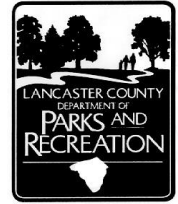


Lancaster County Parks Department

Fall 2023 Program Listing



Have you created an account with our online registration system? You can 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!

TNT Science: Hounds and Hares

Tuesday, September 5

6:00—7:30 PM

Ages 11-17

Env. Center Parking Lot

Naturalist Ann Strauss will teach compass skills before the group takes to the forest and fields for a game of Hounds and Hares. To play the game, the group will be split into two teams – the Hounds and the Hares. The Hares start out first, marking a trail as they move through the woods using compass bearings. At the end of the trail they hide. The Hounds start out after the Hares, trying to follow the compass trail the Hares have left in order to find their hiding place. A fun and mature twist on Hide and Seek! Parents may drop off children but must first see Naturalist Ann Strauss to sign a release waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 1. \$4.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Milkweed

Wednesday, September 6

10:00—11:00 AM

Ages 6-10

Env. Center Auditorium

Go on a walk with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar to learn about the importance of the milkweed plant and find some of the animals that call milkweed home. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, September 5. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Swing into Science: Counting in the Creek

Thursday, September 7

10:00—11:00 AM

Ages 3-5

Env. Center Forebay

One fish, two fish, red crawfish, blue damselfly?! Join Naturalist Ivana Shandor to collect critters from the Mill Creek and record data about our findings. As students catch critters with their nets, we will place them in collection tubs to identify what is living in the stream and count our findings. Nets and basins will be provided along with guidance in identification of creek critters, their features, and data collection. We will hike from the Environmental Center to the creek. Everyone entering Mill Creek must wear close-toed shoes like old sneakers. No crocs, flip flops or open-toed sandals are allowed. This program is geared for children 3 to 5 but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 6. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Monarch Walk**Saturday, September 9****10:00—11:00 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Forebay**

Look for monarch butterflies and caterpillars with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar as we take an easy walk around a wildflower meadow to learn more about the fascinating insect. Meet at the Environmental Center. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 8. \$2.00 per person.

Grandparents Day Hike**Sunday, September 10****1:00—2:30 PM****All Ages****801 Kiwanis Dr.**

September 10th is Grandparents Day! This program offers an opportunity for older adults to pass on a love of nature to the younger generation or learn and explore together. Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching to hike the paved path from Pavilion 21 to Pavilion 22 (Kiwanis Lodge) together. The trail is relatively easy with a few short inclines. Park and meet the Naturalist at the "Fisherman's Lot" near the covered bridge located at 801 Kiwanis Dr. Lancaster, PA 17602 Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 8. \$3.00 per person.

Monarch Migration Story**Sunday, September 10****7:00—8:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Monarch Migration Story, presented by naturalist Ann Stauss, includes details of Monarch anatomy, flight, habits, migration trails, and more. Strauss will share slides of Monarch wintering grounds and the challenges facing the Oyamel forests. Participants will gain insight as to why the Monarch butterfly has suffered significant loss in numbers over the last 25 years and what we each can do to help. Join Strauss for an evening of celebrating Monarchs! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 8. \$2.00 per person.

Toddler Tuesday: Bees**Tuesday, September 12****10:00—10:45 AM****Up to age 3****Env. Center Auditorium**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through stories, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will explore buzzing bees with puppets and make one of our own to take home. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, September 11. \$2.00 per child aged 12 months and up, \$1.00 per adult, and infants are free.

Munchkin Science: Eric Carle Series "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"**Tuesday, September 12****1:00—2:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Env. Center Classroom**

During this series, naturalist Ann Strauss will share some of her favorite books written by Eric Carle, a beloved author for young readers. Eric Carle uses nature as a springboard for his imaginative and colorful books. This week we will read The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Munchkin scientists will learn the life cycle of a butterfly, what makes a butterfly an insect, and identification of a few specific species before going outside, nets in hand, to look for our own caterpillars and butterflies. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, September 11. \$3.00 per child 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Boat Racing at Mill Creek**Thursday, September 14****1:00—3:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Forebay**

Over the river and through the woods your hand-made boat will go. Using only items found within the park you will create a boat that is ready for a competition of distance and speed. Naturalist Katie Kruza will put your skills to the ultimate test. Please wear old sneakers or close-toed shoes that can get wet. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday September 12, 2023. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Creature Feature Storytime: Box Turtle**Saturday, September 16****10:00—11:00 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Come out of your shell during a story time and lesson all about box turtles with Naturalist Rachel Albright. Together we read a story, investigate our reptile friends, and make a box turtle craft to take home! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 15. \$2.00 per person.

