

2026 Art in the Park: Plein Air Gatherings

The Plein Air Gatherings are an opportunity for artists to get together and paint or draw outdoors “en plein air” in Hancock County parks. All adult artists who use any medium conducive to working outdoors are welcome. If you are new to plein air painting or are hesitant to go out on your own, these gatherings are a perfect opportunity to meet and work with other plein air artists. Please join us for our 13th season!

You should plan to bring whatever supplies and equipment you need and dress for ground and weather conditions. There is no fee or registration. It is not necessary to attend every session – come when you can. In case of rain, the session is cancelled. Gatherings will be held weekly on Thursdays on the following dates; please note times for each.

April 2	Oakwoods Nature Preserve	Meet at Discovery Center porch	2-4 pm
April 9	Blue Rock Nature Preserve	Meet in Edgar St. parking area	2-4pm
April 16	Litzenberg Memorial Woods	Meet at Gatehouse	2-4 pm
April 23	Karg Well	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
April 30	Blanchard River Nature Preserve	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
May 7	Riverbend Recreation Area	Meet at Big Oaks Shelter House #3*	2-4 pm
May 14	Eastpoint	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
May 21	Aeraland Recreation Area	Meet in Shelter House*	2-4 pm
May 28	Hancock Park District office	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
June 4	Waterfalls Overlook	Meet in parking area	9-11 am
June 11	Oakwoods Nature Preserve	Meet in Dold Lake parking area	9-11 am
June 18	Riverbend Recreation Area	Meet at Oxbow Shelter House #4*	9-11 am
June 25	Bright Conservation Area	Meet in parking area	9-11 am
July 2	River Landing	Meet in parking area (700 Fox St.)	9-11 am
July 9	Litzenberg South	Meet in parking area	9-11am
July 16	Riverbend Recreation Area	Meet at Brugeman Lodge*	9-11 am
July 23	Oakwoods Nature Preserve	Meet at Discovery Center porch	9-11 am
July 30	Blue Rock Nature Preserve	Meet in Edgar St. parking area	9-11 am
August 6	Jackson Landing	Meet in parking area (TR 173)	9-11 am
August 13	Oakwoods Nature Preserve	Meet at Dold Lake parking area	9-11 am
August 20	Blanchard Landing	Meet in parking area	9-11 am
August 27	Riverbend Recreation Area	Meet at Oxbow Shelter House #4*	9-11 am
September 3	Liberty Landing	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
September 10	Litzenberg South	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
September 17	Blanchard River Nature Preserve	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
September 24	Riverbend Recreation Area	Meet at Brugeman Lodge*	2-4 pm
October 1	Aeraland Recreation Area	Meet at Shelter House*	2-4 pm
October 8	Waterfalls Overlook	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
October 15	Litzenberg Memorial Woods	Meet at McKinnis House	2-4 pm
October 22	Eastpoint	Meet in parking area	2-4 pm
October 29	Riverbend Recreation Area	Meet at Shelter House #3*	2-4 pm

*meet in nearby parking area if reserved

For more information or questions, please contact volunteer coordinator Sharon Hammer Baker at bakerartstudio@gmail.com or HPD Program Specialist Tim Kleman at tkleman@hancockparks.com.