



HUNTERDON COUNTY

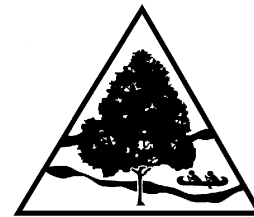
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PROGRAM CALENDAR

Park Program Information September 2011— January 2012

Check our website for more detailed information!

Future program releases: February 1 and June 1.

8th Annual TOUCH-A-TRUCK DAY



Saturday, November 5, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Deer Path Park, Free, pre registration is not necessary. This event is for ALL ages... This growing annual event has been described as "a parade that stands still!" Imagine fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, and ranger vehicles, all in one place — and all parked so kids of all ages can get a close-up look! This event is

free, however donations are appreciated, and they will help defray the cost of the program. The atmosphere is relaxed, pressure-free, and noncommercial. The County Employee Appreciation Committee will be hosting a concession stand. Featured vehicles in recent years have included horse trailers, bookmobiles, race cars, construction trucks, and historic military vehicles. It's a great day of fun for the family, so don't forget the camera.

CREATIVE THEATRE

This fall, a pure improv show... you will really learn to think on your feet! The classes will be run with a nod to "second city" style improv. The performance will feature improv games and scenarios similar to "Whose Line Is It Anyway"? It includes developing good communication habits, how to listen well, not saying "no", & how to take the ideas and build them into a scene with funny and interesting characters.

A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV for KIDS

Eight Saturdays, September 24 – November 12, 9:30 AM to Noon, Echo Hill, Ages 8 to 15, \$150

Designed to get young people excited about being on stage by having them create their own original play. As they rehearse their play, they learn the way actors must move, speak, carry themselves and stage terms; along with all the life skills the arts offer us; confidence, working with a group, thinking on your feet, and more. Perfect place for the first time stage experience. Culminates in a performance for friends and family on the last day at noon.

A NIGHT AT THE IMPROV for TEENS & ADULTS

Session A: Six Mondays, Oct. 3 - Nov. 14 (skip 10/31)

Session B: Six Mondays, March 5th - April 9th

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Echo Hill, Teens and Adult, \$110

NATURE CLUBS FOR KIDS

Our popular nature club will introduce your child to many exciting nature topics. A professional Park Naturalist will guide the children during hikes as they discover the diverse field, forest, and pond habitats at Echo Hill or Mountain Farm. Other hands-on activities include science experiments, field games, and take-home craft projects. The children will be able to observe the subtle changes from week to week as we progress through the season. Through our explorations, children will also hone their attention to detail as we observe the colors, shapes, textures, and sounds of the natural world.

Please dress your child for the outdoors. We strongly recommend old clothes and sneakers/boots that can get dirty. Nature Clubs meet rain or shine. In inclement weather, we shorten our outdoor adventures to spend more time inside.



FALL NATURE CLUB AT ECHO HILL

Eight Tuesdays, September 20 to November 8

Ages 4 to kindergarten, \$90 for all 8 lessons

Session A: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Session B: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Session C: 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

FALL NATURE CLUB AT MOUNTAIN FARM

Seven Thursdays, September 15 to October 27

Ages 4 through kindergarten, \$80 for all 7 lessons

Session A: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Session B: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

WINTER NATURE CLUB AT ECHO HILL

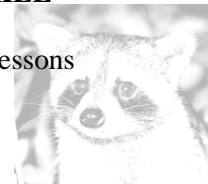
Eight Tuesdays, January 10 to February 28

Ages 4 through kindergarten, \$90 for all 8 lessons

Session A: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Session B: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Session C: 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM



PUBLIC LANDS DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Pre-registration required Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Hoffman Park, ages 14 - adult (children must be accompanied by an adult). Contact the Park Office or visit our website for more information.

Join the Fun



VOLUNTEER

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

WEEKDAY NATURE PROGRAMS

PLEASE NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult.

WILDLIFE DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Echo Hill, \$3, all ages. Learn the Do's and Don'ts of feeding wildlife and attracting wildlife to your backyard. Includes a short lecture, games, a short walk, and making a tasty treat for our furry and feathered friends (and having a treat ourselves!)

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Arboretum, \$3, ages 8 - adult
We will watch a short Power Point on how to identify birds, and then take a walk outside to try to find some of our own. Bring or borrow binoculars.

