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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](http://MarylandPublicTelevision.org)'s (MPT) award-winning original series [Outdoors Maryland](#) continues its 37<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 Region 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](#).