

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT AUGUST 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.

1 Friday

Blanchard River Nature Preserve Hike

This hidden gem is unlike the other park district properties. It is a high-quality riparian forest along the Blanchard River that is home to wildlife not found in the other parks. On a guided hike, learn about the history of the park, its natural features, and search for interesting plants and animals.

Blanchard River Nature Preserve

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, August 1.

Maximum: 16

Tim Kleman

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2 Saturday

Richard S. "Doc" Phillips Discovery Center Open House

The Discovery Center will be open for visitation. Visitors can choose to participate in unstructured and/or structured activities. Activities and attractions include birdwatching via the Windows on Wildlife, mounted animals and live animals on display, nature videos, field guides and nature books for reading, touch table and puppets, and seasonal displays and exhibits. A Program Department staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions. Guests can make slime with Naturalist Michelle Rumschlag from 10:30 AM-12 PM on the Discovery Center Porch.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

3 Sunday

Hooray for Kids Day

Enjoy some fresh air and sunshine by playing games in the park. Games that will be played include Bee Pollen Toss and Grapevine Ring Toss. Kids will also get to explore the log walk, crawl in tunnels, and dig for fossils.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

1-3 PM

Ages 13 and under with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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4 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Amazing Animal Adaptations

Animals have unique adaptations. Campers will discover how animals eat a variety of food by looking at their skulls, play a game called Red Squirrel-Gray Squirrel, create a camouflage painting, hike in search of animals with adaptations, and participate in Space Invaders, an activity that shows how animals can adapt too well and become invasive. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per child by 9 AM on Friday, August 1. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Maclain Teeple mteeple@hancockparks.com

5 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: Power of the Sun

Explore the wonders and the power of our closest star. Campers will look at stars from inside the portable planetarium, get a close-up view of the sun through a special telescope, hike and observe how the sun affects nature, create art with solar printing, play with solar balloons, and create s'mores with a solar oven. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6–12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Monday, August 4. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

6 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: Wilderness Exploration Game

It is time to get wild. Campers will explore the Nature Play Area, create their own personal game pieces, and roll the dice during our life-size wilderness exploration game. Challenges will include water to cross, quicksand to go through, a slime scavenger hunt, and a log walk. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle, and a towel and change of clothes, just in case. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM Tuesday, August 5. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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7 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Terrific Turtles

It's turtle time for campers. Watch the resident turtles, our painted and box turtle, go on a hike to Dold and Shank Lake to see if one is sunning itself on a log and find out more about the ones living in Hancock County. See what turtle shells are made from and take a closer look at their bones. Would you survive as a turtle? Come and find out. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6-12.

Register with \$20 by 9 AM on Wednesday, August 6. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hotmail.com

8 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Forestry Fun

The forest can be fun. Campers will learn about the parts of a tree, how they grow, and how to identify them, hike in the forest to observe the trees and how animals use them, and participate in tree-related crafts, like making recycled paper. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

9 AM-3 PM

Ages 6–12.

Register with \$20 per person by 9 AM on Thursday, August 7. To receive a free T-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Wednesday, July 30 and attend three of the August Adventure Day Camps.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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8 Friday

Mud Pies Under the Moon

Explore mud, head to toe, so dress in things that can get stained. Mud pies will be made and adorned with natural items like stones, sticks, grass, and flowers. Pies will then be placed in the Nature Play Area. Afterward, get clean in the bubble pool. Bring a towel and a change of clothes.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Saturday

Natural Stamps

Objects found in nature can be used to create unique designs. Make a piece of artwork using stamps crafted out of things found outdoors. Examples of stamps that will be provided include mushrooms, pinecones, and leaves. Acrylic paint will also be provided. Wear clothing that can get stained.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, August 8.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15

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10 Sunday

Corn Cooking: Open House

Corn was a staple food for pioneers. Learn how pioneers grew, harvested, and prepped the corn, the different kinds that were grown, and food dishes that used corn. Johnny cakes, a flatbread made from corn, will be available to sample along with maple syrup.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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11 Monday

Archery Instruction – Youth

Aim, shoot, and score! Learn safety measures and the basics of archery from a Certified Archery Instructor while shooting arrows at targets with a compound bow. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

6:30 PM

Ages 9-15.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Monday, August 11.

Maximum: 10

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12 Tuesday

Planetarium: Perseid Meteor Shower

The Perseid Meteor Shower peaks in mid-August and is one of the most popular meteor showers of the year. Learn where it gets its name, how it's connected to the constellation Perseus, and view the meteors from inside the portable planetarium. Other summer night celestial highlights will be shown. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free, but register everyone attending by 1 PM on Tuesday, August 12.

Maximum: 25

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13 Wednesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Horns and Antlers

Some animals have bones growing out of their head! Get a close look at the horns and antlers of different animals, including cows and deer. Activities will include an antler ring toss, a matching game with animals and their horns, and making an antler headband.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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14 Thursday

Animals of the Blanchard River

Wildlife can be found on the Blanchard River. Join a guided float to look for animals that are active on the river. The float will begin and end at Zonta Landing. Kayakers will travel upstream to Eastpoint Area and back. Examples of animals that might be seen include, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, and the eastern spiny-softshell turtle. Wear clothing that can get wet.

