

HUNTERDON PARKS HARBINGER



Program information from September 2022 through November 2022

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Future program release: December 2022



*Nature yourself...
travel through the fall,
across Hunterdon County parklands
via the many intriguing trails.*



*Take a walk on our NEW boardwalk
here at the County Arboretum
and observe the seasonal
changes of these wetlands.*

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Thank you for coming out
to this summer's
Music Under the Stars Concert Series.



*We were proud to unveil our new stage
and we hope you enjoyed the tunes.*

Looking forward to next year's concerts!

FREE THURSDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS

for adults,
pre-registration required,
Tom Sheppard, Chief Park
Naturalist
Let's look for fall migrants
and resident 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 may
be your last chance until
spring to see some of these
species.

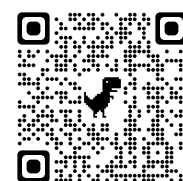


Binoculars are available to borrow.



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| <u>7:00 AM to 8:30 AM</u> | 9/22 Arboretum |
| | 9/29 Hoffman |
| | 10/6 Deer Path Soccer Lot |
| <u>7:15 AM to 8:45 AM</u> | 10/13 Wings Section
of the South Branch |
| | (please car pool, parking is limited) |
| | 10/20 Uplands |
| | (meet at Bernadette Morales) |
| | 10/27 Sunnyside |
| <u>7:30 AM to 9:00 AM</u> | 11/3 Echo Hill |

Visit our website (Park Brochures & Maps)
for directions.



IN-PERSON HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Classes led by instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist
Children must be accompanied by an adult & pre-registration is required.

EVERGREEN TREES

Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 PM
to 2:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 7 and
up, \$3 per child; accompanying adult
attends for free.

We will walk around the Arboretum
to focus on the evergreen trees and
note the features that make them
distinct from broadleaf trees. This
will enable us to identify individual
species. Please dress for the weather
conditions, as we will be outside the
entire time.

DECIDUOUS TREES

Wednesday, October 12, 1:00 PM to
2:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 7 and up,
\$3 per child; accompanying adult
attends for free

The group will walk around the
Arboretum and focus on the trees that
are dropping their leaves. We will
discuss why leaves change color and
the reason for the falling leaves. How
to identify the species without their
leaves will be studied. Students may
collect a fallen leaf from each
specimen if they wish to press them
as a follow-up activity.

ANIMAL EVIDENCE HIKE

Wednesday, November 9, 1:00 PM to
2:00 PM, Arboretum, ages 7 and up,
\$3 per child; accompanying adult
attends for free.

We will wrap up this series with a
final walk around the Arboretum to
look for evidence that our wild fauna
is around us, even if we do not see
them. We will partake in a group
activity first and then we will head
out into the park. We may venture off
the trail so please dress for the
conditions.

TOT WALKS & NATURE CLUBS

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

TOT WALKS

Echo Hill, ages 2 to 3 with adult (children must be accompanied by an adult), each walk \$5 per child; accompanying adult attends for free (pre-registration required), instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist, class size 10 children.

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. Select Session A, B, C, or D for one or more themes.

SEEDS

- Session A: Wednesday, 9/21 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Session B: Wednesday, 9/21 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session C: Thursday, 9/22 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Session D: Thursday, 9/22 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

SQUIRRELS

- Session A: Wednesday, 10/19 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Session B: Wednesday, 10/19 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session C: Thursday, 10/20 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Session D: Thursday, 10/20 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

ANIMAL HOMES

- Session A: Wednesday, 11/16 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Session B: Wednesday, 11/16 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session C: Thursday, 11/17 at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Session D: Thursday, 11/17 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

NATURE CLUBS FOR KIDS

ages 3 to 2nd grade, eight Tuesdays, September 13 to November 1, Echo Hill, \$90 per child for all 8 lessons; accompanying adult attends for free, pre-registration required, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist, class size 7 children.

