

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT NOVEMBER 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.

2 Wednesday

Waterfowl Hike

As fall bird migration starts to slow down, our waterfowl migration is at its peak. Come with us as we hike the Findlay Reservoir to look for ducks, geese, gulls, eagles, and other birds that are passing through. If we are lucky, we might find other residents of the reservoir like American Mink and Red Fox. We will meet at Riverbend Recreation Area and then drive over to the reservoir to hike. Binoculars will be provided if needed. Make sure you dress for the cold and wind as the reservoir trail is often much cooler than the surrounding area.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Oxbow Bend Activity Area

Shelter 5

9 AM-12 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, November 1.

Maximum: 20

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3 Thursday

Naturalist-led Afternoon Kayak Float

See the Blanchard River in the afternoon light via kayak and learn about plants and animals found along the riverbank. The kayak float will begin at Zonta Landing. Kayakers will travel to the bridge at Bright Road, turnaround, and return to Zonta Landing at Riverside Park Waterfront.

Zonta Landing at Riverside Park

4:30-6:30 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Register with \$15 by 1 PM on Thursday, November 3.

Maximum: 8

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4 Friday

Fall Sensory Fun

Come and have a fun autumn day at the park while helping your child with fine and gross motor skills. In the Discovery Center do a fun leaf coloring activity, play with some puppets, and create an autumn leaf lion head. Outside, do a fall themed sensory path, play in a sensory bin, and play in a pile of leaves, or go out and play in the Nature Play Area.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend

Free; registration is not required.

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7 Monday

Discovery Stories: Exoskeletons of All Kinds

Bring the kids out to hear a story about exoskeletons. An exoskeleton might come in the form of a shell on a snail or the hard body covering on a crayfish and even an insect. Exoskeleton means the animal has no vertebrae on the inside of its body like we do. There will be a story, lots of outer coverings to look at, and a seashell animal craft to make.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM & 1 PM

Ages 3-5 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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7 Monday

Planetarium: Moons of our Solar System

While our Earth has one moon, it is part of the 216 moons that orbit the planets and dwarf planets in our solar system. Find out which one is the biggest, if there really is one that looks like cookies and cream ice cream or the death star, and why does Saturn's IO look like a moldy omelet. While we cannot see all of them, we will look at some from each planet. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30-7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Monday, November 7.

Maximum: 25

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8 Tuesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Oh Deer!

White-tailed Deer live in all of our parks. Children will get a closer look at this mammal through activities, including "Life Cycle Memory Match," "Let's Plan a Deer Picnic," and "Follow My Tracks." Deer fur, skull, and scat will be on display. Adult companions must remain with children for this program.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Meadows Activity Area

Shelter 7

10-11 AM

Recommended for ages 3-6, with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Wednesday

Animals at the Richard S. "Doc" Phillips Discovery Center

Learn more about the animals that call the Discovery Center home. Hannah Strayer, HPD program intern, will talk about our Box and Painted turtles, Gray Treefrog and snakes, including our Eastern Fox Snake and our newest resident, a Rat Black Snake. Kids will be able to touch turtle shells and snake skin if they so choose.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-7 PM

Ages 6-12 with an adult. Adults do not need to register.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Wednesday, November 9.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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12 Saturday

Leather Working

For the McKinnis family, being able to work leather to make things was an important skill to have. Come and learn the craft of leather working, its history, and its importance to life in the 1840s. Each participant will create their own customized leather keychain.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

2-3 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Register with \$5 per child by 4 PM on Thursday, November 10. Adults do not need to register.

Maximum: 12

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13 Sunday

Birding the Wetlands

Come and explore the new wetlands at Oakwoods Nature Preserve in a bird watching adventure. November is the height of Waterfowl migration. We will search for Mallard, Gadwall, Rusty Blackbirds, and other birds that call the wetlands home or that are

just stopping by on their long trip south. Birders of all experience levels are welcome. Binoculars will be provided if you do not have your own.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

9-11 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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13 Sunday

Waterfowl Migration: Open House

Waterfowl are birds that live in and around water. Waterfowl like ducks, geese, and swans are on the move in their fall migration and are the most numerous this month. Come and learn all about the waterfowl species of Ohio, why they are migrating, and other fun facts about these wonderful birds.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Saturday

Autumn Night Hike

At night our parks look much different. Come and explore the park at night as we hike the trails with only the moonlight shining through the tree branches to light our way. As we hike, we will search for animals that may be awake on this autumn night, such as raccoons, foxes, and owls.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

7 PM

Families with children ages 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Sunday

Family Fall Feast: Open House

The McKinnis family garden has been harvested and fall chores are done. It is time to celebrate. Join the McKinnis family and friends as they gather to exchange news and prepare for winter. Mrs. McKinnis has been working hard preparing for the visit with a stove full of steaming, hot food like mashed potatoes, fried apples, and fresh baked bread. While there, join the family and enjoy a sample of home cooking that has been prepared on the 1847 step stove.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Monday

Wee Ones: Black Bears

Black bears are the largest mammal in Ohio, but we don't have to worry about them in Hancock County. How come? Bring your little one and find out that answer and more about the black bear. Children will hear a story, make a paper-plate bear face, and partake in activities such as "Do I eat like a bear?" and "Compare to a bear." Our black bear fur will also be out for children to touch.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM & 1 PM

Ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.
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22 Tuesday

Shelter Building

Come to the Nature Play Area and create your own shelter using materials only found in the woods. We will go over the basics in shelter building, learn about different types of shelters and where to setup a safe shelter, and then work together with others to build a shelter. After the program, play around in the Nature Play Area and the shelters that you created.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

10 AM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Monday, November 21. Adults do not need to register.

Maximum: 20

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23 Wednesday

Make Your Own Nature Crown

Become a King or Queen of Nature by creating your very own nature crown. Each child will create their own crown made with found objects in nature like sticks, leaves, and bark. After the program, feel free to go on a hike in the park and look for the objects that you used to create your crown.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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