

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT OCTOBER 2022 PROGRAMS –TO REGISTER YOU MAY GO TO WWW.HANCOCKPARKS.COM OR VISIT US AT 1424 E MAIN CROSS M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM. FOR QUESTIONS CALL 419-425-7275.

OCTOBER

3 Monday

Pioneer Tyke Hikes

Tour the 1847 McKinnis homestead to discover some of the chores that pioneers had during the fall and learn what it was like to live as a pioneer. The tour will include hands-on activities, such as grinding and shelling corn, pressing apples and churning butter. Children will also get a tour of the 1847 McKinnis House. At each stop, you'll be rewarded for your hard work with a small taste from the past.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

10 AM & 1 PM

Ages 3-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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6 Thursday

Fall Crafts for Kids

The leaves will have started to change color and what a great time for children to create fall-themed crafts. Kids can be creative while making felt, leaf finger puppets, paper plate owls and a popsicle stick scarecrow face.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-7:30 PM

Ages 5-10 with an adult. Adults do not need to register.

Register with \$5 per child by 1 PM on Thursday, October 6.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 24

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8 Saturday

Adult Stream Stomping

What better way to learn about life in our local streams than going out to see for yourself. Participants will go into Aurand Run and use nets to catch fish, crayfish, and other smaller organisms, such as water pennies, damselfly larva, and leeches. All participants must wear closed toed shoes that can get wet.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10-11:30 AM

Ages 18 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, October 7.

Maximum: 10

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9 Sunday

Insects: Open House

Come out and explore the world of insects. Some of them are important pollinators, like butterflies and moths, while others just seem to be there to BUG Us! There will be a display of different insects, including (asking Chris for specific insects) and ID books on hand to help you find out what insects might be in your own backyard.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Sunday

Broom Making

This time of year, you might think about witches flying on brooms, but on the farm, they are making them. Come to the McKinnis House to see how a broom is made. Learn about the process of taking a plant and turning it into a tool, broom history, and different types of brooms that are used on the farm.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

2-4 PM

Families with children ages 8 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Sunday

Archery Instruction Workshop - Youth

Come out for an archery class led by a certified archery instructor. All necessary equipment and targets will be provided. You'll have the opportunity to learn the basics of archery along with safety measures, while shooting arrows at several targets with a compound bow. How close to your target can you get? Sign-up and find out. This workshop is part of the Hancock Park District's Leisure Education Initiative that introduces outdoor recreation activities, teaches fundamental skills, and encourages participation in outdoor recreation over the course of a lifetime.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

4:30-5:30 PM

Ages 9-13.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Friday, October 7.

Maximum: 10

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12 Wednesday

Leaf Rubbings

Leaf rubbing, especially in Autumn, is a fun nature art activity for children. We will take a short hike, collect leaves, and learn about trees. After that, children will experience leaf rubbing with crayons.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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15 Saturday

Autumnfest at Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Join in a celebration of Northwest Ohio history, featuring costumed interpreters in the 1847 McKinnis House and Workshop. Horse-drawn hayrides will take place around the prairie area. Live music provided by The Mule Skinners will be in the Activity Barn along with popcorn, apple cider, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Stop by the kettle on the corner to taste the soup that's been made over the fire, and then head over to the Wagon Shed to view live farm animals, including donkeys, sheep, turkeys, and chicken. Take a self-guided tour of the heirloom orchard. Children will enjoy the pioneer toys in the homestead yard. A vendor area along the walkway will have a variety of wares including honey, knitted and crocheted items, vanilla extract, jams, jellies, and baked goods.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

1-5 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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15 Saturday

8th Art in the Park: Plein Air Paint-Out

This is an opportunity to join plein air artists from around the area for a day of painting the McKinnis farmstead as well as the woods and prairie areas of this beautiful park. Adult artists working in all media are welcome; there is no registration fee and it is a non-

competitive event. This year's paint-out will again be held in conjunction with the annual Autumnfest, with costumed interpreters and farm animals. The public is invited to watch artists at work throughout the park, then view finished paintings at the end of the day. In case of rain, there are several places to work under cover. Participating artists may bring one or two small framed or matted plein air paintings to display in the Activity Barn during Autumnfest (some table and floor easels will be available).

