PBS app](#) at the time of their premiere.



Segments debuting during the February 3 episode are:

- **A Season for Seals (Worcester County and Baltimore City)** – Winter is seal season along Maryland's Atlantic Coast, with multiple species of these marine mammals hauling out onto state beaches. Join the [National Aquarium](#)'s stranding response team as they rescue sick and injured seals and prepare them for eventual release back into the wild. Plus, visit a growing seal colony in the Delaware Bay with [Cape Water Tours](#) and the [MERR Institute](#).
- **Fishing the Margins (Baltimore City and Dorchester County)** – Join a cohort of kayak anglers for a pre-dawn paddling trip on the Patapsco River, as they work the margins of the river hunting for rockfish. Then, head to the Chicamacomico River in Dorchester County, where snakeheads – an invasive species that has gained a reputation as one of the region's most exciting sportfish – lurk in the shallows.

Segments debuting during the season finale on February 10 are:

- **A Trip Through Otter Space (Anne Arundel and Calvert counties and Baltimore City)** – Meet a duo of otters up close at the [Calvert Marine Museum](#), before joining scientists at the [Smithsonian Environmental Research Center](#) as they search local otter hot spots for clues about the lives of these charismatic creatures. Plus, learn how the [National Aquarium's Harbor Wetlands](#) are providing an urban refuge for otters and other wildlife.
- **Healing Waters (Anne Arundel County)** – At Annapolis' adaptive sailing center, meet Marylanders who aren't letting disabilities keep them from a Chesapeake adventure. Join 80-some sailboats for the annual CRAB Cup, a fundraising race organized by local nonprofit [Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating](#). Then, tag along with CRAB volunteer skipper Steve Palmer, an avid sailor and double amputee, as he takes guest sailors with a range of disabilities out on the water and teaches them the ropes.
- **Mussel Memory (Charles, Prince George's, and Washington counties)** – Visit a forested creek in Charles County, where Department of Natural Resources biologists survey the state's largest population of endangered dwarf wedgemussels. Witness the bizarre and hypnotic life cycle of the lampsilis mussel. Finally, learn how scientists from DNR and the [Anacostia Watershed Society](#) are working towards restoring mussel populations in areas where pollution has taken its toll.

Audiences are invited to engage with the MPT series on social media [@OutdoorsMarylandTV on Facebook](#) and [@OutdoorsMarylandTV on Instagram](#).

Since debuting in 1988, MPT has produced more than 700 *Outdoors Maryland* stories on topics ranging from science-oriented environmental issues to segments about fascinating people, animals, and places across the state. The series has earned more than 50 awards over 37 years of production including 30 Emmy® Awards from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) member offering entertaining and educational content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices via its [online video player](#) and the [free PBS app](#). A state agency operating under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission, MPT also produces local, regional, and national programming and frequently earns regional Emmy® awards for its work. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through its [Maryland Center for Media Literacy & Education](#) and [Thinkport.org](#). MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources covering a wide range of topics. More information is available at [mpt.org](#).