

**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. CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS ARE DROP OFF PROGRAMS UNLESS ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.**

1 Sunday

Clay Art: Open House

Working with clay can be fun for all ages. A demonstration on how to make homemade clay will be held at 1:30 PM and then guests can have fun creating art with clay. There will be a display of items made from clay, including Remington's clay targets that were made in Findlay. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Chris Allen

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5 Thursday

Tracking for Homeschoolers

Learn about the different signs that animals leave behind, like tracks and scat, and how to read them. Go on a hike to search for signs of animals and create a plaster track to take home. This is a drop-off program.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-2:30 PM

Ages 5-14.

Free; but register by 4 PM on Wednesday, November 4.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

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6 Friday

Yarn Mandalas

Create your own yarn mandala, also known as God's Eye. Instructions will be given on how to create it. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 10 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, November 6.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 15

Mac Teeple

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7 Saturday

Dutch Oven Cooking

A Dutch oven is great for cooking meals, for example, during a camping trip. Learn about the equipment, cooking tips and tricks, and recipes while helping to prepare food with Dutch ovens.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

2-4 PM

Ages 12 and up. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Register with \$5 per person by 9 AM on Friday, November 6.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 16

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8 Sunday

Root Crops: Open House

The McKinnis family has been busy gathering and putting away items from this year's harvest. Root crops, such as potatoes, carrots, turnips, and parsnips would have to be carefully stored to last through the winter. Learn how this was done and taste the baked turnips that Mrs. Boylan has been preparing. The men will be in the workshop, tidying up and getting garden tools ready for winter storage.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag

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9 Monday

Discovery Stories: Steve The Dung Beetle: On A Roll

Dung beetles are especially important to the environment. Dung is another word for poop. Rolling dung is a hard job and what is hidden in the center is interesting. The story will be read and then children will make a painted dung beetle rock.

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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10 Tuesday

Drills & Drums

Woodpeckers are unique birds that peck into trees to get their food. Discover the seven woodpeckers that can be found in the park, see what a woodpecker's favorite food is, use touch to guess what is in the woodpecker mystery boxes, and make a woodpecker finger puppet. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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13 Friday

Volunteer Training: Project FeederWatch

Get involved by helping to count birds for Project FeederWatch. Project FeederWatch is a survey to gain a better understanding of bird populations that visit feeding stations in North America. Training will involve an overview of the counting protocol and how to identify common birds that visit the feeding station. Volunteers will have an opportunity to count birds that visit the feeders and sign up to receive information about future count dates on the Project FeederWatch schedule.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9:30 AM-12 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; but register by 4 PM on Thursday, November 12.

Maximum: 20

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15 Sunday

The Kentucky Coffeetree: A Rare Coffee Substitute

There are many substitutes for coffee including the Kentucky Coffeetree. Discover what makes this rare tree unique, find out how the beans are used to make a coffee substitute and see how they are roasted. Try a chocolate cake baked with espresso powder with freshly brewed coffee.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, November 13.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15

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17 Tuesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Beautiful Browns

Now that the bright colors of fall have faded, nature has plenty of objects that are brown. Go on a scavenger hunt with a palette of brown hues to find natural brown objects, such as oak leaves, walnuts, and tree bark.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Litzenberg Pavilion

1-2 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag

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18 Wednesday

Fur Bearing Animals

Certain mammals that are trapped for their fur are called fur bearers. Learn about the human connection to fur bearers throughout history from their importance for survival to their role in showing status. Furs will be on display and available to touch.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Friday

On the Hunt for Habitats

Animals live in all sorts of places called habitats. Learn about the variety of natural homes or environments that exist at Oakwoods Nature Preserve and then hike the trails in search of animals in their natural habitat. Dress appropriately for the weather.

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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20 Friday

Bean Mosaics

Create a fun mosaic craft using dried beans to celebrate Thanksgiving and the harvest. While making the craft, look at a variety of beans and learn about the plants that provide them and how they are used.

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Discovery Center

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required
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22 Sunday

Nut & Seed Hike

Hike the trails in search of nuts and seeds. Look for acorns, hickory nuts, and walnuts. Keep an eye out for animals that eat seeds, such as squirrels, birds, and deer.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Parking Lot by Shelter 3

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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23 Monday

Wee Ones: Turkeys

Learn about the iconic bird of Thanksgiving. Listen to a fun turkey story, get a close look at real wild turkey parts, do some hands-on activities, and create a turkey craft.

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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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23 Monday

Cookie Painting

Paint cookies to share on Thanksgiving. This is a fun and easy way to make a fancy fall dessert. Each person will have six cookies to decorate and take home. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$8 per person by 9 AM on Monday, November 23.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 20

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24 Tuesday

Full Beaver Moon Hike

Late November weather can bring brisk winds, overcast skies, and a chance for snow. Bundle up and brave the elements to look for the full moon and listen for great horned owls.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Oxbow Bend Activity Area

Parking Lot by Veterans Pavilion

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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25 Wednesday

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 will be available to answer questions. At 9:30 AM, staff will be feeding the program animals. Watch the animals eat and learn about their species.

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Discovery Center

9 AM-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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