Stream Study**Sunday, September 17****1:00—2:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Last chance to go creek stomping before the cold weather sets in! Come explore a section of Mill Creek with Naturalist Stevie Kitching and determine the water quality based on the different kinds of macroinvertebrates that are found. We will provide you with nets and buckets so you can get down and dirty looking for things like crayfish, dragonfly nymphs, water pennies, and freshwater clams. Please wear appropriate creek shoes, no crocs, slides, or flip flops; old sneakers work great! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 15. \$3.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Animal Senses**Wednesday, September 20****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 6-10****Env. Center Auditorium**

Put your five senses to the test with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar to discover how animals view the world and why some need better senses than others. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, September 19. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Swing into Science: Exciting Autumn Equinox**Thursday, September 21****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3-5****Env. Center Classroom**

Celebrate the autumnal equinox and the changing colors of the leaves with Naturalist Ivana Shandor as we make our very own fall handprint tree paintings. While our masterpieces dry, children listen to the tale Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak that follows a young girl as she takes a walk discovering the signs of the changing seasons. We will then stroll around the park looking for these changes in our own backyard. Please dress for the weather and some messy fun! This program is geared towards children ages 3-5 but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 20. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Tree Identification**Saturday, September 23****10:00—11:30 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Fall is a great time of year to observe trees! In this program, Naturalist Alex Swavely will teach the basics tree identification, and participants will learn how to name and identify local trees. After learning the basics of identification, we will explore the trails around the Environmental Center to observe trees in their various stages of maturity and foliage. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 22. \$3.00 per person.

Insect Hunting**Monday, September 25****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****Ballfield 1**

Engage with nature through observation and investigation of Lancaster county's native insects. Big or small, we will catch them all! Join Naturalist Katie Kruza at the ballfield 1 parking lot located at 539 Golf Road, Lancaster 17602 ready for an insect hunt! Register online or call (717)295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 22, 2023. \$2.00 per person.

Toddler Tuesday: Butterflies**Tuesday, September 26****10:00—10:45 AM****Up to age 3****Env. Center Auditorium**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through stories, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will explore the many unique and beautiful butterflies and caterpillars found in our gardens. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, September 25. \$2.00 per child aged 12 months and up, \$1.00 per adult, and infants are free.

Munchkin Science: Eric Carle Series "The Very Clumsy Click Beetle"**Tuesday, September 26****1:00—2:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Env. Center Classroom**

During this series, naturalist Ann Strauss will share some of her favorite books written by Eric Carle, a beloved author for young readers. Eric Carle uses nature as a springboard for his imaginative and colorful books. This week we will read The Very Clumsy Click Beetle. Munchkins scientists will learn what makes a "beetle" a "bug", and other unique characteristics of beetles, before going outside to look under rocks and logs to find live beetles. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, September 25. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Bats and their Plight**Thursday, September 28****7:00 – 8:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Why are Pennsylvania bats disappearing? Take a walk with naturalist Ann Strauss to observe bats flying and feeding over the Environmental Center fields. Then join her for an educational slide show presenting Pennsylvania bat species, including their descriptions, their habits, why they are missing from our evening skies and what can be done to help their plight. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, September 27. \$3.00 per person.

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Full Moon Walk: Harvest Moon**Friday, September 29****7:30—8:30 PM****All Ages****580 E. Farm View Dr.**

Take a walk with Park Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez under the full harvest moon. The full moon will shine its light on the garden plot area and on the meadow as we walk to see and smell the things growing at this time of the year and we listen to the sounds of the nocturnal animals. Please meet at 580 E. Farm View Dr. Lancaster, PA 17602 (park in the gravel lot at the intersection of Farm View Dr and City View Dr.) Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday September 28, 2023. \$2.00 fee per person.

