

Nature of Things

Program & Activity Guide

September 2016 -
January 2017

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Chester County Parks & Recreation

Education Programs

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September

RESOLUTION HIKE

This year, we resolved to get more people on the trails hiking in the parks. Bring a friend to enjoy a moderate and social hike on this Labor Day weekend. Intensity and route may be influenced by hikers' interests. Please bring water.

- Saturday, September 3; 9 - 10 AM
- Wolf's Hollow County Park, Parking Lot

HIBERNIA MANSION TOUR

See the 19th century Ironmaster's home on the last regularly scheduled tour of the season. Hibernia Mansion, as you see it today, reflects the changes of lifestyle and social status of its various owners for over 200 years. Long the home of Ironmasters, it expanded with their increased prosperity.

- Sunday, September 4; 1 - 4 PM
- Hibernia Mansion, Hibernia County Park
- Fee: \$3/ per person at the door
- No registration required

WEEDING WEDNESDAY

Would you like to garden while meeting others who enjoy digging in the dirt? Help the Friends of Springton Manor Farm maintain the gardens around the Manor House. Please bring garden gloves and your favorite hand weeding tool. We will also be weeding on October 5.

- Wednesday, September 7; 5 - 6 PM
- Springton Manor Farm Butterfly Garden
- No registration required

PAWS ON THE PATH

Parks are for dogs too! Bring your dog on a ranger-led hike to get a little exercise and socialization. Dogs must keep their humans on a leash at all times. Please bring a clean up bag and water for all hikers - dog and human. Don't have a dog? You're welcome to come get some exercise too!

- Saturday, September 10; 9 - 10 AM
- Nottingham County Park Office

HOWL ABOUT THE EASTERN COYOTE

Learn about the Eastern Coyote, a fascinating and controversial new addition to Pennsylvania's wildlife. After an interactive presentation, take a hike to learn how to track coyote and identify their habitat.

- Saturday, September 10; 10 - 11 AM
- Warwick County Park Office

BYE-BYE BUTTERFLY

For Ages 9+. What happens to butterflies in the winter? Different species have very different ways of handling winter. Look at monarchs, meadow fritillaries, cabbage whites and sulfurs to find out how they live. Play a game that demonstrates how hard it is for a butterfly to survive from egg to adult.

- Sunday, September 11; 2 - 4 PM
- Wolf's Hollow County Park, Parking Lot
- Limit: 30

HARVEST MOON HIKE

See Nottingham County Park in a completely new light! On a moderate hike from the park office to the West fields, learn about the moon and stars. Bring binoculars to find the autumn constellations.

- Thursday, September 15; 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Nottingham County Park Office



SPECIAL EVENTS

Hibernia Mansion Murder Mystery

September 23 & 24

Hibernia County Park

Community Day

September 24

Warwick County Park

Nottingham Country Fair & Color Run

October 1

Nottingham County Park

Native American Harvest Festival

October 15 & 16

Hibernia County Park

Hibernia Mansion Candlelight Tours

December 2, 3 & 4

Hibernia County Park

GO TAKE A HIKE!

HIBERNIA

A Great Autumn Evening - October 19



NOTTINGHAM

Paws on the Path - September 10

November 12

Harvest Moon - September 16

Tots on the Trail - October 12

Resolution Hike - December 3



SPRINGTON MANOR

Sunset Hike - September 23

WARWICK

Coventry Forge - October 9

New Year's Day - January 1

WOLF'S HOLLOW

Resolution Hikes - September 3, November 5

Paws on the Path - October 8, December 10

NATIONAL TAKE A HIKE DAY

On November 17, set foot on your favorite trail to celebrate National Take a Hike Day!

Find over 28 miles of trails within the Chester County Parks or explore our 21.5 miles of Regional Trails.

Love the brisk morning air and exercise? Start your day on a healthy, positive note, improve your general overall health, and meet new friends!

