

Hunterdon County Parks Harbinger

Fall 2023

Programs in September, October and November



Point Mountain Overlook

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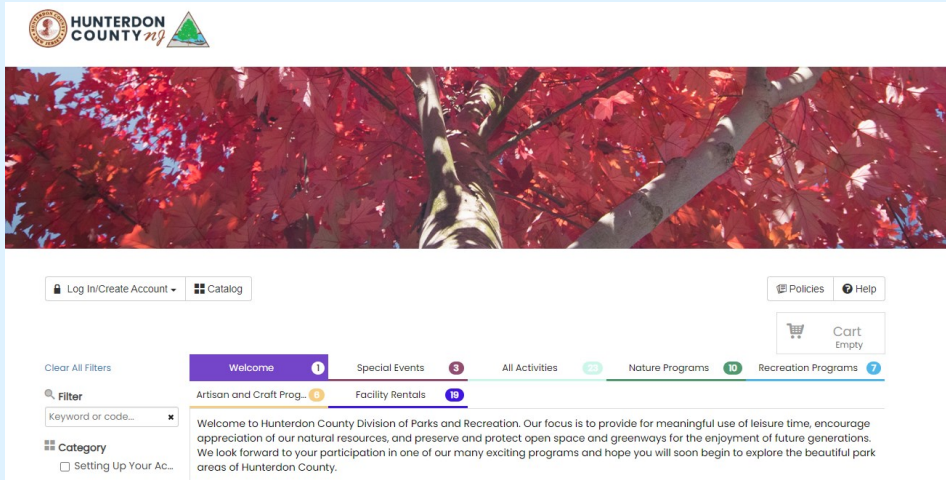
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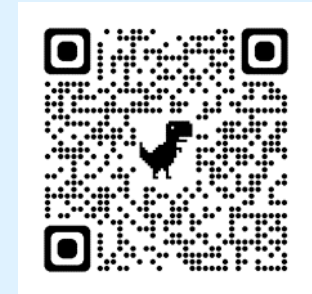
Online Registration is Here!

We are proud to announce that online program registration is now available!

All programs found in this newsletter can now be registered for by a few simple clicks on your computer. Go to our new online catalog at: <https://secure.rec1.com/NJ/hunterdon-county-nj/catalog>.



Or scan this QR code on your mobile device



We have been working hard behind the scenes to bring you this new platform that will allow you to register online and allow us to process credit card payments. Create your account today!

You can find more details about how to create an account on the Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation website, by calling (908) 782-1158 or visiting us at the Arboretum, 1020 Route 31, Lebanon, NJ 08833, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday. Or email us at parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

STORY WALK ® on the Wizard Walk in the Gardens at the Arboretum

Take a walk while reading the storybook, *Trees Make Perfect Pets* written by Paul Czajak and illustrated by Cathy Gendron. Our StoryWalk® is installed from April 15th to September 15th on the Wizard Trail in the Gardens at the Hunterdon County Arboretum (1020 Route 31 North, Lebanon, NJ, Clinton Twp.). It is open from dawn to dusk and created by a partnership between Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation and the Hunterdon County Library. Funding is provided by the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library and Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation. The original StoryWalk® project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.





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PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE MEDICAL RECORD.

Once the medical record is on file, we can use the same medical record for all subsequent programs. If your medical history has changed, please submit a new medical record.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____ RECEIPT # _____

TODAY'S DATE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ GENDER (optional) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (if minor) _____

PHONE (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____

ADDRESS _____
street town state zip

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ ☐ check here to be added to our email list

PROGRAM	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	FEE

FEE ENCLOSED: \$ _____. Make check payable to "Hunterdon County Parks." Fees are listed in the *Hunterdon Parks Harbinger* and on the website and are used to offset the cost of the program.

IMPORTANT POLICIES: (Participant or parent/guardian, please read and provide authorized signature.)

1. Cancellation requests must be in writing. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR CANCELLATIONS MADE LESS THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM.

2. Payment is due in advance of the program with this registration form & the medical record. Please mail it to the PO Box listed above or drop it off at the office location. Cash or check accepted.

3. I have read and understand these policies and consent to myself or my child participating in the above referenced program(s).

(Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian for minor) Date: _____
(Revised 11-2022)

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT: It is the policy of the County of Hunterdon to provide reasonable modifications to persons with disabilities. Individuals requesting modifications shall describe what they need to use the service. Whenever feasible, please make the request in advance, before the modification is needed to access the service.



