

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT NOVEMBER 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.

NOVEMBER

1 Saturday

Fairy Furniture Making

Make fairy furniture using things you find in nature. There are so many fun things to make from sticks, acorn caps, and moss to add a fun look to your garden. All supplies plus one fairy will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

4:30 PM

Ages 7 and up.

Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Friday, October 31.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 16

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3 Monday

Discovery Stories: Oaks and Acorns

Oaks are one of the most important trees in the forest. Listen to a story about a little acorn's wild adventure into becoming an oak tree. Learn about the different types of oaks and acorns, what animals use oaks for food and shelter, and how people use oak trees. Create an acorn craft and use a feather quill to draw a picture using oak ink.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 4-5 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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3 Monday

Gall Talk

Galls are a kind of swelling growth on the external tissues of plants. Learn what their purpose is, what trees and plants they are found on and what kind of insects make them. Examples will be displayed.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

7 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free, but register by 1 PM on Monday, November 3.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 30

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4 Tuesday

How Animals Survive Winter for Homeschoolers

Learn about the different ways animals prepare for and survive winter. Explore the topics of hibernation, brumation, and food storage through displays and furs. Hike the trails to see examples of animals prepping for winter such as squirrels and birds searching for food.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-2:30 PM

Ages 5-14.

Free; but register by 4 PM on Monday, November 3.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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6 Thursday

Planetarium: Charles Messier

One of the greatest minds in astronomy was Charles Messier. He helped advance the science of deep space and objects found outside of our solar system. Learn about the history of this famous astronomer along with how he was able to detect such far objects. Look at deep space objects named after Messier inside the planetarium and discover the many different types. 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 by 1 PM on Monday, November 6.
Maximum: 25
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7 Friday
Make Your Own Sock Puppet
Puppetry can be a fun hobby and a good way to start is with sock puppets. Create your own with a new tube sock and crafting materials. All supplies will be provided.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6 PM
Ages 6-10 with an adult.
Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Friday, November 7. Adults do not need to register.
Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15
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8 Saturday
Squirrel Party
Learn about squirrels through two of Beatrix Potter's stories, "The Squirrel Nutkin" and "The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes." Hike to look for squirrels and their food including acorns and walnuts. Children will make squirrels and their acorn out of paper bags and dine on hot chocolate and "nut" snacks by the fireplace.
Litzenberg Memorial Woods
McKinnis House
9:30-11:30 AM
Ages 7-10.
Register with \$3 per child by 9 AM on Friday, November 7.
Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16
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8 Saturday
Gulls and Reservoir Bird Hike
There are no "seagulls" in Ohio, but eight species of gulls are regularly seen in Hancock County, especially during the late fall and winter. Learn about gulls and how to identify this tricky group of birds. After a PowerPoint presentation, drive to the parking lot at Findlay Reservoir #1 to go on a hike in search of gulls and other waterbirds like ducks, eagles, and loons. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own. Hiking on the reservoir trail will be cold and windy. Dress appropriately for the weather.
Riverbend Recreation Area
The Meadows Activity Area
Brugeman Lodge
9 AM-12 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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8 Saturday
Oregon Trail Recipes
Life for the pioneers was hard as they traveled the Oregon Trail. The foods they ate had to keep well as they traveled, such as vegetables, bread and fruit. Recipes and samples will be shared with guests.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1 PM
Ages 8 and up.
Register with \$2 per person by 9 AM on Friday, November 7.
Minimum: 4/Maximum: 30

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9 Sunday

Cooking with Venison: Open House

Fall is the time of year when the McKinnis men are out hunting meat for the family. Sarah Fishel will be preparing a venison stew with the deer meat her husband John brought home. The stew will be shared with guests that stop by to visit.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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10 Monday

Wee Ones: Animals with Scales

Scales are important. They help some animals defend themselves. Learn about fish and reptiles with displays and hands-on stations that will have snakeskin and turtle shells. Make a paper bowl turtle and take home a lizard coloring sheet.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

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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11 Tuesday

Muskrat Adventures with Cork & Fuzz

Musk rats are short and opossums are tall. Cork likes small adventures and Fuzz likes big adventures, which always get him into trouble. Follow the tracks around the Discovery Center to see how this winter adventures ends.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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12 Wednesday

Flint: Ohio's State Gemstone

Ohio's state gemstone is a rock known as flint. Learn about flint's geology, what makes Ohio's flint special, and its importance as a tool making material for both Native Americans and European settlers. View examples of different types of Ohio flint and the park's collection of Native American arrowheads and other flint tools. Children who attend can color a coloring page and create their own arrowhead out of air-dried clay.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-8 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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15 Saturday

Pioneer Crochet

As a pioneer, it was important to tailor and make your own clothes. Learn how wool was turned into yarn and how it was used to crochet clothing. Participants will be able to try it out themselves by making a simple crochet doily. Both beginners and experts are welcome. Supplies will be provided.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1 PM

Ages 16 and up.

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16 Sunday

Omnivores: Open House

Omnivores are animals that have teeth designed for eating both plants and animals. Learn which ones can be found in the parks, including the raccoon and striped skunk, what foods they prefer and why it's beneficial to eat this way. Mounts, furs, skulls, and other body parts will be on display.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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16 Sunday

Hike Bright Conservation Area

Bright Conservation Area is the largest of the Hancock Park District's five conservation areas, which are designed to protect water quality, expand wildlife habitat, and provide natural beauty. Learn about the history of the land, the restoration of wetlands on the site, and search for interesting plants and wildlife like American mink and migrating waterfowl. The hike is approximately one mile on mowed trails. There are no supporting facilities such as restrooms or running water on this property. Please plan accordingly.

Bright Conservation Area

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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18 Tuesday

The Secret Life of the Woolly Bear Caterpillar Hike

Woolly Bear can be seen everywhere in the fall. They are one of the most popular and beloved caterpillars. Take a hike to see if they are hiding along the trails or hiding under a log.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Parking Lot by Shelter 3

1 PM

Ages 4-5 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Friday

Little Hands Nature Club: Going on a Turkey Hunt

It's time for a turkey hunt. Children will make a turkey snood headband and look at turkey feathers. A hike to look for turkeys or signs they've been there will follow.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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22 Saturday

Building Brick Engineering

If you love building bricks, then join us for our program focused on building brick engineering. Learn good building practices, make a space station as a group, and create buildings for building a brick town. Toward the end, work together to build a strong bridge and see how much weight it can hold.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1 PM

Ages 10-12 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, November 21. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 2/ Maximum: 15

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23 Sunday

First Thanksgiving Hike

The landscape of Hancock County would have been much different at the time of the first Thanksgiving. Hike the trails and imagine how different it would have been in 1621. Look for fallen leaves, animals searching for food, and possibly even a turkey.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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26 Wednesday

Tour the McKinnis House

Tour the house of Charles and Mary McKinnis and learn about life in Ohio during the 1840s. Enjoy eating homemade cookies by the fire. Children who attend can create a button spinner toy just like kids in the 1800s would have played with.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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29 Saturday

Fireside Story: If You Take a Mouse to the Movies.

Get the Christmas holidays started with the story "If You Take a Mouse to the Movies." The story will be read by the fireside, and popcorn strands will be hung on the Christmas tree.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

2 PM

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