



Norco 2020 Environmental Education Programming

All programs are free

February

Winter Exploration Snowshoe Walk; 2/1/20, 12-1:30pm Louise Moore Park

Explore Louise Moore Park's trails with an experienced environmental educator to discover animal tracks, edible winter plants, and other surprises! Weather permitting, we'll supply snowshoes. Hot cocoa to warm up the end of our adventure. In the case of no snow, we'll hike. Meet at the pavilion. 151 Country Club Rd, Easton, PA 18045.

April

Pre-K Pathfinders: Happy Camper; Thursday, 4/23/20, 10-11:00am, Wayne Grube Park

A base camp experience complete with stories, songs, and live animals.

Family Spring Peeper Hike; Friday 4/24/20, 6-7:30pm, Bear Swamp Park and Archery Complex

Frogs are starting to sing- Spring has sprung! Join naturalists on the search for this unforgettable little frog with big voices. We'll also search for salamanders and other signs of spring. Dress for the weather and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Location: Lake Minsi Drive, Latitude: 40.909137 Longitude: -75.182206. Bear Swamp Park & Archery Center, Lake Minsi Drive, Upper Mount Bethel Township, PA 18013

May

Birds of the Swamp, Saturday, 5/9/20, 8:30-10am, Bear Swamp Park

Join us for a look at the feathered residents of this pristine forested wetland park in northern Northampton County at the peak of spring migration! We will start with a guided bird walk on the boardwalk trails of the park to search for seldom seen species that call Bear Swamp home, like American Woodcocks, Barred Owls, and Northern Water thrush. Afterwards, we will discuss bird research being done in the area and participants will get a rare up-close look at bird banding be conducted on the preserve.

Location: Bear Swamp Park, 1280 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA 18013

Contact Brandon Swayser for more details: bswayser@wildlandspa.org or 610-965-4397 ext. 136

Pre-K Pathfinders: Enchanted Forest; Thursday, 5/21/20, 10-11:00am, Wayne Grube Park

Learn about animals that may reside in the park home, then embark on a wildlife expedition.

Ballas Wildflower Preserve, Saturday, 5/30/20, 10am-12noon

Walk the 1-mile trail around this 35-acre wildflower meadow that's nestled in the 90-acre Ballas Wildflower Park. Discover these colorful showstoppers and the birds that they attract! This program is underwritten by Northampton County Parks. Meet at the parking lot, 308 Kromer Road, Wind Gap, 18091

June

Bike & Bite: Nor-Bath Trail Conservation Tour, National Trails Day; Saturday, 6/6/20, 11am-1:30pm;

Join conservation and education staff from Wildlands Conservancy for this highlight of conservation projects with Northampton County. Meeting in the Willowbrook Road parking lot at Wayne Grube Park, we'll first walk to our streamside project along Catasauqua Creek, then bike north, through the tunnel under East Bullshead Road and then on to Northampton. Here we get a chance to ride the priority trail gap that connects to the D&L Trail. After learning about future D&L Trail and river access construction, we'll stop at Santa Fe Taco for lunch. Out and back, this is a 9 mile ride. This program is underwritten by Northampton County Parks.

Pre-K Pathfinders: Slithering Snakes, 6/18/20, 10-11am, Wayne Grube Park

Soak up the sunshine with our reptilian education animals, and practice building small, backyard animal shelters.

Rhythm of Nature Day Camp, Monday, 6/15/20, 9am-4pm, Wayne Grube Park

Listen for the rhythm of nature creaking in an old tree's branches, in water flowing over rock or emerging from the throat of a bull frog. Every sound has meaning, cause or purpose. Learn to hear it. Discover what it means. Rhythmically duplicating the sounds we hear, animal ambassadors and experiments fill our day.

Rhythm of Nature Day Camp, Monday, 6/22/20, 9am-4pm, Louise Moore Park

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July

Eco-Friends Day Camp, Monday, 7/6/20, 9am-4pm, Wayne Grube Park

Campers- use your imagination and energy to tackle an eco-fun mission! Meet and greet some Wildlands education animals and investigate the park through exploration and games. Make sure to share your newly found eco-wealth with your family.

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Wildflower Walk: Ballas Preserve; Saturday, 7/12/20, 10-11:30am

Explore this 90-acre park, well known for its 30 acres of native wildflowers. July is the best time to discover these showstoppers and the birds that they attract! This program is underwritten by Northampton County Parks. Meet at the parking lot, 308 Kromer Road, Wind Gap, 18091

Paddling 101; Sunday, 7/19/20, 1-3pm, Walnutport Park

Meet us at Walnutport Park to learn the basics of paddling with Wildlands Conservancy! Whether you have never been in a canoe or kayak before or just need to refine your skills, Wildlands Conservancy's "Learn to Paddle Series" is a great place to start. Get an overview and learn the basics of paddling including safety, proper equipment, and basic technique. All equipment provided and our professional safety staff will facilitate all sessions. Meet at Walnutport Canal Park, 309 Lehigh St., Walnutport, PA 18088-1018.

Bike & Bite: Forks of the Delaware to Someday Café, 7/25/20, 9am-12noon;

Join our monthly naturalist-led bike ride, exploring local Northampton County trails with a food agenda! We will meet at Forks of the Delaware/Delaware Canal State Park trailhead and ride along the D&L to Riegelsville for coffee, crepes & ice cream at Someday Café. Our seasoned naturalist will offer opportunities for cool experiences along the way. Bring your bike. Helmet required for ages 11 and under. 10 miles each way. All ages welcome on the ride, but do note the 20 mile total distance. Meet at Forks of the Delaware, 210 S. Delaware Dr, Easton, 18042.

PreK Pathfinders: Creek Trek, 7/30/20, 10-11am, WGP

Discover how to collect and observe the small aquatic species that call the Catasauqua Creek home. Closed-toe shoes required for creek access.

August

Science in Nature Day Camp, Monday, 8/3/20, 9am-4pm, Wayne Grube Park

Curiosity, experimentation, and discovery- unearth the thrill of science, technology and engineering, and the beauty of the natural world. What will you create? What part of nature will inspire you? Put your STEM glasses on through many hands-on experiments and investigations.

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Camping 101, S'mores, and Meteor Showers, Friday, 8/14/20- 8/15/20, 6pm-11am, Wy-Hit-Tuk Park

Borrow one of our tents or bring your own for this all night event at a little-known park. We'll help you get camp set-up, then teach you how to build a fire using a flint & steel and creative, home-made fire starters. Enjoy the Perseid Meteor Shower through our telescope and binoculars while munching on s'mores! Stay for breakfast and paddling on the canal in the morning.

Let us know if you need to borrow a tent. Bring your own bedding and dinner (you can cook it in the fire if you like). Dress warmly for a late evening- the best meteors are seen in the wee hours.

Program is underwritten by Northampton County Parks. Location: Wy-Hit-Tuk Park, 510 PA-611, Williams Township, PA 18042.

Dutch Oven Breakfast, Saturday, 8/15/20, 7:30-9am, Wy-Hit-Tuk Park

Learn how to cook a yummy breakfast in our cast iron Dutch Ovens. One savory and one sweet dish will be offered to get you fueled up for the Paddling 101 class at 9am.

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PreK Pathfinders: Mix and Mash, 8/20/20, 10-11am, WGP

Hands-on experiments may leave teams a little messy but very excited to explore to nature and science!

Bike & Bite: Saucon Trail & SV Farmers Market; Sunday, 8/23/20, 9am-12pm

Join our monthly naturalist-led bike ride, exploring local Northampton County trails with a food agenda! We will meet at the Saucon Valley Farmers Market and head south on the Saucon Rail Trail. When we return to Water Street Park, we will

explore the fresh, local products on hand. Meet at the Water Street Park with your bike. Helmets are mandatory for ages 11 and under. Participants will dictate riding distance. All ages welcome on the ride. 90 West Water Street, Hellertown.

River Snorkeling, Saturday, 8/30/20, 10am-12pm, Northampton Canal Park

Explore the Lehigh River in a whole new way: discover schools of fish, sunfish turning red as they guard their nest, and trout zipping by. We supply the snorkeling equipment for this underwater adventure. This program is underwritten by Northampton County Parks. Meet at Northampton's Canal Park Launch Access Area, Canal St, Northampton, PA 18067

September

Monarch Tagging @ Ballas Preserve; Sunday, 9/5/20, 10-11am

Find out why butterflies love this wildflower meadow as much as we do! Monarch tagging is citizen science at its best! The purpose of the tagging is to associate the location of capture with the point of recovery for each butterfly. The data from these recaptures helps to determine the pathways taken by migrating monarchs, the influence of weather on the migration, and the survival rate of the monarchs. Learn how to capture, hold, and tag these fragile beings and then create milkweed seed bombs to help create new habitat. This program is underwritten by Northampton County Parks. Meet at the parking lot, 308 Kromer Road, Wind Gap, 18091

PreK Pathfinders: Fairytale Yoga; Thursday, 9/10/20, 10-11:00am, Wayne Grube Park

A fun, movement-based storytelling experience using classic fairytales as inspirations. Each participant should bring a yoga mat.

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October

Pre-K Pathfinders: Animal Lore; Thursday, 10/8/20, 10-11am

A storytelling experience complete with live animals and art.

Hoody Hoot Hike, Friday, 10/9/20, 6-7pm, Bear Swamp Park and Archery Complex

After meeting our education owls to learn about their amazing adaptations, we'll go in search of Bear Swamp Park's resident owls. Later, we'll relive our adventures while sipping hot cocoa. This program underwritten by Northampton County Parks. Location: Bear Swamp Park & Archery Center, Lake Minsi Drive, Upper Mount Bethel Township, PA 18013