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MEDICAL RECORD



*Once the medical record is on file, we can use the same medical record for all subsequent programs.
If your medical history has changed, please submit a new medical record.*

Participant's Name _____ Gender (optional) _____

Today's Date _____ Participant's Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian (for minor) _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____

Address _____
Street Town State Zip

E-mail _____ ☐ Check here to be added to our E-mail List.

EMERGENCY CONTACT(S) – AT LEAST ONE CONTACT WHO IS NOT A PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

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Physician(s) Name and Number _____

List all known allergies _____

Describe allergic reaction(s) and how it is managed _____

Medical issues _____

Current medications _____

_____ (Parks staff do not administer non-emergency medication)

Health Insurance Provider _____ Policy number _____

Please describe any other relevant conditions or information that we should know _____

Terms of Agreement: Please initial next to all statements.

Waiver: I hereby waive and release all rights and claims for damages against the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation, County of Hunterdon, their employees and volunteers for all injuries or illness which may be sustained by the herein named participant while participating in the program. I understand the content of the program and the risks of personal injury therein. _____

Medical Release: In the event of injury or serious illness, and a parent/guardian cannot be reached (and/or if there is a medical emergency requiring immediate action), I give permission for Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation staff to seek medical attention and to release all information contained in this document or known to Parks staff. _____

Photo Release: I authorize and acknowledge that I or my child may be photographed and/or videotaped for educational and publicity purposes (Website, Facebook, Instagram, Brochures, etc.). Photos and videos will not include names or personal information about any individual unless permission is granted. _____

Participant or Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Touch-A-Truck Day

Saturday, November 4, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (note the new starting time), Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road, Flemington, NJ 08822. For all ages (children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult), free **(no pre-registration required)**

This annual event has been described as “a parade that stands still!” New this year is “Hold the Horn” from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, a special hour of quiet—no horns, flashing lights, or sirens! Imagine dump trucks, fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, military jeeps, and lots more; over 25 vehicles all in one place—parked so kids of all ages can get a close-up look! You will be able to examine these cool motorized hunks of steel at Hunterdon County Division of Parks &



Recreation’s Annual Touch-A-Truck. This event is free with no pre-registration required; however, donations are appreciated and will help defray the cost of the program. It is open to all ages (children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult). The atmosphere is relaxed, pressure-free, and noncommercial. Don’t forget your camera! Please email fulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call (908) 782-1158 with any questions or ideas for additions to the fleet.

Coach Bus Trips

Jim Thorpe: Design Your Own Day

Saturday, October 21, 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM, Deer Path Park, *meet in the Soccer Lot, 120 West Woodschurch Road, Flemington, NJ 08822*, 12 through adult (children must be accompanied by an adult), cost \$45 (pre-registration required). Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator.

We supply the transportation to this Swiss Alps/ European-like town, you design your agenda for the day. Travel time is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes each way. Jim Thorpe is spectacular during the fall. Our trip takes place during Fall Foliage Fest when the town’s museums, restaurants, shops, and charm will be on display. Be sure to check out the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway train rides that offer stunning views in the fall. For more information on everything Jim Thorpe has to offer visit <https://www.pocomountains.com/jim-thorpe/>. The bus will be leaving Jim Thorpe at 5:00 PM; be sure to plan your day appropriately. Wear sturdy footwear as Jim Thorpe is nestled into the mountains and main street is built on a hill.

New York City Bus Trip



Sunday, December 10, Depart 8:30 AM and return 8:00 PM (leave NYC at 6:00 PM), Departs from Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road, Flemington, NJ. NYC drop-off point: Bryant Park, all ages (must bring your own car seat, you may leave it on bus, children must be accompanied by an adult), cost \$45 (pre-registration required). Led by Patrick Eckard, Recreation Program Coordinator.

Experience the holiday season in historic Manhattan, where the smells of hot chocolate and pine waft through the air! The private coach bus departs from Deer Path Park at 8:30 AM and will head straight to Bryant Park, near Times Square and other attractions. You can spend your day at the world-famous Rockefeller Center ice rink, on a carriage ride through Central Park, shop at the historic New York City Macy’s, or even go to a Broadway show—the options are endless. The bus will be leaving NYC at 6:00PM, so be sure to plan your day appropriately.