Hiking & Walking Groups

Hibernia Hiking Club

Wednesdays & Saturdays
9 - 10 AM

Meet at Hatfield House

Fridays; 10 - 11:30 AM
Struble Trail

Meet in Norwood Road
parking lot

Warwick Walkers

Wednesdays, 9 - 10 AM
Warwick County Park
Meet in upper parking lot



OH, DEER AT WOLF'S HOLLOW

For Ages 9+. What is it like to be a deer? What do they eat? How do they communicate? Where do they go at night? Who are their predators? Learn about their habitat needs and look for tracks, scat and buck rubs. Examine artifacts like antlers, bones and hide. Play White-Tail Deer games. Program also offered September 18 at Nottingham County Park.

- Saturday, September 17; 11 AM - 1 PM
- Wolf's Hollow County Park, Parking Lot

OH, DEER AT NOTTINGHAM

For Ages 9+. What is it like to be a deer? What do they eat? How do they communicate? Where do they go at night? Who are their predators? Learn about their habitat needs and look for tracks, scat and buck rubs. Examine artifacts like antlers, bones and hide. Play White-Tail Deer games.

- Sunday, September 18; 11 AM - 1 PM
- Nottingham County Park Office

SUNSET HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Enjoy a sunset hike at Springton Manor Farm. Afterwards, experience a relaxing evening around a campfire. Please BYOS - bring your own s'mores! Dress appropriately to go on a moderate 2-3 mile hike.

- Friday, September 23; 6 - 8 PM
- Springton Manor Farm, Lower Parking Lot
- Limit: 25

FALL PLANT SWAP

Bring a friend and trowel to this free community event and join other gardeners in exchanging plants, seeds, stories and information. Plenty of books, photos and experience will be on hand. Even if you have nothing to share, come get ideas. Selling is not permitted, but private nurseries are otherwise welcome.

- Saturday, September 24; 9 - 11 AM
- Hibernia County Park, Pavilion #4

WHAT MAKES TICKS TICK?

Lyme disease is present throughout the Commonwealth. Learn prevention tips; how to choose a repellent; signs/symptoms of Lyme, and what to do if you are bitten by a deer tick. Lyme disease book, tick lifter and tick identification card included.

- Monday, October 3; 5 - 6 PM
- Springton Manor Farm, Carriage House

WEEDING WEDNESDAY

Would you like to garden while meeting others who enjoy digging in the dirt? Help the Friends of Springton Manor Farm maintain the gardens around the Manor House. Please bring garden gloves and your favorite hand weeding tool.

- Wednesday, October 5; 5 - 6 PM
- Springton Manor Farm Butterfly Garden
- No registration required

Looking for something the whole family can enjoy?

AUTUMN HAYRIDES

October
21st & 28th

Warwick County Park

October 22nd

Hibernia County Park

PAWS ON THE PATH

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- Saturday, October 8; 9 - 10 AM
- Wolf's Hollow County Park, Parking Lot

COVENTRY FORGE & LADY GRACE

Built in 1717, Coventry Forge was Chester County's first iron forge. Take a hike to learn about the County's early iron industry and Lady Grace. Discover facts about the hard luck Sowbelly railroad of the 1880's and the habitat that replaces it today.

- Sunday, October 9; 3 - 4 PM
- Warwick County Park; Coventryville Road Access - 3461 Coventryville Road

TOTS ON THE TRAIL

For Ages 5 & Under. Take “little” steps or stroll down the trail to MacPherson Lake. Discover the park through the eyes of a child as we visit and learn about some of our resident critters in their natural environment. Then hike back to the playground for continued fun. Hey kids, don’t forget to invite your folks or grandparents! *Strollers welcome.*

- Wednesday, October 12; 9:30 - 10:30 AM
- Nottingham County Park, Pavilion 4
- Limit: 30

PUT THE ANIMALS TO BED

For Ages 3+. Help Farmer Jim with the evening routine of feeding and caring for the animals. Brushing and grooming will help prepare them for a good night’s sleep. Where do the barn cats spend the night? Donations of old towels and blankets welcome. Program also offered November 9.

- Wednesday, October 19; 3:30 - 4:30 PM
- Springton Manor Farm, Great Barn
- Limit: 25

A GREAT AUTUMN EVENING

Fall is upon us! With grace and beauty, another summer draws to a close, bringing fall colors to our trees. Enjoy a short hike along the scenic Brandywine Creek, then some hot apple cider in the Annex of the Hibernia Mansion by a wood stove fire.

