

WASHINGTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS

&

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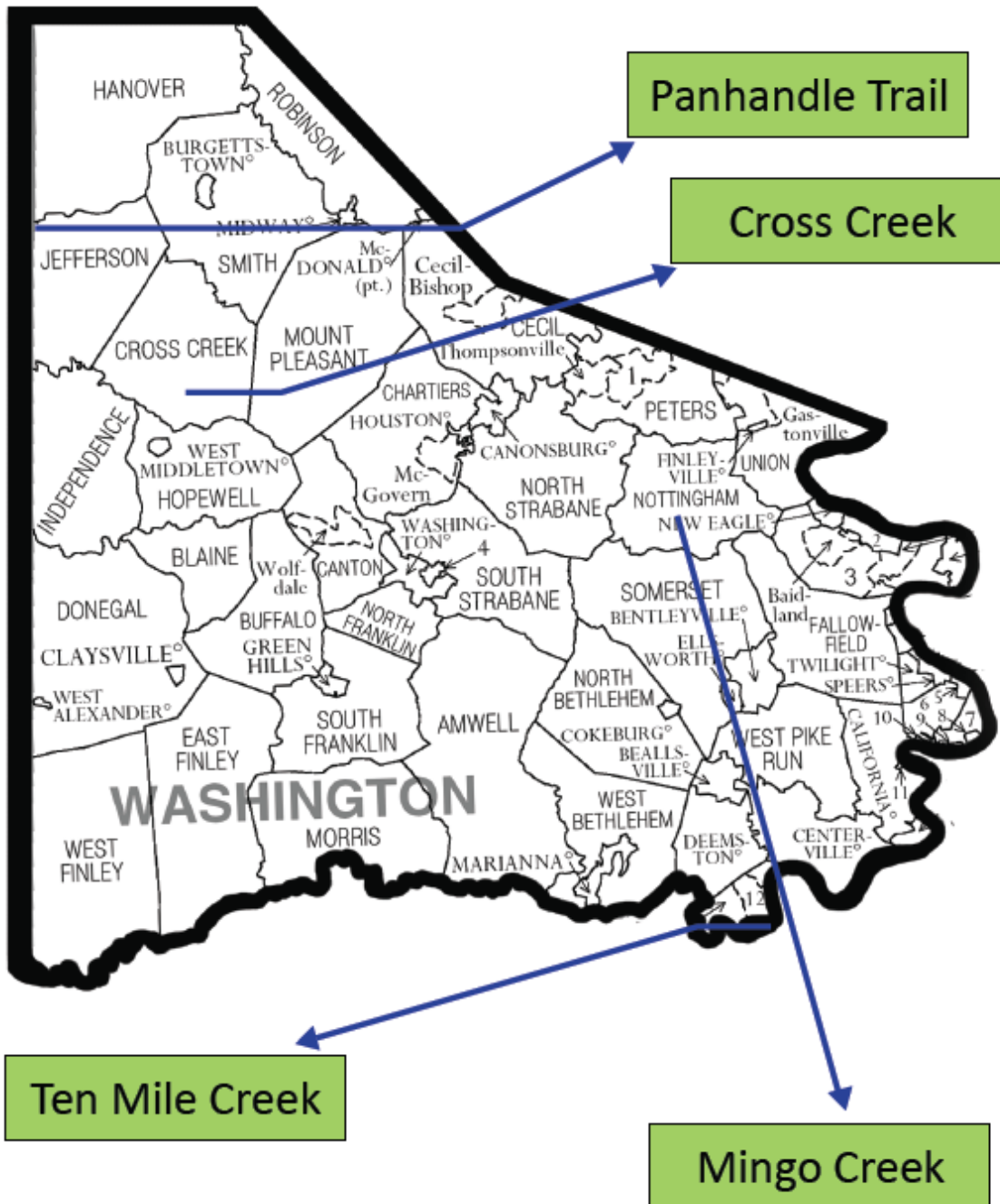


**2020
PROGRAM
GUIDE**

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Washington County Parks Location Map



**2020
Registration Details**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION!**

YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE PROGRAMS ALLOWS US TO
PROVIDE RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, &
LEISURE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
PARKS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ATTENDING OUR EVENTS.

