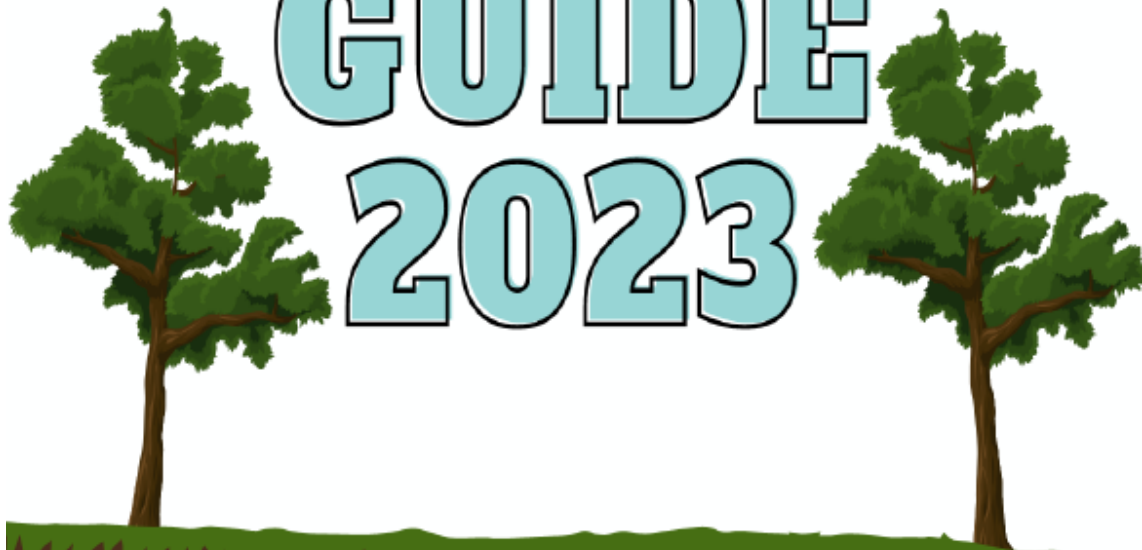


Washington County

PARKS & RECREATION



**PROGRAM
GUIDE
2023**



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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-
LY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY PARKS.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT-
TENDING OUR EVENTS.

**REGISTRATION: Phone – 724-228-6867
(office)**

Walk in – 100 West Beau Street, Suite 705

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 3, 2023. 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.

Gaga over Geocaching

Thursday, February 9, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join your loved one or ride solo to come check out why everyone is gaga over geocaching. Learn the basics of using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS) then we will geocache to certain locations throughout the park for themed Valentine's Day items. 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

Valentine's Night Walk

Friday, February 10, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 2
Mingo Creek Park

Enjoy a luminary lit, un-guided walk along a portion of the paved walking trail in Mingo Creek Park with your friends, family, or sweetheart. Afterwards gather around a toasty campfire to warm up with a delicious cup of hot chocolate. Weather/trail conditions permitting.

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

NO FEE

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Animal Adaptations

Thursday, February 16, 2023 Park Office
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Come join park staff as we identify the three types of adaptations that animals have here in Washington County and throughout Pennsylvania! Dress for the weather and light hiking.

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

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Park Office
10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Preschool in the Park: Alphabet in Nature

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
1:00 p.m.
(Ages 3-5)

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Let's learn about the alphabet! Join us as we read a story that's sure to make you giggle. After, we will take what we learned on a walk in the park to see what we can find to match the letters of the alphabet. Dress for the weather.

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

NO FEE

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Setting Up the Sugarbush

Friday, March 10, 2023
11:00 a.m.
(Ages 5-11)

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park

Get a behind the scenes peek as we prepare for tomorrow's Sugar Bush Tours & Breakfast. Help us set the Sugarbush by tapping maple trees, setting spiles, running sap lines and placing collection containers. No breakfast served.

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

NO FEE

Maple Sugaring: Sugar Bush Tour & Breakfast

Saturday, March 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 6 & Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join the Washington County Department of Parks & Recreation Staff for a tasty tour of Mingo Creek Park's Sugar Bush. 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 ½ 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

Geology Rocks

Thursday, March 16, 2023
6:00 p.m.
(Ages 5-11)

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

What types of rocks are in Mingo Creek Park? Join Park staff as we learn about and touch examples of the 3 major types of rocks and discover how rocks and minerals are important to everything on earth! Dress for the weather and light hiking.