“Saturdays in the Parks” National Park Series - Yellowstone NP**Saturday, September 30****10:00—11:30 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Join Naturalist Kristen Rogers for our brand new “Saturdays in the Parks” National Park series! Now you can visit a National Park without ever having to hop on a plane or travel far in your car. We’ll be starting our series by learning about Yellowstone, our country’s first National Park founded in 1872. Come get your very own National Park “passport” stamped, learn about this park’s unique geysers and thermal features, and even see a homemade replica of Old Faithful. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, September 29. \$3.00 per person.

Putting the Garden to Bed**Tuesday, October 3****6:30—7:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

As the leaves change colors and the flowers fade, gardeners everywhere prepare their gardens for cold winter temperatures. Join Naturalist Molly Snively to learn how to put your garden to bed for the winter by putting a twist on common garden chores so that you can help your plants and local wildlife survive the winter. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, October 2. \$2.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Native American Games**Wednesday, October 4****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 6-10****Env. Center Auditorium**

Learn about the Native Americans who lived in the area with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar and play some Native American games in honor of upcoming Indigenous People’s Day. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, October 3. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Swing into Science: Nocturnal Animals**Thursday, October 5****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3-5****Env. Center Classroom**

Now that the nights are getting longer, let’s learn about fascinating animals that thrive in the dark and their special adaptations. Join Naturalist Ivana Shandor as we explore different nocturnal animals that live in our own backyards. Examine animal skulls and pelts, play a fun game, listen to the sounds of these nocturnal animals, and create a fun creature of your very own. This program is geared toward children 3 to 5 but may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, October 4. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Glow Hike**Friday, October 6****6:30-8:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Come join us in the fall forest to search for mysterious glowing wildlife! Participants will meet in the Environmental Center for a quick talk from Naturalist Alyssa Doster about fluorescence, then hit the trails with UV flashlights to find the amazing flora and fauna that glows in the dark. Glowing rocks will be hidden along the way for our younger participants to find! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, September 21. \$3.00 per person.

Exploring Light and Rainbows**Saturday, October 7****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Rainbows are considered one of nature's most precious gifts. How do rainbows get their colors and why do we see them after it rains? Join Naturalist Paige Spradling as we explore these questions. Participants will complete a craft and take home a pair of diffraction glasses to help them observe the world in a different way. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 6. \$3.00 per person.

Indigenous Peoples Day**Monday, October 9****10:00—11:00 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

On a day where most schools teach kids about a man who was credited for "discovering" America, we will learn about the peoples who occupied this continent long before he landed here. We will learn about the indigenous tribes who lived here in Lancaster and the surrounding areas. We will discover medicinal plants they used, artifacts found nearby, and games that their youth would have played! Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for a fun morning of learning and games as we pay our respects to the people who were on this land way before us. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 6. \$2.00 per person.

Toddler Tuesday: Silly Squirrels**Tuesday, October 10****10:00—10:45 AM****Up to age 3****Env. Center Auditorium**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through stories, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will explore squirrels who are hard at work preparing for winter. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, October 9. \$2.00 per child aged 12 months and up, \$1.00 per adult, and infants are free.

Munchkin Science: Eric Carle Series "The Very Busy Spider"**Tuesday, October 10****1:00—2:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Env. Center Classroom**

During this series, naturalist Ann Strauss will share some of her favorite books written by Eric Carle, a beloved author for young readers. Eric Carle uses nature as a springboard for his imaginative and colorful books. This week, we will read The Very Busy Spider. Discussion of the book will include characteristics of spiders, types of spiders, and how they are different from insects. Together we will go on a spider hunt to observe live spiders! This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 6. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Bat Night Hike**Friday, October 13****6:00—7:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Forebay**

Brave the dark this Friday the 13th with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar. In honor of upcoming bat appreciation week, learn about the bats that live in Lancaster and take a peek inside our bat boxes. We then go on a night hike to see if we can spot any in the air, and to see who else is awake in the park. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, October 12. \$3.00 per person.