ALL ABOUT HIBERNATION AND MIGRATION

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Arboretum, \$3 per person, all ages
How do animals survive the winter? Learn different strategies of various animals by looking at live animals and mounts, playing games, and taking a short walk to look for signs of animals preparing for winter!

ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN TOUR

Wednesday, October 5, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, meet at the Readington Community Garden, 42 Woodschurch Road, \$3 ages 5 and up. Harvest time is a perfect time to visit a garden! Learn about planting your own vegetables & herbs as we visit.

BEAVER FEVER

Friday, Oct. 14, 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Hoffman Park, \$3, Ages 6 and up
We have beavers in Hunterdon County! Learn how these fascinating rodents construct dams and lodges. We will search for signs of these animals along our ponds. Dress for the weather. Bring or borrow binoculars.

THE WORLD OF WOODPECKERS

Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Echo Hill, \$3, Ages 8 and up
Learn about the strategies of these unique birds through slides and artifacts. Also, we will talk about how to handle them when they become a nuisance.

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Wednesday, November 2, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Arboretum, \$3, all ages
Enjoy the beauty of the season with this fun scavenger hunt! We will search for signs of fall and the upcoming winter.

LIVING WITH OUR WILD MAMMALS

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Echo Hill, \$3, ages 8 and up
Let's learn about our wild mammals; bats, groundhogs, bears, and coyotes will all be covered, with the aid of skulls and furs.

COUNTY HIBERNATORS

Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Echo Hill, \$3, ages 6 and up
Some animals stay cooped up for several months! Learn about the differences in how mammals and reptiles survive their long sleep. We will focus on our local residents with artifacts and or perhaps a live example.

LENAPE GAMES

Wednesday, January 25, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Echo Hill, \$3, ages 5 and up
The Lenape once roamed the forests of NJ. They used games to entertain themselves, and to develop skills for hunting and farming. Join us to play some of these games!

OWLS

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Echo Hill, \$3, ages 5 and up
Come learn about these nocturnal birds of prey and which ones live in Hunterdon County. We will view a slide show and some taxidermied specimens, and dissect owl pellets to find out what owls eat.

PLANETARY WONDERS

Friday, February 17, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Hoffman Park, \$3, ages 8 and up
We hope to view 3 planets: Venus, Jupiter, and Mars. We may go over the seasonal constellations and other sky features (conditions permitting).



WEEKEND NATURE PROGRAMS

SEASONAL DOG WALK

Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Mountain Farm, \$3, ages 8 and up
(children must be accompanied by an adult)
Bring your dog and join Seasonal Park Naturalist Sara Ramos and her dog on a stroll through Mountain Farm. We will apply proper dog walking etiquette as we look for signs of the changing seasons. Come prepared with your dog, a leash, and good walking shoes!

FALL FOLIAGE WALK

Saturday, Oct. 22, 10:00 to noon, Point Mountain Central, 80 Point Mountain Road, Washington \$3, all ages

Why do leaves change colors? What happens to leaves after they fall off trees? Learn about trees as they change for the fall on a hike. We will be walking outdoors so dress appropriately! Be prepared to walk! Meet at the parking lot, 80 Point Mountain Road, Washington.

FUN WITH FOOD WEBS

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Echo Hill, \$3, all ages
(children must be accompanied by an adult)
Who eats whom in nature? Find out as we play a series of games to demonstrate that nature is not always as nice as it seems.

WINTER WONDERLAND WALK

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Echo Hill, \$3, all ages
(children must be accompanied by an adult)
Winter is a time that many people hibernate, but why not spend some time outside? We will look for animal evidence, interesting plants, and colorful berries, and perhaps get the chance to follow animal tracks. Get out of the house & get some exercise!

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Saturday, February 18, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, Arboretum, \$3 per person, ages 8 and up
Jointly sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is an annual event that engages bird watchers to create a real-time snapshot of where birds are across the continent. Join Park Naturalist Laura Kroon to view a short PowerPoint on the GBBC, and go over some bird identification tips. Then we will take a bird walk around the property to see what species are out there and how many of each. This data will be submitted to the GBBC to aid in citizen science research.



Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

KIDZ ART for HOME SCHOOLED

Session A: Six Wednesdays, 9/21 – 11/2 (no class 10/19)

Session B: Six Wednesdays, 11/16 – 12/21

Session C: Six Wednesdays, 1/4 – 2/8

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Arboretum, ages 8 - 15, \$90

YOUNG ARTISTS DRAWING AND PAINTING

Session A: Six Saturdays, 9/24 – 11/5 (no class 10/29)

Session B: Six Saturdays, 11/12 – 12/17

Session C: Six Saturdays, 1/7 – 2/11

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Arboretum, ages 6 - 10, \$80

ARTISTS IN TRAINING DRAWING AND PAINTING

Session A: Six Saturdays, 9/24 – 11/5 (no class 10/29)

Session B: Six Saturdays, 11/12 – 12/17

Session C: Six Saturdays, 1/7 – 2/11

10:15 AM to 11:45 AM, Arboretum, ages 11-15, \$90

CHILDREN'S BASKETRY WORKSHOPS

TAPESTRY BASKET WOVEN ON A MOLD

Friday, September 30, 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Arboretum

\$28 per parent-child team, materials included, ages 10 and up

CHILDREN'S PYRAMID BASKET

Friday, December 16, 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM, \$22 per parent-child team, materials included, Arboretum, ages 12 and up

YOU AND ME TEAM BASKETRY WORKSHOP

Friday, January 27, 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Arboretum, \$18 per parent-child pair, materials included, age 6 and up.

GARDENING PROGRAMS

GIFTS FOR WILDLIFE

Saturday, December 10, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Echo Hill ages 5 and up, \$8 per parent-child pair

Parent-child pairs can craft thoughtful gifts for their neighborhood birds. Learn how to make tasty (and decorative) garlands, wreaths, and feeders.

FRESH GREENS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Session A: Tuesday, December 6

Session B: Wednesday, December 7

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Echo Hill, Adults, \$30

Bring Christmas inside with an evergreen wreath, swag, or a boxwood topiary. It will be an enjoyable evening to share with friends and family. All basic materials for the decorations will be provided. Bring ribbon or any other accessories with you or use ours. Pre-registration required.

HERITAGE PARK VAN TOURS

Tours start and end at the County Arboretum, \$10, pre-registration is required, adults

FARM HARVEST SPECIALTIES

Sunday, September 18, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

FOLLOWING THE SPRUCE RUN

Sunday, October 16, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MIDDLE VALLEY TRAP ROCK & MINE COMPANY

Sunday, November 13, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

PARK VAN TRIPS



The following are trips offered through the Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation. Please visit our website or contact the park office for more information and to register.

GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE:

New Jersey Storytelling Festival

Sunday, September 18,

depart 11:30 AM, re-

turn 7:00 PM, Arbore-

tum, \$10 trip fee pre

registration required

(plus Grounds admis-

sion to be paid the day

of trip: \$12-adults, \$10-

seniors 65 and over,

\$8-children 10-17)



PHILADELPHIA ZOO OVERNIGHT TRIP

"NIGHT FLIGHT"

Friday, November 11 to Saturday, November 12,

depart 4:30 PM, return at 3:30 PM, Arboretum,

ages 8-12 (children must be accompanied by an adult), \$72



31st PENNSYLVANIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Saturday, October 8,

depart 9:30 AM, return

9:30 PM, Arboretum, \$27,

10 & up (children must be accompanied by an adult.)

COACH BUS TRIPS

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

Sunday, December 4,

depart 8:30 AM, return

8:00 PM, Deer Path

Park, \$33, ages 8 and

up (children must be

accompanied by an

adult)



AUTUMN AT LONGWOOD GARDENS

Saturday, October 15, depart at 9:00 AM, return at 6:00 PM,

Deer Path Park, soccer lot, ages 8 and up (children must be

accompanied by an adult), \$50

CHRISTMAS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS

Saturday, December 17, depart at 2:00 PM return at 11:00

PM, Deer Path Park, soccer lot, ages 8 and up (children must

be accompanied by an adult), \$50

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted



GROUP ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Let us do a program for your group! Unless otherwise noted, cost is \$30 on-site, \$50 off-site, \$75 out-of-county (limited range).

