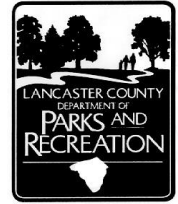


Lancaster County Parks Department

Winter 2018-2019 Program List



Have you created an account with our new online registration system? You can now register for programs online and manage the entire family's schedules in one spot – go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/LancasterCountyParks> to sign up now!

Bingo is for the Birds!

Saturday, December 1

10:00 – 11:00 AM

All Ages

Environmental Center

Leaves have fallen, and our summer avian visitors have departed for warmer climates making this a great time to see local winter resident birds. With Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel, participants will learn identification tips for commonly observed winter birds and play bird bingo to test their recollection. All ages are welcome, but this program is geared for ages 8 and up. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 30. \$2.00 per person.

Winter Shelter Building

Saturday, December 1

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Ages 8 – 13

Environmental Center

Learn about winter survival skills! Join Naturalist Ellen Blazer in winter shelter building. We will discuss shelter building techniques as well as survival skills for keeping warm. Kids will work in teams to build shelters in the woods. At the end of the two hours, shelters will be evaluated based on various categories (like durability, creativity, warmth, etc.). Signed liability and emergency contact forms are required if adults do not accompany children. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 30. \$4.00 per child and \$2.00 per adult.

Mason Bees and Nurseries

Sunday, December 2

1:00 - 2:00 PM

All Ages

Environmental Center

Dreaming about spring already? Learn how to make a Mason Bee Nursery now to use in the spring! Join Naturalist Brandon Pentz in a discussion on the nature of the Mason Bee and the methods and household materials you can use to make your own nursery. Nurseries help improve local environments and make great gifts. Each participant may make one bee nursery. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, November 30. \$2.00 per person and \$2.00 per nursery.

Paws on the Path – Wolf Scouts

Sunday, December 2

2:30 – 4:30 PM

Ages 5 and up

Environmental Center

This two-hour program will cover all requirements for the Wolf badge Paws on the Path. The program will start and end indoors, and participants will go for a 1-mile hike during the program. Bring a trail snack; no peanuts please. Come join Naturalist Ann Strauss to advance your scouting experience. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, November 30. \$5.00 per scout and \$1.00 per adult.

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Backyard Wildlife for Adults with Special Needs**Ages 18 and up****Friday, December 7****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Environmental Center**

Early December can be a wonderful time to explore local habitats. Participants will begin indoors as Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel shares a variety of pelts, skulls, and wings of common local animals. Participants must be mobile. If typically accompanied by a companion, the companion must attend as well. Dress for the weather and expect a short walk on fields and woodland paths to search for animal signs in nearby habitats. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, December 6. \$2.00 per person.

Bird Seed Ornaments**Ages 3 and up****Saturday, December 8****12:00 – 1:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Don't forget about your feathered friends during the cold winter months! Join Naturalist Kaitlin Schafer to learn all about your backyard friends and make them some homemade treats. Learn how to identify common bird species by their feathers and songs. Prepare to get messy while creating bird seed ornaments using peanut butter, homemade suet, seed, dried fruit, oranges and other natural materials. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, December 7. \$4.00 per person.

Evergreen Exploration**All Ages****Saturday, December 8****2:00 – 3:00 PM****Environmental Center**

When all the leaves have fallen, the evergreens are left behind! Use your senses to explore branches, cones, and needles and create your own evergreen landscape to learn the differences that set them apart from other trees. Finally, take a hike with Naturalist Brandon Pentz to observe these beautiful trees up close. Families welcome. Participants should be able to complete a short hike. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, December 7. \$2.00 per person.

Story, Craft & Critter: Lizards**Ages 3 - 8****Sunday, December 9****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Environmental Center**

Learn about lizards through an interactive story, then make a craft or two celebrating lizards. Meet some live lizards, too, with Naturalist Kelsey Frey. Children must have an adult helper. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, December 7. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up, \$1.00 per adult.