**REGISTRATION: Phone – 724-228-6867
(office)
Walk in — 100 West Beau Street, Suite 705
Washington, PA 15301**

PROGRAM REGISTRATION POLICY:

- **ADVANCE REGISTRATION:** MOST PROGRAMS CAN BE REGISTERED FOR NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE. SOME PROGRAMS HAVE LIMITED SPACE RESTRICTIONS.
- **REGISTRATION** IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
- **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOST PROGRAMS:** MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS REQUIRE PREPARATION AND SUPPLIES, SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.
- **FEES:** MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE FREE. OTHER PROGRAMS MAY HAVE A MINIMAL MATERIAL FEE.
- **AGE:** PLEASE ABIDE TO THE AGE RESTRICTIONS NOTED ABOVE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AS MOST PROGRAMS HAVE LIMITED SUPPLIES.
- **DAY CAMP REGISTRATION** WILL BE ACCEPTED STARTING APRIL 1, 2020. PAYMENT IN FULL IS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION AND CAN BE MADE WITH CASH OR CHECK. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO ONE FAMILY PER REGISTRANT WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 DAY CAMPS PER CHILD. FEES & DATES ARE LISTED WITHIN PROGRAM GUIDE.

AN ADDED NOTE:

PICNIC SHELTER RESERVATIONS:

SHELTER RESERVATIONS FOR MINGO CREEK, CROSS CREEK & TEN MILE CREEK COUNTY PARKS ARE AVAILABLE BEGINNING THE SECOND MONDAY OF JANUARY EACH YEAR. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC SPOT.

Snowshoeing in the Park

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Park Office

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Mingo Creek Park

Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation staff for snowshoe instruction followed by a hike on modern snowshoes. We'll enjoy the brisk winter air, look for animal tracks in the snow, and perhaps even see animals that are active in winter. Please dress appropriately for the weather and hiking. There will need to be at least 4 inches of snow to have this program. Snowshoes are limited.

Special registration details: Please call the park office at 724-228-6867 if interested in joining the participant list thru February 29, 2020. Park staff will call to arrange a program as weather allows.

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided. We will do our soup luncheon, so bring along your favorite winter soup.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Preschool at the Park:

Books & Buddies

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Park Office

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 3-5)

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation staff with your favorite stuffed animal, toy, or doll. We will have a show and tell type presentation where we share our stories of our favorite friends. A story will also be read and there will be snacks.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$2.00

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom:

Are You Fur Real?

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Park Office

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 5-11)

Do you know any of the mammals that live around us? Homeschool students are invited to join the Parks and Recreation staff to see a presentation on the many furry critters that call Pennsylvania home. Students will discover which of these mammals are the predators and which ones are the prey.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Park Office

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park office. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

February Four Miler

Saturday, February 29, 2020 Shelter 4

11:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park

Stretch those weary winter leg muscles on the earthen Mingo Creek Trails. We'll leave our boot tracks on many of the trails in the western portion of Mingo Creek Park as we hike through the forest and fields. Dress for moderate hiking and the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Cache Me if you Can

Saturday, March 7, 2020 Park Office

10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park

This is a great opportunity to discover Geocaching and learn the basics of this fun, recreational activity. Join us as we search for hidden treasures (caches) in Mingo Creek Park using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS). We will have a limited number of GPS units to utilize.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Treasure Hunt

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Park Office

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 3-5)

X marks the spot! Join us in Mingo Creek Park as we walk in search of several treasures. Each box will contain special contents that will be shared with other participants. What will your treasure hold? Dress accordingly for the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$3.00

Geocaching at Dusk

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Shelter 1

5:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Get off the couch and discover geocaching! Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation staff as we search for hidden treasures (caches) in Mingo Creek Park using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS). This program is limited due to a limited number of GPS's. Please dress for moderate hiking and weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Maple Sugaring: Sugarbush Tour & Breakfast

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Shelter 6 & Park Office

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join the Washington County Department of Parks & Recreation staff for a tasty tour of Mingo Creek Park's Sugarbush. Discover techniques used to turn maple tree sap into 100% pure maple syrup. Historical demonstrations, modern day sap collecting methods and evaporation secrets will be shared. The program will conclude with a pancake breakfast served with pure Mingo Creek Syrup, sausage and a drink at the Park Office. Tours begin every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Group size is limited to 20 per tour. Tours begin at Shelter 6. Breakfast is served at the Mingo Creek Park Office after the tour.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$2.00 per person

Trail Life Scouts: Primitive Fire Making

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Shelter 2

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Trail Life Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to learn how to make a fire by friction using flint and steel. All participants will have the opportunity to build their own small fire using flint and steel. All materials will be provided. Dress for to the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Junior Girl Scout Badge:

Geocacher

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Shelter 3

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Junior Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Geocacher Badge. The Washington County Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Dress for the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Park Office

