

## JULY - Hancock Park District – NRPA'S Park And Recreation Month Programs

2 Thursday\*

Walk the Blanchard River Greenway Trail

Explore the Blanchard River Greenway Trail, which used to be a railroad corridor but is now a walking path. Enjoy a leisure walk down the trail and see possible wildlife on the river, such as Painted Turtles, Mallards, and Great Blue Herons. Meet at Riverside Waterfalls Pavillion parking lot.

Centennial Park

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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5 Sunday\*

Explore Vogelsong Conservation Area

Vogelsong Conservation Area, which was created to protect water quality, expand wildlife habitat, and provide natural beauty, can be reached by hiking the Blanchard River Greenway Trail from Eastpoint Area. Exploration will involve hiking around the small prairie and along the edge of the riparian forest, looking at the Blanchard River from the pedestrian bridge, and searching for interesting plants and animals. During the hike, the history of the land will be shared. The total hiking distance is approximately 2.5 miles on a variety of trail surfaces, including asphalt, boardwalk, and grass.

Eastpoint Area

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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7 Tuesday\*

Aeraland Exploration

Explore Aeraland Recreation Area, which is a rural county park in a quiet country setting. Hike the Highline Trail with scenic views of the South Branch Portage River, and the Upland Trail that traverses a 13-acre meadow. Check out Goose Lake and look at fungi, trees, wildflowers, birds and other animals, and visit the bat condominium.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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8 Wednesday\*

Floats & Flickers

The Hancock Park District Administrative Office Building sits nicely on the bank of the Blanchard River along with trees and a variety of wildlife, including the Northern Flicker. Information about this common woodpecker will be shared. Bring a chair and enjoy a root beer float. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own.

HPD Administrative Office

Garage

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Register with \$3 per person by 1 PM on Wednesday, July 8.

Minimum:6 /Maximum: 30

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10 Friday\*

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. All skill levels are welcome. Sketchbooks and supplies will be provided or bring your own.

Blanchard River Nature Preserve

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, July 10.

Maximum: 16

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11 Saturday\*

Hike to the Great Karg Well

Celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Great Karg Well which was the world's largest natural gas well that helped Findlay become a thriving city. Hike along the Blanchard River Greenway Trail, search for wildlife, and look at the monument at the Great Karg Well Historical Site. The hike is approximately half mile long round trip on paved trails. Some road walking is required.

Rawson Park

Cooper Field Parking Lot (east of Broad Avenue)

9 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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12 Sunday\*

Summer Pack and Play at River Landings

This small 10-acre park is a wonderful place to pack a summer snack, play in the playground, and listen to the birds. Take a walk along the Blanchard River Greenway Trail and look for wildlife, such as dragonflies, butterflies, and ducks. There will be children's tunnels and tents to play in and bubbles to blow.

River Landings

Playground

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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15 Wednesday\*

Flow with the Blanchard

Learn the history of the Blanchard River and how it flows through Findlay. Walk along the river and find out which direction it flows, learn how human implementations are used to control the river such as dams and benching, and see possible animals that call the river their home including Eastern Spiny Softshell Turtles, Common Carp, and Mallards. Park and meet at Riverside Park Waterfalls Pavilion and walk over to Waterfalls Area.

Waterfalls Area

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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18 Saturday\*

Mammals of the River

Learn about the life history of the River Otter, Beaver, and Muskrat and how they use the Blanchard River. Get a close look at skulls, fur, and tracks. Check out the river to see if any of these fur-bearing swimmers are paddling by. Bring a chair to sit on.

Blanchard Landing

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.  
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19 Sunday\*

Let's Get Nocturnal: Open House

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an owl, bat, or any other animal that comes out at night? Find out information on nighttime creatures, including Racoons and Virginia Opossums. Make a planisphere chart and learn about animal eye shine and other nocturnal adaptations. July night sky maps will be available to take home.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve  
Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Monday\*

Tree Story Walk

Take a temporary story walk in the park to identify animals that live in a tree. The story walk will go from Riverbend Recreation Area to Lehman Conservation Area. It will feature the book *This is the Tree We Planted*. Afterward, return to Shelter 7 at Riverbend Recreation Area to look at items from animals in the story like feathers and skulls.

Riverbend Recreation Area  
The Meadows Activity Area

Shelter 7

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Tuesday\*

Gyotaku

Gyotaku is the traditional art of Japanese fish printing. Participants will create their own prints using realistic rubber fish of native fish species. While waiting for the prints to dry, enjoy spending time along the river or taking a short hike along the Blanchard River Greenway Trail.

Eastpoint Area

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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22 Wednesday\*

Pollinators in the Park

Pollinators are amazing and beneficial to the natural environment. Hike from the Activity Barn to Indian Green Cemetery, explore the south side of Litzenberg Memorial Woods, and search for pollinators, such as Honeybees, Monarch Butterflies, and Sweat Bees.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods  
Activity Barn

6 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Wednesday, July 22.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 20

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25 Saturday\*

Blue Rock & Clay

In the early 1900s, Remington Arms Company used the heavy, blueish clay mined from the property for their Blue Rock brand clay sportsmen's targets. Stop by the display table to see items made from clay and have fun playing with clay.

Blue Rock Nature Preserve

Trailhead at the Edgar Avenue Parking Lot

10-11:30 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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26 Sunday\*

Candle Making: Open House

Before electricity, people in the 19<sup>th</sup> century would light their homes using candles and lanterns. Learn about the job of the chandler and the process of making candles. Participants who attend can create their own small dip candle.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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30 Thursday\*

Flowers at Bright Conservation Area

Bright Conservation Area was created to protect water quality, expand wildlife habitat, and provide natural beauty. Habitat is characterized as native wetland communities, including scrub-shrub, wet meadow, emergent herbaceous, and open water that support a variety of wildlife. Among the wildlife to be found in the wetlands and fields are wildflowers, such as Purple Coneflowers, Blue Asters, and Cardinal Flowers, and pollinators, such as Honeybees, Swallowtail Butterflies, and Monarch Butterflies. Experience a special place.

Bright Conservation Area

Circle Drive Parking Area

1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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31 Friday\*

Water Reflection Art

Make a work of art that looks like light reflecting off the surface of water. Use markers to color the water and masking fluid to leave white spaces for the reflections. All supplies will be provided.

Liberty Landing

6 PM

Ages 10 and up.

Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Friday, July 31.

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