Munchkin Science – Winter Animals**Ages 3-5****Tuesday, December 11****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Munchkin Scientists will join Naturalist Ann Strauss to learn about winter animals. Where do all the animals go in winter? What animals might be moving about and leaving tracks or burrowing under the grass and snow? What other animals hide and sleep during the winter? We will read about winter animals, touch the fur of animal pelt specimens, and go searching for them to better know our winter friends. This program targets ages 3-5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, December 10. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Fun and Fascination: Fall into Winter**Wednesday, December 12****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Ages 6 to 10****Environmental Center**

Fun and Fascination continues into the winter season with interactive natural history programs designed to pique the curiosity of 6 to 10-year-olds. Children will discover ways in which plants and animals cope with the onset of the winter season with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. This program targets ages 6-10; children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, December 11. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Holiday Papermaking**Thursday, December 13****1:00 – 2:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center****6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Homemade paper for cards, notes, gift tags, and ornaments provides a welcome personal touch during the holidays. Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will provide materials for everyone to create unique papers; anyone is welcome to bring additional materials like dried flowers, seeds, and favorite cookie cutters. Dress for a potentially messy craft. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, December 12. \$3.00 per person.

Kids' Holiday Maker Craft Time**Saturday, December 15****11:00 AM – 1:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Kids can create some one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. We'll provide the space and materials and clean up all the mess! Naturalist Kristyn Small will be on-hand to help foster your creativity and tell you more about the natural materials you'll be using. At 12:00 noon, Kristyn will teach interested participants the basics of macramé to create a rock necklace. Please dress for messy crafts. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, December 11. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Tree Ring Relief Art**Saturday, December 15****3:00 - 4:00 PM****Ages 8 and up****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Kristyn Small to make your very own modern work of art. Woodcut relief prints are all the rage in galleries across the nation; make your own and learn a bit about native tree species, tree growth and conservation. Makes a great holiday present! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, December 14. \$7.00 per person.

Doughn't You Love Herbs?!**Sunday, December 16****2:00 – 3:00 PM****Ages 5 and up****Environmental Center**

Come sample various herbs and learn all about their history as medicines and spices with Naturalist Ellen Blazer. You will have an opportunity to choose your favorite herbs and add them to your own (pre-made) bread dough! We will have fun molding our bread dough into fun shapes and then taking it home with baking instructions to taste our creations. Anyone with gluten allergies should not attend; please advise us of other food allergies upon registration. Please bring a container for carrying your dough home. Participants must sign a liability waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, December 14. \$4.00 per person.

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Munchkin Science – Nature Crafts**Tuesday, December 18****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Ages 3-5****Environmental Center**

Come enjoy nature crafts with Naturalist Ann Strauss. Munchkins will make a variety of crafts that celebrate animals, trees, winter, and more. We will use glue, paint and creativity! Come dressed to get messy. This program targets ages 3-5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, December 17. \$4.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Eco Learner for Daisy Girl Scouts**Thursday, December 27****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Ages 5 and up****Environmental Center**

Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel has a morning of fun games and activities planned for Daisy Girl Scout Eco Learners! Girls will meet their badge requirements as they hike, draw, play with puppets, and more. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and bring a water bottle and snack. Badges are not included. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Wednesday, December 26. \$4.00 per scout and \$1.00 per adult.

Eco Friend for Brownie Girl Scouts**Thursday, December 27****1:00 – 3:00 PM****Ages 6 and up****Environmental Center**

An afternoon exploring, hiking, fire-building and fire-tending in Central Park is great fun! Along the way, Brownie Girl Scouts will complete Eco Friend requirements with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle and snack. Badges are not included. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Wednesday, December 26. \$5.00 per scout and \$1.00 per adult.

Detective Badge for Junior Girl Scouts**Friday, December 28****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Ages 8 and up****Environmental Center**

Naturalist Ann Strauss is offering Junior Girl Scouts the opportunity to complete the Detective badge. Junior Girl Scouts will learn about deciphering codes, taking finger prints, studying handwriting and creating a clue hunt for a friend to follow. Badges are not included. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Wednesday, December 26. \$5.00 per scout and \$1.00 per adult.

Dream Catchers**Friday, December 28****2:00 – 3:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Dream catchers are a tradition of some American Indian tribes. Join Naturalist Ann Strauss to learn what dream catchers mean to Native Americans and how they were traditionally made. You will have the opportunity to make your own dream catcher with a grapevine hoop, string, beads and feathers. If you have something special of your own you would like to include, bring it along. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, December 27. \$2.00 per person and \$1.00 per dream catcher.

