

Lancaster County Parks Department

Summer 2019 Program List



Have you created an account with our new online registration system? You can now register for programs online and manage the entire family's schedules in one spot – go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/LancasterCountyParks> to sign up now!

Check out our Summer Camp 2019 offerings at the link below! Registration began March 1.

<https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/10258/SUMMER-CAMP-LISTING-2019-FINAL?bidId=>

Perks of Being a Wildflower

Saturday, June 1

3:00 – 5:00 PM

All Ages

Exhibit Farmhouse

Did you know that flowers can be dipped in wax to preserve their shape and color? Discover and learn about the technique with Naturalist Aaron Hasircoglu. Participants will enjoy a nature hike in search of native wildflowers followed by a hands-on lesson on wax-preserving flowers. The program is geared for ages 6 and up, but all are welcome. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 31. \$4.00 per person.

Make Your Own Ant Farm

Friday, June 7

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Ages 5 and up

Environmental Center

Have you ever spent time watching ant hills in your yard or at the park? Naturalist Ellen Blazer will show you how to make your own ant farm and collect ants to populate it. All necessary supplies will be provided, and you will learn step-by-step how to make the farm. We will gather the right kind of dirt to fill the farms, then finally search for ant colonies to add to them. We will learn all about ant anatomy and behavior along the way, then discuss food and maintenance for your colony. You can then take home your DIY ant farm and watch the ants tunnel and grow! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, June 6. \$2.00 per person and \$2.00 per ant farm.

Discover and Celebrate: World Oceans Day

Saturday, June 8

10:00 – 11:30 AM

All Ages

Environmental Center

June 8 is World Oceans Day! Across the globe, people are coming together to learn about and celebrate our oceans. Do you know that most of the oxygen we breathe comes from tiny marine photosynthesizers? What is a nurdle? Are oceans layered? Oceans are so big – how can we be changing them? Through activities and discussion, Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will help participants answer these questions and more as we appreciate and honor the waters covering most of Earth. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 7. \$3.00 per person.

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Attract Hummingbirds to Your Yard**Monday, June 10****6:30 – 7:30 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Welcome hummingbirds to your yard. Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a journey through the life cycle of the ruby-throated hummingbird. Take a close-up look at all the specialized features on this tiny bird. Learn their nesting and feeding habits to help you make your yard a special place for hummingbirds to return to every year. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 7. \$2.00 per person.

Nature Sun Catchers**Thursday, June 13****1:00 - 2:30 PM****All Ages****Exhibit Farmhouse**

Bring home some of the beauty found in Central Park with your own Nature Sun Catcher! Join Naturalist Ellen Blazer for a brief hike to collect materials like leaves, twigs, flowers, etc. Next learn how to use them to create your own sun catcher. You can then take your sun catcher home and hang it up near a window. Be sure to wear shoes and clothes for hiking and painting. Children may need adult assistance with the craft. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, June 12. \$2.00 per person and \$1.00 per sun catcher.

Nature Journal and Discovery**Saturday, June 15****12:00 – 1:30 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

This program is perfect for children ages 5 and up who love to create art as well as explore nature. With the help of Naturalist Vanessa Stager, we will begin by creating and decorating our own nature journals. We will then explore around the park to see what all we can find and document! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 14. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Geocache Challenge**Wednesday, June 19****6:00 – 7:30 PM****Ages 10 and up****Pavilion #11**

Whether you're a geocaching devotee or completely new to it, you're invited to try out this brand-new geocaching course along with Naturalist Ellen Blazer. We will provide GPS units (although you are welcome to BYO) and give you a list of coordinates to track down. The course will be in Lancaster Central Park surrounding Pavilion 11 but will not cross over any roads. We will set out in pairs to find as many locations as we can. Wear clothes and shoes for hiking. If borrowing our GPS units, please be prepared to leave a driver's license or keys as collateral. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, June 18. \$3.00 per person.

Fire Building and Starting**Thursday, June 20****7:00 – 8:30 PM****All Ages****Campsite #3**

Naturalist Ann Strauss will teach and demonstrate proper fire-starting and fire-building techniques. Participants will learn how to identify both good kindling and firewood as well as construct a fire primed to burn. Tools will be provided for a variety of fire-starting techniques including bow and drill, magnesium and flint, flint and steel, magnifying glass, and more. After learning the techniques, we will snack on smore's over our perfect fires! This program is for all ages but is best for children age 6 and up. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, June 19. \$3.00 per person.

