

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2023 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.

4 Saturday

Movie Night in the Park: Alice in Wonderland

Join us for a fun night out to enjoy some popcorn and a movie. Bring the family out and enjoy a look around the Discovery Center before the movie starts.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30-8:30 PM

Families.

Free; but register each person in your party by 1 PM on Friday, November 3.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 30

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5 Sunday

Native Americans: Open House

November is Native American Heritage Month. Come and learn about the history of Native Americans here in Ohio. First, learn about the prehistoric people of Ohio from the Paleo-Indians to the Hopewell and Fort Ancient people. Learn what archeology has discovered about their lives and view some local artifacts from the Hancock Park District's collection of arrowheads and other ancient tools. Then learn about the historic tribes of Ohio like the Wyandotte, Ottawa, and Miami. Learn about their lives before contact with European settlers, the interaction and conflict with settlers, and their forced removal from 1818 to 1843.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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6 Monday

Discovery Stories: Poo-Dunit

This is a story about animal scat placed outside mouses door. As we read this very funny story "Poo-Dunit" kids will learn all about scat and how to tell who might have left it. After the story, there will be a craft and games to play.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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8 Wednesday

Brown in Nature Hike

Autumn's peak colors may have passed, but the brilliance of brown will be everywhere. We will look for the different shades of brown in leaves, tree bark, dead logs and hopefully even find a walnut-colored animal.

Blue Rock Nature Preserve

Edgar Street 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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10 Friday

Night Hike

For many, a hike is done during the day while the sun is up. But there are things that you might miss seeing at night. In this program, we will go on a night hike through Blue Rock Nature Preserve. We will attempt to observe a variety of nocturnal animals and enjoy the cool night air. Bring a flashlight if you wish. Red cellophane will be provided to help with our night vision. If you consider yourself a night owl, be sure to join us on this exciting night hike.

Blue Rock Nature Preserve
Edgar Avenue parking lot
8:30 PM
Ages 14-17.
Free; registration is not required.
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11 Saturday

Leaverite Nature Hike

In nature there are many leaverites. As we hike the 1.2-mile Loop Trail, we will look for nature leaverites that are happy and hiding in nature compared to those hiding in your pocket, which means when you find a little snail, feather, bug, or salamander, you should leave it right where you found it.

Riverbend Recreation

Big Oaks Area

Shelter 3

1:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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12 Sunday

Mindful Moments: Hot Cocoa Calm

It is a chilly day and Fox needs to warm up. Kids will enjoy the story "Hot Cocoa Calm" and take a long breath in and let it all out. Now it is time to get moving and do some animal poses. There will be hot/cold cocoa and graham crackers to enjoy along with the story.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

1:30 PM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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13 Monday

Invasive Organisms

Usually, ecosystems have a harmonious balance of all different forms of life, but sometimes there are organisms that can disrupt the fine balance of a given environment. Invasive species are organisms that are not native to an area and outcompete native flora and fauna in many different biomes. In this program, we will learn about the various organisms that are considered invasive in Ohio and what can be done to keep invasive species out.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 11-14.

Free; registration is not required.

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14 Tuesday

Native American Story: Raven

After our story about how the spirit Raven brought the sun to the world, we will talk about the Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest. Children can create their own raven based off Pacific Northwest native art.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

16 Thursday

Forest Adventures for Homeschoolers

Participants will learn about the parts of a tree and their uses, the different layers that make up a forest, and which animals call them home. Then we will venture into the woods for a tree scavenger hunt.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Mariann Dana Younger Memorial Pavilion

1-3 PM.

Ages 5-14.

Min: 6/Max: 60

Free; but register by 4 PM on Wednesday, November 15.

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16 Thursday

Planetarium: The Royal Family in the Stars

November is a great time to visit royalty among the stars, Cepheus, the king, Cassiopeia, the queen and their daughter, Andromeda, the princess. But alas, the king has offered his daughter to the sea creature, Cetus. Will the prince save the day? Has anyone seen Perseus? Learn this mythological story involving the constellations. 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 everyone attending by 1 PM on Thursday, November 16.

Maximum: 25

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18 Saturday

Sunrise Hike

We will catch the sun rising through the trees and over the Blanchard River as we hike the trail on this fall morning. Songbirds, such as Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Blue Jays and White-breasted Nuthatch should be busy gathering food for the approaching winter weather as well as fox squirrels and eastern chipmunks.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Oxbow Bend Area

Shelter 5

7:30 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Monday

Mother Nature Story Time: Riverside Ramblers

Mother Nature will be sharing a story about the Riverside Ramblers, "A Journey Downstream" in the Nature Play Area. It is time to hibernate, and frog needs to find a good location to sleep for the winter. He makes a raft and heads downstream and along the way he picks up several friends. There will be a scavenger hunt in the Nature Play Area to find who sleeps where in the winter. If the weather is not good, the story will be moved inside the Discovery Center.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Nature Play Area

10 AM

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

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Monday

Nature Games in the Park

School is out for the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a great time to get out in the park with friends, have fun, and play games, such as Scat Toss and Nature Bingo, and putting together a nature puzzle or maybe creating a color work of art. Join us for an afternoon that will be packed with fun things to do.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-3 PM

Ages 8-12.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Tuesday

Pine Needle Brushes

Create your own tiny brush made of pine needles that you can use to help clean off dirt from things like a table or desk. We will go out on a short hike to learn about a pine tree, the types of pine trees found in Ohio, and other pine-like trees. While hiking, we will collect pine needles to use in our brushes. When we return to the shelter we will use yarn, ribbons, and some beads to create a few brushes. While we are making our brushes, we will discuss other uses for the pine tree and their needles.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Marianna Dana Younger Memorial Pavilion

2 PM

Ages 10-13.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Tuesday

Bird Part Display Demonstration

For this demonstration, we will be processing a Barred Owl and a Long-tailed Duck to create bird wing and feet displays. Learn how we legally obtain specimens, the steps needed to process them, and how they will be used for education. As we work on each bird you will get to see them up close and learn about their life histories.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30-8:30 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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22 Wednesday

One Long Rest: Hibernation in Animals

Winter is coming and while children are getting ready to play in the snow, many animals are preparing for a long snooze. In this program, we will learn about the process of hibernation. Children will learn about the animals that hibernate, misconceptions on what defines hibernation, and how an animal begins to hibernate.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 6-9.

Free; registration is not required.

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22 Wednesday

Turkey Scavenger Hunt

Visit the Discovery Center to learn about wild turkeys. Look at a real turkey and some turkey parts, hear what they sound like, and do a turkey coloring page. After coloring, pick up a scavenger hunt sheet and hit the trails to find turkeys scattered throughout the park. If you find each one, you will find a fun Thanksgiving related joke.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

Families with children ages 3 and up.
Free; no registration required.
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30 Thursday

Native American Story: Coyote

Listen to the story of how blue coyote, a spirit with a nose for trouble, got his gray color that we see today. After our story, we will talk about the Native Americans of the Southwest and get a closer look at coyotes. Children can create their own coyote based off Southwest native art.

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Discovery Center

10 AM

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Free; registration is not required.

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30 Thursday

The Rock Cycle

A rock is an interesting and complex thing that can change slowly over time. Learn about a rock and the rock cycle. We will read a story, learn about the three types of rocks, look at different rock samples, and play a rock cycle board game.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

Ages 10-13.

Free; registration is not required.

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