

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT OCTOBER 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.

SELF-GUIDED FALL FLOAT TRIPS

Self-guided fall float trips on the Blanchard River Water Trail are available on select Saturdays and Sundays from mid-October to early November. Float trips begin and end at Zonta Landing at Riverside Park Waterfront. Canoeists and kayakers can enjoy early autumn along the Blanchard River as they paddle upstream past the Country Club's golf course, Eastpoint Area, and Vogel song Conservation Area to the State Route 568/Sandusky Street Bridge and back. The trip takes approximately 2 hours.

When:	Saturdays: October 19, & 26 and November 2; Sundays: October 20 & 27 and November 3 starting at 1:00 PM. Trips will be cancelled in the event of flooding, rain, thunder and lightning, and strong wind.
Where:	Meet at Zonta Landing at Riverside Park Waterfront.
Who:	Adults and youth who are 16 or 17 years old (youth under the age of 16 are welcome to participate but must be accompanied by an adult).
Prerequisite:	Participants must have the ability to swim.
Watercraft:	Watercraft availability includes tandem canoes and solo kayaks. Specify watercraft preference when registering. The weight limit for a solo kayak is 275 pounds.
Enrollment:	Maximum: 12 (maximum of two participants per canoe).
Registration:	Register online at www.hancockparks.com by 1 PM on the Friday prior to the trip.
Fee:	\$10.00 per person with a signed Assumption of Risk/Liability Release/Waiver of all Claims form and/or a Parental Consent form if applicable. Forms will be available at Zonta Landing prior to the trip.
Supplies:	Wear shoes that can get wet. Dress and plan accordingly for the weather. Alcohol is not permitted. Canoes, kayaks, personal floatation devices, and paddles will be provided.

1 Tuesday

Finger Painting

Create your own painting by using your fingers as a paintbrush. We will use tempera paint to paint a tree with fall leaves, animals, or anything else that comes from your imagination. As you wait for your painting to dry, look at displays and animals inside the Discovery Center. Please wear clothes that can get stained.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 4-5 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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2 Wednesday

Nature's Janitors

A janitor is essentially a caretaker of a building. It is an important job. Duties include making minor repairs, cleaning, and removing garbage. Nature also employs janitors in the form of scavengers and decomposers, such as turkey vultures, opossums, and fungi. Join us as we explore nature's janitors. We will talk about the important tasks of removing dead organisms or breaking down dead organisms in an ecosystem.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

Ages 10-12 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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3 Thursday

Sunset Silhouette Painting

Sunsets sometime provide the most beautiful arrangement of colors in the evening sky. We will capture those colors with watercolor paints and add our own dark landscape. Participants will get to create two sunset scenes with black construction paper to show a back lit scene. One will be a Halloween themed picture with Jack O' Lanterns and a spindly old tree and one picture will be of your own creation. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-7:30 PM

Ages 10 to 14.

Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, October 3.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 10

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4 Friday

Fall Nature Hike

Fall is a great time to get out and enjoy the park's fall colors and observe animals as they prepare for winter. Perhaps we will see nests built by squirrels and woolly bear caterpillars in search of a place to hibernate.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Lakefront Activity Area

1 PM

Adults.

Free; registration is not required.

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5 Saturday

Everything Pumpkin

There are a lot of things that can be made from pumpkins. We will make pumpkin cookies on the old wood stove. While the cookies are baking, we will make a fall pumpkin table decoration. Guests will receive several recipes made with pumpkin, including pumpkin soup, roasted seeds, and cookies. You can bring your own ideas to share.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods.

McKinnis House

1 PM

Adults.

Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Friday October 4.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 12

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7 Monday

Pioneer Tyke Hikes

Tour the 1847 McKinnis homestead to discover some of the jobs pioneers had during the fall and learn what it was like to live as a pioneer. The tour will include hands-on activities, such as grinding corn, pressing apples, and churning butter. After each stop, you will be rewarded for your hard work with a taste of the past.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

10 AM & 1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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9 Wednesday

Birds of the Night Sky

Of the 88 modern constellations, nine of them represent birds. Some of the birds can be seen in our night sky, while others are only seen in the southern hemisphere. In our indoor portable planetarium, we will look at and talk about the nine bird constellations. We will talk about their major stars, look at the deep space objects they contain, and talk about their mythology. Afterward, we will look at other objects that can be found in the autumn sky. 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 Wednesday, October 9.

Maximum: 25

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12 Saturday

Road Trip: Animal Migration

Buckle up, we are headed on a road trip! Join us and learn about animal migration. We will talk about what migration is, why animals travel long distances, and the different ways animals get to new destinations. There will be pictures of animals that migrate, including Canada geese, monarch butterflies, and even humpback whales.

Oakwoods Nature Reserve

Discovery Center

1 PM

Families with children ages 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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15 Tuesday

Leaf Rubbings

Create art by using crayons to transfer the outline of a leaf onto paper. We will talk about leaves and why they fall from the trees this time of year, go on a short hike to look at different colors of leaves, talk about different types of trees, and collect some leaves for our project, and then we will return to the Discovery Center to create our own art with leaf rubbings.

