



HUNTERDON PARKS HARBINGER

Program information from March 2022 through Summer 2022

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MAPLE SUGARING LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

Saturday, March 19, Echo Hill, all ages, free!
(pre-registration is required using registration form, medical form, and liability waiver), 10 participants per session. Rain date: Sunday, March 20 (check our website 908-782-1158 for cancellation information)

- Session A: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Session B: 10:20 AM to 11:20 AM
- Session C: 10:40 AM to 11:40 AM
- Session D: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session E: 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
- Session F: 12:50 PM to 1:50 PM
- Session G: 1:10 PM to 2:10 PM
- Session H: 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM
- Session I: 1:50 PM to 2:50 PM
- Session J: 2:10 PM to 3:10 PM
- Session K: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM



Native Americans discovered the sweet quality of sugar maple sap before written history. For hundreds, maybe even thousands of years, Native Americans would set up camp in a stand of sugar maples during the sap run. The sugar they produced was an important food for them and for the colonists, who learned the process from the Native Americans. It was only during the 1930s when maple sugar took the form we use today: syrup!

Experience first-hand the North American tradition of maple sugaring at Hunterdon County's Maple Sugaring Program. You'll take a trip through time to experience the art of the sugaring process. Along the way, you will see an early American Frontiersman taping his trees, visit a sugar "farmer" at his evaporator, and enjoy a Native American story about the discovery of maple sap.

School Field Trips and Other Organized Groups

By appointment February 22 through March 18, 1-hour programs available from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. \$30 per group. **Pre-registration required; call 908-782-1158.**

***Also available: Maple Sugar To Go!** Let us bring Maple Sugaring to your location. 1 hr, \$55 in-County only. Call the office to schedule a program.



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NATURE PROGRAMS: in-person

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 23, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, ages 8 through adult, free! (pre-registration required)

Session A: Sunnyside

Session B: Deer Path Park

Session C: Landsdown Trail, Lower Landsdown Road

Session D: Landsdown Trail, Clinton

Session E: Point Mountain

To celebrate Earth Day, help clean up one of the Hunterdon County park areas! We will be doing a litter pick. Participants will meet a Parks employee at their assigned location, and get a brief safety overview before setting out along the trails. Some locations may allow for participants to wade into water up to their knees if desired, so bring appropriate closed-toed footwear. We will provide tools, but bring your own work gloves if desired. Please note, there are no restroom facilities at most locations. All sessions will run con-currently, so please select a session based on location. 10 participants per site.



WATERFOWL WALK

Friday, March 18, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Assiscong Marsh, adults, \$3

At 24 acres in size, the Assiscong Marsh is the largest marsh in the County. It has been home or has hosted a wide variety of waterfowl and wading birds. The species list is over 200. Join Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, for a walk along the marsh to see what may be around on this date.



SPRING AMPHIBIAN WALK

Sunday, March 27, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Juggtown Mountain (408 Mine

Road, Asbury 08802), ages 6 through adult, \$3

Spring is here! With spring comes spring peepers and salamanders. Come outdoors to listen and look at the many signs of spring and the new life beginning all around us. Join Park Naturalist Debra Reed for a walk to see what is happening in nature during this transition from winter to spring.

WOODCOCK WATCH

Monday, March 28, 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM, Tower Hill springhouse, ages 5 through adult, \$3, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist.

American Woodcocks inhabit our wet fields and have one of the most fascinating courtship behaviors of any New Jersey bird. As the sun sets on warm March evenings, the males begin to call for females and then take to the sky in a dizzying dance. Come witness this spectacle for yourself! Meet at the Tower Hill springhouse (944 Mountain View Road, Asbury).



MORNING BIRD WALKS

Thursdays, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM, ages 12 through adult, free! (pre-registration required), instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

The early morning bird walks are back. Join Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist as he looks for the spring 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 spring season. This is a great chance to brush up on your songbird identification skills. Binoculars are available to borrow.