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Longest Day Hike**Friday, June 21****6:00 – 7:30 PM****Ages 6 and up****Speedwell Forge County Park**

Celebrate the arrival of summer with a hike on the longest day of the year! Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will lead a hike along the Hammer Creek, past the wetlands, and over the hills of this lovely County Park. Dress for the weather and for hiking several miles on some rocky and hilly trails; bring water. Meet at the trailhead parking lot at 480 Speedwell Forge Road, Lititz 17543. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, June 20. \$3.00 per person.

Summer Solstice Mindfulness Hike**Saturday, June 22****9:00 – 10:00 AM****Ages 15 and up****Garden of 5 Senses patio**

Honor the summer solstice with an introductory practice in mindfulness. Building on the tenets of shinrin-yoku, or forest bathing, Naturalist Kristyn Small will lead this walking meditation and guide participants in sensory awareness. The hiking trail is relatively flat and under a half-mile in length. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 21. \$2.00 per person.

Make a Hummingbird Swing**Saturday, June 22****10:00 – 11:00 AM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Yes - hummingbirds do perch and stand still. Providing them with a place to perch will give them a rest and you an opportunity to view them. Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez to make a simple hummingbird swing/feeder for everyone to enjoy. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 21. \$2.00 per person and \$3.00 per swing.

Bike Hike – Northwest River Trail**Sunday, June 23****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Ages 8 and up****Columbia Crossing River Trails Center**

Check out one of Lancaster’s most treasured trails: The Northwest River Trail. Naturalist Kristyn Small will lead cyclists on a 2.2 mile round-trip “bike hike” and provide historical, environmental and cultural information related throughout the trail. This is a great opportunity to dust off your bike and explore a new location. Participants must bring their bikes and wear helmets and closed-toe shoes for the duration of the program. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 21. \$2.00 per person.

Junior Tennis Clinic**Saturday, June 29****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Ages 6 - 13****Golf Road Tennis Courts**

The Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation and Lancaster Tennis Central will sponsor a FREE, junior tennis clinic in Central Park. Jeff Kitsock, who is certified by the United States Professional Tennis Registry, will provide instruction along with volunteers from Tennis Central. The clinic is recommended for beginner level players from age 6-13. Participants should bring a racket if they have one – a small supply of “loaner” rackets will be available for use. Prizes for each participant are provided by Tennis Central. Class size is limited, so it is important to register early. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and by noon on Friday, June 28. Free.

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Marine Mammal Mania**Saturday, June 29****2:00 – 3:30 PM****Ages 8 and up****Environmental Center**

Jump into the ocean with Naturalist Emily Snyder and learn about the marine mammals that inhabit our planet. We will learn all about the habitat, behavior, and communication of these creatures and play a game to simulate whale communication. We will finish with a craft where you'll get to make your own marine mammal to take home! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 28. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Paddle in the Park**Sunday, June 30****11:00 AM - 12:00 PM****Ages 4 and up****877 Rockford Road.****12:15 – 1:15 PM****1:30 – 2:30 PM**

Join Naturalists Lisa J. Sanchez and Brandon Pentz while you try your hand at paddling a canoe. Sign up for one or more of the hourly time slots to learn basic paddling strokes. You will be shown techniques and given safety instructions on the land. Once in the canoe you can practice your skills in the flat water of an area in the Conestoga River. Please meet at 877 Rockford Rd. (intersection of Rockford Road and General Hand Lane). Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, June 28. \$5.00 per person per hour.

Beautiful Butterfly**Sunday, June 30****1:00 – 2:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

This is the perfect program for your child/children to learn about the beauty of butterflies and their unique features. With Naturalist Vanessa Stager, participants will create butterfly crafts in the classroom and then head outside to the fields to search for butterflies and enjoy other butterfly activities. Each child will get their own butterfly net to take home. Children of all ages are welcome, but this program will be geared toward ages 4 to 8. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, June 28. \$4.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Firefly New Moon Walk**Tuesday, July 2****9:00 – 10:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Come out to the park in the dark under the new moon. Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez will take you on a safe walk on the night of no moon. We will rely on the fireflies to show us the way. Participants will be able to catch and release fireflies. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, July 1. \$2.00 per person.

