

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2023 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.

4, 11, 18 & 25 Saturday

Beginner Cross-country Ski Workshops ✓ GEP

Workshops will cover the basic fundamentals, including proper use of equipment and how to glide, climb hills, stand-up on skis, turn around, and get into rhythm. Workshops are subject to proper snow and weather conditions. Dress appropriately for winter weather, including layered clothing, hats, and gloves.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

9–10:30 AM

Ages 8 and up; youth must register with a participating adult.

Register by 4 PM on Friday before each workshop.

Pay \$12 per person on the day of the workshop.

Maximum: 14

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4 Saturday

Winter Scavenger Hunt ✓ GEP

Winter is coming. Can you find the signs that show where animals are spending the winter or how they will survive the cold winter days ahead. We will be taking a look up in the trees and on the ground for anything that can be found. In the winter, life becomes a mystery in the woodlands.

Blue Rock Nature Preserve

Edgar Avenue parking lot

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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6 Monday & 12 Sunday

Puppet Show: The Barn ✓ GEP

Visit the farm and meet the animals that live in the barn. However, the farmer plans to move her animals into a new barn. What will happen to the old barn? Will anyone move in? Come out to our puppet show and find out. Singing, dancing, and crafts will take place after the show.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

Monday 10 AM & 1 PM

Sunday 1 & 3 PM

Families with children ages 3 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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11 Saturday

Photography Hike ✓ GEP

If you have a passion for photography or if you want to learn, come along on a hike with fellow photographers to capture the beauty of our parks through the lens of the camera. We will hike the trails, while taking photos of scenery, wildlife, plants, and anything else that would make an interesting subject. All skill levels and camera types are welcome.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Oxbow Bend Activity Area

Charles J. Younger Pavilion

Ages 16 and up.

9 AM

Free; registration is not required.

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14 Tuesday

Fireside Story: The Little Blue Trucks Valentine V *GEP*

Valentine's Day is a special day to let the kids know how much they are loved. Join the parks by the fireside for the Valentine Story, "The Little Blue Trucks Valentine" by Alice Schertle. We will gather at Shelter 3 in the Big Oaks Activity Area, which will be decorated with red hearts. After the story, enjoy valentine cookies and hot chocolate.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

10 AM

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

Free; but register everyone attending by 1 PM on Monday, February 13.

Maximum: 30

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14 Tuesday

Valentine's Day Hike and Scavenger Hunt V *GEP*

Valentine's Day is a good time to hike the trails in search of a hidden valentine. Nothing says "I love you" to that special someone like a special message. Hearts with messages will be placed along the trail. When you find one that has just the right words for your sweetheart, pick it up and give it to your valentine.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

1 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Friday

Great Backyard Bird Count V *GEP*

Help scientists study birds in winter by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count. This national bird count runs from February 17-20. Help us count birds at the Discovery Center's feeders. Learn all about the count and how to participate from home, and create a pinecone bird feeder.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-12 PM

Ages 5 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Friday

Game Night in the Woods V *GEP*

Bring a deck of cards, your favorite board game, and your family and friends because it is game night! We will provide some favorites like Uno, checkers, and Candy Land to name a few. This is a nice opportunity to learn a new game and make new friends. The question is: Are you ready to win?

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-8 PM

Families with children ages 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Sunday

Going Nuts: Open House ✓ GEP

Mast producing trees, like walnut and hickory were important to the McKinnis family and their neighbors. Not only was the wood used in many of their structures, the nuts of the black walnut, shagbark hickory, shellbark hickory, and butternut hickory were used in baking and making ink. Join Mrs. Boylan, a neighbor of the McKinnis family, in the kitchen as she shares samples of her walnut cookies and hickory nut bread to all who stop by.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Sunday

Owl Prowl ✓ GEP

Late winter is the best time to search for owls in Ohio. Come along on our night hike as we search for the owls that call the park home. We will learn about the owls that live in Ohio, talk about their cool features, talk about why this time of year is the best time to search for owls, and play some owl calls on the trail in hopes of getting an owl to respond back.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free, registration is not required.

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20 Monday

Presidents' Day: Open House ✓ GEP

It is Presidents' Day and a great time to look into the past at some of the fun facts about our U.S. Presidents. Do you have a favorite president? There will be lots of fun facts to learn about our presidents, such as which president had his pet parrot thrown out of his funeral for cursing too much? Which president was a peanut farmer? Join us for a fun filled afternoon of presidential fun fact finding.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Tuesday

Planetarium: Galaxies Galore ✓ GEP

Learn all about galaxies and their different types that can be found in our universe. In our planetarium, we will view and learn about a few of the many galaxies that are out in space. We will also view other deep space objects, planets, and constellations that are currently out in the night sky. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free, but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, February 21.

Maximum: 25

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22 Wednesday

Animal Nest Box Plans v GEP

One of few ways to help wildlife in your backyard is to provide them with a nesting box to live in. With spring quickly approaching, now is the best time to build and set up a nesting box. Learn about different types of nesting boxes, see how they are made, learn about the animals that use them, and receive tips about placing and maintaining your nest box. We will provide patterns to build houses for many different types of animals, such as bluebirds, owls, squirrels, bats, and even native bees. After you pick up your plans, take your time and explore the other displays in the building.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30-8:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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25 Saturday

Movie Night in the Park v GEP

Winter is a great time to gather, enjoy popcorn, and watch a movie. Bring the family out, enjoy a family friendly movie, and have a look around the Discovery Center before the movie starts. After January 1, call the Hancock Park District Administrative Office at (419) 425-7275 for the movie title.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30-8:30 PM

Families.

Free; but register each person in your party by 1 PM on Friday, January 24.

Maximum: 30

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27 Monday

Wee Ones: American Badger v GEP

The American badger lives in our area, but it is rarely seen. Children can look at our mounted badger and check out its long claws, which are great for digging. Badger fur, skull, and tracks will be available to look at. Children will hear a story, make a badger puppet, and play in our own "badger tunnels."

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM & 2 PM

Recommended for ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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28 Tuesday

Invasive Species of Ohio v GEP

February 27 through March 3 is National Invasive Species Awareness Week. Invasive species are one of the biggest threats to our natural communities as they outcompete native wildlife for resources. Learn about invasive species, which ones can be found in Ohio, and what can be done to stop them.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

7 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, February 28.

Maximum: 20

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