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park office. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Flight of the Timberdoodle

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Shelter 10

7:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Tag along as we search for a most unique bird, the American Woodcock in Mingo Creek Park. Woodcock are also known as timberdoodle, bog sucker and big-eyed snipe. As dusk approaches we will be listening for the "insect-like" calling of the male woodcock and watching the evening sky to observe its amazing courtship flight. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking. Weather permitting.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Great PA Clean Up

Saturday, April 4, 2020

10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park - Shelter 4

10:00 a.m. Cross Creek Park - Shelter 3

Individuals, families and organized groups are invited to join the Parks & Recreation Staff for the Great PA Clean Up at Mingo Creek Park and Cross Creek Park. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Grilled hot dogs and a bottle of water will be provided.

Pre-registration required. Organized groups welcome.

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Park Office

Session I - 10:00 a.m

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 3-5)

Toddlers will be searching for eggs over hill and dale in Mingo Creek Park. Bring along a basket to collect eggs. We will also dye Easter eggs and enjoy a snack. Class sizes are limited.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$2.00

Flight of the Timberdoodle

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Shelter 3

7:30 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Tag along as we search for a most unique bird, the American Woodcock in Cross Creek Park. Woodcock are also known as timberdoodle, bog sucker and big-eyed snipe. As dusk approaches we will be listening for the "insect-like" calling of the male woodcock and watching the evening sky to observe its amazing courtship flight. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking. Weather permitting.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Family Nature Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Park Office

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

The hunt is on! Search for items of interest throughout Mingo Creek Park. Groups will consist of six or less. Bring along a basket to collect items on the scavenger hunt list. Dress for light hiking and the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom:

Orienteering

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Shelter 6

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 5-11)

Learn to navigate your way in Mingo Creek Park using a map and compass, by discovering the basics of orienteering. After some instruction, we will strike off and complete a basic orienteering course. Maps and compasses will be provided. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Easter Egg Geocaching

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Park Office

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us on a special mission this Easter! We will embark on a mission in search of hidden treasures (caches) in Mingo Creek Park using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS). We will have a limited number of GPS units to utilize. This is a family activity. Children ages 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Jeepers Peepers

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Lynn Portal Rd. Parking Area

8:00 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Come along with us, in search of the amazingly musical - Spring Peepers frogs. We will be searching breeding pools and wetland areas to hear, see and perhaps catch these tiny tree frogs. Dress for hiking and the weather. Rubber boots and flashlights are recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Jeepers Peepers

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Shelter 3

8:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

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Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Brownie Girl Scout Badge:

Hiker

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Shelter 3

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Brownie Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Hiker Badge. The Washington County Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Dress for the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Geocaching at Dusk

Monday, April 20, 2020

Shelter 1

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Get off the couch and discover geocaching! Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation staff as we search for hidden treasures (caches) in Mingo Creek Park using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS). This program is limited due to a limited number of GPS's. Please dress for moderate hiking and weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Hunting Morel Mushrooms

Thursday, April 23, 2020

TBA

6:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Lace up a sturdy pair of hiking shoes grab a collecting bag and a walking stick as we strike off in search of morel mushrooms in Mingo Creek Park. Learn where to search for these tasty spring mushrooms. Boots, long pants and long sleeved shirts are recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, April 24, 2020

Observatory

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2020 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required

NO FEE

Hunting Morel Mushrooms

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Parking area across from

6:30 p.m.

the previous Red Rooster

on Route 844

Cross Creek Park

Lace up a sturdy pair of hiking shoes grab a collecting bag and a walking stick as we strike off in search of morel mushrooms in Cross Creek Park. Learn where to search for these tasty spring mushrooms. Boots, long pants and long sleeved shirts are recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Salamander Tales

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Shelter 6

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

(Ages 3-5)

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Preschoolers will slosh along with the park staff in search of salamanders that call the tributaries of Mingo Creek home. You'll need water shoes or rubber boots, quick hands, and a keen eye as we search for these four legged amphibians. A change of clothes is recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Salamander Search

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Shelter 1

7:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Explore the soggy spring seeps, rivulets and tributaries of Mingo Creek to discover salamanders that call the park home. Habitat preference, tips to safely collect these delicate amphibians and identification tips will be shared. Dress for the weather. Rubber boots are recommended. Your feet may get wet, and your hands will get dirty.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Family Campout:

Mingo Creek Park

Friday, May 8, 2020

Camping Area

Set up as early as 4:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Spend an evening in Mingo Creek Park camping under the star-filled skies. As night falls, we'll be cooking hot dogs, roasting marshmallows, and spending time around the campfire. We'll prepare a simple campfire breakfast Saturday morning. Bring your own tent and camping supplies. For newbies, the park staff will be available to help set up tents. Weather permitting.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$10.00 per campsite

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom:

Creek Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Shelter 5

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 5-11)

Join us for some creek play, and learn along the way! Students will be searching for living and non-living items found in and along Mingo Creek. Please wear boots or creek shoes. A change of clothes is also recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Evening Paddle

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Lynn Portal Rd. Parking Area

6:30 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Cross Creek Lake with the Parks & Recreation staff. Join us for an evening of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying Washington County. Children must be at least 10 years of age. If participant is under 16 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult on the paddle.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, May 15, 2020

Observatory

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2020 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required

NO FEE

Mindfulness Hike

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Shelter 1

4:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Indulge your senses and ease your mind on this unique Mingo Creek Park Hike. Offered in cooperation with the PA Master Naturalist, on the Mindfulness hike we will slow wayyyyyy down to enjoy the beauty and gifts of the forest. We will incorporate different methods of mindfulness including breath work, aspects of shinrin yoku and light guided meditation. We will return feeling relaxed, grounded, rejuvenated and with a closer connection to nature. This is a program for adults and mature minors accompanied by a guardian. Dress for the weather and light hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Outdoor Cookin'

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Shelter 2

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Let us help you prepare for your next camping adventure! Join us for an evening of fun filled camping activities including primitive fire making and cooking around the campfire. Learn how to recreate your favorite recipes under the open sky. All supplies will be provided. You may bring along a drink.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

Fee: \$4.00 per person

Evening Archery

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Shelter 10

Session I - 5:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 7:00 p.m.

Join NASP instructors for an evening of shooting archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of shooting archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. Participants of all levels are welcome. Must be at least 10 years of age to participate. Participants are only able to register for one session.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Family Campout:

Cross Creek Park

Friday, May 29, 2020

Shelter 3

Set up as early as 4:00 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Spend an evening lakeside, and under the star filled skies with your family in Cross Creek Park. We'll be cooking hot dogs, roasting marshmallows and enjoying the outdoors around the campfire. We'll prepare a simple camp breakfast Saturday morning. Bring your own tent and camping supplies. Weather permitting.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$10.00 per campsite

Banding Songbirds

Friday, May 29, 2020

Shelter 9

7:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Would you like to learn more about our local songbirds? Join us at Mingo Creek Park to learn about the MAP research program that is documenting the breeding status of songbirds that call Mingo Creek Park home. A short discussion will be followed by a moderate walk to the bird banding station. This is a very weather dependent activity. The program will be cancelled if it is raining or too windy.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Camping Area near Observatory

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom:

Birdwatching 101

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Shelter 4

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 5-11)

Looking to learn a few tips and tricks to make bird watching a bit more enjoyable? Homeschoolers will learn to use binoculars, identify a few common birds, discuss the importance of habitat, listen to songs of common bird songs and wrap it up with a short walk in search of birds in Mingo Creek Park. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking. Binoculars are recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Full Moon Hike

Friday, June 5, 2020

Shelter 1

6:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Come out for a night hike under the twinkling stars and bright shiny full moon in Mingo Creek County Park. We'll hike three (3) miles over hill and dale taking in the sights and the sounds of Mingo after dark. Dress appropriately for moderate hiking. Flashlights recommended. Weather permitting.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Creek Stompers

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Shelter 5

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 3-5)

Nets ready, preschoolers? Be prepared to get a bit wet as we search Mingo Creek for aquatic insects, crayfish, and small fish. We'll provide the nets and containers. Bring water shoes and a change of clothes.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Cross Creek Hike & Paddle

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Shelter 3

6:30 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Come out for an evening of laid back hiking and paddling in Cross Creek Park. Enjoy a leisurely 1.5 mile hike along the Lake Shore Trail from Shelter 3 to the Lynn Portal Rd Access Area. At Lynn Portal Rd. we'll gear up and kayak back to the County Park Road access area. Children must be at least 10 years of age. If participant is under 16 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult on the paddle.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Shelter 4

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided. This will be our annual summer cookout, so bring along your favorite picnic dish and recipe.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Children's Program:

Salamanders

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Shelter 4

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 5-11)

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation as we slosh along with the park staff in search of salamanders that call the tributaries of Mingo Creek home. You'll need water shoes or rubber boots, quick hands, and a keen eye as we search for these four legged amphibians. A change of clothes is recommended. No organized groups are permitted.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Campfire Jam Night:

Mingo Creek Park

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Shelter 10

7:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join the park staff around the campfire for an evening of acoustic music in Mingo Creek Park. Musicians who play an instrument are encouraged to share their talent. Don't play an instrument? No problem, we welcome listeners. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Light refreshments will be served

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Back to Nature Day Camp

Monday, June 15, 2020 -

Shelter 3

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Ages 6-10)

Children ages 6 through 10 will be getting "back to nature" as they discover some of the favorite things Washington County Parks and Recreation staff loves to do at day camps. A variety of educational activities will be offered and will include the exploration of invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, wilderness survival skills and much more. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking, and bring a lunch and water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration, cash or check. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child.

FEE: \$25.00/camper

Birds, Blooms & Bicycles

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

McDonald Trail Station

7:00 p.m.

Panhandle Trail

Pedal the Panhandle in search of singing birds and blooming wildflowers. We'll stop along the way to soak up the sights and sounds along the Panhandle Trail. Bicycle required. Bring a bottle of water. Dress for the weather. Weather permitting.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Camping Area near Observatory

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Star Party

Friday, June 19, 2020 Observatory
Saturday, June 20, 2020 Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required

NO FEE

Wilderness Survival Day Camp

Monday, June 22, 2020- Shelter 7
Friday, June 26, 2020 Mingo Creek Park
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Ages 8-12)

This is a popular camp for 8 to 12 year olds. Campers will learn basic survival skills including primitive fire building, shelter construction, water collection, basic action/reaction methods, camouflage and stalking, archery, and more. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking, and bring a lunch and a water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration, cash or check. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Family Nature Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Park Office

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

The hunt is on! Search for items of interest throughout Mingo Creek Park. Groups will consist of six or less. Bring along a basket to collect items on the scavenger hunt list. Dress for light hiking and the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Mosquito Bite

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Shelter 4

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

(Ages 3-5)

Did you know only female mosquitos bite? Learn more interesting facts about this common Pennsylvania insect. This day will also be our annual summer picnic. Hot dogs will be provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$3.00

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Camping Area near Observatory

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

The Great Outdoor Sports Adventure Day Camp

Monday, July 6, 2020 -

Shelter 1

Friday, July 10, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Ages 10-14)

Turn off the T.V., put away your phone, set the video game controller down, and come out to Mingo Creek Park for our first ever Great Outdoor Sports Adventure. Campers will get their hearts racing with volleyball, kickball, and other sports activities. We will also trek through the woods on a wilderness hike to find hidden waterfalls, and splash through the creek to find hidden critters that live in the waters of Mingo Creek Park. Campers should dress for the weather and moderate activity, and bring a lunch and a water bottle each day. Closed toe shoes are required.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration, cash or check. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Evening Paddle

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Lynn Portal Road Parking Area

6:30 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Cross Creek Lake with the Parks & Recreation staff. Join us for an evening of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying the outdoors in Washington County. Children must be at least 10 years of age. If participant is under 16 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult on the paddle.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Tree Id.

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Shelter 2

7:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Learn to identify local trees using a dichotomous tree key. Learn to use leaf arrangements, complexities and margins to "key out" tree species. Tree Finders will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the program.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

\$4.00 per Tree Finder

Reptiles and Amphibians Day Camp

Monday, July 13, 2020 - Shelter 3
Friday, July 17, 2020 Mingo Creek Park
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Ages 7-11)

Children ages 7 to 11 will learn about the reptiles and amphibians of Pennsylvania. Many educational adventures will take place during this week long camp, including hikes to Salamander City and the frog Pond. Predator and Prey and Turtle Hurdles are just a few of the fun activities that will be offered. We will also be collecting, observing, and releasing live reptiles and amphibians right in Mingo Creek Park. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking, and bring a lunch and water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration, cash or check. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 Camping Area near Observatory
6:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Get off the Fence:

In Search of the Fence Lizard

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Dinsmore Rd. Trailhead

7:00 p.m.