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Winter Bird Count**Saturday, December 29****9:00 AM – 11:00 AM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Lancaster County Bird Club (LCBC) and the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation co-sponsor a Christmas Bird Count for all ages. This activity gets children and adults outdoors during the Christmas holidays, and includes a worthwhile “citizen scientist” event. This abbreviated event teaches the adventure of bird identification in the wintertime. Volunteers from LCBC will teach participants how to use binoculars; loaners will be available if needed. LCBC members will lead participants on a 90-minute walk in Central Park to identify as many species as possible. Results at the end of the walk will be recorded on eBird. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Thursday December 27. This is a **FREE** cooperative program with the Lancaster County Bird Club.

Winter Hike for Tikes**Sunday, December 30****2:00 – 3:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

This will be a hike focused on younger participants, but anyone is welcome. Join Naturalist Ann Strauss to take an hour-long hike on the Scout Trail near the Environmental Center. The trail winds through woods down to Mill Creek and follows the creek to the final part of the trail which ends again by the Environmental Center. The trail is appropriate for beginning hikers and a beautiful trek for all. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, December 28. \$2.00 per person.

Animals in Winter**Friday, January 4****10:00 – 11:30 AM****All Ages****Environmental Center****Saturday, January 5****10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for an exploration into the activities of wild animals during the winter season. Some of our local wildlife migrate away from this area and many others do interesting things to survive this time of year. This program will begin inside and continue outside. Please dress for the weather. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on the business day preceding the program. \$2.00 per person.

National Winter Trails Day**Saturday, January 5****1:00 – 2:30 PM****All Ages****Muhlenberg Wildflower Meadow**

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez at the Muhlenberg Wildflower Meadow in Central Park to celebrate National Winter Trails Day. We will walk the trail, enjoy the views of nature in winter along the Mill Creek, learn about the natural world and explore the woods and the meadow. Participants will receive a laminated trail guide of Central Park. Please dress for the weather. Meet at the Muhlenberg Wildflower Meadow parking area at 548 Golf Road, Lancaster, 17602; if snowy, park in the paved lot across the street at 539 Golf Road. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, January 4. \$2.00 per person.

Story, Craft & Critter: Snakes**Sunday, January 6****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Ages 3 - 8****Environmental Center**

Learn about snakes through an interactive story, then make a craft or two celebrating snakes. Meet some live snakes, too, with Naturalist Kelsey Frey. Children must have an adult helper. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, January 4. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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Winter Scavenger Hunt**Monday, January 7****12:00 – 1:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Environmental Center**

Don't let the cold weather keep you cooped up inside! Join Naturalist Ellen Blazer for a Scavenger Hunt Hike around the Environmental Center. You will search for various natural items, checking them off your list as you go – a tree with one leaf left on it, a frozen puddle, etc. Geared towards kids, this hike will engage young ones with the winter world. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, January 4. \$2.00 per person.

Munchkin Science – Science Play**Tuesday, January 8****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Ages 3-5****Environmental Center**

Together we will make homemade Play-Doh, colorful paper towel butterflies, and Fiz Art. As the kids work on their creative projects, they will learn science along the way. What a better way to improve their understanding of the world around them while having fun with Naturalist Ann Strauss! This program targets ages 3-5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, January 7. \$5.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Fun and Fascination: Winter Birds**Wednesday, January 9****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Ages 6 to 10****Environmental Center**

Fun and Fascination continues into the winter season with interactive natural history programs designed to pique the curiosities of 6 to 10-year-olds. Winter birdwatching is great fun when leaves are off the trees and birds visit the feeders. Children will learn to identify common winter birds and take a walk to look for them in their natural habitat with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. This program targets ages 6-10; children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, January 8. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

DIY Beeswax Wraps**Saturday, January 12****11:00 AM – 12:00 PM****Ages 10 and up****Environmental Center**

Do you want to reduce your reliance on plastic? Learn how to make DIY Beeswax wraps, an eco-friendly substitute for plastic wrap. Participants may bring whatever design of thin cotton fabric they choose. Naturalist Emily Snyder will lead this messy craft so dress appropriately! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, January 8. \$7.00 per person.