Zonta Landing at Riverside Park

6-8 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Register with \$15 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, August 14.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15

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15 Friday

Crepuscular Hike

Some animals are crepuscular, meaning they are active during dawn and dusk. Learn why some animals are crepuscular, such as the white-tailed deer and eastern cottontail rabbit. On a sunset hike, search for crepuscular animals, including daytime animals going to sleep and nighttime animals waking up.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

8 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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16 Saturday

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Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Sunday

Shape of the Land: Open House

Ohio is filled with many interesting geological features that give shape to the state's geography. Learn about different types of landforms and interesting natural features of Ohio, such as glacier moraines, caves, rock bridges, and hills. View landform displays, including a stream table, a demonstration glacier, and 3-D topographic maps.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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18 Monday

Wee Ones: Under the Ground

Some animals make their homes underground. Learn about the various animals that live under logs, rocks, and in the dirt. Lift logs in search of underground animals, such as earthworms, beetles, and slugs.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

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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19 Tuesday

Cicadas

These noisy insects are a common sound in summer, but most of their life is spent underground. Learn about the lifecycles of cicadas by listening to a fun story and viewing cicada displays. Learn about how they make sounds, listen to the songs of the different types of cicadas found in Ohio, and go on a short hike to search for cicadas living in the park.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

2 PM

Ages 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Tuesday

Fishing Fun

Spend the afternoon trying your luck at catching fish. Fish that can be caught include black crappie, green sunfish, and yellow bullhead. A fishing pole and corn bait will be provided or bring your own. Adults that are fishing will need their fishing license.

Zonta Landing at Riverside Park

1 PM

Ages 8-12 with an adult.

Free; but register each child by 1 PM on Tuesday, August 19. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 20

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20 Wednesday

Dragon's Love Taco's Night Out

Dragons are a mythical creature. After the story "Dragon's Love Taco's," learn how to make walking tacos over a campfire.

Bring a dragon toy along and tell your "Best Dragon Ever" story about it. Bring your own insect repellent and a reusable water bottle. Activities will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn Patio

5-7 PM.

All Ages are welcome.

Register with \$15 per group by 9 AM on Tuesday, August 19. Only one member from your group needs to register.

Maximum: 10

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22 Friday

Little Hands Nature Club: Cloud Chasers

Did you know that there are different types of clouds? Children will look for different shapes in the clouds in the sky and partake in activities including "A rain cloud in a jar" and "Catch the Wind" with pin wheels and windsocks. A craft using cotton balls will also be made.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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22 Friday

Archery Instruction – Adult

Aim, shoot, and score! Learn safety measures and the basics of archery from a Certified Archery Instructor while shooting arrows at targets with a compound bow. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

7 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Friday, August 22.

Maximum: 10

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23 Saturday

American Girl Tea: Kit Kittredge

Celebrate the 1934's Historical American Girl Doll, Kit Kittredge. There will be a light brunch, as you learn how to make mini hot dogs, boiled eggs, and ginger snap cookies. Find all the items on the scavenger hunt, play newspaper toss and put together a "Waste-Not, Want Not Almanac". Bring your favorite doll if you prefer.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

10-11:30 AM

Ages 7-12 with an adult. No more than two adults per child.

Register with \$15 per child by 1 PM on Friday, August 22.

Minimum: 6 /Maximum: 16

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24 Sunday

Exploration Hike

Hike and explore the south side of Litzenberg Memorial Woods. It is a great place to search for the monarch butterfly, wood frogs, damselfly, and summer-blooming wildflowers. On this section of the Southland Trail, hike along the river and the wetlands and see how different they are. The hike is approximately a mile and a half long.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

South Side Parking Lot

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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25 Monday

Ice Cube Painting

Create a painting by melting ice cubes dyed with food coloring onto watercolor paper. Wear clothing that can get stained.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

10 AM

Ages 5 and under. Other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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25 Monday

Archery Open Shoot

The Hancock Park District's archery range will be open for anyone who has previously taken an archery instructional class. A Certified Archery Instructor will supervise the open shoot. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

6 PM

Ages 9 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Monday, August 25.

Maximum: 10

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25 Monday

Lies, Myths & Legends in Nature

Can a toad really give you warts? Does the groundhog predict six more weeks of winter? Find out the answers to these questions and explore other old wives' tales and myths that are found in the animal world. Participants will be able to make a woolly bear pencil topper.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free, but register by 1 PM on Monday, August 25.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 30

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27 Wednesday

Navigating in the 1840s

Traveling for pioneers proved to be a difficult task and was sometimes dangerous. Learn how trails were navigated in the 1840s, the tools used to make journeys easier, and the dangers that were present, such as illness and wild animals. Hike the trails for an interactive simulation of what traveling was like for pioneers.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

6 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Wednesday, August 27.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15

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28 Thursday

Insect Exploration

Learn about the world of insects. Use nets to collect insects from the grass in the prairie, search for signs of insects, such as galls, and observe cool insects in the park, including butterflies, grasshoppers, and ant lions.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

10 AM

Ages 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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29 Friday

Little Hands Nature Club: Be a Builder

Try being a builder and learn about animals who are builders. Furs, mounts, and nests will be on display. Activities will include shelter building in the Nature Playscape, building blocks to make structures, and a station to try and make a bird nest.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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