Nature Programs



Baby Playdates at the Park

Fridays, 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM, ages 0 to 12 months, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist.

Be prepared to sit on the grass and experience nature! Join naturalist and new mom Laura to explore sensory activities, read nature books, and play games. Bring a blanket to sit on & dress for the weather.

September 8: Echo Hill Park, 42 Lilac Drive, Clinton Township

October 6: Teetertown Preserve, 40 Pleasant Grove Road, Lebanon Township (the first entrance if coming from Califon; meet at the brown garage)

November 3: Hoffman Park, 26 Baptist Church Road, Union Township



Baby Walks

Fridays, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, ages 0 to 23 months with adult, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist. Get outside with your baby and explore your local trails! We will do some nature education geared toward the adults and enjoy the company of other parents and caregivers in the area. We will walk at the pace of the adults; we ask that babies be carried or in a stroller.

September 22: Columbia Trail, High Bridge Village Commons Parking Lot, 79 Main Street, High Bridge (fine gravel trail appropriate for strollers and carriers)

October 20: Landsdown Trail, 113 Lower Landsdown Road, Franklin Township (fine gravel trail appropriate for strollers and carriers)

November 17: Hunterdon County Arboretum, 1020 State Highway 31, Clinton Township (grass and dirt trails appropriate for carriers and robust strollers only).

Tot Walks

Echo Hill, ages 2 to 3 with adult, Each walk \$5 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor: Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist. Join Ms. Laura to discover nature at your local park! Leave the strollers behind as we take a walk to learn about the nature around us. We will also do a story and craft on the same theme. Please select Session A, B, C, or D for one or more themes. Dress for the weather. These programs will be fully outside.

Insects

Session A: Wed., September 13 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Session B: Wed., September 13 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Session C: Thurs., September 14 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Session D: Thurs., September 14 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Leaves

Session A: Wed., October 11 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Session B: Wed., October 11 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Session C: Thurs., October 12 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Session D: Thurs., October 12 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Turkeys

Session A: Wed., November 8 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Session B: Wed., November 8 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Session C: Thurs., November 9 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Session D: Thurs., November 9 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Fall Nature Club (ages 3 – 3rd Grade)

Eight Tuesdays, September 12 to October 31

Session A: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, ages 3 to 5 years.

Session B: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, ages 3 to 5 years.

Session C: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, ages 5 to 8 years.

Deer Path Park, Cedars Pavilion, \$90 for all 8 lessons; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Learn, create, play games, and explore! Our popular nature clubs will introduce your child to many exciting nature topics. Naturalist Debra Reed will guide the children during hikes as they discover the diverse field and forest habitats at Deer Path Park. Includes hands-on activities such as science experiments, field games, and take-home craft projects. The children will be able to observe the surprising changes in nature 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. This is not a drop-off program and children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the outdoors, we recommend layering, old clothes, and sneakers/boots that can get dirty. Nature Clubs meet rain or shine, in inclement weather we will be under the Cedars Pavilion.

Nature Programs

Grandparent and Me Nature Walk

Sunday, September 10, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Point Mountain, *80 Point Mountain Road, Washington, Lebanon Twp.*, ages 4 through adult, free, instructor: Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Celebrate Grandparents Day by spending quality time with your grandchildren in the great outdoors. No phones, computers, or video games, just two generations who are likely to have some special time together walking, talking, and exploring nature. During this guided nature walk we will be searching for interesting wildlife, flora, and all the nature that we can find along this beautiful river trail. Please note there are no restrooms at this location.



Mindfulness Tree Walk

Thursday, September 21, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Sourland Mountain Preserve, *233 Rileyville Road, Ringoes*, ages 12 through adult, free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Stressed? Come breathe, relax, smell, and listen to the forest around you. Join Debra on a tranquil, relaxing, guided walk through the trees and let go of the stress created by our busy lifestyles. Part of the program will involve sitting and experiencing nature; if you are uncomfortable sitting on the ground, feel free to bring a folding chair or indicate when you register that you would like to borrow one.

Musconetcong Nature Walk: Animal Evidence

Friday, September 22, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, Musconetcong Gorge Preserve, *182 Dennis Road, Bloomsbury*, ages 12 through adult, cost \$10, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist. Musconetcong Gorge is located on the northern slope of the Musconetcong Ridge. The property has a long history with the region's former Paper Mill. Let's walk the loop out to Gas Line Road looking for signs of animal activity, some tree identification, and other nature we find. The hike is moderate to difficult with about 150' elevation climb at the end of the hike.