Leaf Animals**Saturday, October 14****3:00—4:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Collect leaves of different shapes and beautiful colors, then turn them into a colorful animal. Get creative on a fall day and have fun making a work of art to take home. Naturalist Ann Strauss will provide the materials and participants must choose the leaves. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 13. \$3.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Changing Leaves**Wednesday, October 18****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 6-10****Env. Center Auditorium**

Take a walk with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar to learn why the leaves change color and take some leaf rubbings to bring home. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, October 17. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Swing into Science: Anatomy of a Pumpkin**Thursday, October 19****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3-5****Env. Center Classroom**

There are so many pumpkin parts you may just be surprised at how many! Cut open and learn about the different parts of a pumpkin with Naturalist Ivana Shandor. From seeds to stems we dissect a pumpkin and then recreate the different parts in our own pumpkin art project. We may even get to taste a pumpkin seed! Please dress for a messy craft. A liability waiver must be signed at the program to eat the pumpkin seeds. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, October 18. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Life Under Logs**Saturday, October 21****10:00—11:00 AM****All Ages****Pavilion 3**

Join Naturalist Alyssa Doster for a morning hike and exploration to meet the amazing creatures that live on the forest floor! Get ready to peek under leaves and roll over logs to find everything from roly-polies to salamanders. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 20. \$2.00 per person.

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Nature Scavenger Hunt**Monday, October 23****1:00—2:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Embark on a journey with Naturalist Katie Kruza through the park looking for its most prized possessions. The seasons are changing and there are new things to be uncovered. Collect items along the way to win a small prize at its completion. Register online or call (717)295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday October 20, 2023. \$3.00 per person.

Toddler Tuesday: Pumpkins**Tuesday, October 24****10:00—10:45 AM****Up to age 3****Env. Center Auditorium**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through stories, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will get our hands dirty as we discover what's inside a pumpkin. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, October 23. \$2.00 per child aged 12 months and up, \$1.00 per adult, and infants are free.

Munchkin Science: Eric Carle Series “The Tiny Seed”**Tuesday, October 24****1:00—2:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Env. Center Classroom**

During this series, naturalist Ann Strauss will share some of her favorite books written by Eric Carle, a beloved author for young readers. Eric Carle uses nature as a springboard for his imaginative and colorful books. This week, we will read The Tiny Seed. Munchkin scientists will learn how seeds form, examples of seed dispersal, and how seeds are important to wild animals. Together we will go on a walk to find examples of seeds in the fields. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, October 23. \$3.00 per child 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

“Saturdays in the Parks” National Park Series - Yosemite NP**Saturday, October 28****10:00—11:30 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Join Naturalist Kristen Rogers for our brand new “Saturdays in the Parks” National Park series! Now you can visit a National Park without ever having to hop on a plane or travel far in your car. For Park #2 in our series, we will be learning about Yosemite National Park in California. Come get your very own National Park “passport” stamped, read a short story about Yosemite, do a fun map activity, learn about the “Father of the National Parks” John Muir, and create your own Half Dome replica out of clay! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 27. \$3.00 per person.

Full Moon Walk: The Hunters Moon**Saturday, October 28****7:00—8:00 PM****All Ages****548 Golf Rd.**

Take a walk under the full hunters moon along the field, a creek and the native wildflower meadow. Senior Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez will lead everyone safely on this adventure while teaching you about what is being heard and seen. Please park at 548 Golf Rd. Lancaster, PA 17602. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday October 27, 2023. \$2.00 fee per person.

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TNT Science: Halloween GPS**Sunday, October 29****3:00—4:30 PM****Ages 11-17****Env. Center Forebay**

Celebrate Trick or Treat using GPS units to find your candy! Participants will be taught skills necessary for using handheld GPS units. Naturalist Ann Strauss will then give out points to find in the vicinity of the Environmental Center using the units. When points are located, participants will be rewarded with candy at each point. Parents may drop off children but must first see Naturalist Ann Strauss to sign a release waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, October 27. \$5.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Rocks and Fossils**Wednesday, November 1****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 6-10****Env. Center Auditorium**

Learn about the three types of rocks with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar, handle real fossils, and go on a short walk to find a pet rock to paint and take home. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, October 31. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Swing into Science: Terrific Turkeys and Excellent Egg-Layers**Thursday, November 2****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3-5****Env. Center Classroom**