Native Flower Power**Sunday, July 7****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Exhibit Farmhouse**

Walk, observe, and learn about the native wildflowers at Muhlenberg Meadow with Naturalist Laura Sizemore. Discover why native plants are very important for pollinators and even for us. We will make flower seed bombs to plant in our own gardens as well as deconstructed flower art while learning the parts of a flower. This program is geared for ages 3 to 7. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, July 5. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Nature Merit Badge**Tuesdays, July 9, July 16, and August 20 5:30 – 7:30 PM****Ages 10 and up****Environmental Center**

Boy Scouts working on the Nature Merit Badge may explore plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and the soil and rocks underfoot. Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will assist Boy Scouts in completing badge requirements over 3 sessions. Much of this badge will be completed during the Park meetings but Scouts will be responsible for completing some sections on their own. Please dress for outdoor activity and bring a water bottle, snack, and binoculars if available. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, July 8. \$20.00 per scout and \$3.00 per adult.

En Plein Air**Saturday, July 13****9:30 – 11:00 AM****Ages 6 and up****Environmental Center**

Central Park on a summer morning is a perfect place to explore impressionist art! After a brief introduction to Impressionism from Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel, we will create color wheels and become artists as we assemble a puzzle painting. Then, 'en plein air,' each person may create their own work of art in oil pastels. Dress for the outdoors and for using oil pastels. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, July 12. \$3.00 per person.

Mindfulness Hike**Sunday, July 14****9:00 – 10:00 AM****Ages 15 and up****Garden of 5 Senses patio**

Building on the tenets of shinrin-yoku, or forest bathing, Naturalist Kristyn Small will lead this walking meditation and guide participants in sensory awareness. The hiking trail is relatively flat and under a half-mile in length. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, July 12. \$2.00 per person.

Full Moon Hike for Adults**Tuesday, July 16****9:00 – 10:00 PM****Ages 18 and up****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a late summer night hike under the full moon. We will walk through the woods in the park enjoying the summer sights and sounds. The moon will guide our way and brighten up the sky. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, July 15. \$2.00 per person.

GPS Tic-tac-toe**Friday, July 19****6:00 – 7:30 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Combine geocaching with a popular game! Participants will receive a tic-tac-toe card with geocaches to locate. Can you be the first to find 3 geocaches in a row for tic-tac-toe or fill your card? Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will provide instruction on the use of our handheld GPS units prior to searching for geocaches. Dress for outdoor activity and wear shoes appropriate for covering 1 to 2 miles on varied terrain. When registering, please indicate number of GPS units required; plan to leave keys or driver's license if borrowing a unit. Adults must accompany children. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, July 18. \$3.00 per person.

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Junior Girl Scout Animal Habitats**Saturday, July 20****2:00 – 4:00 PM****Ages 8 and up****Environmental Center**

Naturalist Ann Strauss will lead Junior Girl Scouts through the requirements of the Animal Habitats Badge. Together we will take a hike and make observations along the way. We will note signs of resident wildlife, build nests as habitat for our feathered friends, and more. Please come prepared to be outside for most of the program. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, July 19. \$5.00 per scout and \$1.00 per adult.

Muddy Mess**Saturday, July 27****12:00 – 1:00 PM****Ages 4 and up****Campsite #5**

This program will allow your child/children to create a muddy mess while learning all about creatures that love mud! During this program led by Naturalist Vanessa Stager, we will collect our own materials for the making of mud pies around the Environmental Center. Before we get messy, we will get familiar with the ways that animals use mud in their daily lives to help them survive. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, July 26. \$2.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Story, Craft & Critter: Turtles**Saturday, August 3****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Ages 3 - 10****Environmental Center**

Learn about turtles through an interactive story, then make a craft or two celebrating turtles. Meet some live turtles, too, with Naturalist Kelsey Frey. Children must have an adult helper. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, August 2. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

What's the Buzz about Bees?**Saturday, August 10****10:00 – 11:00 AM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

All summer long you've been hearing the busy buzzing bees as they search for the food to get them through the year! Listen to a story, make a craft, and get the buzzzzzz on bees with Naturalist Rachel Albright. This program is geared for ages 10 and under. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, August 9. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Ted Parker Stream Hike**Sunday, August 11****3:00 – 4:30 PM****All Ages****Ted Parker NA lower lot
244 Wesley Road, 17566**

Theodore Parker Natural Area is a pristine rocky creek ravine south of Quarryville. Naturalist Ann Strauss will lead a hike up the middle of the creek. Participants will have the option to carry nets and buckets to catch critters in the creek. Equipment will be provided. Come enjoy the cool beauty of this underappreciated Lancaster County Park. ***Everyone must wear tie-on, closed-toe shoes: no exceptions.*** Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, August 9. \$3.00 per person.