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

NO FEE

Goonies Geocaching

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Hey! You guys! Join us for a very “goonies” geocaching adventure! We will investigate Mingo Park, search for a lost map, a special key, and use geocaching skills to find a hidden treasure. 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

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Hoppin' Archery

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Join NASP instructor, Sarah Bujanowski, for an evening of archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. After a brief introduction, participants will be able to shoot at Easter themed targets. Must be at least 10 years of age to participate. Participants are only able to register for one session. There will be a session offered every 45 minutes. Only 4 people per session.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Redwings, Bluebirds & Tree Swallows

Thursday, March 30, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening bird watching as we search for red-winged blackbirds, bluebirds, & tree swallows as they begin preparing for the upcoming spring nesting season. We have a limited number of binoculars available for use.

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

NO FEE

Preschool in the Park: Hip Hop Horray! Easter Extravaganza

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
1:00 p.m.
(Ages 3-5)

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a fun filled day of Easter activities! Participants will hear a story, participate in a craft and snack and also go in search of Easter eggs hidden around the Park Office. Please dress for the weather.

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

NO FEE

Twitterpating at Twilight

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
7:30 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Tag along as we search a very unique bird, the American Woodcock in Mingo Creek Park. As dusk approaches we will be listening for the "insect-like" peenting of the male woodcock and watching the evening sky to observe its amazing twilight courtship flight. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking. Weather permitting.

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

NO FEE

Easter Egg Geocaching

Wednesday, April 5, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a fun evening of Easter egg hunting “geocaching” style. Learn the basics of using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS) then we will geocache to certain locations throughout the park in search of eggs. At the end, participants will receive special Easter 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

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom:

Born to be Wild

Thursday, April 6, 2023
1:00 p.m.
(Ages 5-11)

Shelter 5
Mingo Creek Park

How does an animal become endangered, threatened, or even extinct? Join Park staff as we discover some of the natural occurrences and human interactions that can affect our animal friends.

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

NO FEE

Jeepers Peepers

Thursday, April 13, 2023
8:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
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 a 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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Eastern Phoebes

Thursday, April 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 4
Mingo Creek Park

Enjoy a pleasant evening of bird watching, observing a common flycatcher in Mingo Creek Park, the Eastern Phoebe. One of the earliest returning flycatchers, the phoebe is a unique, easily identifiable bird. We'll hear its unique song, observe its feeding strategy and perching behavior. We have a limited number of binoculars available.

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

NO FEE

Great PA Clean Up

Saturday, April 22, 2023
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 us on Earth Day for the Great PA Clean Up at Mingo Creek and Cross Creek Parks. 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

Star Party

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Observatory
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets, and deep space objects in 2022 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. Night sky observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. All public star parties have a listed end time of 11 p.m. For more information about the Mingo Creek Park Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Hunting Morel Mushrooms

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Shelter 1
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

Hunting Morel Mushrooms

Thursday, April 27, 2023
6:30 p.m.

rant on Route 844

Parking Area across
from the previous
Red Rooster Restau-

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 2, 2023
Session I – 10:00 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m.
(Ages 3-5)

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park

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

Toad Road Hike

Thursday, May 4, 2023
7:30 p.m.

Shelter 4
Mingo Creek Park

Hike with us up Toad Road to take in the sights and sounds of a spring evening. We'll visit a small pond to listen for and perhaps observe toads and frogs calling to their partners. This is a 1.5 mile hike there and back. Dress for the weather. Flashlights are recommended.

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

NO FEE

Mindfulness Hike

Sunday, May 7, 2023
8:00 a.m.

Hemlock Trail
Mingo Creek Park

Indulge your senses and ease your mind on this unique Mingo Creek Walk. Offered in cooperation with the PAS Master Naturalists, on the Mindfulness Hike we will sloooooow way down to enjoy the beauty and gifts of the forest. The group will incorporate various methods of mindfulness including, breath work, aspects of shinrin yoku and light guided meditation. We will return relaxed, grounded and having a closer connection with the natural world. 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

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, May 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. 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: What is that Tree I See?

Thursday, May 11, 2023
1:00 p.m.
(Ages 5-11)

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park

Have you wondered what kinds of trees are towering over you as you walk through Mingo Creek Park? If so, Join Park Staff as we use leaves and other features to identify trees throughout Mingo Park. Dress for light hiking.

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

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Evening Paddle

Thursday, May 18, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Lynn Portal Rd. Parking Area
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. Must be at least 10 years of age. Kayaks have a 300 pound maximum weight capacity.