Autumn Equinox Walk

Saturday, September 23, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Hunterdon County Arboretum, all ages, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist. The word "equinox" comes from the Latin *aequus*, which means "equal," and *nox*, which means "night." It is the two days of the year where we have 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness. The Autumn Equinox means that shorter days are ahead and is also the first day of fall. Join us for an afternoon walk to see what is happening in nature during this transition from summer to autumn.

Fall Foliage Hike at Hoffman

Saturday, October 21, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Hoffman Park, *26 Baptist Church Road, Union Township*, ages 10 through adult, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist.

Hoffman Park is beautiful in any season, but especially in the fall! We will enjoy the view of colorful trees from the parking lot, and hike down to identify some up close. We will also enjoy goldenrod and other fall wildflowers in the meadows. Be prepared to walk up to 3 miles on relatively flat trails with gradual elevation gain on the return trip. Don't forget your camera! A porta potty is available at this location.

Twilight Hunter Moon Hike

Friday, October 27, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Hunterdon County Arboretum, ages 5 through adult, free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Fall is one of the best times of the year! Come out and watch the sunset while going for a walk in the park. Take some time to celebrate the beautiful colors that surround you in nature and experience the spooky things that start coming out at night. See what is happening in nature during this transition from daylight to darkness.

Nature Programs



Beaver Walk

Friday, November 3, 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, Crystal Springs, ages 5 through adult, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist.

Beavers are busy animals! They work with their sharp teeth, powerful tails, and big webbed feet to create wetlands. They live in family groups and build their own homes. Come explore their habitat, learn what they eat, how they raise their young, and much more. Bring binoculars for easier viewing (also available to borrow). *Meet at Crystal Springs, Washington Township, Morris County Land Trust section.* Please note there are no restrooms at this location.

Jupiter at Opposition, Plus Saturn

Friday, November 3, 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM, Hoffman Park, 26 Baptist Church Road, Hampton, ages 12 through adult, free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.

Join Tom for an evening to view the system's two biggest planets. Let's first view Saturn and its rings. We will then observe the "King of Planets"—Jupiter. On this night Jupiter is at opposition, meaning it is at its closest approach to the earth. We should be able to view the planet's bands and its four largest moons which will be at their brightest. Then we will view other seasonal features of the night sky.

Kids Hike for Fun

Sunday, November 12, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Stanton Station Section of the South Branch Reservation, 30 Stanton Station Road, Flemington, ages 5 through adult, free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist. Crisp fall walks are one of the best things to do at this time of year! Come out and explore. Celebrate nature near the river. Join Park Naturalist Debra Reed to see what is happening outside during this transition from fall to winter. Double the fun and bring a friend, while we flip rocks, gather leaves, and play in the dirt.

Over the Bridge Hike

Saturday, November 18, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Hunterdon County Arboretum, ages 8 through adult, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist. Did you know that a tunnel under the highway and a brand-new bridge connect the Arboretum to Echo Hill Park? We will meet at the Arboretum and hike the Outer Loop Trail, winding through the display gardens, along the wetland boardwalk, and through the pine grove on the far side of the property. Then we will take the tunnel under the highway and the bridge over the Prescott Brook to Echo Hill. We will hike a second loop around Echo Hill, which will pass through fields and hardwood forests. The total distance of this hike will be about 2 ½ miles. Enjoy a day out with a naturalist visiting two of our most popular parks!



Build a Flying Squirrel Box Workshop

Thursday, November 30, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Assembly Room, Building 1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington NJ 08822, in the same complex as the Hunterdon County Library Headquarters, ages 8 through adult, \$15 per box (limit one box per family), instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist. Being nocturnal creatures, flying squirrels are seldom seen, but often leave telltale marks of their activities. They range across a variety of woodland habitats. While it may not be necessary to put up a specific box for the squirrel because they will use any available cavity or nesting box, this box does promote them and can also be used by House Wrens, White-breasted Nuthatches, and Chickadees. During this program, we will learn a little bit about these creatures and their behaviors. The rest of our time will be used to assemble our boxes. Wood will be pre-cut, and screws are provided. Please bring your own Phillips #2 screwdrivers.