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. Fun hands-on activities include science experiments, games, and craft projects. The children will 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 these activities. We strongly recommend old clothes and sneakers/boots that can get dirty.

Session A: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM, ages 3 to 5 years (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Session B: 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM, ages 3 to 5 years (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Session C: 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM, kindergarten through 2nd grade (children must be accompanied by an adult)



Woodpeckers are flecking off ash tree bark to eat the Emerald Ash Borer larvae. This invasive beetle has killed over 100 million ash trees in the United States and Canada since its accidental introduction to Michigan in 2002.

Have you ever seen a burl, sometimes called a burr? This tree got a wound or was sick and made this quick growing, gnarly bump of tree bud cells!

Woodcarvers like to make bowls using the cool twisted patterns of the wood grain of burl wood.



IN-PERSON NATURE PROGRAMS

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

NIGHT HIKE

Friday, September 9, 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Teetertown Preserve, (40 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, then proceed to parking lot #2), ages 8 through adult, \$3 per person, Debra Reed, Park Naturalist, class size 15.

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 fall insects, learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals & learn about the phases of the moon.

RAIN BARREL/ RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 15, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Echo Hill, ages 13 through adult, \$60 per barrel (includes materials) or \$8 to attend the presentation and not create a rain barrel, guest instructor Lauren Theis, Education Director, Raritan Headwaters Association, class size 25.

A rain barrel is attached to your home's gutter and collects rainwater that can be used for watering plants. This is a great way to prevent runoff that may collect pollution, and also to prevent erosion. Rain gardens also collect storm water by directing it straight into a garden that cleans the water by trapping pollutants in the stems of native plants while draining the clean rain water back into the groundwater. Lauren Theis of Raritan Headwaters Association will show us the importance of saving rainwater and teach us how to do it effectively. Those who are interested can create a rain barrel (\$60 option). To attend the presentation and receive literature but not create a rain barrel, the cost is \$8.

CUSHETUNK WALK: ANIMAL EVIDENCE

Friday, September 16, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, Cushetunk Nature Preserve, ages 12 through adult, \$6 per person, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, class size 14 people.

Cushetunk is located on the northern slope of Round Valley and is the peak between the reservoir and Lebanon Boro. Let's walk the lower loop looking for signs of animal activity in the park. As we walk, other questions on our surroundings and discoveries are welcomed.

RAPTORS AT POINT MOUNTAIN

Saturday, September 17, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Point Mountain (80 Point Mt. Rd., Washington), ages 8 through adult, \$3, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist, class size 14 people.

Fall is the time that raptors move south along the Appalachian Mountains in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We will hope to identify Broad-winged

Hawks and other raptors from our vantage point on the rocks of the Point Mountain overlook. Expect a strenuous hike, uphill and back down about 500 feet of elevation over ½ mile. We will spend an hour on the summit, so expect down time and bring a chair or sit-upon if desired. If we don't see many raptors, we will enjoy the exercise and see what other birds and animals are about. Bring binoculars (also available to borrow).

ORIENTEERING

Sunday, September 18, 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, Teetertown Preserve, (40 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, then proceed to parking lot #2), ages 8 through adult, \$3 per person (pre-registration required), instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist, class size 10.

Orienteering is a fun way to exercise your mind and your body at the same time. Learn how to use a map and a compass to navigate. This orienteering course is a mile long. This program will meet the orienteering requirement for a First-Class scout.

LIVE MONARCH EXPLORATION

Friday, October 7, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Teetertown Preserve ((40 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, then proceed to parking lot #2), ages 5 through adult, \$3 per person, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Monarch butterflies travel as many as 100 miles a day during their migration south. Learn about metamorphosis and see up close the different stages of monarch butterflies: the egg, caterpillar, chrysalis (pupa), and adult. Understand the needs of the monarch, from egg/caterpillar habitat to adult habitat, to migration needs.

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Arboretum, all ages, \$3, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist, class size 25 people.