Panhandle Trail

Pedal the Panhandle Trail with us in search of a rather uncommon reptile in Washington County, PA., the Northern Fence Lizard. If we are lucky we may catch a glimpse or perhaps an up-close look at a rather unusual reptile for this region of the commonwealth, the Northern Fence Lizard. A 4+ mile round trip bicycle ride is required. Bicycles are not provided. A bottle of water or two is recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, July 17, 2020

Observatory

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2020 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required

NO FEE

Family Nature Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Park Office

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

The hunt is on! Search for items of interest throughout Mingo Creek Park. Groups will consist of six or less. Bring along a basket to collect items on the scavenger hunt list. Dress for light hiking and the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Sifting through Pond Stew

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Shelter 3

7:00 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Join us for a closer look at plants and animals in the water that can't be seen with the naked eye. Using plankton nets and microscopes we'll be collecting and observing microscopic plants and animals from Cross Creek Lake. Nets and microscopes will be provided. Appropriate footwear required. A change of clothes is suggested.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Children's Program:

Creek Critters

Thursday, July 23, 2020 Shelter 5
Session I - 10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park
Session II - 1:00 p.m. (Ages 5-11)

Get wet in Mingo Creek as we search for crayfish, nymphs, clams, and whatever else we might scoop up in our nets! A parent and/or guardian must attend, and are encouraged to participate. Nets and containers will be provided. Please wear creek shoes or water boots; a change of clothes is also recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Pioneer Living Day Camp

Monday, July 27, 2020 - Shelter 7
Friday, July 31, 2020 Mingo Creek Park
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Ages 7-11)

Children ages 7 to 12 are invited to take a step back in time to see how the pioneer children lived, played, and worked. An array of pioneer activities, such as cooking over the fire pit and panning for gold, will be shared. Native American living, games, crafts, and stories will also be included. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking, and bring a lunch and a water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration, cash or check. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Butterfly Walk

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Shelter 2

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Learn more about the beautiful butterflies found in Washington County as we peek into the world of butterflies with Monica Miller. Search for and observe colorful butterflies along the way, learn life histories and the habitat preferences of common local butterflies. Wear comfortable shoes, and a hat. Bring a bottle of water. Long pants are suggested.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Wilderness Survival Day Camp

Monday, August 3, 2020 -

Shelter 3

Friday, August 7, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Ages 8-12)

Campers will learn basic survival skills including primitive fire building, shelter construction, water collection, basic action/reaction methods, camouflage and stalking, archery, and more. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking, and bring a lunch and a water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration, cash or check. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Campfire Jam Night:

Cross Creek Park

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Shelter 3

7:00 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Join the park staff around the campfire for an evening of acoustic music in Cross Creek Park. Musicians who play an instrument are encouraged to share their talent. Don't play an instrument? No problem, we welcome listeners. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Light refreshments will be served

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Camping Area near Observatory

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Star Party

Friday, August 7, 2020

Observatory

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Butterfly Roundup

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Shelter 1

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

(Ages 3-5)

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

With nets in hand, we will flutter our way across fields in search of butterflies. Preschoolers will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, as well as the proper way to collect and observe these beautiful, flying creatures. Nets and containers will be provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Youth Archery:

Taking Aim

Monday, August 10, 2020

Shelter 10

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 10-15)

Join Washington County Commissioner Nick Sherman and the Department of Parks and Recreation for an introduction to bow hunting. Participants will learn the parts of a bow, parts of a arrow, range and have the opportunity to shoot arrows at animal like 3D targets.

Commissioner Sherman stated, "In an effort to control the deer population, this introductory course will educate Washington County youth in the art of archery. The Commissioners want to provide a safe and mentored hunting program in our parks. I'm very excited to participate in this initiative, Sherman added. As a child, my fondest memories were hunting with my father and grandfather. I look forward to these children learning a skill and making similar memories."

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Afternoon Paddle

Friday, August 14, 2020

Park Office

1:00 p.m.

Ten Mile Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Ten Mile Creek with the Parks and Recreation staff. Join us for an afternoon of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating, and relaxing, all while enjoying the outdoors in Washington County. Children must be at least 10 years of age. If participant is under 16 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult on the paddle.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Mindfulness Hike

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Shelter 1

9:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Indulge your senses and ease your mind on this unique Mingo Creek Park hike. Offered in cooperation with the PA Master Naturalists, on the Mindfulness Hike we will slow wayyyyyy down to enjoy the beauty and gifts of the forest. We will incorporate different methods of mindfulness including breath work, aspects of shinrin yoku and light guided meditation. We will return feeling relaxed, grounded, rejuvenated and with a closer connection to nature. This is a program for adults and mature minors accompanied by a guardian. Dress for the weather and light hiking.

Pre-registration is required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Evening Paddle

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Park Office

6:30 p.m.