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

NO FEE

Paint by Arrow

Monday, May 22, 2023
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Join NASP instructor, Sarah Bujanowski, for an evening of archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. After a brief introduction, participants will be able to shoot at balloons filled with paint to create their own archery masterpiece. 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. There will be a session offered every 30 minutes. Only 3 people per session.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. 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, May 26, 2023

Observatory

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets, and deep space objects in 2022 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. Night sky observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. All public star parties have a listed end time of 11 p.m. For more information about the Mingo Creek Park Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Children's Program:

Slimy Salamander Search

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Shelter 6

1:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 5-11)

Join us as we search for slimy salamanders that call Mingo Creek their home. Participants will learn how to safely collect, view, and identify these amphibians. Participants are encouraged to wear boots. A change of clothes is recommended.

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

NO FEE

WILD about Washington County Watersheds

Thursday, June 1, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 2
Mingo Creek Park

Join Washington County Watershed Alliance to learn about the many watersheds, and the groups that represent these watersheds in Washington County. Participate in a “point and non-point” pollution simulation activity. Discover chemical and macroinvertebrate sampling techniques used to monitor stream health. The presentation is geared towards teenagers and adults interested in the outdoors. Those wishing to actively participate in the monitoring activities should be prepared to get wet.

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

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Creek Stompers

Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Session I- 10:00 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m.
(Ages 3-5)

Shelter 5
Mingo Creek Park

Nets ready preschoolers? Be prepared to get a bit wet as we search Mingo Creek for aquatic insects, crayfish, and small fish.

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

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, June 7, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Cross Creek Hike & Paddle

Thursday, June 8, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 3
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.

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

NO FEE

Back to Nature Day Camp

Monday, June 12, 2023 - Shelter 3
Thursday, June 15, 2023 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 traditional activities Washington County provides during their 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. Bring a lunch and water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 3. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under and/or over recommended ages will not be accepted

FEE: \$25.00/camper

Intro to Disc Golf

Thursday, June 15, 2023 Log Cabin
7:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Interested in trying something new? Bring a Frisbee and give disc golf a try. We'll provide a brief introduction, discuss some equipment and play the Mingo Disc Golf Course. A limited number of Frisbees will be available.

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

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, June 16, 2023

Observatory

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets, and deep space objects in 2022 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. Night sky observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. All public star parties have a listed end time of 11 p.m. For more information about the Mingo Creek Park Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Wine Caps in a Box

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Shelter 8

7:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Learn how to cultivate a tasty, delicious mushroom in a box. *Stropharia rugosoannulata* also known as Wine Cap, Rough Ring and Emperor's Mushroom are mushrooms that grow well on wood chips locally. You will need to provide a plastic tote, no lid required. We'll provide the wood chips, hay and the mushroom spawn for take home.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome. This is our annual summer picnic, so bring along your favorite summer dish and recipe.

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

FEE VARIES

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Fireflies at Twilight

Thursday, June 22, 2023
8:30 p.m.

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park

Join Park staff at twilight to discover the world of crepuscular creatures! We will learn about the various ways this species of beetle communicates with each other and common adaptations for survival in the wild twilight. Exploration followed by firefly catch and release. All ages welcome. Bring hiking shoes and dress for the weather.

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

NO FEE

Pioneer Living Day Camp

Monday, June 26, 2023
Friday, June 30, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 7
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 7-11)

Children ages 7 to 11 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 3. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under and/or over recommended ages will not be accepted.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Preschool at the Park: Bonkers for Bugs

Wednesday, July 5, 2023
1:00 p.m.
(Ages 3-5)

Shelter 4
Mingo Creek Park

Join us as we explore different creepy crawlers, insects, and bugs through exploration. Kids will get a chance to use an aspirator to collect insects then use their findings to participate in a game. This is also our annual picnic. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, July 5, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Children's Program:

Macroinvertebrate Creek Hike

Thursday, July 6, 2023

1:00 p.m.

(Ages 5-11)

Shelter 5

Mingo Creek Park

What macroinvertebrates live in Mingo Creek? Join Park Staff as we set out to catch and identify these aquatic critters. Wear clothing and footwear for creek hiking.

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

NO FEE

Evening Paddle

Thursday, July 6, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Lynn Portal Rd. Launch

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. Must be at least 10 years of age. Kayaks have a 300 pound maximum weight capacity.

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

NO FEE

Reptiles and Amphibians Day Camp

Monday, July 10, 2023 - Shelter 3
Friday, July 14, 2023 Mingo Creek Park
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Ages 7-11)

Children ages 7-11 are invited to spend a toad-ally cool week at Mingo Creek Park. Children will participate in hikes to Salamander City and a natural spring. Building toad-ally cool houses and camouflage are just a few of the fun activities that will be offered. We will also be collecting, observing, and releasing reptiles and amphibians right in Mingo Creek Park. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking. Bring a lunch and water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 3. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under and/or over the recommended ages will not be accepted.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Tree ID

Thursday, July 13, 2023 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.