Did you know Benjamin Franklin favored the turkey over the bald eagle as our national bird? Join Naturalist Ivana Shandor to explore these and other interesting facts as we celebrate these incredible creatures. Plus, learn about other local backyard birds by exploring specimens and playing a few bird-themed games! We will then get creative and make a turkey-themed craft to take home and display for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 1. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

UnbeLEAFable Fall Foliage Crafts**Saturday, November 4****10:00—11:30 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Join naturalist, Stevie Kitching, at the height of leaf peeping season for some fall foliage crafts. We will go on a short hike to collect materials and bring them back to make various fall leaf themed crafts like mosaics, wreaths, masks and more. Bring your inner artist and get creative on what will hopefully be a beautiful fall day. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 3. \$4.00 per person.

Family Scavenger Hunt**Sunday, November 5****3:00—4:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Come join the fun for a family scavenger hunt! Naturalist Ann Strauss will provide a list of natural items that families can find on the trails, and in the area, of the Environmental Center. Work together as a family to try to find all the items on the list. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 3. \$2.00 per person.

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Cold Weather Bird Feeding**Monday, November 6****6:30—7:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Join Naturalist Molly Snavelly to learn all about cold weather bird feeding. Learn the basics of bird ID, what types of seeds attract specific species, and how to set up a foolproof bird feeding station. At the end of the program participants will receive a recipe to make a DIY bird feeder at home that will bring all the birds to their yard this winter. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 3. \$2.00 per person.

Toddler Tuesday: Space Day**Tuesday, November 7****10:00—10:45 AM****Up to age 3****Env. Center Auditorium**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through stories, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will explore the planets and make our own star maps. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, November 6. \$2.00 per child aged 12 months and up, \$1.00 per adult, and infants are free.

Munchkin Science: Eric Carle Series “Little Cloud”**Tuesday, November 7****1:00—2:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Env. Center Classroom**

During this series, naturalist Ann Strauss will share some of her favorite books written by Eric Carle, a beloved author for young readers. Eric Carle uses nature as a springboard for his imaginative and colorful books. This week, we will read Little Cloud. Munchkins will learn how clouds form by helping create a cloud in a jar. Outside we will observe clouds and play cloud games. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, November 6. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Owl Pellet Dissections**Wednesday, November 8****10:00—11:00 AM****All Ages****Env. Auditorium**

It's easier to find out what an owl had for dinner than you thought. Dig in with Naturalist Katie Kruza and find some bones by dissecting owl pellets! Dissection is a great way to learn about the animals that live around us and the similarities we share with each other. There is a \$2.00 fee for this program and if you would like to purchase your own pellet to dissect, they cost \$4.00 per pellet. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, November 7. \$2.00 per person.

Creature Feature Storytime: Birds**Saturday, November 11****10:00—11:00 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Take to the skies during a story time and lesson all about birds with Naturalist Rachel Albright. Together we read a story, play a game, and take a small walk outside! Dress for the weather! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday November 9. \$2.00 per person.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all programs.

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To register by phone, call 717-295-2055.

Starlight Night Hike
Sunday, November 12

6:00—7:30 PM

All Ages
Env. Center Forebay

Naturalist Arianna Sindelar leads a night hike during the new moon, when the stars are most visible. Learn about constellations and see who else is awake in the park when the sun goes down. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 10. \$3.00 per person.

TNT Science: Rat Dissection
Tuesday, November 14

6:30—8:00 PM

Ages 11-17
Env. Center Classroom

Mammal dissection is an excellent way for young scientists to learn about the human body. Comparative anatomy between the rat and systems of the human body reveals many similarities. Join naturalist Ann Strauss for an evening of dissection and biology education. Parents may drop off children but must first see Naturalist Ann Strauss to sign a release waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, October 30. \$22.00 per person.