April 7 Assiscong Marsh

April 14 Deer Path Park, Soccer Lot

April 21 Arboretum

April 28 Uplands (Capner Street)

May 5 Echo Hill Park

May 12 Sunnyside

May 19 Tower Hill (Mountainview Road)

May 26 Hoffman Park (Baptist Church Road)



REKINDLING YOUR SENSE OF WONDER

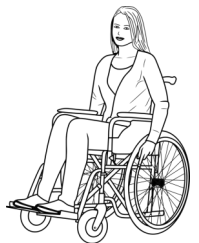
Thursday, April 7, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Sourland Mountain Preserve satellite entrance (13 Ridge Road, Ringoes), ages 8 through adult, \$3, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

Sometimes you don't need a change of scenery as much as a change in perspective. Join Naturalist Debra Reed on a wonder walk to inspire your soul. As humans, we have a natural ability for wonder, but in our busy routines, it's surprisingly easy to lose it. Come out into nature and regain your sense of awe and lose yourself in the sights, smells, and peaceful sounds that surround you.

WALKER & WHEELCHAIR WALK

Wednesday, April 13, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Landsdown Trail, all ages, \$3 per person (buddy attends for free), instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist.

This walk is designed for those who use a wheelchair or walker but desire to spend time in nature. Join naturalist Laura Bush to explore the Landsdown Trail, a former railroad that is now a trail with a fine gravel surface. Expect to see and hear birds, chipmunks, and the Capoolong Creek. We will move at the pace of the group, stopping periodically to learn about the natural world. If desired, please consider bringing a buddy along to assist (buddy attends for free). Please contact us in advance if you would like a buddy from Parks. We will meet at the trailhead at 113 Lower Landsdown Road, Annandale 08801 (Franklin Township). Please note, there is no restroom facility at this location.



NATURE PROGRAMS: in-person (continued)

JUGTOWN HISTORY/NATURE WALK

Monday, April 18, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Jugtown Mountain Preserve, adults, \$3

Jugtown Mountain sits just north of Route 78 within the New Jersey Highlands. The property was once a mine and a ski resort. Today, it is part of a 600+ acre preserved complex. Take a walk with Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, as he shares the property's history and talks about the local wildlife and flora.

BLUEBELLS HIKE

Friday, April 29, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Bernadette Morales/Uplands, ages 8 through adult, \$3

Virginia Bluebells are one of America's favorite wildflowers. Native to our area, they bloom for a few weeks in early spring, and "hide" later in the summer. They are also deer- and critter-resistant! Explore Bernadette Morales and Uplands Reserve with naturalist Laura Bush to enjoy the bluebells, stroll along a bubbling brook, and see the ruins of the estate of Judge Large (a prosecutor in the Charles Lindbergh case). This is a moderately hilly hike, about three miles in total. Meet at the parking lot of Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve, 103 Capner Street, Flemington.



BIRDING JUGTOWN MOUNTAIN

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Jugtown Mountain Nature Preserve, ages 8 through adult, \$6. At the height of spring migration, let's bird a new location, Jugtown Mountain Nature Preserve in Bethlehem Township. Principal Park Naturalist Laura Bush will guide the group through the forest habitat where Hooded Warblers, Worm-eating Warblers, and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks have been observed in the past. We will meet at the parking area, 408 Mine Road, Asbury, 08802. Expect to walk at least 1 1/2 miles with a gradual slope on the return. For birders of any ability level; binoculars will be available to borrow. Please note, there are no restroom facilities at this location.

INSECT STUDY MERIT BADGE

Saturday, May 14, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Echo Hill, ages 11 to 17, \$3 per scout; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

There are a huge number of insect species... more than 950,000! That makes them the most common animals on earth. Insects play an important role in the ecosystem. Without insects, we would have fewer birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and mammals because insects are an important food source. Join us to learn more about these fascinating animals while earning the insect study merit badge. This class is an introduction to the badge. Scouts will need to complete additional requirements on their own, and then meet with Debra to check their work.

BLOOD MOON AT HOFFMAN PARK

Sunday, May 15, 10:30 PM to 2:00 AM, Hoffman Park, adults, \$6

A "Blood Moon" occurs when the Moon is in a total lunar eclipse. While the moon will not actually disappear, the view will still be striking as the usually whitish moon becomes a reddish-brown. Join Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist for this celestial event. A telescope will be on site to view other evening features as well as some close-ups of the moon itself.

NIGHT HIKE

Tuesday, May 17, 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM,

Arboretum, ages 8 through adult, \$3, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Night hiking can be glorious with starry skies, moonlit vistas, and insect serenades.

Come explore the park during the night and see the beautiful twilight while surrounded by nature. Under the light of the moon, we will listen to spring insects and learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals. We will also learn about the phases of the moon.



BIRD STUDY SCOUTING MERIT BADGE

Friday, May 20, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Echo Hill, ages 11 to 17, \$3 per scout; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist.

The majority of the two hours will be spent on preparing our field notebooks, and identifying birds by sight and sound (requirements 5 & 6). We will also go over how to use binoculars and field guides (requirements 3 & 4, but scouts will have to be tested on this at a later date). Please bring a notebook and pencil, and binoculars if you have them (also available to borrow). Scouts will need to schedule an additional meeting time after they have completed the other requirements on their own.

SPRING ACTIVITY BOX

Pick up at Arboretum, ages 4 to 8, \$20 per box.

Enjoy self-paced instruction and fun on the topics of Birds, Wildflowers, Frogs, Insects, and Caring for the Earth. Explore with a short introductory video online, an outdoor component like a scavenger hunt or walk, a game or activity, and a craft. All instructions and specialty materials will be included. Some projects will require basic materials found around the home. To sign up, please return our registration form with payment. We will then contact you to pick up your Spring Activity Box from the Arboretum. These boxes will make one of each project, and are meant to be used by one child. Some included activities will lend themselves to an entire family or group participating. These are the same activities as in the 2021 Spring Activity Box.

SPRING NATURE CLUB (ages 3-2nd grade)

Eight Tuesdays, March 15 to May 10 (no session April 19), Echo Hill, \$90 for all 8 lessons

Session A: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM, ages 3 to 5 years

Session B: 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM, ages kindergarten through 2nd grade

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 beautiful field, forest, and pond habitats at Echo Hill. Other fun hands-on activities include science experiments, games, and 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 improve their attention to detail as we observe the colors, shapes, textures, and sounds of the natural world. Please be sure to dress your child for the outdoors so they will be able to enjoy our time. We strongly recommend old clothes and sneakers/boots that can get dirty. Children must be accompanied by an adult for both sessions.

BILINGUAL NATURE CLUB / CLUB DE NATURALEZA BILINGÜE PARA NIÑOS DE 3° A 2° GRADO

2 Saturdays, April 30 & May 14

2 sábados, 30 de abril y 14 de mayo

10:00 AM to 11:15 AM, Court Street Park

3 to 2nd grade (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Para estudiantes de 3° y 2° grados (los menores deberán ser acompañados por un adulto)

Free (pre-registration required) / Gratis (es necesario registrarse)

Instructor / Instructora: Debra Reed, Naturalist

Learn, create, play games, and explore! Our popular nature club, in partnership with the United Way, will introduce your child to many exciting nature topics in both Spanish and English.

¡Aprende, crea, juega y explora! Nuestro club popular de naturaleza, en asociación con United Way, le presentarán a su hijo muchos temas emocionantes de la naturaleza tanto en español como en inglés. La naturalista Debra Reed guiará a los niños durante las caminatas mientras descubren la naturaleza que se encuentra en el centro de la ciudad. Otras actividades prácticas divertidas incluyen experimentos científicos, juegos y proyectos de manualidades. A través de nuestras exploraciones, los niños también mejorarán su atención al detalle a medida que observamos los colores, formas, texturas y sonidos del mundo natural.

Por favor, asegúrese de vestir a su hijo para el aire libre para que pueda disfrutar de nuestro tiempo. Recomendamos encarecidamente ropa vieja y zapatos o botas que puedan ensuciarse.

TOT WALKS: in-person

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 read a book and take a walk outside to learn about the nature around us. Dress for the weather as we will spend the entire 45 minutes outside. Participants will also receive a take-home craft. Please select Session A or B for one or more themes.

MAPLE SUGARING

Session A: Wednesday, March 2, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Session B: Thursday, March 3, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

WORMS

Session A: Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Session B: Thursday, April 7, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

TURTLES

Session A: Wednesday, May 11, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Session B: Thursday, May 12, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS: in-person

HOMESCHOOL: ROCKS & MINERALS

Wednesday, March 9, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Deer Path Park Cedars Pavilion, ages 7 and up, \$3 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.

Rocks and minerals make up the inorganic part of our environment. Come and learn what the differences are between rocks and minerals. We will examine the rock cycle, perform some quick experiments, and identify some mystery minerals.

HOMESCHOOL: FIELD INSECT STUDY

Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Echo Hill playground, ages 7 and up, \$3 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.

We will examine what makes up an insect and discuss the roles that they play in the environment. Students will then have the opportunity to collect and examine live insects from our meadow.



HOMESCHOOL: STREAM STUDY

Wednesday, May 11, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Echo Hill playground, ages 7 and up, \$3 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.

The ecology of the stream can tell us a lot about our surroundings. Join us for this activity and be prepared to get your feet wet as we collect and examine some of our freshwater macroinvertebrates and conclude what they tell us about Echo Hill.





TO REGISTER: visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/programs.html> and find the registration link for each individual program.

SUSTAINABILITY MERIT BADGE

Sunday, March 6, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, all ages, free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist
Sustainability means the ability to endure. Conserving the forests, air, land, wildlife, and water is everyone’s responsibility. Learn about reducing, recycling, repurposing, restoring, and repairing to leave the planet better than how we found it. This class is an introduction to the badge. Scouts will need to complete additional requirements on their own, and then meet with Debra at a later date for her to check their work.

RAPTORS THROUGH A PHOTOGRAPHER’S EYE

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, adults, free, guest instructor Bob Reith, Photographer
Bob Reith is a wildlife photographer who returns with a program on raptors, including eagles, osprey, hawks, owls, harriers, falcons, and vultures. All are reckoned to be avian predators, which for the most part hunt fish, small mammals, other birds, and dead remains. This time of year, raptors have recently begun the annual mating process. Bob will share photos from his vast collection, most of which were taken in northern New Jersey, with others from New York, Connecticut, Maryland, and Missouri where he now resides.

CO-EXISTING WITH COYOTES

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 8 through adults, free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.
Coyotes have now been part of our County’s population for several years. Their numbers are still fluctuating, and they are definitely making their presence felt. Join us to discuss their comeback and the issues, concerns, and benefits that surround this species. Learn how we need to adapt to coexist with this creature.



BIRDING BY EAR

Wednesday, April 6, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, ages 8 through adult, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist
Spring is here; the birds are singing! What are they saying and how can we tell one from the other? Through a lecture program, we will learn how bird song is described and produced. Then we will go over the songs of some common birds. Participants are encouraged to attend one of our spring bird walks to gain skills in the field!

WARBLERS OF HUNTERDON

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 8 through adult, free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist
Warblers are one of the highlights of the spring migration, but a challenging highlight. With over 30 members in the family, there isn’t just one trick to learn for identifying these birds. Join Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, as he reviews and shares his insight on how to begin to learn and identify this colorful and diverse group of birds.



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MERIT BADGE

Monday, April 25, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, ages 11 through 17, free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist
Soil and water conservation help improve the living conditions of our local communities. They are an integral part of managing our watersheds. Learn more about what you can do to help the environment, our agriculture, and our water supply. This merit badge is one of the three needed to earn your World Conservation Award. Scouts need to, on their own time, complete requirement seven and schedule an additional meeting with Debra Reed.

ELEMENTARY SKILLS ON ANIMAL TRACKS AND OTHER SIGNS

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 6 through adult, free, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist.
Hunterdon is home to over 40 different types of mammals. However, most of us will never see a large percentage of this group. But these species leave us other clues as to their nearby presence. Join Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, as he introduces you to animal tracks and other evidence of our local wildlife.



WILDFLOWER FOLKLORE

Monday, May 23, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 8 through adult, free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist
Did you know the flowers Black-eyed Susan and Sweet William were named after lovers in an English poem from the early 18th century? Or that Native Americans used Pokeweed berries as a dye and ink? In Wildflower Folklore, we will go over the folk uses and myths of local wildflowers. Through a slide show of photos, we will also go over identification of these species.



BASKET KIT WEBINARS: virtual

Create from the comfort of your own home! Let's make baskets and crafts together via a webinar. Pick up your kit, and then join the webinar for step-by-step instructions. These programs will be recorded; therefore, you could revisit it if need be. Or if you cannot make the date, just watch it later (available for two months after the workshop date). To register, return the Program Registration Form on page 9 of this newsletter with payment, and the WebEx address will be emailed to you. *Please be sure to include your email address and phone number on the form. You will need to pick up a materials kit at the Hunterdon County Arboretum (1020 Route 31 North, Lebanon, NJ). Office is open Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. You will need to supply some tools (see the list). Note: Your audio will be on and your cameras off.*

SMALL MARKET BASKET

2 Thursdays, March 24 and 31, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, adults, \$25

Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Experience level: Beginner

Make a rectangular basket, 12" long x 6" wide x 9 1/2" tall, with a D handle. On day two, we will embellish the basket with a surface curl design and a wrapped handle.

Tools you supply: scissors, bucket of warm water (to soak reed in), tuck tool or small flathead screwdriver (about 1/4" wide, thin head), 10 mini clamps or clothespins, spray bottle (filled with warm water, 2 weights such as large books, and a darning/dull needle that will take waxed linen.



3 THREE ROD WALES

2 Wednesdays, April 20 & 27, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, adults, \$20

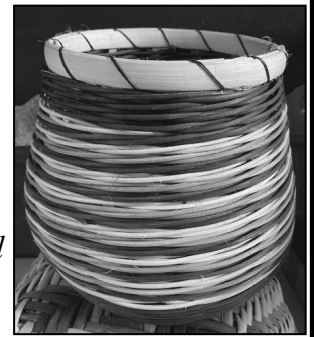
Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Experience level: Intermediate. Some basket making experience required.

The base of this basket is a six-sided star created using 1/4" flat reed that becomes the spokes.

The sides are woven with three sets of three rod wale chasing.

Tools you supply: scissors, bucket of warm water (to soak reed in), tuck tool or small flathead screwdriver (about 1/4" wide, thin head), 10 mini clamps or clothespins, spray bottle (filled with warm water) and a darning/dull needle that will take waxed linen.

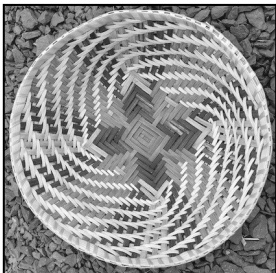


CRAFT WORKSHOPS: in-person

ASSEMBLE A BLUEBIRD HOUSE

Sunday, April 3, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Deer Path Park, Cedars Pavilion, ages 8 through adults, \$15 per project, instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Make a home for your feathered friends. Assemble a precut wooden birdhouse. Woodworking techniques, hands-on tool use, and safety will be covered. Cost is per project; families may work together on one project or pay per person to each create their own.



SWIRLING STAR BOWL BASKET

Friday, May 13, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Deer Path Park, Cedars Pavilion, adults, \$27, instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Experience level: **Advanced**

If you enjoy making a patterned basket this workshop is for you. Participants will weave a beautiful pattern, row by row using a chart to weave. This bowl-shaped basket has 6" X 6" square base and the sides build outwards to a 12" round rim.

MAKE A BASKET using WISTERIA VINES

Saturday, May 21, 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Arboretum Gardens, ages 9 through adults, \$15 per project, instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Experience level: Beginner to advanced

We will harvest wisteria vines and make a round basket using the vines. Cost is per project; families may work together on one project or pay per person to each create their own.



RECREATIONAL WALKS: in-person

FREE WEDNESDAY RECREATION WALKS

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, adults, free, instructor Patrick Eckard, Recreation Leader
Meet Patrick Eckard at each location and he will introduce you to the beauty of the parks as he inspects the trail systems. He will tell you the history of each 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.

March 16 **COLUMBIA TRAIL**
(Morris County border), 40 Vernoy Road, Califon, 07830

April 20 **CHARLESTOWN RESERVE**, 40 Charlestown Road, Hampton, 08827

May 18 **HOFFMAN PARK** (back entrance), 751 Mechlin Corner Road, Hampton, 08827



WALKS for FUN

Mondays, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, adults, \$3, instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator
Expect a twist of history, a splash of artistic inspiration, a little exploration of nature, exercise, some quiet time in the woods, and friendly conversation. Please note: No restroom facilities available. Please wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather.

April 25 **SCHICK RESERVE**, 99 Schick Road & Hickory Corner Road, Alexandria Twp. Type of walking surface: edge of fields and country road.

May 23 **POINT MOUNTAIN**, 259 Musconetcong River & Point Mountain Road, Lebanon Twp. Type of walking surface: very flat dirt, sometimes rocky with roots; trail goes along the river through the woods.