FEE: \$4.00/per tree finder

Wilderness Survival Day Camp

Monday, July 17, 2023 - Shelter 3
Friday, July 21, 2023 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, camouflage and more. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking. Bring a lunch and a water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 3. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check is accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under or over the recommended ages will not be accepted.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Camping area near
6:00 p.m. Observatory
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, Susan Volker. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Sifting Through Pond Stew

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Shelter 3

7:00 p.m.

Cross Creek Park

If you like getting wet and dirty, it gets no better. Join us for a closer inspection at the often-overlooked animals that make a home in the muck and mire we call the pond stew. We'll provide the nets and collecting containers. Appropriate footwear required. A change of clothes is suggested.

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

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, July 21, 2023

Observatory

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets, and deep space objects in 2022 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. Night sky observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. All public star parties have a listed end time of 11 p.m. For more information about the Mingo Creek Park Observatory visit www.3ap.org.

No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, July 26, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Escape into the Wild Day Camp

Monday, July 31, 2023-
Friday, August 4, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park
(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 to escape into Nature. Campers will get their hearts racing with many outdoor and sport related activities. We will also trek through the woods on a wilderness hike to find hidden waterfalls, and splash through the creek to find critters that live in the waters of Mingo Creek Park. Campers should dress for the weather and moderate activity. Bring a lunch and a water bottle each day. Closed toe shoes are required.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 3. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under or over the recommended ages will not be accepted.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, August 2, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Butterfly Walk

Saturday, August 5, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 2
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 habitat preferences of common local butterflies. Wear comfortable shoes, and a hat. Long pants are recommended. Bring a bottle of water.

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

NO FEE

Campfire Jam Night

Tuesday, August 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Star Party

Friday, August 11, 2023

Observatory

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Back to School Paddle

Monday, August 14, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Park Office
Ten Mile Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Ten Mile Creek with the Parks & Recreation Staff. Join us before getting back to school for some outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying the outdoors in Washington County. Must be at least 10 years of age and under 18.

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

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park:

Butterfly Roundup

Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Session I – 10:00 a.m.
Session II – 1:00 p.m.
(Ages 3-5)

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park

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 insects. Nets and containers will be provided.

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

NO FEE

Pedal the Panhandle

Tuesday, August 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Burgettstown Trailhead
Panhandle Trail

Pedal the Panhandle Trail from Burgettstown to Bulger and back. Round trip is approximately eight (8) miles. We'll stop along the way to soak up a few interesting sights and sounds. 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, August 16, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Children's Program: Magical Monarch Migration

Thursday, August 17, 2023 Shelter 4
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

From Dot to squiggle to chrysalis to butterfly, learn about the incredible life cycles and migration of these amazing butterflies. We will take a short hike to visit some habitats where these incredible creatures exist. We may even be lucky to see some various parts of their life cycles.

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

NO FEE

Evening Paddle

Thursday, August 17, 2023 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 the outdoors in Washington County.

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

NO FEE

Investigating Invasive Plants

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park

Invasive plants are everywhere. These unwanted plants are growing in our lawns, along field edges, on creek banks and in nearby woodlots. Roger Shaw of the PA Naturalist Program will identify some of the more common invasive plants and noxious plants found in Washington County. Identification and control handouts will be available.

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

NO FEE

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Family Campout: Mingo Creek Park

Friday, August 25, 2023
Set up may begin as
early as 4:00 p.m.

Camping Area
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. Bring your own tent and camping supplies. For newbies, the park staff will be available to help set up tents.

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

FEE: \$10.00 per campsite

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, August 30, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Camping area near
Observatory
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, Susan Volker. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

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

FEE: \$5.00

Blue Moon Hike

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 Shelter 10
8:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a one-hour night hike to celebrate the 2nd full moon of the month, a blue moon. We'll take in the sights, sounds and aromas of Mingo after dark. Dress for a moderate hiking. Bring a flashlight

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

NO FEE

Where The Wild Things Are Hike

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 Log Cabin
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join Park Staff for a hike in search of beasts in Mingo Creek Park. We'll enjoy a reading of the classic tale, celebrate a Wild Rumpus, followed by a short hike. This Program is geared towards children under age 10 with adult supervision.

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

NO FEE

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Pumpkin Investigators

Thursday, September 7, 2023 Shelter 5
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Do pumpkins sink or float? Are they soft or bumpy? Join Park staff as we measure, count, and observe this festive fruit. Dress for weather.

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

FEE: \$3.00 Per Pumpkin

Brownie Badge:

Bugs

Thursday, September 7, 2023 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. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes. This is an outdoor activity.

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

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park: Spid-tacular Tea Party

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 Shelter 1
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Bring your favorite stuffed pal and join us for tea (juice) and crumpets (snack food). We will listen to a creepy spider story and weather permitting, search for some real spiders.

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

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Camping area near
6:00 p.m. Observatory
 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, Susan Volker. 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 16, 2023 Mingo Creek Park

Sunday, September 17, 2023

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.

Mindfulness Hike

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 Hemlock Trail

6:30 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Indulge your senses and ease your mind on this unique Mingo Creek Walk. Offered in cooperation with the PAS Master Naturalists, on the Mindfulness Hike we will sloooooow way down to enjoy the beauty and gifts of the forest. The group will incorporate various methods of mindfulness including, breath work, aspects of shinrin yoku and light guided meditation. We will return relaxed, grounded and having a closer connection with the natural world. 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

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Park Office
10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Star Party

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Saturday, September 23, 2023 Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Fall Group Hayrides Mingo Creek Park Friday, September 29,

2023	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 30, 2023	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 6, 2023	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 7, 2023	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 13, 2023	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 14, 2023	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ride into fall on one of Mingo Creek Park's wagons. Hayrides are approximately 40 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 fire circle 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, September 30, 2023 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 and hayrides.

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

FEE:

Hayrides	\$2.00 per person
Pumpkins	\$4.00 per pumpkin
Scarecrow Stuffing	Free – bring your own clothes

Preschool at the Park: Hey! It's a Hayride

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Shelter 1
Session I – 10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park
Session II – 1:00 p.m.
(Ages 3-5)

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 for 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

Fall Group Hayrides Cross Creek Park

Friday, October 6, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 7, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ride into fall on one of Cross Creek Park's wagons. Hayrides are approximately 40 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 fire circle 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

Star Party

Friday, October 6, 2023

Observatory

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Halloween Night Walk

Friday, October 13, 2023

McDonald Trail Station

7:00 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 14, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Burgettstown Trail Station
Panhandle Trail

Bring your young ghosts and goblins decked out in their Halloween costumes for a luminary lit walk on the Panhandle Trail at Burgettstown Trail Station. 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

Trick or Treat Geocaching

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome.

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

FEE VARIES

Senior Fall Foliage Hayride

Thursday, October 19, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a guided hay wagon ride through Mingo Creek Park to view the beautiful fall foliage. We'll make a few pit stops along the way to take in some of the seasonal sights, smells and sounds of autumn.

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

NO FEE

Festive Forage Craft

Monday, October 23, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Henry House
Mingo Creek Park

Come see what can be foraged in Mingo Creek Park this time of year. We will have the opportunity to examine fruits and seeds up close and make a seasonal craft from the findings. Materials provided.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Ghouls & Goblins Archery

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Ready for a spooooky night of archery? Join NASP instructor, Sarah Bujanowski, for an evening of archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. After a brief introduction, participants will be able to shoot at "goblins and ghouls." Participants of all levels are welcome. Must be at least 10 years of age to participate.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Fall Gall Hike

Thursday, October 26, 2023 Log Cabin
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Let's go on a safari in search of last summer's insect architecture. We'll search fields of goldenrod, brushy forested edges and a stand of spruces trees for a variety of galls and insect eggs cases. Dress for moderate walking and trekking through brushy fields.

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

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park: Senses in Nature

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Shelter 1
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

What can we hear outside in the park? What can we smell? We'll use our 5 senses to explore our environment. Dress for the weather.

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

NO FEE

Star Party

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Observatory
Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.

NO FEE

Gobble Gobble Geocaching

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Shelter 10
5:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Gobble Gobble! Calling all adventurers to Mingo Creek Park! Learn the basics of using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS) then we will geocache to certain locations throughout the park to try and find all the turkeys in time for Thanksgiving! 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

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Park Office
10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join us for coffee and crafts in Mingo Creek Park Office. We will gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee, tea, snacks, and materials provided. All ages welcome. This is our annual cookie exchange, bring along your favorite Holiday cookie and recipe to share.

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

FEE VARIES

Owl Prowl

Friday, November 17, 2023 Shelter 6
7:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Take a night hike in Mingo Creek Park to listen for vocalizations of resident owls. Screech Owls and Barred may be heard during this program. This is a fun-filled family outing. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking.

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

NO FEE

Jr. Girl Scouts: Animal Habitats Badge

Sunday, November 19, 2023 Shelter 4
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Jr. