

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT JULY 2024 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 Monday

Fuzzy - Wuzzy Hike

There are a lot of things in nature that are fuzzy or that start out that way and then change. Baby ducks are fuzzy and then they get feathers. Caterpillars are fuzzy sometimes and then they become butterflies. Plants can have fuzzy looking flowers because of the pollen and cattails become that way with time. We will hike and look for fuzzy things.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

10 AM

Families.

Free; registration is not required.

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

1 Monday

Summertime Sleepers

You have probably heard of hibernation, but have you heard of estivation? Estivation is when an animal sleeps the summer away.

First, learn about what estivation is and why animals do it. A book will be read regarding the subject. We will then go outside to

continue our discussion about estivation and look for estivating animals in the park. After our short hike, we will create a craft of our favorite estivating animal.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

Ages 10-12.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

2 Tuesday

Family Stroll

Early evening in the beginning of July is a great time for a leisurely walk in the park. Our path will take us along the Blanchard River and the Old Reservoir. We will keep our eyes open for Mallard Ducks, Great Blue Herons, and Bald Eagles. Our slow pace will be great for families with younger children and the paved paths will be accessible to strollers and wagons.

Riverside Park

Waterfalls Pavilion

6 PM

Families.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

3 Wednesday

Ice Cream in a Bag v

Creating food is fun and delicious, but it is also science. We will become food scientists and use chemistry to discover how ice cream is made. First, we will talk about the science of creating food and about the history of ice cream. Then we will use science to create our own ice cream in plastic bags. As we create our ice cream, we will record our observations to understand how plain ingredients turn into a tasty frozen treat.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

2 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Please register with \$5 per child by 4 PM on Monday, July 1.

Minimum: 5/Maximum: 20

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

5 Friday

Bug Hunters v

Let us explore the world of insects. First, learn what makes an animal an insect. A story will be read about the subject. We will then use insect nets and magnifying glasses to search for insects in the park, such as ladybugs, crickets, caterpillars, ants, and butterflies. As we find insects, we will take a closer look at their cool features and learn more about them.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

10 AM

Ages 4-5 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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5 Friday

Water Games

July means warm weather and hopefully sunny skies, so let us cool off with a variety of water games. Play catch and tag with our super-soaker balls or play games like Sleeping Miser, Sponge Head Relay Race, and Defend the Kiddie Pool. Go "fishing" in our kiddie pool for fish and other aquatic animals. Participants should bring a towel and an extra set of clothes.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

1-2 PM Ages 6 and under with an adult.

2:30-3:30 PM Ages 7-12 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschag@hancockparks.com

5 Friday

Nocturnal Animal Hike v

Join us for a night hike through Riverbend Recreation Area as we go searching for various nocturnal animals. The night can be full of animals you probably won't see during the day such as bats, owls, opossums, and even flying squirrels. Bring a flashlight if you wish. Red cellophane will be provided to help with our night vision. If you consider yourself a night owl, be sure to join us on this exciting night hike.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Parking Lot

9 PM

Families with children 8 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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6 Saturday

How to Make a Toad House v

Invite a toad to take up residence in your garden or yard by building it a home. Toads are important to have around because they like to eat pests, such as grubs, slugs, and insects. We will be using recycled items, including milk jugs and soda bottles to make the toad house.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

10 AM-12 PM for ages 6-9.

1-3 PM for ages 10-13.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, July 5.

Minimum: 2/Maximum 20 per time slot

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

7 Sunday

Life of the Horner: Open House v

Animal horn is a strong, lightweight, and waterproof material that is easy to work with. It is used in many products. It was the job of the Horner to create goods using horn, antlers, and bone. Visit the McKinnis House, learn about the Horner and the process of working with horn, and view some goods made from horns and antlers. Visitors will receive a handmade deer antler button. Children will also receive a deer antler tine and beads to create a pendant necklace.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockpaks.com

8 Monday

Habitat Hike

Animal homes can be found from underground to the top of the trees. Join us as we hike through Blue Rock Nature Preserve looking for as many different animal homes as we can find. We might see squirrel and bird nests, toad holes, and a variety of organisms under logs and leaves.

Blue Rock Nature Preserve

Edgar Avenue Parking Lot

6 PM

Ages 10-12 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Tuesday

Teen Fishing

Learn how to be a better fishman and practice your skills. First, we will talk about fishing gear and practice our casting. We will then learn about the different types of sportfish in Northwest Ohio like what they look like, what habitats they live in, and methods to help catch these fish. We will then try our hand at catching fish that live in Giertz Lake like bluegill, largemouth bass, and channel catfish. All skill levels are welcome. Fishing poles and bait will be provided or bring your own gear. Participants that are 16 years or older will need a valid Ohio fishing license.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Lakefront Activity Center

10-11:30 AM

Ages 13-17.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Monday, July 8.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 16

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

9 Tuesday & 10 Wednesday

Overnight Camp

Campers will pitch a tent, build a campfire, and prepare a meal. They will take a hike, play games, and watch a movie on the porch. Campfire spaghetti, hot dogs, salad, and s'mores will be served for dinner. Cereal, eggs, sausage links, and doughnuts will be served for breakfast. Campers will have an opportunity to learn about overnight camping and then put their new skills and knowledge to use. All food and snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional. Campers will receive a complete list of items to bring.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM on Tuesday, July 9 to 11 AM on Wednesday, July 10

Ages 10-13.

Register with \$50 per person by 1 PM, on Monday, July 8. To receive a free t-shirt, campers must be registered by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 2.

Minimum: 4/Maximum 15

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11 Thursday

Naturalist-Led Morning Kayak Float v

See the Blanchard River in the early morning light via a kayak and learn about plants and animals that call the river home. The float will begin and end at Zonta Landing. Paddlers will travel upstream to Bright Road and back.

Riverside Park Waterfront

Zonta Landing

7-9 AM

Ages 18 and up.

Register with \$15 by 3 PM on Wednesday, July 10.

Maximum: 8

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

11 Thursday

Planetarium: Mars Mythology

The mythological heroes and gods of Greek tales are present throughout our solar system. Many planets are named after these figures of legends, such as the planet Mars. We will talk about the attributes of the planet Mars along with the history of its namesake, the Greek god Aries. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Please ask for accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, July 11.

Maximum: 25

Maclain Teeple mteeple@hancockparks.com

12 Friday

Little Hands Nature Club: Under the Ground

There is a world full of life right under our feet. There are animals and plants burrowing and growing. Our explorations will take place at a variety of stations, including Amazing Ant Builders, Food from the Ground, Mole Mittens, and the Excavation Station. Adult companions must remain with children for this program.

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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12 Friday

Adventure Night Camp

Litzenberg Memorial Woods is very different at night. Campers will experience the mysterious world of nighttime nature. They will learn about nocturnal animals in the area, why they are nocturnal, and which ones to look for. As the sun goes down, we will take a night hike to study moths, watch bats fly out of the bat houses and listen to their calls using an echolocation detector, and view the night sky through the lens of a telescope. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle, and eat dinner before you arrive. Insect repellent is optional. Please leave your flashlights at home.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

6 PM-12 AM

Ages 10-14.

Register with \$20 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, July 11.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

13 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. Naturalist Michelle Rumschlag will be providing water color paints and paper to paint a nature scene near the Discovery Center Porch from 10-11:30 AM.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM - 4 PM

All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

14 Sunday

Bubbles in Nature: Open House

Playing with bubbles is fun. It is fun to create them, chase them, and watch the wind take them away. Learn about animals, such as fish, crabs, and insects that create bubbles for breathing, camouflage, protection, and play. Recipes will be available for making homemade bubbles.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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15 Monday

Wee Ones: Bubbles

It is everything bubbles. Our own special bubble formula will be made, and we will use bubble wands and blowers of all shapes and sizes. We will even have a big bubble pool for kids to get sudsy in. Participants should bring a towel and a change of clothes.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

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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15 Monday

Food Chains

You get your energy from food, but how does your food get energy? Join us for food chains: how the sun sends energy to plants, an example of a food chain, and why food chains are good for the environment. The program will consist of a talk and a couple of demonstrations on how food chains work such as the Crumbling Food Pyramid and solving a mystery case of where our energy comes from. We will be looking at Red Foxes, Cottontail Rabbits, insects, plants, and more.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

6 PM

Ages 6-9 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Friday

Little Hands Nature Club: Tall, Tall, Trees v

If you look up and around you, you are bound to see some trees. These amazing plants play an important role in our lives and provide food and shelter for animals. Various stations will host learning objectives, including how trees grow, their leaves, animals that live in trees, how trees help us, and tree seeds. Adult companions must remain with children for this program.