Nature Programs: Free Webinars

To Register: visit our webpage

<https://nj-hunterdoncounty.civicplus.com/2715/Nature-Webinars>

Reptiles of Hunterdon: Live Animals

Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 7 through adult, free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.

People of all ages are fascinated by reptiles. Learn about species that can be found in the County and their importance to the environment. Program includes some live species of turtles and snakes. Questions welcome!

Trees of Hunterdon

Monday, October 23, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 8 through adult, free, Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Trees provide homes for animals and shade for people. One of their big benefits is that they soak up & store the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide. Learn about and observe trees, how they grow, their role in our ecological system, and how to identify the common trees found here in Hunterdon.



Bats of Hunterdon County

Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 8 through adult, free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.

A evening to learn about bats. Why do many people have a fear of them? We will review the challenges being faced by our flying mammals due to white-nose syndrome, the benefits they provide to us, and what can be done to help them. Includes a review of the individual species within Hunterdon and what you can do to deal with a bat that gets into your home.

Wildlife Folklore

Monday, November 13, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 10 through adult, free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Hear enchanting tales of New Jersey's native animals. Be it a pest or a welcome visitor, societies throughout the world have woven wildlife into folklore, nursery rhymes, and stories. Enjoy a night of myths and legends of wildlife from our forests.

The Majestic Monarch

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 8 through adult, free (pre-registration required), instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.

November is the safe time to cut your fields regarding Monarch Butterfly migration. But how much do we know about the Monarch? Many of us can recognize the butterfly and know that this species is struggling. But what are the challenges that this insect faces? Join Chief Park Naturalist Tom Sheppard for the evening as we touch on these points and learn a bit more about our majestic Monarch butterflies.

Birding

Birding Cold Brook Reserve

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM,
Cold Brook, *65 Old Turnpike Road, Oldwick*,
adults, \$10, instructor Tom
Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.
Autumn is the time for fall migration and Cold
Brook is a good location to investigate for the
fall sparrow movement. Join Tom for a bird
walk as we look for sparrows, birds of prey,
and other species moving about during this
year's fall migration.

Morning Bird Walks

Thursdays, ages 12 through adult, free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.
Join Tom as he looks for fall migrants and local breeding birds around the county. We will use
both eyes and ears to determine which birds are around us, as well as to observe other signs of
the fall season. This is a great chance to brush up on your songbird identification skills.
Binoculars are available to borrow.



7:00 AM to 8:30 AM

September 14: Hoffman, 26 Baptist Church Rd
September 21: Hunterdon County Arboretum
September 28: Stanton Station
October 5: Deer Path – Soccer Lot

7:15 AM to 8:45 AM

October 12: Wings Section of South Branch
October 19: Uplands
October 26: Sunnyside

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

November 2: Echo Hill

Home School Series: Mammals

Instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Coyotes and Co-existing with Them

Wednesday, September 13, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM,
Deer Path Park Cedars Pavilion, ages: 7 to 17, \$5,
Coyotes have been expanding throughout the
County for years now. They are making their
presence felt throughout the landscape and into our
backyards. We will learn how they came to the
County, what they are up to, and how to co-exist
with them.

Batty about Bats

Wednesday, October 11, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM,
Deer Path Park Cedars Pavilion, ages 7 to 17, \$5,
Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist
Because of Halloween this month, we will focus on
the bats for this class. All the species within the
County have been struggling with white-nose
syndrome and many are now listed as endangered.
We will focus on how bats differ from the other
mammals, how bats are a benefit to humans, and
what is going on with our species within the County.

Be Wary of Bears

Wednesday, November 8, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM,
Assembly Room, Building 1, 314 State Route 12,
Flemington NJ 08822, in the same complex as the
Hunterdon County Library Headquarters, ages 7 to
17, \$5, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park
Naturalist.

Black Bears are the most massive mammal of our
wildlife. We will review the history and needs of
Black Bears in New Jersey, what to do if you see
one, and how to reduce our encounters with them.



Tree ID Walks with Dennis Skillman ***New**

Mondays, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, adults, free (pre-registration required), instructors Dennis Skillman, Volunteer & Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator
Retired arborist and New Jersey Certified tree expert, volunteer Dennis Skillman has agreed to share his knowledge and love for trees. Dennis has a college degree in Ornamental Horticulture and worked many years in the tree business. He might even share a few stories about the many miles of day-hiking and extended overnight backpacking trips throughout the United States. Join us as he points out various trees and shrubs and helps you with tips on how you can learn to identify trees.