Let's explore fall at the Arboretum! We will look for colored leaves, animals preparing for hibernation, and fall fruits and seeds. We will take a guided walk, but each family or individual will get their own BINGO card. See how many BINGOs you can get in the hour!

BIRDING COLD BROOK RESERVE

Friday, October 21, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Cold Brook, adults, \$3, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, class size 12 people

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.

IN-PERSON NATURE PROGRAMS (continued)

Children must be accompanied by an adult and pre-registration required.

FALL FOLIAGE HIKE AT TEETERTOWN

Saturday, October 22, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Teetertown Preserve, ages 10 through adult, \$3, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist, class size 14 people.

We will look down into the valley and see colorful trees, and identify some up close. We will also enjoy goldenrod and other fall wildflowers in the meadows. Be prepared to hike up to 3 miles with some elevation change as we plan to visit the ravine. Don't forget your camera! Meet at the brown garage, 40 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray. A porta potty is available at this location.

CREEPY CRITTERS: BUG AND BAT HUNT

Sunday, October 30, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Teetertown Preserve (40 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, then proceed to parking lot #2), ages 5 through adult, \$3 per person, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist.

Have you ever looked up at the sky around the time of day when the sun is going down? Did you see some animals flying around, and diving in an unusual dance? Most likely you are seeing bats hunting for their dinner. Did you know that bats eat up to 8000 insects a night? Come explore the insects and watch as the bats dance through the air to catch their meal.

BEAVER WALK

Tuesday, November 1, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Crystal Springs, ages 5 through adult, \$3, instructor: Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist, class size 20 people.

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, located off of Califon Road. When you enter Morris County, look for a small blue street sign on the left that reads "51-55," make a left into a development, and proceed to the end of the road to the cul-de-sac. The road becomes gravel and is the park entrance. A grass parking area is on the right about 500 feet down the driveway. No restrooms at this location.

ANIMAL EXPLORATION HIKE

Sunday, November 6, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Point Mountain (80 Point Mt. Rd., Washington), all ages, \$3, Debra Reed, Park Naturalist, class size 10 people.

We're going on a hunt to find evidence of wildlife! Come out and explore our park and learn about the wildlife that lives in the area and what tracks and signs they leave behind. See what is happening in nature during the colder days of fall.

BLACK BEARS

Monday, November 14, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Echo Hill Park, ages 8 through adult, \$3 per person, instructor Debra Reed, Park Naturalist, class size 10 people.

Black Bear sightings have almost doubled in the last year. Join Debra Reed, Park Naturalist, for an evening and learn the basic ecology on black bears. Interactions with these amazing mammals are becoming more common. Come learn how to reduce your chances for a negative encounter and the future pressures that face the black bear in New Jersey.

CONSTELLATIONS & THEIR MYTHS

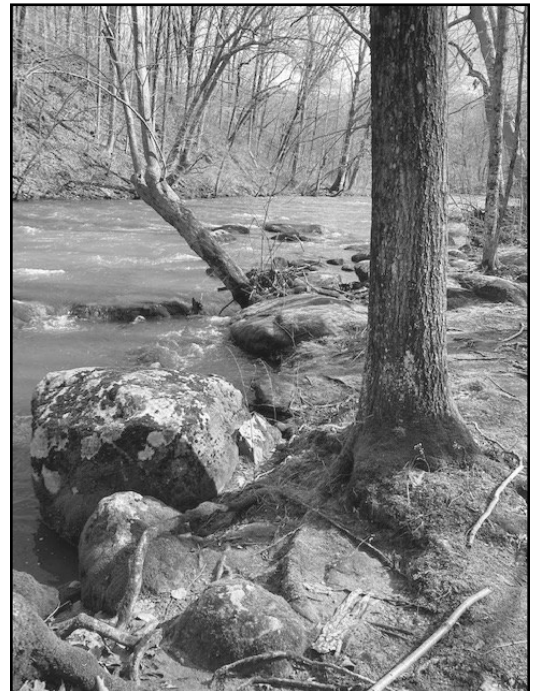
Friday, November 18, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Hoffman Park (Baptist Church Road parking lot), ages 10 through adult, \$3 per person, instructor Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, class size 10 people.

Before the computer, TV, and even books, all civilizations had was the sky above them. Join Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, as we gaze at the stars and share the season's constellations and the myths/stories that go along with them.

CAMOUFLAGE!

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Echo Hill Park, ages 5 through adult, \$3, instructor Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist, class size 25 people.

Camouflage, also called cryptic coloration, is the blending in of an animal to its surroundings. Camouflage helps prey animals avoid their predators, and predators surprise their prey. Through a series of games and activities, we will study how camouflage works. Don't forget to wear your best camo gear!





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MUSHROOMS & MOLDS

Monday, September 12, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, ages 8 through adult, free, Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist

Did you know that a mushroom is more closely related to an animal than a plant? The Fungi kingdom contains over 144,000 species, including poisonous and edible mushrooms, molds that are made into medicine and molds that ruin wood structures, and yeast that is necessary for baking and brewing. This slideshow will introduce you to fungi, and their interactions with plants, animals, and humans.

TREES OF HUNTERDON

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, ages 8 through adult, free, Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

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

BIRDS OF PREY

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, free, ages 8 through adult, Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Fall migration is upon us and that means migrating birds of prey. This program reviews the species that move through the county for the fall migration. Learn tips on how to identify the species, facts of interest for each species, places to go, and when species might be seen.

BIRDS OF HUNTERDON

Monday, October 3, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, ages 8 through adult, free, Laura Bush. From Ruby-throated Hummingbirds to Wild Turkeys, Hunterdon County has over 320 bird species documented. Learn how to identify birds you might see in forest, meadow, and wetland habitats. Learn which ones might be common in your backyard.

BUTTERFLY MIGRATION

Thursday, October 6, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, ages 6 through adult, free, Debra Reed. Amazingly, the Monarch is the only two-way migratory butterfly in existence. These tiny strong butterflies travel south to Mexico for winter and then return north to North America for spring. Join us to learn more about Monarchs, and about techniques butterflies use to survive the cold snowy climate of New Jersey.

BATS OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, ages 10 through adult, free, Tom Sheppard, This is a night to learn about the challenges faced by our flying mammals, and the benefits they provide to us. Along with debunking some myths about the species, we will cover their value to us and update you about the struggle with White-nose Syndrome. The individual species that exist within Hunterdon will be discussed in detail, as well as dealing with issues homeowners run into involving bats.

CHAOTIC ORIGIN OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, ages 10 through adult, free, Tom Sheppard, With the discovery of 5000+ planets around other stars, scientists have been able to postulate what these solar systems look like and how they compare to our own system. What is being discovered is that many of these systems are chaotic and do not look or behave like ours. This has changed how scientists think our solar system formed. Learn about the current theory that explores the origin of our Solar System and how it explains the anomalies within our own system.

MAMMAL STUDY MERIT BADGE

Sunday, November 20, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, virtual program, ages 11 through adult, free, Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

Learn more about the furry animals that live in your backyard. Mammalogy is a specialized field that deals specifically with the study and observation of mammals. Experience activities with skulls, pelts, tracks, and scat. Here at the Parks, take steps to earning your Mammal Study Merit Badge with Counselor Debra Reed! Please print the mammal study workbook before class. Scouts will need to schedule an additional meeting time with Debra after they have completed the additional requirements for the badge on their own.

NATURE OF HAWAII

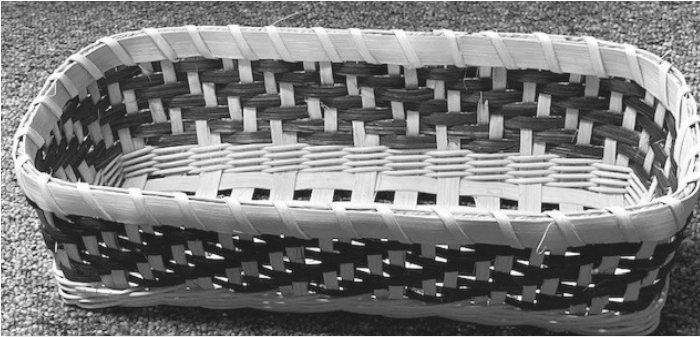
Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, virtual program, ages 8 through adult, free, Laura Bush, Hawaii is a small state of 8 major islands formed by volcanic activity. There are over 3,000 plants that cannot be found anywhere else in the world, including ferns, trees, and flowers. The only native land mammal is the Hawaiian Hoary Bat. Hawaii is home to the only tropical rainforest in the United States. Hawaii has more endangered species per square mile than anywhere else in the world. Come learn about the geology and ecology of this tropical state!

VIRTUAL BASKET KIT WEBINARS Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer

Create from the comfort of your own home! Pick up your kit, and then join the webinar for step-by-step instructions. 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 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 below). Note: Your audio will be on and your cameras off.*

CATCH-ALL BASKET FOR YOUR BATHROOM

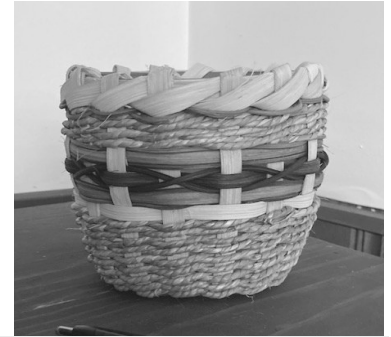
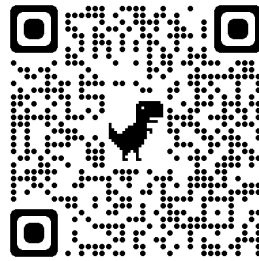
Friday, September 9, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, virtual, adults, \$15, skill level: Beginner to advanced
This basket measures 5" wide x 13" long x 3" tall.
Designed to sit on your toilet tank. An over two, under two step-up pattern makes a nice design.



Tools you supply: Scissors (able to cut basket material), a 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, and a dull darning needle that will take waxed linen. Optional: a spray bottle (filled with warm water) and a spoke weight.

FLOWERPOT COVER BASKET

Tuesday, November 15, 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM, virtual Program, adults, \$12, skill level: Beginner
This basket is meant to hold a small potted plant, so it contains a repurposed plastic container. It is woven with seagrass and has a folded rim. 5" tall x 6" round



IN-PERSON BASKET & BROOM MAKING WORKSHOPS

Instructor Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

GAIL'S BASKET PICK

Thursday, September 15, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Deer Path Park (rain location Echo Hill), adults, \$25, skill: Some basketmaking experience helpful. Make a handsome Easter basket shaped basket. Use round reed spokes woven with two sets of 3 rod wale chase, with one set being seagrass. We will cover how to make a wicker basket handle. Bring your lunch.

BROOM MAKING: MAKE A TURKEY WING BROOM

Monday, September 19, 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM, Echo Hill, adults, \$25
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. Workshop includes weaving a rattan handle onto your broom. Finished broom is approximately 19 inches long.

HONEY POT BASKET

Thursday, October 27, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Deer Path Park (rain location Echo Hill), adults, \$26, skill: Some basketmaking experience helpful.

After tapering their spokes, students will insert the spokes into a 4" wooden base. Tapered spokes help create this shapely basket. Sides woven using three rod wale using seagrass, #3 natural round reed, and 2 pieces of honey colored #2 round reed. Bring your lunch.

UFO: UNFINISHED OBJECTS

Monday, November 28, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Echo Hill, adults, \$6.

Have a basket or basket kit or another project you haven't finished? Well bring it with you and we will try to finish it up! Bring a snack.