PA Owls and Snowy Irruptions**Saturday, January 12****2:00 – 3:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

What is an irruption? What does it have to do with Snowy Owls? Find out these answers and more with Naturalist Brandon Pentz as we look to our local owl species, and to occasional visitors from the North. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, January 11. \$2.00 per person.

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Let's Go Tracking
Sunday, January 13
Tuesday, January 15

1:00 – 2:30 PM
1:00 – 2:30 PM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez to go TRACKING. Follow in the footsteps of animals and learn about them from the signs they leave behind. Become familiar with locating and identifying tracks, scat and other clues indicating animals are active and surviving the winter. Please dress for the weather. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on the business day prior to each program. **\$2.00 per person.**

Whoooo's Bones? Owl Pellet Dissection
Saturday, January 19

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Did you ever wonder what an owl eats for dinner? Come find out with Naturalist Kaitlin Schafer as we investigate the contents of an owl pellet and discover the bones and fur left behind from their latest meal! Participants will learn about Pennsylvania owl species and the unique adaptations that make them such great hunters. You will dissect owl pellets and try to determine what the prey was by reconstructing a skeleton on paper to take home. This program is geared for ages 6 through 15 with adults. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, January 18. **\$2.00 per person and \$3.50 per pellet.**

Winter Hike
Saturday, January 19

2:30 – 3:30 PM

All Ages
Pavilion #21

Get outside for some fresh air with Naturalist Ann Strauss who will lead a winter hike in Lancaster County Central Park. Bring your friends and family to enjoy the winter day. The hike will begin and end at Pavilion 21. Please wear appropriate clothing for being outdoors. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, January 18. **\$2.00 per person.**

Full Moon Owl Prowl
Sunday, January 20

6:30 – 7:30 PM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a hooting time listening for owls outside under the full moon. We will begin inside learning about local owls and what makes them amazing birds of prey. The program will continue and end outside under the full moon as we walk through the park listening and looking for owls. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, January 18. **\$2.00 per person.**

Cabin Fever Hike
Monday, January 21

10:00 – 11:00 AM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Bundle up and hit the trails to explore the winter woods. Join Naturalist Rachel Albright as we go on a winter walk scavenger hunt. Return to the Environmental Center for hot cocoa! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, January 18. **\$2.00 per person.**

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Munchkin Science – Snow**Ages 3-5****Tuesday, January 22****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Ann Strauss for a celebration of snow. If the weather allows we will spend time outdoors playing in the snow, learning about snow and experimenting with snow. If there is no snow on the ground, we will still celebrate with books, crafts and time outdoors learning how snow is made and from where it comes. This program targets ages 3-5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, January 18. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Fun and Fascination: Snow and Ice**Ages 6 to 10****Wednesday, January 23****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Environmental Center**

Fun and Fascination continues into the winter season with interactive natural history programs designed to pique the curiosities of 6 to 10-year-olds. Snowflakes are endlessly fascinating! Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will lead children as they explore properties of water and ice and conclude by cutting their own snowflakes. In the event there is snow on the ground, children will perform experiments and observations outdoors. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. This program targets ages 6-10; children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, January 22. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Bird Study Merit Badge**Ages 10 and up****Saturday, January 26****10:00 AM – 3:00 PM****Environmental Center**

With foliage down, January is a great time to view winter resident birds. Merit Badge Counselor and Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will assist scouts in completing requirements 1 through 4, 6, and 8. Please dress for the weather, bring a water bottle, lunch, and a field notebook. If available, bring binoculars and a bird field guide. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, January 23. \$10.00 per scout and \$2.00 per adult.

Pine Cone Crafts**Ages 3 and up****Saturday, January 26****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Get creative with pinecones! Join Naturalist Ellen Blazer in transforming pinecones into cute seasonal decorations. We will use pinecones to craft owls and trees using paint, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, and more. Each one can be a tree ornament or stand alone as a shelf decoration. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, January 25. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Winter Night Hike**All Ages****Friday, February 1****7:00 – 8:00 PM****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Ann Strauss for a winter night hike. We will hike the Scout Trail in Lancaster County Central Park, an easy hike of less than a mile. Along the way we will look for signs of nocturnal animals, listen for owls, participate in a few night activities and discover the senses we rely on when our sight is limited by the darkness. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Thursday, January 31. \$2.00 per person.

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G is for Groundhog!
Saturday, February 2

10:00 – 11:00 AM

All Ages
Environmental Center

So exactly how did the groundhog get its very own holiday? Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel will share long-standing traditions and natural history relating to this familiar local rodent. Participants will take a short walk to see groundhog holes and look for signs of activity. Children are welcome to make a groundhog craft at the end. Dress for the weather and for a short walk over uneven ground. Register online or call 717-295-2055 to register and prepay before noon on Friday, February 1. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

Dinosaurs
Saturday, February 2

1:00 – 2:00 PM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Come join Naturalist Ann Strauss in celebrating dinosaurs! These majestic creatures ruled the earth long before humans lived which makes them intriguing and mysterious. Dinosaurs came in all shapes and sizes with a wide variety of personalities. Let's learn what scientists have been able to discover about dinosaurs that lived long ago. Register online or call 717-295-2055 to register and prepay before noon on Friday, February 1. \$2.00 per person.

Munchkin Science – Winter Hike
Tuesday, February 5

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Ages 3-5
Environmental Center

Naturalist Ann Strauss will lead Munchkin Scientists on a winter hike along the Scout Trail near the Environmental Center. We will be outside on the trail for the full hour, so Munchkins must be dressed appropriately. As we hike we will take time to explore by turning logs, looking for animal tracks, and examining creatures that are active and dormant in winter. This program targets ages 3-5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, February 4. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Sheep Pluck Dissection
Thursday, February 7

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Ages 8 and up
Environmental Center

If you are an individual who likes or would like to try dissecting, this is an excellent opportunity. Naturalist Ann Strauss will be leading a dissection of a Sheep Pluck specimen which includes the sheep's lungs, heart and trachea. Because this will be a dissection of a large specimen, we will be dissecting in pairs sharing one specimen. You may bring a partner for dissection or we can determine partners upon your arrival. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, January 24. \$9.00 per person dissecting and \$1.00 per observer.

Keep Warm! Learn about the Tropics
Saturday, February 9
Monday February 18

10:00 – 11:00 AM

6:30 – 7:30 PM

All Ages
Environmental Center

Naturalist Ellen Blazer will help you keep warm this winter by transporting your mind to tropical rainforests. We will learn about the plants and animals that live there, and the ways that their adaptations suit them for their habitats instead of ours. We will also discuss the current threats to their habitats. It will surely warm your spirits, and leave you planning your next tropical vacation! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on the business day prior to each program. \$2.00 per person.

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Rock Valentines**Saturday, February 9****2:00 – 3:00 PM****Ages 3 and up****Environmental Center**

Want to give your loved ones a truly unique Valentine this year? Join Naturalist Ellen Blazer on a short hike to collect rocks (bonus if they are heart-shaped!). We will bring them back to the Environmental Center and decorate them as Valentines with paint, glitter, and more. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes for the hiking portion, and clothes you wouldn't mind getting paint on for the craft portion.

Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, February 8. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Animal Track and Sign Hunting**Sunday, February 10****1:00 – 2:00 PM****All Ages****Environmental Center**

Join Naturalist Vanessa Stager for a lesson to determine different animal tracks from each other. After the lesson, we will all be going on a hike on the trails around the Environmental Center to see what types of animal tracks we can see in the snow! Come prepared for cold weather by wearing boots, a jacket and other winter apparel. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, February 8.

\$2.00 per person.

Fun and Fascination: Safety in Winter Weather**Wednesday, February 13****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Ages 6 to 10****Environmental Center**

Fun and Fascination continues into the winter season with interactive natural history programs designed to pique the curiosities of 6 to 10-year-olds. Outdoor play in wintertime is great fun! With Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel, children will explore winter weather and appreciate safety concerns the cold temperatures bring. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity! This program targets ages 6-10; children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, February 12. \$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

Coffee Hike**Saturday, February 16****8:00 – 9:00 AM****All Ages****Pavilion #11**

Kick your weekend into high gear with coffee, community and a hike with Naturalist Kristyn Small! This half-mile hike will begin at Pavilion #11 and guide you along the Scout Trail, our Archaeological Site, to Indian Rock and back, all while getting to know your fellow hikers over hot coffee. Bring your own mug (lidded, preferred); we provide the coffee. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, February 15. \$3 per person.

