

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 18, & 25 and November 1; Sundays: October 19 & 26 and November 2 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 Wednesday

Spider Web & Stick Wreath

Gather sticks and other natural materials to make a spider-themed wreath. Materials will be glued to a wooden base and can be adorned with plastic spiders, fake spider web and other themed decorations. All supplies will be provided. Hot drinks will also be served.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$5 per wreath by 9 AM on Wednesday, October 1.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 12

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2 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

6:30 PM

Ages 9-15.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, October 2.

Maximum: 10

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3 Friday

Nature that's Gross

Eew! Sometimes nature can be gross. Discover animals from around the world that make messes, look strange, and have out of this world behaviors. Make slime out of borax, glue, and water. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 6-12 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, October 3. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 15

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4 Saturday

Hike the Deer Haven Trail

Explore the newly opened Deer Haven Trail, named for the abundance of deer found in the area. This 0.75-mile trail in the southwest corner of the nature preserve loops around a section of former farmland that has been left untouched for nature to reclaim since the park's opening in 1985. View the area's unique features and search for plants and animals that live there. To access the trail, participants must cross Aurand Run by walking on steppingstones in the water. Wear closed-toed shoes and clothing that can get wet.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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4 Saturday

All About Apples

Many types of apples are harvested during the fall months. There will be a display of apples, recipes, and a demonstration on how to dry and preserve them in the old-fashioned way. Sample dried apple rings afterwards.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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6 Monday

Pioneer Tyke Hikes

Tour the 1847 McKinnis homestead to discover what it was like to live as a pioneer and some of the jobs they had during the fall. The tour will include hands-on activities, such as grinding corn, pressing apples, and churning butter. After each stop, be rewarded with a small 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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6 Monday

Full Hunter's Moon Hike

There could be coolness in the air of a mid-fall evening to walk through the woods in search of the full moon. Listen to hear the hooting of Oakwoods' resident Great-Horned Owls and the chirping of tree and field crickets.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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8 Wednesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Stuck on Seeds

Seeds are plentiful in nature this time of year. Children will get to do the following involving seeds: use old socks to collect them, make a nature scene with paper and glue, play a toss game, try their hand at matching them up, and see what animals eat them.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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11 Saturday

Archery Open Shoot

Have you participated in one of the Hancock Park District's archery instructional programs and want more practice? A certified archery instructor will supervise an archery open shoot. Archery equipment will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

1 PM

Ages 9 and up.

Register with \$10 per person by 1 PM on Friday, October 10.

Maximum: 10

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17 Friday

Signs of Fall Hike

The woods are full of fall foliage. Walk around Goose Lake and see what might be taking a rest on the lake during this time of migration. Bring along your camera to capture the fall colors.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Picnic Shelter

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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18 Saturday

Autumnfest at Litzenberg

Join in a celebration of Northwest Ohio history! The 1847 McKinnis House and workshop will be open with costumed interpreters and horse-drawn hayrides will be taking place around the prairie. 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 The Dulcimer Gathering 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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20 Monday

Wee Ones: Pumpkin Play

It's everything pumpkins. After a short story about pumpkins, children will be able to do pumpkin bowling, pumpkin tossing, check out a dissected one, and a make your own jack o' lantern face. Participants can also make a construction paper pumpkin to take home.

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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22 Wednesday

Pinecone Bats

As Halloween approaches, it's fun to explore animals related to the season. Learn about bats and construct a bat out of a pinecone. This craft involves gluing and cutting out parts for the bat. All supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 5-8 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Wednesday, October 22. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 15

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23 Thursday

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Hike the Lady Bug Loop Trail in search of fall related objects in a scavenger hunt like a red leaf, a squirrel, and an acorn. While on the trail collect a few cool leaves to be used in a leaf rubbing craft.

Blue Rock Nature Preserve

Edgar Avenue parking lot

10 AM

Ages 3-5 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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23 Thursday

Twilight Time

Twilight is the period between sunset and dark. How will your eyes adapt to the incoming darkness? Try your hand at simple activities like lawn darts and playing catch with beachballs during different times of the evening. Learn how local wildlife like White-tail Deer and Eastern Cottontail also adapt to darkness.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Shelter

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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24 Friday

Monster Mash Cookout

Enjoy a Monster-themed evening with the family in the park. There will be a stew to share, toss the bones games, best dressed monster contest and storytelling. Winners will receive a monster cookie. Please bring your own bug spray, drinks, or a reusable water bottle. The activities will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn & Patio Campfire Ring

5-7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$20 per group by 1 PM on Thursday, October 23. Only one member of each group needs to register.

Minimum: 2 /Maximum: 10

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25 Saturday

Autumn Night Hike

Explore the trails on a guided night hike. View the park in the moonlight and search for nocturnal wildlife like raccoons, opossums, and owls.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Parking Lot by Shelter 3

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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26 Sunday

Cryptozoology: Open House

Mysteries in the natural world are intriguing to study. Cryptozoology is a subculture that searches for unknown, extinct, or legendary animals known as cryptids. Learn about the cryptids of Ohio and others around the world along with the possible origins of these myths. Visitors can make a sasquatch face out of cut construction paper and glue.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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27 Monday

Broom Making Workshop

Learn about the history, tools, and techniques used to create a functional broom. Each participant will create their own turkey wing whisk broom from broom corn and receive a bag of broom corn seed to grow at home. All supplies will be provided.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

6 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Register with \$30 per person by 4 PM on Wednesday, October 22.

Minimum:3 /Maximum: 8

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29 Wednesday

Leaf Piles

Get your jumping legs ready because it's time to play in the leaf piles. Take a closer look at the colorful fall leaves. Children will then be able to play in, jump in, and throw around the leaves. Wear clothes that can get stained.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Parking lot by Shelter 3

1 PM

Ages 3 and under with an adult. Other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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29 Wednesday

Owls are a Hoot

Flying silently in the night, owls are unique birds with interesting features. Discover what makes owls special with informational displays and mounts. Observe the dissection of an owl pellet, an object that is regurgitated from the bird containing traces of the animals it ate.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

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Free; registration is not required.

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