September 11: Point Mountain

80 Point Mountain Road, Washington, Lebanon Twp.

October 23: Cushetunk Mountain Preserve

106 Old Mountain Road, Lebanon, Clinton Twp.

November 20: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve

182 Dennis Road, Bloomsbury, Holland Twp.



Clip, Pick, and Stroll



Wednesdays, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, adults, free (pre-registration required), instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator.

On these walks, you can help to beautify the county park trails and help control invasive plants. The group will “clip,” prune back the plant growth, and “pick,” pick up the litter, while taking a stroll with like-minded folks.

September 6: Point Mountain, *(the new trail) the parking lot is on Point Mountain Road, north of the intersection with Mt. Lebanon Road, around the corner from the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.*

October 25: Stanton Station, *30 Stanton Station Road, Flemington, Clinton Twp.*

November 29: Riverfield, *1738 State Highway 31 North, Clinton*

Recreational Walks

Senior Stroll: Hoffman Park

Wednesday, September 27, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Hoffman Park, *26 Baptist Church Road, Hampton 08827*, adults, free, instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer. The group will gather on the hilltop and dance around the maypole. Then we will stroll down the paved path to Manny's Pond, meander through the woods for a spell and then back up the hill. Please note: A porta-potty restroom facility is available. *Type of walking surface: Paved road and flat well-worn wide trails through the woods*



Senior Stroll: Teetertown Preserve

Wednesday, October 18, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM,
Teetertown Preserve, *20 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, Lebanon Twp.*, adults, free,
Stroll across a field to a dirt trail through the woods. Meet at the camper parking lot (*the third lot, 20 Pleasant Grove Road*). *Type of walking surface: grassy field to well-worn dirt trail in the woods, includes a medium challenging uphill section. Please wear the appropriate footwear.*

Senior Stroll: Musconetcong Mountain

Wednesday, November 15, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM,
Musconetcong Mountain, *275 Ellis Road, Milford 08848* (travel through Little York onto Ellis Road, go 1.3 miles, watch on the left for park sign, turn into the driveway before the sign to get to the parking lot). adults, free.
We will explore the vine-covered ruins of an old homestead, including the well house, foundation, and an old stone wall. A grassy path goes downhill to a little creek and then we walk back up the hill! *Type of walking surface: dirt path through woods, grassy path down the hill.*

Free Recreational Walks

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, adults, free (pre-registration required), instructor Patrick Eckard, Recreation Program Coordinator.
Meet at each location and Patrick will introduce you to the beauty of the park. He will tell you the history about the park as you get some fresh air and exercise. Then come back on your own to hike the trails at your leisure. These trails are easy to moderate hikes.

September 20: Miquin Woods, *326 Newport Rd, Glen Gardner 08826*

October 11: Sourland Mountain, *233 Rileyville Rd, Ringoes 08551*

November 1: Round Mountain Section of Deer Path Park, *100 Foot Hill Rd, Flemington 08822*

Walk a Loop at Point Mountain

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM, Point Mountain, *80 Point Mountain Road, Washington, Lebanon Twp.*, for ages 12 through adults (children must be accompanied by an adult), \$15, instructors Patrick Eckard and Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinators
We will start the day with a very difficult ascent, traveling on steep tall rock steps, to the overlook. Some free time and lunch on the big rocks at the overlook will be next. We will take a slow-paced walk on the Ridge trail and loop around to the River trail. Please note, no rest room facilities available. Wear sturdy footwear, dress for the weather. **Bring** your lunch and water in a backpack. 3.5 mile hike.

Walk a Loop at Round Mountain

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM, Deer Path Park - Round Mountain Section, *100 Foothill Road, Flemington*, ages 12 through adults, \$15.
Spend a day exploring Round Mountain for fun! This mountain offers a steady uphill climb through mature woods, some meadows, and a maze of trails. Note, no rest room facilities available. Wear sturdy footwear, dress for the weather. **Bring** your lunch and water in a backpack. 3.5 mile hike.



Crafts and Skills Programs

Instructor Liz Fulmer,
Recreation Program Coordinator

Making Cordage

Friday, September 8 (rain date Friday 9/15), 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Hunterdon County Arboretum Gardens, ages 14 through adult (children must be accompanied by an adult), \$15 (pre-registration required), skill level beginner.