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Raising Mealworms**Thursday, August 15****6:30 – 7:30 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Do you feed the birds, a pet reptile, or even your human family? If so, they all love mealworms and you might not like paying money for them every week. With Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez, learn how to buy mealworms one time and then raise some to adulthood. These adults will lay more eggs to become more mealworms and the cycle continues. It is very easy as mealworms require little work and attention. They never have to be taken on a walk or have water added to their bowls. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, August 14. \$2.00 per person.

Full Moon in the Wildflower Meadow**Thursday, August 15****8:00 – 9:30 PM****All Ages****Muhlenberg Meadow lot, 548 Golf Road**

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez in Central Park for a walk in the meadow under the full moon. We will take time to listen to the amazing nighttime sounds. The moon will help us find our way and see the meadow under a different light. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, August 14. \$2.00 per person.

Insta-meet: Scout Trail**Saturday, August 17****6:45 – 7:45 PM****Ages 10 and up****Environmental Center**

Get out and get creative at Lancaster County Parks' very first Insta-meet with Naturalist Kristyn Small! Bring your own phone and sense of adventure as we explore the Scout Trail and Kurtz Covered Bridge to snag some Insta-worthy photos. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, August 16. \$2.00 per person.

Beauty of Space through the Eye of the Hubble Space Telescope**Friday, August 23****8:30 – 9:30 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Come for a night of stargazing on the lawn of Shuts Library. View a slide show of some of the best photographs taken by the Hubble Space Telescope from the lawn of the library. Naturalist Ann Strauss will project and interpret these amazing photos from space. Don't miss this rare event of sitting under the stars while gazing at the beauty of the stars up close! Feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, August 22. \$2.00 per person.

Nature Journal-making and Leave No Trace Hiking**Saturday, August 24****10:00 AM – 12:00 PM****Ages 8 and up****Environmental Center**

Naturalist Ivana Shandor will show participants how to make a nature journal using everyday items. Participants will then take a hike emphasizing "Leave No Trace." Approximately 15 minutes will be allotted along the hike for participants to choose their focus (flora, fauna, geology, topography, climate, etc.) and log their first observations and sketches into their journals. Participants may opt to share journal entries to appreciate the diversity of observations. Participants will leave with a handout challenging them to incorporate nature journaling into their weekly activities. This program is geared for upper elementary and intermediate-level children. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, August 23. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

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Late Summer Wildflowers

Friday, August 30

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Ages 6 and up

Exhibit Farmhouse

The Muhlenberg Wildflower Meadow in the late summer is spectacularly beautiful. Not only are sunflowers, Joe-Pye weeds, ironweeds, and early goldenrods a riot of color, but birds and butterflies abound as well. End your work week on a memorable walk with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, August 29. \$2.00 per person.

Everyday Essentials

Saturday, August 31

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Ages 10 and up

Environmental Center

Essential oils are thought to aid with anxiety, act as natural cleansers, help with aches, and so much more. Go back to the basics of oils with Naturalist Rachel Albright. We will spend the afternoon making lava bead bracelets, smelling oils, and making a take home gift. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, August 30. \$10.00 per person.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

In the event that Park staff decides to cancel the program, a full credit/refund will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program fifteen (15) or more calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a full credit/refund less a 10% processing fee, will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program eight (8) - fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a 50% credit/refund will be issued. No fee(s) will be credited/refunded if the customer withdraws from the program seven (7) or less days before the scheduled program. **All refunds less than \$10 will be credited to the customer's account - no check or credit card refunds will be issued for refunds less than \$10.**

Smile! You may be captured by our camera!

We occasionally take photos of participants in our programs for promotional purposes.

By participating, you are granting the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation and its agents the right to use and publish images of you or your minor child.

If you prefer not to be photographed, please notify the instructor.

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