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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17 Thursday

Fungus Exploration Hike

In nature, there are many kinds of fungus. As we hike the Loop Trail, which is 1.2 miles, we will look for different kinds of fall fungus, such as shelf fungus and artist fungus.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

1 PM

Adults.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Thursday

Yarn Pumpkins

Decorate for Halloween and the fall season by creating your own pumpkin made of yarn and glue. We will work together to create our pumpkins. As we wait for the glue to dry, we will talk about pumpkins and then a story will be read about what happens to a pumpkin after Halloween is over. Afterward, look at the animals and displays inside the Discovery Center and color a Halloween coloring page.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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18 Friday

Blights and Cankers: Tree Diseases

Just like humans, trees can get sick. Join us and learn about different kinds of tree diseases, what causes them, and the various physical ailments that can show up in trees. We will look at historic cases of severe tree disease, such as the chestnut blight that ravaged trees across the United States.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Saturday

Autumnfest at Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Join in a celebration of Northwest Ohio history! The 1847 McKinnis House and workshop will be open with costumed interpreters. Ongoing demonstrations by a tinsmith and blacksmith and don't forget to stop by the paddock area to check out the live farm animals. Music by Bob Ford and refreshments will be in the Activity Barn. A children's craft area and other on the spot demonstrations will take place. Plein Air Paint-out artists will be drawing, sketching and painting the scenes of Litzenberg during the event. Art to be shown in the Activity Barn.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

1-5 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Monday

Wee Ones: The Turnip

A fun story will be read about the exceptionally large turnip and the trouble the animals had when harvesting it. It is fall and time to harvest our vegetables and fruits. We will have vegetables on the sensory table to see, touch, and smell. There will also be a veggie craft to go along with the story.

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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23 Wednesday

Fall Color Block Hike

The autumn foliage will be in full swing at this point, so let's celebrate it by dressing in color blocks of fall color. Your challenge is to wear one item in the solid colors of fall, including red, orange, yellow and brown. We'll then hike the trails to see if we can find animals like Eastern Fox Squirrels and Downy Woodpeckers, as they and other animals use the fall season to get ready for winter.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Oxbow Bend Activity Area

Parking Lot

6 PM

Families with children ages 4 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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24 Thursday

Giants of the Animal World

In the animal world, past and present, there are giants. Join us as we talk about huge animals that are stomping, flying, and swimming, such as elephants and blue whales. We will also look at giant animals from the past, such as mammoths and dinosaurs.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 4-5 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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25 Friday

Witches Night Out

Bring the family out, learn how to make campfire stew, and hear the Witches Halloween story, Frog on a Spoon. There will be a campfire to enjoy while listening to the story and having a bowl of stew. The best dressed witch will win a new handcrafted broom. Afterward, stick around for the Howl at the Moon Night Hike that will follow this event. Please bring your own reusable water bottle. The activities will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn Patio

5-6:30 PM

Families.

Register with \$10 per family by 1 PM Thursday, October 24. Only one member of the family needs to register.

Maximum: 10 families

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25 Friday

Howl at the Moon Night Hike

Following the Witches Night Out program, we will talk about wolves, coyotes, and dogs and why they howl at the moon, and we will look at the skulls and furs of Ohio native canine species. Afterward, we will hike the trails in search of nocturnal creatures, like bats and owls, howl at the moon, and use a coyote call to see if we can get coyotes to join us in our howling.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

6:30 PM

Families with children ages 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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26 Saturday

Fall Photography Hike √

Join other photographers for the Fall Photography Hike. The photographs will focus on historical farm buildings, autumn leaves, animals getting ready for winter, and other fall subjects. All skill levels and camera types are welcome.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

9-11 AM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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26 Saturday

Atlatl Throwing

Try your hand at one of the oldest hunting tools in the world, a spear thrower known as an atlatl. Atlatls have been the primary hunting tool of prehistoric people for thousands of years, and in some cultures, they are still being used today. Each participant will use an atlatl to throw long spear-like darts into our archery targets. As we use the atlatl, we will talk about the history of this ancient tool, how they were created, and how to use them safely.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

1 PM

Ages 12-17.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, October 25.

Maximum: 10

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27 Sunday

Animals of Halloween: Open House

During the season of Halloween, many animals represent this spooky holiday. Learn more about cats, toads, crows, rats, wolves, bats, and spiders and why they are associated with Halloween. Children will be able to make a toilet paper roll bat and a black cat paper craft.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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28 Monday

Halloween Shadow Puppet Show: Vampires in Nature ✓

You have probably heard about vampires in stories and movies, but did you know there are real vampires in nature? Come to our spooky shadow puppet show to learn about the folklore of vampires and the real animals in nature that feed on blood.

After the show, look at pictures and displays of real nature vampires. Kids can create their own Halloween shadow puppets, tell their own stories on the shadow puppet stage, and complete a fun vampire craft.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Families with children 3 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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