Learn and practice twisting fibers and making cordage/ rope. We will experiment using tree bark, leaves, roots, and more. Includes a short hike to identify possible plants to use. Rain date Friday, September 15.



Knotless Netting

Friday, September 29, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Deer Path Cedars Pavilion, ages 14 through adult (children must be accompanied by an adult), \$15 per person (pre-registration required), skill level beginner.

Knotless netting, one of the oldest textile techniques that we know about, is used to make fishing nets. Learn how to do knotless netting, a looping technique using waxed linen thread. Folks will make either a small pouch, a brooch using grapevine tendrils, or encase a small crystal in a pouch (please bring your own crystal or small bottle).



Broom Making: Turkey Wing Broom

Tuesday, November 14, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Assembly Room, Building 1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington NJ, the same complex as the Hunterdon County Library Headquarters, adults, \$25 (pre-registration required), skill level beginner.

Made by you, this hand broom with its angled shape is excellent at getting those hard-to-reach places. It is often used as a fireplace broom or to sweep away pesky spider webs (or as I once heard them referred to as "our lace curtains"). Finished broom is approximately 19 inches long. Workshop includes weaving a rattan handle onto your broom. Bring a bag lunch and drink.



ADULT BASKETRY

Instructor Liz Fulmer,
Recreation Program Coordinator

Crafty Carrier

Wednesday, September 13, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Echo Hill, adults, \$28, skill level beginner through advanced.

This 10" x 7" Crafty Carrier is made using 7 sticks that are woven together using 3 strands in an over-under weave. The reed spokes are woven to make the basket's two ends and then gathered in a group to create the handle. This is an earthy-looking basket. Students who have made one in a previous class can create a different sized basket. Bring a bag lunch and drink.



Reed and Honeysuckle Oval Dish

Tuesday, September 19, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Echo Hill, adults, \$15, skill level beginner.

Weave a small oval basket using some round reed and some honeysuckle vine. Bring a snack and drink.



UFO Class: Unfinished Objects

Friday, November 17, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Deer Path Park Cedars Pavilion, adults, free.

Do you have a craft project, such as, but not limited to a basket that is not finished? Join us for some open weave time.



Cheese Basket

Tuesday, November 28, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Assembly Room, Building 1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington NJ 08822, the same complex as the Hunterdon County Library Headquarters, adults, \$25 (pre-registration required), skill level intermediate to advanced.

This basket has many hexagon spaces; it was used as a colander or cheese mold. You weave 3/8" flat reed in three directions, and then you make a lock. It can be challenging for some to grasp the technique but fun when you get it. Bring a bag lunch and drink.



HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Location: 1020 Route 31, Lebanon (Clinton Township)

PHONE: (908) 782-1158

WEBSITE: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/479/Parks-Recreation
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Hunterdon County Division 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.

MODIFICATION STATEMENT

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation welcomes all individuals to participate and enjoy our parks, facilities, and recreational programs. Reasonable modifications, individual adaptations, and support will be provided for persons of all abilities, to encourage everyone to benefit equally from their choice of leisure activities. Individuals requesting modifications shall describe what they need to use the service. Whenever feasible, please make the request in advance, before the modification is needed to access the service. Each request will be assessed individually.

RESERVABLE FACILITIES

ARBORETUM: Two Gazebos

DEER PATH PARK: Two Pavilions, Gazebo, & Softball Field

COURT STREET PARK: Gazebo/Bandstand

ECHO HILL PARK: Main Lodge & Group Campsite

TEETERTOWN PRESERVE: Group & Public Campsites

To reserve a facility, contact the park office.

For information on each park, visit our website.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Visit our website to register online and pay with credit card. Or, fill out the program registration form and medical record on pages 3-4 of this brochure. The medical record can be filled out once, and will be kept on record for future programs.

Mail your completed forms with payment to:

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

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

CANCELLATION POLICIES:

You will be notified by phone if we cancel a program and you will receive a full refund. Programs are designed for all types of weather and participants should dress appropriately. Cancellations by participants must be in writing, and cancellations made less than one week prior to program will **NOT** receive a refund.

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ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY archunterdon.org

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DANCE CLUB** hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org

HUNTERDON HIKING CLUB
hunterdonhikingclub.org

NJ BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION nwnjba.com

**TRAVIS MANION BATTALION, US SEA CADET
CORPS OF HUNTERDON COUNTY**
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