Ten Mile Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Ten Mile Creek with the Parks & Recreation staff. Join us for an evening of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying Washington County. Children must be at least 10 years of age. If participant is under 16 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult on the paddle.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Camping Area near Observatory

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Brownie Girl Scout Badge:

Bugs

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Shelter 10

6:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Brownies are invited to Mingo Creek Park to fulfill many of the requirements to earn their Bug Badge. We'll discuss common characteristics of insects, observe common insects found in Washington County and conclude the activity with an insect round-up. Nets and collecting jars will be provided. Dress accordingly to the weather, as this is an outdoor activity.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Daisy Girl Scout Badge:

Trail Adventure

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Shelter 3

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Daisy Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Trail Adventure Badge. The Washington County Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Dress for the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Camping Area near Observatory

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Afternoon Paddle

Thursday, September 3, 2020 Lynn Portal Road Parking Area

1:00 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Cross Creek Park with the Parks and Recreation staff. Join us for an afternoon of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating, and relaxing, all while enjoying Washington County. Children must be at least 10 years of age. If participant is under 16 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult on the paddle.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Quest for Nature's Color

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Shelter 1
Session I - 10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park
Session II - 1:00 p.m. (Ages 3-5)

Join us for an activity that stimulates all of the senses. Children will have to take the colors of the rainbow and hike to find items in nature that match them. Join us for a rainbow snack after. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking. Parent participation is required.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$2.00

Evening Archery

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 Shelter 10
Session I - 5:30 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
Session II - 7:00 p.m.

Join NASP instructor's for an evening of shooting archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of shooting archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. Participants of all levels are welcome. Must be at least 10 years of age to participate. Participants are only able to register for one session.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom:

Wings Over Mingo

Thursday, September 10, 2020 Shelter 3

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 5-11)

We will search in fields and near water for insects that take flight. With a quick hand and a little luck, butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies will fill our containers for better observation. Nets and containers will be provided. Please dress for the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Primitive Fire Making

Thursday, September 10, 2020 Shelter 2

6:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Learn how to make a fire by friction using flint and steel. All participants will have the opportunity to build their own small fire using flint and steel. All materials will be provided. This program is best suited for ages 11 and up.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Family Campout:

Mingo Creek Park

Friday, September 11, 2020

Camping Area

Set up as early as 4:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Spend an evening in Mingo Creek Park camping under the star-filled skies. As night falls, we'll be cooking hot dogs, roasting marshmallows, and spending time around the campfire. We'll prepare a simple campfire breakfast Saturday morning. Bring your own tent and camping supplies. For newbies, the park staff will be available to help set up tents. Weather permitting.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$10.00 per campsite

Star Party

Friday, September 11, 2020

Observatory

Saturday, September 12, 2020 Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2020 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 Park Office

10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 Camping Area near Observatory

6:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

Covered Bridge Festival

Saturday, September 19, 2020 Mingo Creek Park

Sunday, September 20, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Covered Bridge Festival is held at ten (10) covered bridges in Washington & Greene Counties the third weekend of September each year. Crafts, music and food are available at each site. In Mingo Creek Park, sites are located at both the Henry and Ebenezer Bridges. Questions? Please contact the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency at 724-225-3010.

Junior Girl Scout Badge:

Camper

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 Shelter 3

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Junior Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Camper Badge. The Washington County Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Dress for the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Owl Prowl

Friday, September 25, 2020

Shelter 1

7:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Dissect an owl pellet to discover the nocturnal feeding habitats of an owl. Take a night hike to listen for the vocalizations resident owls. Screech and Barred Owls may be heard during this program. This is a fun-filled family outing.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$2.00 per owl pellet

Family Nature Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 Park Office

6:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

The hunt is on! Search for items of interest throughout Mingo Creek Park. Groups will consist of 6 or less. Bring along a basket to collect items on the scavenger hunt list. Dress for light hiking and the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Fall Group Hayrides

Cross Creek Park

Friday, October 2, 2020 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, 2020 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ride into fall on one of Cross Creek Park's Hay-filled wagons. Hayrides are approximately 50 minutes in length. Groups can enjoy the fall splendor as they travel through Cross Creek Park on the hay wagon. Group size is limited to 20 people per wagon. The use of a picnic shelter and a firecircle two (2) hours before or after the scheduled hayride is included.

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Mingo Creek Park

Friday, October 2, 2020 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 9, 2020 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10, 2020 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16, 2020 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 2020 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ride into fall on one of Mingo Creek Park's hay-filled wagons. Hayrides are approximately 50 minutes in length. Groups can enjoy the fall splendor as they travel through Mingo Creek Park on the hay wagon. Group size is limited to 25 people per wagon. The use of a picnic shelter and a firecircle two (2) hours before or after the scheduled hayride is included.

Registration anytime, payment in full at time of registration

FEE \$50.00 per hayride

Fall Fun Day

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Shelter 6

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join the park staff for a filled day of pumpkin carving, scarecrow stuffing, hayrides, cider sippin' and marshmallow toasting

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE:

Hayrides	\$2.00 per person
Pumpkins	\$4.00 per pumpkin
Scare Crow we provide the straw)	Free (Bring your own clothes

Preschool at the Park:

Hey! It's a Hayride

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Shelter 1

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

Session I - 10:00 a.m.

(Ages 3-5)

Session II - 1:00 p.m.

The leaves are changing colors and the air is crisp, what a great time for a hayride in Mingo Creek Park. Come dressed for the weather and join us in a hay-filled wagon ride through the park. After our ride, we'll warm up with a cup of warm cider. An adult should plan to attend.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance

FEE: \$1.00

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom:

Seed Ya' Later

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Shelter 4

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 5-11)

Hike through fields and forests in search of seeds...or will they find us? Discover how seeds travel, and what they need to grow. We will identify tree seeds and will have a chance to plant the seeds we collect on our hike. Please dress for the weather and light hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Stone Soup Campfire

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Log Cabin near observatory

5:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

The days are getting shorter and there's a chill in the air. Bring your family to the park and enjoy the story of "Stone Soup" around the campfire. End the evening with a warm cup of this special soup.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$3.00

Trick or Treat Geocaching

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Shelter 10

5:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a fun evening of trick or treating "geocaching" style. Learn the basics of using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS) then we will geocache to certain locations throughout the park for our tasty treats! Dress for the weather and a moderate hike. We will have a limited number of GPS units to utilize. This is a family activity. Children ages 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Halloween Night Walk

Friday, October 16, 2020

McDonald Trail Station

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Panhandle Trail

Bring your young ghosts and goblins decked out in their Halloween costumes for a luminary lit walk on the Panhandle Trail in McDonald Borough. Trick or Treats will be provided along the trail to children ages 11 and under.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Halloween Night Walk

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Burgettstown Trailhead

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Panhandle Trail

Bring your young ghosts and goblins decked out in their Halloween costumes for a luminary lit walk on the Panhandle Trail in Burgettstown Borough. Trick or Treats will be provided along the trail to children ages 11 and under.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, October 23, 2020

Observatory

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2020 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required

Preschool at the Park:

Magnificent Mammals

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Park Office

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 3-5)

Did you know there are two antlered mammals in Pennsylvania? Come join the Washington County Parks and Recreation staff as we talk about the different mammals that call Pennsylvania home. A snack will be provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$2.00

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Great Gall Walk

Thursday, November 5, 2020 Shelter 10
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Let's go on a safari of the goldenrod fields and brushy forested edges in search of animal architecture. We can expect to find many galls and egg cases created by a variety of different insects last summer. Dress for the moderate walking, the weather, and trekking through brushy fields.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Project Owl-net

Friday, November 13, 2020 Shelter 9
8:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Project Owl-net is a continent-wide effort to gain a greater understanding of the migratory patterns of the Northern Saw-whet Owl. Join us for a short presentation and a visit to a netting site where we'll attempt to capture and band a saw-whet owl or two for research purposes. This is a great opportunity to see and learn about this diminutive owl and possibly observe one "in hand". This program is very weather dependent. The program will be cancelled if it is raining or too windy.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Cache Me If You Can

Saturday, November 14, 2020 Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

This is a great opportunity to discover Geocaching and learn the basics of this fun, recreational activity. Join us as we search for hidden treasures (caches) in Mingo Creek Park using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS). We will have a limited number of GPS units to utilize.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

Star Party

Saturday, November 14, 2020 Observatory

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2019 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts in the Park

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided. This month will be our annual cookie party, so bring along a few dozen of your favorite holiday cookies and recipe.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Varies

Preschool at the Park:

Christmas Pajama Party

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 3-5)

Join us for our third annual Holiday party! Come in your best PJ's! We will share stories, enjoy a Christmas themed breakfast, and complete a winter themed craft on this special day.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$3.00

Candy Cane Hunt

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 Park Office

4:30 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation as we hide candy canes around Mingo Creek Park. Bring your flashlight and help us find them! First, we will decorate a bag for collecting the candy canes and then hunt for them. After collecting our treats, we will enjoy cookies and hot cocoa.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$2.00

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