

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT JANUARY 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.

3 Tuesday

Show and Tell Night v GEP

Children love to share the nature items they have found, collected, or received as gifts. During Show and Tell Night, children will take the stage to show others the special nature item they have, such as a special rock from grandpa or a seashell from vacation. Children should bring a nature item to show and a story to tell. I will be telling my story about the “Giant Scolopendra Morsitans,” given to me by my grandson for Christmas 2021.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-7 PM

Families with children ages 5 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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7, 14, 21 & 28 Saturday v GEP

Beginner Cross-country Ski Workshops

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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7 Saturday

Old Rock Day v GEP

It is Old Rock Day. Join us at the Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center to learn about Earth’s incredible history and what can be found in fossils that lived millions of years ago. Some of the fossils on display will be 425-million-year-old coral, 350–450-million-year-old Fossil Nautiloid, Fern Fossil, Edeoasteroid fossil, Gryphaea Oyster, and many more. Do you have a fossil or fossil story to share? We will have a fossil screening area for children of all ages to enjoy and lots of books to look at.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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8 Sunday

Cooking with Honey: Open House v GEP

Do you love the sweet taste of honey? Pioneers had many recipes that used honey instead of white sugar. Sarah Fishel will be using honey to sweeten tea that guests can enjoy along with honey cake and cookies. She will be teaching those who visit the McKinnis house how to substitute the honey for white sugar. Honey recipes will be shared with guests who stop in to visit with the family.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods.

McKinnis House

1- 4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Monday

Wee Ones: Snowy Nap v GEP

It is time for Hedgie the Hedgehog to go to sleep for the winter, but he does not want to miss out on all the winter fun. Bring the kids out for a fun story about the little hedgehog and find out how his friends tried to help him learn about what will be happening during his winter nap. There will be a hedgehog craft to make and a snowball toss game to play.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM & 2 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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14 Saturday

Photography Hike v 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.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman

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15 Sunday

Woodpecker Hike v GEP

With the leaves gone from the trees, winter is an excellent time to look for woodpeckers. On our bird hike, we will search for woodpeckers, woodpecker-like birds, like the flicker, and other species of wintering birds. We will discuss their unique features and behaviors, and use our birding skills to help identify them. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

2 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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16 Monday

Winter Exploration Hike for Kids v GEP

Since children will have a day off from school on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, it would be a great time for them to visit a park, hike a trail, and look for animals. Finding fresh or frozen animal tracks is a fun activity that provides a clue to the kind of animals being active during winter. Maybe the animals will be seen. That would be exciting for them.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

1 PM

Families with children ages 5 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Tuesday

Make a Moon Phase Calendar v GEP

Have you ever wondered when the next full moon will be or what is the best time to view the moon? If so, you can create your own moon phase calendar and calculator that will help you track the phases of the moon throughout the year. During this program, you will also learn about our moon and why it has phases, and go inside our portable planetarium to watch how the moon moves, get a close look at the moon, and view other objects that can be seen in the night sky. Each participant will take home a moon phase calendar and calculator, a moon observation journal, and an evening sky map for January.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

4:30-6 PM

Ages 6-12.

Free; but register by 4:30 PM on Monday, January 16.

Maximum: 16

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17 Tuesday

Planetarium: Space Dogs v GEP

Canis Major and Minor, the big and small dog, are prevalent constellations in the winter sky. Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, can be found at the spot if the space dog had an imaginary collar. Learn more about these two constellations and Mars and Uranus, which will be in the night sky. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

All ages welcome.

Free; register all attending the program by 1 PM on Tuesday, January 17.

Maximum: 25

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21 Saturday

Fireside Story: Snowie Rolie v GEP

Rolie Polie Olie lived in a land where it never snowed. Join us by the fireside for the story; *"Snowie Rolie,"* by William Joyce to find out how Rolie learned about snow and the fun adventure he and his friends went on during the day it started to snow. We will also play a few snowy games, such as Snowball Toss after the story.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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22 Sunday

Ohio's Winter Birds: Open House v GEP

While many birds have flown south for the winter, there are birds that remain active during the winter months here in Northwest Ohio. Find out which birds are still here and why, and how you can help them survive. Information will be available about bird feeding, recipes for making suet cakes, and which birds have been visiting the feeders at Oakwoods Nature Preserve.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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23 Monday

Discovery Stories: Tardigrades and Friends v GEP

Learn about the hidden world of micro animals, which are animals that are so small that they need to be viewed through a microscope to be seen. We will learn about the tardigrade, also known as a water bear, and his friends, like mites, daphnia, rotifers, and plankton that live in these microscopic kingdoms. We will read a fun story about a tardigrade, view some micro animals under the microscope, and make a tardigrade ornament.

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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24 Tuesday

Crisp Winter Hike for Active Adults v GEP

Aeraland Recreation Area is a great place to explore on a crisp winter day. We will be on the Highline Trail and the Upland Trail as we enjoy an afternoon hike in the park. We will check out Goose Lake to see if it is frozen and if it is not, we might see some geese or ducks enjoying a swim.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

1 PM

Ages 50 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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27 Friday

Winter Bowling v GEP

Children can try bowling during our outdoor winter bowling game. Each bowling ball is made of ice. The idea is to bowl a strike by knocking over all six pins. After the game, warm up next to the fire on the Discovery Center porch. Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

10 AM

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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29 Sunday

Winter River Hike v GEP

Hike along the potentially frozen Blanchard River from Centennial Park to the far overlook deck at Riverside Park and back. On our approximate 2-mile hike we will look for wildlife, talk about the history of ice harvesting along the river, and talk about ice safety.

Centennial Park

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is required.

Maximum: 20

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