- Wednesday, October 19; 6 - 8 PM
- Hibernia Mansion, Hibernia County Park

WARWICK HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

See Warwick’s fall colors on a seasonal hayride. Then sit around the bonfire visiting with David Stephens, a northern Chester County collier, as he provides a fascinating history of Northern Chester County in 1815. Refreshments provided. Program also offered October 28.

- Friday, October 21; 5 - 7 PM
- Warwick County Park Office
- Limit: 40

INTO THE WOODS

For Ages 9+. In the fall, many trees prepare for a tree “hibernation.” Talk about this process and look at the trees that “stay awake” all year. Look for a variety of fallen leaves of different colors, learn leaf shapes and play leaf bingo.

- Saturday, October 22; 11 - 12 Noon
- Wolf’s Hollow County Park, Parking Lot

HIBERNIA HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

Bring the kids or a date on a relaxing hayride. While riding in the crisp autumn weather, hear and see what creatures come out to play at Hibernia after dark. Stop at a bonfire to keep warm with hot cider or chocolate and enjoy some spiced wafers.

- Saturday, October 22; 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Hibernia County Park Office
- Limit: 40

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- Friday, October 28; 5 - 7 PM
- Warwick County Park Office
- Limit: 40

THE WOMEN OF PENN’S WOOD TEA

The Friends of Springton Manor invite you to escape your daily routine and enter a time long past. Meet ladies of significance from Pennsylvania and enjoy a variety of teas, finger sandwiches and light desserts in the music room of the Manor House. After the presentation on our historic guests, enjoy your refreshments and socializing. If you are part of a group, please register for seating at the same table (up to 8 guests). This program supports projects at Springton Manor Farm, such as the recently planted wildflower meadow and new animal run-in shed.

- Sunday, November 6; 2 - 4 PM
- Springton Manor Farm, Manor House
- Fee: \$35 /per person
- To register: Contact Friends of Springton at smf@gmail.com

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- Saturday, November 12; 9 - 10 AM
- Nottingham County Park Office

November

RESOLUTION HIKE

This year, we resolved to get more people hiking in the parks. Now that the leaves have turned, bring a friend to enjoy a moderate and social hike among the fall colors. Intensity and route may be influenced by hikers’ interests. Please bring water.

- Saturday, November 5; 9 - 10 AM
- Wolf’s Hollow County Park, Parking Lot



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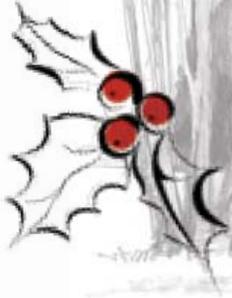


Hibernia Mansion Candlelight Tours 2016

“Holidays, Horses and Hounds”

December 2nd - 4th

Live Music ~ Refreshments ~ Santa
Admission: \$5; Children under 12 free



TOO MUCH FUN IN THE SUN?

Did you take proper precautions this summer? Learn which sunscreen is best for you; how to find a dermatologist, and check for skin cancer. An optional DermaScan screening to view the sun damage on your face and neck will be provided.

- Saturday, November 19; 10 - 11 AM
- Hibernia County Park, Mansion Annex
- Limit: 25



SILENT HUNTERS OF THE NIGHT

In the dead of night, owls have an amazing ability to hunt swiftly and silently. Via slides, pellets and mounts, learn about the owls of our area. On a moonlit walk from the meadow to the forest edge, listen as our guide calls in Pennsylvania's Eastern Screech Owl, the nighttime hunter we are most likely to see or hear this time of the year.

- Saturday, November 26; 6 - 7:30 PM
- Warwick County Park Office
- Limit: 50

December

RESOLUTION HIKE

This year, we resolved to get more people hiking in the parks. Bring a friend to enjoy a moderate and social hike during the last month of 2016. Intensity and route may be influenced by hikers' interests.

- Saturday, December 3; 9 - 10 AM
- Nottingham County Park Office

NATURAL HOLIDAY CRITTERS

For Ages 5+. Have fun creating an assortment of home grown woodland critters using natural materials like acorns, pine cones, seeds and pods. Samples provided, but imaginations are encouraged! Hot glue guns will be used and parents should supervise their children directly.

- Saturday, December 3; 2 - 3:30 PM
- Warwick County Park Office
- Limit: 25

PAWS ON THE PATH

Take a ranger-led hike with your dog to get a little exercise and socialization. Dogs must keep their humans on a leash at all times. Please bring a clean up bag and water for dog and human— water is available at Wolf's Hollow. Don't have a dog? You're welcome to join us and get some exercise too!

- Saturday, December 10; 9 - 10 AM
- Wolf's Hollow County Park, Parking Lot

PREDATORS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania is home to some of the most amazing predatory animals in the world. Come learn about bears, bobcats, venomous mammals and more! We'll have skulls and mounts on display along with an interactive presentation.

- Saturday, December 10; 10 - 11 AM
- Warwick County Park Office

January

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE

Ring in 2017 with fresh air and exercise on this annual ranger-led hike. Celebrate the new year learning about the natural and cultural history of Warwick County Park.

- Sunday, January 1; 2 - 3 PM
- Warwick County Park Office

WILD ANIMALS UP CLOSE

Learn about the wild animals of Pennsylvania up close! Explore the parks' animal mounts and have a hands-on discussions about habitat and adaptations.

- Thursday, January 12; 10 - 11 AM
- Springton Manor Farm, Carriage House
- Limit: 25



Registration

Parks' contact information located on the back cover.

Please pre-register. Registration is required at least 3 days prior to program date. Walk-in registration will only be accepted at the program if space allows. **You are not officially registered for a program until registration information is received.** All persons residing at the same address may be listed on one form for multiple programs. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

- » **ONLINE:** Submit your program selections online at www.chesco.org/ccparks
- » **SEND IN:** Mail your registration form to park hosting the program.
- » **WALK IN:** Bring your registration form to any park office, Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.
- » **FAX IN:** Registration forms may be faxed to the park office. Fax numbers are listed on back page.
- » **EMAIL:** Registration forms may be emailed to ccfacparkspro@chesco.org

**REGISTER FOR
PROGRAMS ONLINE**
CHESCO.ORG/CCPARKS

**Reserve Your
Pavilion Online!**



Hibernia, Nottingham and Warwick County Parks offer year-round pavilion rentals.

Reservations must be made at least three days prior to the preferred date and are accepted up to 12 months in advance.

www.chesco.org/ccparks/pavilions

Chester County Facilities & Parks Registration Form

Please Print!

Chester County will use every precaution to prevent accidents; however, it will not be responsible for medical, dental or hospital expenses incurred due to accidents during its programs. I understand and agree to this statement and request that I, or my child(ren), be allowed to participate in the following program. I agree that neither Chester County nor the instructor shall be held responsible for any injury to me or my child(ren) during, or while going to or from, any program. Pictures may be taken during programs. Please let us know if this presents a problem.

Family Information

Parent/ Guardian Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone: ____ - ____ - ____ Cell Phone: ____ - ____ - ____ Emergency Contact: _____
 Email: _____ Please send us upcoming program information

Participant & Program Information

Participant Name	M/F	DOB	Grade	Program Title & Date	Fee

Total Fee: \$

Special Needs/ Medical Notes: _____

Date _____ Signature: _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Date Rcv'd _____ By _____ Mail _____ Walk-In _____ Fax _____ Cash/Check/CC \$ _____

Every season offers something new! Visit often!

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FALL 2016 -WINTER 2017



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Chester County

**Color
5k Run & Walk**
chesco.org/colorsk



Saturday, November 5
Everhart Park, West Chester

Play areas may be closed in the winter months

When winter is upon us, the associated freezing conditions affect our play areas – not the equipment – but the surfacing material. What we use at Hibernia and Nottingham County Parks can and will freeze.

We use a play mulch called Wood Carpet, which is certified for use under and around the apparatus that does a fantastic job in absorbing force from falls when the material is soft, malleable and not frozen. It is a great surface for shock absorption and by far the most economical to purchase. Unfortunately, it does come with the drawback of freezing during the winter and early spring. So, at this time, we have no choice but to temporarily close the play areas with this surfacing when staff determines it to be frozen during routine inspections. However; several years ago, Warwick replaced their wood mulch with a crumb rubber material in a royal blue color to match the blue play apparatus. This material has many superior qualities, but the one that park visitors should most enjoy is the fact that it will not freeze.



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