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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21 Sunday

National Moth Week: Adult Moth Hike v

National Moth Week celebrates the beauty, life cycles, and habitats of moths. First, learn what moths are and why they are important. Then we will hike the trails to look for moths and other nocturnal insects that were attracted to sugar baits. We will also

look for caterpillars using a UV flashlight, since caterpillars glow under ultraviolet light. After the hike, we will check a light trap to see what was attracted to our black lights. You can learn about moths, but you can also help us document our findings with photographs as part of the National Moth Week Citizen Science Project.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

9:30 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

24 Wednesday

National Moth Week: Daytime Moth Hike

We mostly think of moths being out only during the night. However, many moths are active during the day. Come along as we hike the south side of Litzenberg Memorial Woods in search of our active daytime moths and resting nighttime moths. We will use insect nets to try and locate and capture moths. We might also find some caterpillars and other insects. You can learn about moths, but you can also help us document our findings with photographs as part of the National Moth Week Citizen Science Project.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Southside Parking Lot

10 AM

Ages 50 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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24 Wednesday

Archery Instruction – Youth

Come out for an archery class led by a certified archery instructor. All necessary equipment and targets will be provided. You will have an opportunity to learn the basics of archery along with safety measures, while shooting arrows at several targets with a compound bow. How close to your target can you get? Sign-up and find out.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

2 PM

Ages 9-12.

Register with \$10 per child by 4 PM on Tuesday, July 23.

Maximum: 10

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

25 Thursday

Nature Detective

Be a nature detective and explore the trails with a magnifying glass. There are fun things to find above and below the ground. You might find a worm, spider, or beetle under a log.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

1 PM

Ages 4-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

26 Friday

Hidden in Plain Sight

There are many animals that are good at hiding. When an animal blends in with its environment, that is known as camouflage. Join us for this program and explore the different forms of camouflage and learn about the animals that use camouflage to hide, such as the octopus, praying mantis, chameleon, and more.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

Ages 12-14.

Free; but register by 10 AM on Friday, July 26.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 15

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26 Friday

National Moth Week: Family Moth Hike

Learn about the beauty and importance of moths. First, learn what a moth is, how they are different from butterflies, and about their life cycle and why they are important. Then we will hike the trails to look for moths and other nocturnal insects that were attracted to sugar baits. As we hike, we will also look for caterpillars using a UV flashlight, since caterpillars glow in the dark under ultraviolet light. After the hike, we will check a light trap to see what was attracted to our black lights. You can learn about moths, but you can also help us document our findings with photographs as part of the National Moth Week Citizen Science Project. Children who attend will receive moth coloring pages.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 1

9:30 PM

Families with children ages 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

27 Saturday

Richard S. "Doc" Phillips Discovery Center Open House

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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. Meet Program Specialist Tim Kleman on the Discovery Center porch at 10 AM for a moth and butterfly hunt. The hunt will involve a hike to the meadow in search of butterflies, moths, and caterpillars. Insect nets will be used to capture and study butterflies, moths, and other insects.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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27 Saturday

National Moth Week: Moth Night

As National Moth Week ends, enjoy a night of mothing, and learn how you can study moths at home. First, learn how to attract moths with lights and help set up a light trap. Then we will head out on the trails where participants can sugar bait their own tree. As we wait for it to get darker and for the moths to come out, we will talk about what moths are and why they are important.

Afterward, we will head back out on the trails to see what was attracted to our sugar baits and light trap and see if we can find any caterpillars glowing under a UV flashlight. You can learn about moths, but you can also help us document our findings with photographs as part of the National Moth Week citizen science project. Stay for a few hours or help study moths until midnight.

Children who attend will receive moth coloring pages.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

8 PM-12 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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28 Sunday

The Amazing Tree Race

Here is a fun way to spend your Sunday and test your knowledge of trees. Everyone will start out by getting some tips on how to ID the trees on the tree scavenger hunt. For example, the shagbark hickory will have shaggy bark. Once you have learned all you think

you need to know about trees, you will then hit the trails to collect the ID number from each tree on the list. After you have found them all you will head back to the shelter and collect your wood cookie prize.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Lakefront Activity Area

2-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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29 Monday

Archery Open Shoot

Have you taken one of the Hancock Park District's introductory archery courses? If so, and if you want more archery practice, then here is your chance. A certified archery instructor will supervise the archery practice session. All necessary equipment and targets will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

6 PM

Ages 9 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1PM on Monday, July 29.

Maximum: 10

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30 Tuesday

Archery Instruction Workshop – Adult

Come out for an archery class led by a certified archery instructor. All necessary equipment and targets will be provided. You will have an opportunity to learn the basics of archery along with safety measures, while shooting arrows at several targets with a compound bow. How close to your target can you get? Sign-up and find out.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

6:30 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Tuesday, July 30.

Maximum: 10

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

31 Wednesday

Butterflies vs. Moths

We all know what butterflies and moths are, but do you know all their differences and how to tell them apart? We will look at real samples of these insects and talk about their characteristics. Afterward, we will look for live samples and take pictures of them. Photos will be studied to help determine if it is a butterfly or a moth. Please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. Insect repellent and sunscreen are optional.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

Ages 10-14.

9 AM

Register with \$10 per person by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 30.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 10

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