SEASONAL NATURE WALK, *All ages*, 1 hr, \$20, 25 max
TINY TOT HIKE, *Ages 2-4 with parents*, 1 hr, \$20, 15 kids max
ADAPTATIONS, *Grade K+*, up to 1.5 hrs, 25 max
INCREDIBLE INSECTS, *Grade 1+*, up to 1.5 hrs, 25 max
TREES ARE TERRIFIC, *Grade 1+*, up to 1.5 hrs, 25 max
POND/STREAM STUDY, *Grade 1+*, up to 1.5 hrs, 25 max
BIRDING, *Grade 3+*, up to 1.5 hrs, 25 max
TRACKING, *Grade K+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
ORIENTEERING, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
TEAM-BUILDING, *Grade 4+*, 1.5-2 hrs, 15 max
CAMP KNOT WORKSHOP, *Grade 4+*, 15 max
CANOE CLINIC, *Grade 5+*, \$150, 20 max
ANIMAL STRATEGIES, *All Ages*, 1 hr
REPTILES ALIVE!, *All Ages*, 1 hr
ROCKS AND MINERALS, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
RECYCLING, *Grade 1+*, 1 hr
WATER ISSUES, *Grade 1+*, 1 hr
COMPOSTING FOR THE HOME, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
MAPLE SUGAR TO GO, *All ages*, 1 hr, \$50 (off-site)
BASKETRY, *Grade 3+*, 2 hrs, \$30 + \$2/person materials
BATTY ABOUT BATS LECTURE, *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
BIRDS OF HUNTERDON LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
HERPTILES OF HUNTERDON LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
MAMMALS OF HUNTERDON LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
OWLS OF HUNTERDON LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
THE PLANETS LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
RAPTORS OF HUNTERDON LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
WILDFLOWER FOLKLORE LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
WILDLIFE OF HUNTERDON LEC., *Grade 3+*, 1 hr
HUNTERDON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION LEC., *Adult*, 1 hr, free
ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR YARD LEC., *Adult*, 1 hr

Also available is a SCOUTING PROGRAMS brochure, which can be printed off our website.

ECO BOOK CLUB

4 Mondays, Sept. 19 to Dec. 19, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Echo Hill, \$10 for 4 sessions, adult, Contact the park office or visit our website for more information!

PINELANDS BACKPACK

Saturday, Oct. 1 to Sunday, Oct. 2, 8:00 AM Saturday to 5:00 PM Sunday, meet at Arboretum. (Pre-hike meeting Sept. 23)
 \$60, Ages 14 through adult, limit of 9 participants on this trip. For new backpackers, or experienced backpackers who want to hike with a group.

HUNTERDON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM—4:30 PM
 Thurs.: 8:00 AM—6:30 PM

WEBSITE: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

(click on “Parks & Recreation”)

Check us out on Facebook!



MISSION STATEMENT

The Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources, providing safe parks and facilities, and offering educational and recreational opportunities, all contributing to an enhanced quality of life for present and future generations.

ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

The Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation welcomes all individuals to participate and enjoy our parks, facilities, and recreational programs. Reasonable accommodations, individual adaptations, and support will be provided for persons of all abilities to encourage everyone to benefit equally from their choice of leisure activities. Please notify us if you need special accommodations either at the time of registration or at least two weeks prior to program attendance or facility use. Each request will be assessed individually.

RESERVABLE FACILITIES

ECHO HILL, ARBORETUM, DEER PATH PARK,
 TEETERTOWN PRESERVE, COURT STREET PARK

To reserve a facility, contact the park office.

We have maps of many of your parks; to get one contact the office or download it from our website (www.co.hunterdon.nj.us).

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Visit our website or office for a REGISTRATION FORM.

Mail your completed registration form with payment to:

Hunterdon County Department of Parks & Recreation
 P.O. Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

OR

Drop off your form and payment at the Arboretum, 1020 Highway 31 North, Lebanon, NJ 08833. After hours, there is a door slot for your convenience (**exact cash or check only**).

CANCELLATION POLICIES:

If we cancel a program you will be notified by phone and given an option of a credit or a full refund. Programs are designed for all types of weather and participants should dress appropriately.

Cancellations by participants are subject to a 30% service charge. Cancellations must be in writing, and cancellations made less than one week prior to program will **NOT** receive a refund.

FREE GUIDED WALKS

INVASIVE PLANT WALKS Led by Laura Kroon

Wednesdays beginning September 14, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

MORNING BIRD WALKS Led by Tom Sheppard

Thursdays beginning September 8, 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM