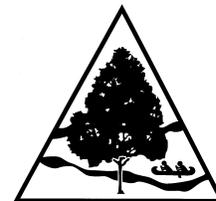




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Fall Fun with Hunterdon County Parks

The summer is almost over but the fun is always occurring at Hunterdon County Parks! We have a volunteer opportunity coming up on Public Lands Day to get your hands dirty and help us repair trails at Wescott on September 22. You can bring your bike over for a Bicycle Safety Check at Echo Hill on September 23 or join Senior Park Naturalist, Laura Bush on a backpacking trip in Bear Mountain State Park from September 29 & 30th. You still have time to catch a canoe trip on the Delaware Sept 23, October 1 or 27th. Leave everything to us, we drive and supply the canoes, paddles and life vests!

Anytime is a good time to reconnect your child with nature and this year Senior Park Naturalist, Laura Bush has several Tot Walks (2, 3 yr. olds) planned from September through January. The themes include Butterflies, Seeds, Squirrels and Weather. Bundle up those little ones and join her at Echo Hill. The older children (3-5 & Kindergarten) are encouraged to join Park Naturalist, Debra Reed for our Fall & Winter Nature Clubs. A drop off class that offers hands on activities and outdoor fun, or indoor fun at the lodge if it rains/snows.

We will be hosting an Edible & Medicinal Plants of the Musconetcong Gorge walk on September 13 with Botanist, Jared Rosenbaum. You can learn how to Dye a Tote Bag with Natural Dyes on September 14 or come and learn Teaching Environmental Science to Early Learners on the 17th. On the wild side we will be presenting a class entitled Coexisting with Coyotes on September 20th at Echo Hill. A full body taxidermy mount will be on display for you to see up close. On the quieter side we will be taking a Mushroom Walk through the Cushetunk Reserve with Rich Balsley, a local mushroom expert on September 22. There will be a Shinrin-Yoku (Forest Therapy) class on September 24th at the Teetertown Preserve, join us and let go of all that stress.

Back to school means back to art class. Lean Shiffman who will be teaching adults at the Arboretum on Thursdays; morning, afternoon, or evening. Her first session starts September 22 – November 3rd. No experience is necessary. The younger artists can attend class with Ms. Shiffman on Saturdays in the Blooming Young Artist (ages 6-10) class session beginning September 22 and also the Studio Time for Artists in Training (ages 11-17.) Artist Charles David

Viera will also be teaching, on Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning September 26 and running through November

We have much more to come including a bus trip the 911 Memorial, October 20th, Holiday time in New York City on December 2, of course it is never too early to mention the Philly Flower show, we will be going on Tuesday, March 5th.

Ahhh happy fall! The smell of crisp cool air, the turning of the autumn leaves. This is a perfect time to take a hike and enjoy nature. We have free guided recreation walks and bird walks. Come and learn the trails and return on your own to hike at your own pace, bring a friend, ride a horse or walk a dog.

Visit our web site for more detailed information other classes we offer including basketry and now pottery, and see what else we have in store for you. We are always open to suggestions as well, so e-mail parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us and tell us your ideas for a trip or program. Be sure and go online to check out the latest edition of our newsletter, the Hunterdon Parks Harbinger at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/programs.html and also subscribe to our monthly e-mail so you do not miss any upcoming opportunities. Please call us with any questions or concerns at (908) 782-1158.

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