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

12-1 PM Registration/Check-in at the Activity Barn, 12-4 PM Paint your choice of 1840s farmstead, garden, orchard, prairie, woods or Autumnfest activities

4-5 PM Gather in the Activity Barn to share work with other artists and park visitors

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16 Sunday

Fireside Story: Ox-Cart Man

Autumn is a great time to bring the kids to the McKinnis House for a fireside story about the Ox-Cart Man. This story is about a pioneer family who gathered up what they had raised in the garden, sewn and built by hand, to sell in the city. Come and find out what was sold to have money for winter and how long the trip was to get to the city. This is a Caldecott Medal winning book for kids that they hopefully will enjoy along with a tour of the 175-year-old home and garden.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

2 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult. One adult per child or group of children; adults do not need to register.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, October 14.

Maximum: 7

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18 Tuesday

Kayaking for Active Adults: Fall Float

Have you ever seen the Blanchard River in the fall? What about in a kayak? Active adults can take a leisurely guided kayak trip on the Blanchard River and enjoy the scenic view along the way. There will be a brief talk about boating safety and how to maneuver your kayak before we get started. Life vests are provided, but you will want to bring along your own water bottle and snack if needed.

Zonta Landing at Riverside Park

2:30-4:30 PM

Ages 50 and up.

Register with \$10 by 9 AM on Tuesday, October 18.

Maximum: 8

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22 Saturday

Fall Bird Hike

Fall migration is here. On our bird hike we will look for fall migrants like Yellow-rumped Warblers, Fox Sparrows, Kinglets, and Hermit Thrushes. All birders regardless of experience level are welcome to participate. Binoculars will be provided if you do not have your own.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

9-11 AM

All ages welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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24 Monday

Planetarium: New Moon

Where did the moon go? It's not gone, it's a New Moon. Find out what causes the moon to disappear in the sky and why this is the perfect time to see the other objects that are in our universe. You'll get a chance to see the constellations Orion (the hunter), Canis Major (the big dog), and Cassiopeia (the queen) all while in the comfort of our indoor planetarium. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6:30-7:30 PM
All ages welcome.
Free; but register by 1 PM on Monday, October 24.
Maximum: 25
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25 Tuesday
Tree and Me Summer Hike
We are heading back to the Aurand Run Trail to see how plants have put on their fall colors and what autumn wildflowers are along the trail. We see how things have been decomposing and what new things we can see. This is the third hike in a series of four.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center Porch
10 AM
Ages 50 and up.
Free; registration is not required.
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27 Thursday
Nature Bat Craft
Halloween is coming and what better way to celebrate than to decorate your house with bats. Come and make your very own bat that you can hang up at home by using sticks, leaves, and other objects found in nature. Afterwards, explore the Discovery Center and learn more about bats and the species that call Ohio home.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
7 PM
Ages 6-10 with an adult.
Register with \$2 per child by 1 PM on Thursday, October 27. Adults do not need to register.
Maximum: 20
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29 Saturday
Archery Instruction Workshop - Teen
Come out for an archery class led by a certified archery instructor. All necessary equipment and targets will be provided. You'll have the opportunity to learn the basics of archery along with safety measures, while shooting arrows at several targets with a compound bow. How close to your target can you get? Sign-up and find out. This workshop is part of the Hancock Park District's Leisure Education Initiative that introduces outdoor recreation activities, teaches fundamental skills, and encourages participation in outdoor recreation over the course of a lifetime.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Dold Lake
3-4 PM
Ages 13-17.
Register with \$10 per teen by 1 PM on Friday, October 28.
Maximum: 10
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30 Sunday
Wetlands Hike
It is time to take a nature hike in the new wetlands area to see what has moved in. We might find frogs, ducks, snakes and all kinds of insects. This is a new and exciting area to explore.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center porch
2 PM
Ages 18 and up.
Free; registration is not required. Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com