SENIOR STROLL at SUNNYSIDE SECTION OF THE SOUTH BRANCH

Wednesday, March 9, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, 47 Kiceniuk Road, Annandale, adults, free, Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator
Listen to the babble as we follow the South Branch River through the lowlands. Includes a moment of silence as we visit the Awossagame Grove (Leni Lenape word meaning "a sacred place") dedicated to the residents of Hunterdon County who were lost on September 11, 2001. *Type of walking surface: flat mowed grass path, sometimes wet. Please wear the appropriate footwear.*

SENIOR STROLL at the COLUMBIA TRAIL (NORTHERN SECTION)

Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, 362 West Valley Brook Road & Vernoy Road, Califon (Tewksbury Twp. border of Morris County), adults, free, Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Let's walk about and talk about a once busy railroad, which is now a busy trail. How, in time, things change! Please note: *Type of walking surface: flat, well-groomed aggregate surface.*

SENIOR STROLL at JUGTOWN MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

Wednesday, May 11, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, 944 Mountain View Road, Asbury (Bethlehem Twp.), adults, free, Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

The stories it would tell, if only the mountain could talk. Imagine what it was like as we visit the remnants of the old Swayze Mine. *Type of walking surface: dirt trails through the woods. FYI: The trail map on our website groups Tower Hill and Jugtown Mountain together.*

PARK TOURS: virtual

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VIRTUAL TOUR OF HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS: CHARLESTOWN RESERVE

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 12 through adult, free! Instructor Patrick Eckard, Recreation Leader
Join Recreation Leader Patrick Eckard, as he takes a virtual walking tour of Charlestown Reserve. Charlestown was once a Christmas tree farm and fruit orchard, and the wooded habitat is now home to unusual animals like gray fox. This is a great program for guests who want to see the parks but who cannot walk far, or those who want to check it out before visiting.



VIRTUAL TOUR OF HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS: SOURLAND MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 12 through adult, free! Instructor Patrick Eckard, Recreation Leader.
Join Recreation Leader Patrick Eckard, as he takes a virtual walking tour of Sourland Mountain Preserve. The boulder field and mining history of these lands make for an interesting tale. This is great program for guests who want to see the parks but who cannot walk far, or those who want to check it out before visiting.

SUMMER WEEKLONG PROGRAMS: in-person

TO REGISTER: Submit a regular program registration form, medical form, and waiver with payment. First come, first served.

TOT WALK WEEK

Session A: June 27 to July 1, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Session B: June 27 to July 1, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Session C: August 15 to 19, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Session D: August 15 to 19, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Monday through Friday, Echo Hill, ages 2 to 3 with adult, \$25 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist. Discover nature at your local park! Leave the strollers behind as get outside to learn about the nature around us. Each day we will read a book, take a walk, and do a craft on a different theme. Dress for the weather as we plan to be outside even in light rain. Please bring a water bottle. Masks will be required if we need to go indoors due to heavy rain or thunderstorms. Please select Session A, B, C, or D.

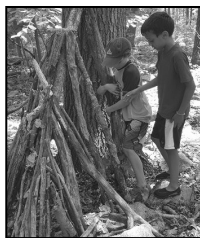


FAMILY NATURE BUGS

A: July 18 to 22, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Teetertown
B: August 1 to 5, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Echo Hill
Monday through Friday, ages 4 to 6 with adult, \$125 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist
The Nature Bugs program is the perfect half-day adventure for your young nature enthusiast. Our full-time naturalists teach about local plants and animals through hikes, observations, crafts, and games. A safe and fun way to foster your child's interest in the natural environment. Dress for the weather as we plan to be outside even in light rain. Please bring a snack and refillable water bottle. Masks will be required if we need to go indoors due to heavy rain or thunderstorms. Please select Session A at Teetertown or B at Echo Hill.

FAMILY NATURE DISCOVERY

A: July 25 to 29, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Echo Hill
B: August 8 to 12, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Echo Hill
Monday through Friday, ages 7 to 10 with adult, \$125 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist
This program allows families to explore together many of the wonders that nature has to offer. From searching for wildlife to shelter building, Family Nature Discovery participants enjoy honing their outdoor skills. Dress for the weather as we plan to be outside even in light rain. Please bring a snack and refillable water bottle. Masks will be required if we need to go indoors due to heavy rain or thunderstorms. Please select Session A or B.



ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER EXPLORATION

Monday through Friday, July 11 to 15, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Echo Hill, ages 11 to 14 with adult, \$190 per child; accompanying adult attends for free, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist
Get outside and explore nature as we learn about environmental career options. Meet professional naturalists and environmental scientists and find out more about their jobs. We will include plenty of hiking and fun activities like a campfire. Dress for the weather as we plan to be outside even in light rain. Please bring a snack, lunch, and refillable water bottle. Masks will be required if we need to go indoors due to heavy rain or thunderstorms.



ADULT HIKING WEEK

Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, ages 15 through adult (minors must be accompanied by adult), \$25 per person (adults and teenagers). Explore your County parks with Principal Park Naturalist Laura Bush! Each day, we will meet at a different park and do a moderate to strenuous hike. We will enjoy some exercise, build relationships, and learn about local flora and fauna. Dress for the weather as we plan to be outside even in light rain. If heavy rain or thunderstorms are forecasted, we will meet at Echo Hill and do an indoor program on hiking or wildlife (masks required). Please bring a water bottle. Please note that many of these locations do not have bathrooms. Meeting locations:
Monday, July 18: Hoffman Park
Tuesday, July 19: Musconetcong Gorge
Wednesday, July 20: Cushetunk Mountain Preserve
Thursday, July 21: Teetertown Preserve
Friday, July 22: Point Mountain

NIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Thursday, July 7, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Echo Hill, ages 7 through adult, \$3 per person, instructors Laura Bush and Debra Reed, Park Naturalists. Explore the park at night to see what is happening in nature after dark! We will do a night hike to listen to night insects and learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals. We will do a series of activities to learn about how our eyes work in the dark. We will also enjoy a campfire, with stories and songs! Feel free to bring your own campfire snack. Enjoy this as a supplement to one of our weeklong summer programs or as its own experience.





HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

Mailing Address: PO Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

Office Location: 1020 State Highway 31, Lebanon, NJ

Telephone (908) 782-1158 Fax (908) 806-4057



E-mail: parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us Website: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/parks.htm

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 5-2020)

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT: It is the policy of the County of Hunterdon to provide reasonable accommodations to person with disabilities upon advanced notice of need. Persons requiring accommodations should make a request at least 2 weeks prior to program attendance.

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Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

County of Hunterdon Program Registration Facility Reservations

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The County of Hunterdon has created new protocols and put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the County cannot guarantee that individuals will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending any program may increase an individual's risk of contracting COVID-19, and may increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19 to others.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I, my minor child, or members of my group or organization, may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in an event, program, activity, reservation, or rental taking place at a Hunterdon County recreation facility or park, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at any County recreation facility or park may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself or others, including, but not limited to, County employees, volunteers, and other participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself, my minor child, or members of my group or organization, including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, or death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that they or I may experience or incur in connection with participation in any event, program, activity, reservation or rental taking place at a County of Hunterdon recreation and parks facility. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the County of Hunterdon, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any claims related to COVID-19, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Hunterdon and its employees, agents, and representatives from any claim that may arise from or in connection with myself, my minor child, or members of my group or organizations participation in any program taking place at a County of Hunterdon recreation and parks facility, including claims related to COVID-19.

I understand, and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the County, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, after participation in any County parks and recreation program. I agree to comply with any participation guidelines, such as the use of face coverings and physical distancing, to enhance the health and safety of all participants.

Adult Participant or Guardian Signature

Organization Name (if Applicable)

Printed Name

Date



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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: _____

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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 ("Parks & Recreation")
Like "Hunterdon County Parks" on facebook.

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.

ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

The Hunterdon County Division 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

ARBORETUM: Two Gazebos

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

COURT STREET PARK: Gazebo/Bandstand

To reserve a facility, contact the park office.

For information and a map of each park, contact the office or download them from our website.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For in-person programs, fill out the registration form, medical record, and program waiver on the last pages of this brochure. All three forms are required. The medical record can be filled out once, and will be kept on record for future programs.

OR.... visit our website for the 3 forms.

Mail your completed forms with payment to:

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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.

Event topics, schedules, and costs are subject to change at the discretion of the Division of Parks & Recreation.

VISITOR SERVICES STAFF



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GROUP PROGRAMS: Contact us to set up a program just for your family, scout troop, school, or other group!

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY archunterdon.org

HUNTERDON COUNTY CANOE CLUB

hunterdoncountycanooclub.org

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS SQUARE DANCE

CLUB hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org

HUNTERDON HIKING CLUB hunterdonhikingclub.org

NJ BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION nwba.njbeekeepers.org

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