

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

1 Thursday

Plein Air Gatherings

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Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

2-4 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

2 Friday

Print Making Safari

Create stamps to capture the unique textures of nature with modeling clay. Make prints of leaves, bark, rocks, acorns, and other natural objects. Supplies and a small sketchbook will be provided or bring your own sketchbook to collect prints in.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Litzenberg Pavilion

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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3 Saturday

Native Tree Hike

Native trees are an important aspect of a forest ecosystem. Discover how they are beneficial and interact with other organisms around them. The focus will be on black walnut, honey locust, and sugar maple.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Maclain Teeple mteeple@hancockparks.com

4 Sunday

Paddle the River

Get on the water and explore the beauty of the Blanchard River during a guided kayak trip. Start at Eastpoint Area and paddle upriver to Vogelsong Conservation Area and the pedestrian bridge at State Route 568 and back. Along the way, look for turtles, ducks, geese, herons, eagles, deer, and other wildlife. For those who are new to kayaking, staff will teach the basics, such as how to paddle and how to enter and exit the boat.

Kayaks, paddles, and personal floatation devices will be provided.

Eastpoint Area

1-3 PM

Ages 12 and up.

Register with \$20 per person by 1 PM on Friday, October 2.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 10
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5 Monday

Pioneer Tyke Hikes

Visit the 1847 McKinnis homestead, discover the jobs pioneers had, and learn what it was like to live as a pioneer. The tour will include hands-on activities, such as grinding corn, pressing apples, churning butter, and looking in the garden to see if anything is ready to be harvested. After each stop, enjoy a small taste of the past.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

10 AM & 1 PM

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Waterfalls Area

2-4 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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11 Sunday

Fall Grapevine Wreath Workshop

Decorate your front door with a little help from nature. Make a grapevine wreath with vines. Fall-themed decorations will be available.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

2-3:30 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Register with \$8 per wreath by 1 PM on Friday, October 9.

Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 16

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

13 Tuesday

Little Hands Nature Club: Bonkers for Bats

Children will visit stations and compare themselves to bats. Stations include Number of Fingers, What's my Wingspan, and On the Menu. Bat skulls and mounts will be available for viewing.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1-2 PM

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Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

2-4 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Saturday

Autumnfest at Litzenberg

Join in a celebration of Northwest Ohio history. The 1847 McKinnis House and workshop will be open with costumed interpreters. There will be horse-drawn hayrides around the prairie and demonstrations by a tinsmith and blacksmith, and by civil war re-enactors. Stop by the paddock to see live farm animals. Music by The Golden Griffon Stringtet and refreshments will be in the Activity Barn. There will be a children’s craft area. Plein air paint-out artists will be drawing, sketching, and painting scenes of Litzenberg Memorial Woods. Artwork will be on display in the Activity Barn.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

1-5 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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17 Saturday

Women in Astronomy

Kathryn Rider from the Millstream Astronomy Club will present a program titled *Women in Astronomy*. 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

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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18 Sunday

Leave No Trace Hike

The woods are full of fall foliage to enjoy while leaving no trace. Picking up litter around Goose Lake will help make the environment clean and safe. Bring gloves; trash bags and trash pickers will be provided.

Aerland Recreation Area

Shelter

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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19 Monday

Wee Ones: Creepy Crawlies

Some animals crawl, slither, and wriggle on the ground. Discover these creepy crawlies and how they move their bodies. Look for them on the trail, including earthworms, millipedes, and isopods commonly known as roly polies.

Oakwood 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 Tuesday

Bugs as Food

Insects are an important food source for animals and some humans. Discover what would happen if insects left an ecosystem, identify which bird beak is best for eating insects, and learn about various animals that consume insects, including little brown bats, shrews, and anteaters. Afterward, try a dry roasted cricket.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, October 20.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 20

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21 Wednesday

Bat Crafts

Make a variety of bat-themed decorations for Halloween, including a hanging bat made out of a toilet paper roll, a flying bat by the moon, bat magnets, and a paper chain.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$5 per set of crafts by 1 PM on Wednesday, October 21.

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22 Thursday

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Eastpoint Area

2-4 PM

Ages 16 and up.

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22 Thursday

Planetarium: Fall Constellations

Listen to a story about fall constellations, including the brave Perseus, the dreaded sea monster Cetus, and Andromeda, the princess who needs saving. Look for other celestial bodies, including the first quarter moon and Saturn. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30-7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, October 22.

Maximum: 25

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23 Friday

Leaf Animals

Use fallen leaves to create an animal. Learn why fallen leaves are important in nature and how animals depend on them. While waiting for artwork to dry, look at animals and displays inside the Discovery Center.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 4 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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23 Friday

Mummies Night Out

It is almost Halloween and the mummies want to celebrate. Roast a mummy dog, have a blueberry mummy muffin, and choose a treat from the charcuterie board. Play pumpkin golf and mummy tic-tac-toe and toss the Halloween bat.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

5:30-7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Thursday, October 22.

Minimum: 5/Maximum: 20

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24 Saturday

Art in the Park: Nature Journaling

Nature journaling is the art of using pictures and words to record observations. Nature journaling will be discussed, examples of nature journal pages will be shown, and a journal prompt will be chosen to help create a nature journal page. After nature journaling, meet back at the Discovery Center to share your nature journal pages and experiences in the park. All skill levels are welcome. Sketchbooks and supplies will be provided or bring your own.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1-3 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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25 Sunday

Trickster Animals: Open House

Halloween is a time for tricks and treats, but in nature and stories there are animals who love to play tricks on others. Learn about the trickster animals in folklore like Coyote and Raven, and tricksters in nature like Virginia Opossum who plays dead and the Concealer Caterpillar who pretends to be a flower. Create an animal mask to wear when playing tricks.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1-4 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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26 Monday
Nature Play Area Story Time: Wakem Up All Night
Going to sleep and waking up can be hard when there is a rooster around. After the story, visit the Nature Play Area, count sheep and other animals, and try yoga poses just for fun.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Nature Play Area
1 PM
Ages 4-5 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.
Free; registration is not required.
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29 Thursday
Crumpled Leaf Art
Create a fun piece of art by crushing fallen leaves. While waiting for the artwork to dry, look at animals and displays inside the Discovery Center.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
10 AM
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Riverbend Recreation Area
Big Oaks Activity Area
Parking Lot by Shelter 3
2-4 PM
Ages 16 and up.
Free; registration is not required.
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29 Thursday
Nature Trivia Night: Halloween in Nature
Test your knowledge and learn something new in a night of nature-themed trivia. Questions will be based on Halloween folklore and spooky animals. Form a team with family and friends or go solo. Light refreshments will be provided.
Riverbend Recreation Area
The Meadows Activity Area
Brugeman Lodge
6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required

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