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UNION FURNACE PRESERVE

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 12 to adult, free. Take a virtual walking tour of Union Furnace Preserve. This is a great program for guests who want to see the parks but who cannot walk far, or for those wanting to learn about the park before visiting. You will see great views of Spruce Run.

HUNTERDON COUNTY ARBORETUM

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 12 through adult, free. This is a great program for guests who want to see the parks but who cannot walk far, or for those wanting to learn about the park before visiting. We will also visit inside and check out all the neat things we have on display.

CUSHETUNK

Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, ages 12 through adult, free. This park has lots of trails that are not very easy to hike due to rocks and steep slopes. It also has some great views. This program is for those who want to see the parks but who cannot walk far, or for those wanting to learn about the park before visiting.

FREE WALKS



FREE RECREATION WALKS

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, for adults, free, pre-registration required, Patrick Eckard, Recreation Leader
Meet Patrick at each location and he will introduce you to the beauty of the parks as he inspects the trail systems. Learn about 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.

- 9/14 Hunterdon County Arboretum**
(1020 Route 31, Lebanon, Clinton Twp.)
- 10/12 Round Mountain Section of Deer Path Park**
(100 Foothill Rd, Flemington, Readington Twp.)
- 11/9 Laport Reserve**
(216 Mountain Rd, Ringoes, East Amwell Twp.)



SENIOR STROLLS

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, for seniors, free, registration required, Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

9/21 Sourland Mountain Preserve
(233 Rileyville Rd, Ringoes, East Amwell Twp.)
Take a leisurely stroll through these “sour” lands in this dark forest. We will snake our way up the hill and visit a boulder field. This mountain is steeped in mysticism and history. *Walking surface: flat wide old road which is sometimes wet, a gradual uphill twisty climb with a few rocks and then turn around and go back the same way. Please wear the appropriate footwear.*

10/26 Wescott Preserve
(park at Zega-Lockatong Preserve (Hunterdon Land Trust), Delaware Township, 119 Raven Rock Rosemont Road, Stockton)
Let’s stroll along the beautiful Lockatong Creek. A third of the hike is a climb up a grassy hill and down the other side, one third includes crossing a small wash that might include walking through water or rock stepping and then walking in the woods, one third is strolling along the beautiful Lockatong Creek, and then we will turn around and walk back to the parking lot. *Walking surface: a grassy hill, dirt trails in the woods along the creek. Please wear the appropriate footwear.*

11/16 Teetertown Preserve
(20 Pleasant Grove Rd, Port Murry, Lebanon Twp)
Stroll across a field to the woods to a dirt trail through the woods. Includes a few elevation changes. Meet at the camper parking lot (the third lot), 20 Pleasant Grove Road. *Type of walking surface: grassy field to well worn dirt trail. Please wear the appropriate footwear.*





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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 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.

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

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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:** _____

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 ("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

COURT STREET PARK: Gazebo/Bandstand

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

ECHO HILL: Group Camping Areas

TEETERTOWN: Public and Group Camping Areas

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:

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.

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

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AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY archunterdon.org

HUNTERDON COUNTY CANOE CLUB

hunterdoncountycanoeclub.org

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS SQUARE DANCE

CLUB hunterdonflutterwheels.njsda.org

HUNTERDON HIKING CLUB hunterdonhikingclub.org

NJ BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION nwba.njbeekeepers.org

TRAVIS MANION BATTALION, US SEA CADET

CORPS OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

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Heron Glen has quickly positioned itself as one of New Jersey's finest public golf facilities. From junior camps to senior ladies' league, we offer programs for every golfer out there. For your family outing or an afternoon spent with friends, we invite you to see why so many refer to Heron Glen as the course they call home. Our facility offers a beautiful 18-hole golf course, pro shop, driving range, and putting green. For more information, please visit our website at www.heronglen.com or call at (908) 806-6804.

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