Homeschool Wednesday: Turkey Time
Wednesday, November 15

10:00—11:00 AM

Ages 6-10
Env. Center Auditorium

Join Naturalist Arianna Sindelar as we learn about the star of our Thanksgiving dinners, the wild turkey. We will study how they live, practice our turkey calls, and play some turkey games. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, November 14. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Swing into Science: Sensory Stroll
Thursday, November 16

10:00—11:00 AM

Ages 3-5
Ballfield 1

Explore your senses with Naturalist Ivana Shandor for a guided hike around the Muhlenberg Native Plant Meadow. Along the hike participants can see, hear, touch, and smell the changes within the meadow as native plants and animals prepare for the colder winter months. Supplies will be provided to make a wreath of the colorful leaves we will collect along the way. Please dress accordingly for the weather. Meet at the ballfield 1 parking lot at 539 Golf Road, Lancaster 17602. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 15. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Survival in Central Park
Sunday, November 19

1:00—3:00 PM

All Ages
Env. Center Classroom

Do you know what to do when you realize you're lost? How about the best things to carry with you on your outdoor adventures? Come practice some basic survival skills with Naturalist Stevie Kitching! Learn about the 10 essentials, navigation, fire starting, and build your own shelter in the woods. Come dressed for the weather and plan to spend most of the time outside. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 17. \$3.00 per person.

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Owl Pellet Dissections**Sunday, November 19****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

It's easier to find out what an owl had for dinner than you thought. Dig in with Naturalist Katie Kruza and find some bones by dissecting owl pellets! Dissection is a great way to learn about the animals that live around us and the similarities we share with each other. There is a \$2.00 fee for this program and if you would like to purchase your own pellet to dissect, they cost \$4.00 per pellet. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 17. \$2.00 per person.

Toddler Tuesday: Nature Prints**Tuesday, November 21****10:00—10:45 AM****Up to age 3****Env. Center Auditorium**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through stories, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will explore the tracks left behind by animals and make our own leaf rubbings and nature prints. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, November 20. \$2.00 per child aged 12 months and up, \$1.00 per adult, and infants are free.

Munchkin Science: Eric Carle Series "Mister Seahorse"**Tuesday, November 21****1:00—2:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Env. Center Classroom**

During this series, naturalist Ann Strauss will share some of her favorite books written by Eric Carle, a beloved author for young readers. Eric Carle uses nature as a springboard for his imaginative and colorful books. This week, we will read Mister Seahorse. After sharing the book, Munchkin scientists will try their hand at creating their own animal in Eric Carle's style of art, using watercolors in combination with transparency sheets to enhance their creation. This program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, November 20. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Owl Prowl**Wednesday, November 22****6:30—8:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Get to know our local owls with the help of Senior Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez at the Environmental Center. We will begin by looking at the unique features of owls, you will learn about their life cycle and the sounds they make. We will then go for a walk to look and listen for the owls that live in Central Park. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday November 21, 2023. \$3.00 per person.

#OptOutside Hike**Friday, November 24****10:00—11:00 AM****All Ages****Env. Center Parking Lot**

In 2015 REI coined the hashtag Opt Outside to encourage people to spend the busiest shopping day of the year out in nature instead of in the malls. Join us in doing just that! Come enjoy the beauty of the last days of fall with Naturalist Stevie Kitching as she leads a guided hike along the Scout Trail in Central Park. This trail is fairly easy with a few inclines, great for kids and adults! Please dress for the weather. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 22. \$2.00 per person.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all programs.

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To register by phone, call 717-295-2055.

Full Moon Walk: Beaver Moon

Monday, November 27

6:30—7:30 PM

All Ages

Env. Center Parking Lot

As the animals begin preparing for winter and the frost is on the ground this season join Senior Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a hike under the full moon. We will walk the trails looking and listening for the sights and sounds of nature. We will specifically walk around the pond and along the creek and learn about the wildlife that could be there. There is a \$2.00 fee for this program. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday November 22, 2023. **\$2.00 per person.**

Swing into Science: Marvelous Mixtures

Thursday, November 30

10:00—11:00 AM

Ages 3-5

Env. Center Classroom

Calling all budding chemists to learn the basics of mixtures with Naturalist Ivana Shandor and get hands on when we experiment with the three basic states of matter: solids, liquids, and gasses. Blow up balloons and bubbles, mix different color liquids to create fun new colors, and make a fascinating mixture called oobleck that is both a solid and a liquid. Please dress for some messy fun! This program is geared for children 3 to 5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, November 29. **\$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.**

Refund/Cancellation Policy

If Park staff cancels a 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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