HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT

JANUARY PROGRAMS – To register, visit www.hancockparks.com or stop by our office at 1424 E. Main Cross Street, Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM. For questions, call 419-425-7275. Please note that children's programs are drop-off programs unless adult participation is specifically required.

JANUARY

2 Saturday
Lantern Hike
Meet in front of the McKinnis House to learn about the history of lighting and traveling at night. Afterward, light the lanterns and hike the trails to experience what it was like to travel at night during the 1800s. Each group will use one candle lite lantern during the hike.
Litzenberg Memorial Woods
McKinnis House
7-8:30 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, December 31. Only one member of the group needs to register.
Minimum: 2/Maximum: 15
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3 Sunday
How to Play Chinese Checkers
Chinese checkers is an entertaining marble game for the whole family. The history and different types of boards will be on display. Have fun playing a game and exploring the Discovery Center.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1-4 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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4 Monday
Discovery Stories: Tardigrades and Friends
The world is filled with microscopic animals, which are so small they can only be seen with a microscope. Learn about the tardigrade, or water bear, and mites, daphnia, and rotifers that also live in the microscopic world. Listen to a tardigrade story, look at animals under a microscope, and create a tardigrade puppet.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
10-11 AM
Ages 4-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.
Free; registration is not required.
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4 Monday
Ohio Canines
Learn about members of the dog family that can be found in Ohio today and those that existed in the past. Look at skulls, tracks, and scat, and touch furs from native canine species.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6-7 PM
All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.
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7 Thursday
Planetarium: How Long Would It Take?
The distances between the planets in our solar system are astronomical! Discover how long it would take to get to each of the planets, the sun, and deep space objects. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6-7 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, January 7.
Maximum: 25
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9 Saturday
Fuse Bead Animals
Make an animal design out of fuse beads and use an iron to fuse the beads together. All supplies will be provided.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1-2 PM
Ages 10 and up.
Register with $5 per person by 1 PM on Friday, January 8.
Minimum: 3/Maximum: 15
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10 Sunday
Under the Snow: Open House
Under a blanket of snow, there is a world unseen. Discover the animals that live under the snow, such as mice and lemmings, how they navigate cold conditions, and the predators that search through the snow, including foxes and snowy owls. Make an igloo out of paper, glue, and cotton balls. All supplies will be provided.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1-4 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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10 Sunday
Hike to the Old Oak
Riverbend Recreation Area is home to many large trees, including a dead bur oak standing on the edge of the Blanchard River. Hike along the river to see the bur oak's majestic sprawling branches from afar, learn about bur oaks and their importance to the forest, and find out how old the tree was when it died. Dress appropriately for the weather, including layered clothing, hats, and gloves.
Riverbend Recreation Area
Oxbow Bend Activity Area
Parking Lot by Veterans Pavilion
2-3:15 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.

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11 Monday
Wee Ones: The Bakery Dragon
There is nothing a dragon loves more than gold. The story, *Bakery Dragon,* will be read followed by a scavenger hunt to find Ember's gold.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
10-11 AM
Ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.
Free; registration is not required.
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12 Tuesday
Little Hands Nature Club: Snow Magic
The beauty of snow makes the winter season magical. Make paper snowflakes, crush ice for snow cones, and play a snow crystal memory game and a snowball toss game. If there is no snow outside, fake snow will be made inside.
Riverbend Recreation Area
Big Oaks Activity Area
Shelter 3
10-11 AM
Ages 3-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.
Free; registration is not required.
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15 Friday
Zoonosis
Discover the world of zoonotic diseases, which are illnesses spread from animals to humans. A PowerPoint presentation will explain what a vector is and identify various zoonotic diseases and the animals that can transmit those diseases, such as West Nile virus by mosquitoes and Lyme Disease by ticks.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6-7 PM
Ages 16 and up.
Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, January 15.
Minimum: 3/Maximum: 25
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16 Saturday
Owl Prowl
Winter is the best time to search for owls. Learn about the different species of owls that can be found in Ohio and go on a night hike to listen for owls, such as the eastern screech owl and great horned owl. Dress appropriately for the weather, including layered clothing, hats, and gloves.
Riverbend Recreation Area
Big Oaks Activity Area
Shelter 3
7-8:30 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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21 Thursday

Nature Trivia Night: Dinosaurs and Fossils
Test your knowledge and learn something new on a night of nature-themed trivia. Questions will be based on dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures from science and pop culture. Form a team with family and friends or go solo. Light refreshments will be provided.
Riverbend Recreation Area
The Meadows Activity Area
Brugeman Lodge
6:30-7:30 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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24 Sunday
Wood for the Fire: Open House
The men will be cutting firewood for the winter. Learn about the types of wood being used and the tools needed to process the wood into logs. Get warm by the fire and enjoy some light refreshments.
Litzenberg Memorial Woods
McKinnis House
1-4 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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25 Monday
Indoor Play
Stay out of the cold and have fun inside the Discovery Center. Various play stations will be set up, including puzzles, building blocks, coloring, and sensory displays.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
10-11 AM
Ages 3 and under with an adult companion. Other aged siblings are welcome to attend.
Free; registration is not required.
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26 Tuesday
Valentine-Themed Toilet Paper Roll Fairy House
Create a Valentine-themed fairy village for your bookshelf, nightstand, or countertop. Fairy houses will be made with toilet paper rolls; they will have a door, windows, and a chimney. Craft and nature supplies, such as scrapbook and tissue paper, foam cut outs, sticks, and markers will be supplied. Battery tea lights will also be provided. Hot glue guns will be used to construct the fairy houses.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6-7:30 PM
All ages are welcome.
Register with $5 per person by 1 PM on Tuesday, January 26. Each participant will get to make 3 houses.
Minimum: 3/ Maximum: 20
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28 Thursday
Winter Residents: Birds
Many birds from Northwest Ohio fly south for the winter because their food source is not available. There are some birds that stay here in the winter, including the dark-eyed junco and white-throated sparrow. Learn

about these birds, where they go during other times of the year, and how you can attract them to your backyard. During the program, get warm by the fire and have some hot chocolate.
Riverbend Recreation Area
Big Oaks Activity Area
Mariann Dana Younger Memorial Pavilion
6:30-7:30 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, January 28.
Minimum: 4/Maximum: 40
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