Squid Dissection**Saturday, February 16****11:00 AM – 12:00 PM****Ages 7 and up****Environmental Center**

Learn about one of the world's most highly developed invertebrates and be introduced to the art of dissection with Naturalist Kristyn Small. We'll explore the major functions of the squid's organs, learn more about its unique adaptations and get a crash course in the tools of dissecting. Participants under 10 must have an adult present and actively participating. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, February 15. Call to register siblings. \$5.00 per person dissecting and \$1.00 per observer.

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To register by phone, call 717-295-2055.

Story, Craft & Critter: Turtles**Sunday, February 17****10:00 – 11:30 AM****Ages 3 - 8****Environmental Center**

Learn about turtles through an interactive story, then make a craft or two celebrating turtles. Meet some live turtles, too, with Naturalist Kelsey Frey. Children must have an adult helper. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register by noon on Friday, February 15. **\$3.00 per child ages 3 and up, \$1.00 per adult.**

Munchkin Science – Owls**Tuesday, February 19****1:00 – 2:00 PM****Ages 3-5****Environmental Center**

Munchkin scientists will enjoy a program of owl education with Naturalist Ann Strauss. Kids will have the opportunity to learn PA owls by name and call, as well as practice a variety of owl calls themselves. They will dissect an owl pellet to learn what owls eat and take home the owl-ingested bones if they like. This program targets ages 3-5. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, February 15. **\$3.00 per child age 3 and up, \$1.00 per adult, and \$3.50 per owl pellet.**

Full Sugar Moon Hike**Wednesday, February 20****7:30 – 8:30 PM****All Ages****Pavilion #11**

Join Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez for a walk under the sugaring full moon. We will enjoy the moonlight and the sounds of winter as we walk in the sugar bush in Lancaster County Central Park. This program will begin at Pavilion 11; follow the signs to maple sugaring. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, February 19. **\$2.00 per person.**

Maple Sugaring**Saturday, February 23****10:00 AM – 2:00 PM****All Ages****Pavilion #11****Sunday, February 24****1:00 – 4:00 PM****Sunday, March 3****1:00 – 4:00 PM**

Join County Park Naturalists for ongoing maple sugaring demonstrations in the sugar bush of Lancaster County Central Park. See trees tapped, sap boiled to syrup, and candy made from syrup. Maple products will be on sale. Drop in anytime during the program hours for an educational tour of the maple syrup-making process. Private programs, on days other than those listed above, are also available for a small fee. Come to Central Park and follow the signs or the smells to maple sugaring. Call (717) 295-2055 to inquire about private programs. **No registration necessary. FREE. Donations are appreciated and allow us to continue to provide high-quality environmental education programming.**

Fun and Fascination: Seeking Signs of Spring**Wednesday, February 27****10:00 – 11:00 AM****Ages 6 to 10****Environmental Center**

Fun and Fascination continues into the winter season with interactive natural history programs designed to pique the curiosities of 6 to 10-year-olds. Early spring is in the air... and where else? Children will explore and discover early signs of the changing seasons with Naturalist Mary Ann Schlegel. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. This program targets ages 6-10; children under age 6 are welcome if accompanying older siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, February 26. **\$3.00 per child age 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.**

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all programs.

Unless otherwise noted children must be accompanied by an adult and children 3 and under are free.

To register online, visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/LancasterCountyParks> .

To register by phone, call 717-295-2055.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

In the event that Park staff decides to cancel the program, a full credit/refund will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program fifteen (15) or more calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a full credit/refund less a 10% processing fee, will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program eight (8) - fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a 50% credit/refund will be issued. No fee(s) will be credited/refunded if the customer withdraws from the program seven (7) or less days before the scheduled program. **All refunds less than \$10 will be credited to the customer's account - no check or credit card refunds will be issued for refunds less than \$10.**

Smile! You may be captured by our camera!

We occasionally take photos of participants in our programs for promotional purposes.

By participating, you are granting the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation and its agents the right to use and publish images of you or your minor child.

If you prefer not to be photographed, please notify the instructor.

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