

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT JUNE 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. CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS ARE DROP OFF PROGRAMS UNLESS ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.

1 Monday

24th Annual Peter Rabbit Tea

This year’s Peter Rabbit Tea will feature “The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle.” Listen to the story read by Beatrix Potter inside the barn. Tea and snacks will be served at the McKinnis House. Afterwards, meet Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle in the washhouse to lend a hand with the laundry, go on a scavenger hunt in the garden, and create a hedgehog craft.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

Tea times: 11 AM & 1 PM

Ages 4-8 with an adult; no other aged siblings can attend. One adult per every two children.

Register with \$4 per child by 1 PM on Friday, May 29; adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 4/ Maximum: 12 per teatime

Tim Kleman

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2 Tuesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Vulture Power!

Learn about the amazing powers of nature’s janitors. Explore the world of Ohio’s two species of vultures through hands on stations like creating a vulture kite, go on a vulture fact scavenger hunt, and search for live vultures soaring in the sky.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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4 Thursday

Plein Air Gatherings

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Waterfalls Area

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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4 Thursday

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 PM

Ages 9-15.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, June 4.

Maximum: 10

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6 Saturday

Paddle the River

Get on the water and explore the beauty of the Blanchard River on a guided kayak float. Start at Eastpoint Area and paddle upriver around Vogel song Conservation Area to the pedestrian bridge at Rt 568 and back. Along the way, search for interesting river life like turtles, ducks, and herons. New to kayaking, no problem, staff will instruct the basics of kayaking such as how to paddle and how to enter and exit the boat. All supplies will be provided.

Eastpoint Area

10 AM

Ages 12 and up.

Register with \$20 per person by 1 PM on Friday, June 5.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 10

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6 Saturday

Acrylic Pour Painting

Acrylic pour painting is fun in many ways. Blown out eggs will be used, and left-over paint will be poured over rocks. Finished samples will be on display. All supplies will be provided. Wear clothing that can get stained.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-2:30 PM

Ages 7 and up.

Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Friday, June 5.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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7 Sunday

Doughnuts for a Dragon

Dragons are fun mythical creatures. Enjoy a doughnut as the story *Doughnuts for a Dragon* is read. Walk through the time machine onto the adventure trail where the story will come to life. Encounter George, the princess, a witch, ogre, and a fierce little dragon on this amazing adventure.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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8 Monday

Wee Ones: Such A Little Mouse

Little Mouse lives deep in a hole in the ground. Each day is an adventure as he goes into the wide world. The story will be read, and an adventure hike will follow.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Mariann Dana Younger Memorial Pavilion

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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10 Wednesday

Corn Husk Dolls

A corn husk doll is made from the dried outer covering or "husk" of an ear of maize. Participants will make their own set of dolls. Take a tour of the McKinnis House while waiting for the dolls to dry. Afterwards, use fabric scraps from the McKinnis House to dress the dolls just as pioneer children would have done.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$5 per set of dolls by 1 PM on Wednesday, June 10.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 25

Michelle Rumschlag

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11 Thursday

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Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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12 Friday

Bats in the Parks

A colony of breeding, Big Brown Bats live in the bat boxes on the side of the Activity Barn. Watch the bats leave the bat boxes for the night. Search the trails for other species of bats living in the park using bat echolocation detection equipment.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

9-10:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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13 Saturday

Beetle Bonanza

Discover the amazing world of beetles. Find out what makes them different from other insects and which ones can be found around Hancock County. Look for examples of local beetles on the trails including Six-spotted Tiger Beetles, click beetles, and weevils.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Maclain Teeple

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14 Sunday

Dragons and Damsels

Hancock County is home to 79 species of Odonata, also known as dragonflies and damselflies. Search for different species found in the park like the metallic green body and black winged Ebony Jewelwing and the large and fast Midland Clubtail. Participants who are interested in helping document the species found during the program to the Ohio Dragonfly Survey should download the iNaturalist app prior to the program.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Southside Parking Lot

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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15 Monday

Mud Painting

Some of the earliest pigments used to create art were from mud, soil, and rocks. Create art using the earth by painting a fun picture using a brush and a bucket of mud, learn about the process of creating earth tone pigment paints, and try using some premade soil-based paint.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Wednesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Wiggly Worms

Worms are wonderful creatures that live underground. Children will be able to check out the inhabitants of the worm bin and learn the animal's body parts, create a habitat to take home with them, go on a worm search, and make worm art.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

10 AM

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18 Thursday

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Riverbend Recreation Area

Oxbow Bend Activity Area

Charles J. Younger Pavilion

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 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 bird watching 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. At 12 PM, join Program Specialist Mac

Teeple on a hike to look for reptiles and amphibian's native to the park.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Saturday

Navigating By the Sky

Chloe Nielson from the Millstream Astronomy Club will present a program titled *Navigating by the Sky*. The program will explain how to find location and direction using the stars or the Sun. After the program, view the night sky. The Millstream Astronomy Club will have telescopes available (club members can show you how to use them) or bring your own.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

8 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Sunday

Metamorphosis: Open House

Metamorphosis is when an animal transitions from juvenile to adult forms while changing appearance. Animals that undergo this will be on display including butterflies and frogs. Children will be able to crawl through the Metamorphosis Tunnel and change from caterpillars into butterflies. Create a lifecycle wheel of a frog using construction paper and markers. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Maclain Teeple

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22 Monday

Little Hands Nature Club: Who's Egg Is It?

Eggs come from different creatures in nature. See various kinds of eggs on display, then match the egg to who laid it. Play the egg game and search the area for hidden eggs.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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25 Thursday

Safari Animals

Let's go on a safari! Discover the various animals that would be found on a safari including elephants, lions, and zebras. Go on a local expedition through the Nature Play Area looking for wild animals including Northern Cardinals, Eastern Fox Squirrels, and Stag Beetles.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

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Bright Conservation Area

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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26 Friday

What to Like About Lichen

With fungi, people might think of mushrooms, yeast, or mold, but there is another interesting group. Learn about lichen and their importance in forest ecosystems. Hike the trails looking for species of lichen including common greenshield, star rosette, and British soldiers.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

6 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, June 26.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 20

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27 Saturday

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Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag

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28 Sunday

Green Fried Tomatoes: Open House

The vegetables in the McKinnis garden are not ripe yet. One of those is the tomato. There will be fried green tomatoes to sample and receipts to be shared.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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30 Tuesday

Archery Instruction – Adults

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.

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Maximum: 10

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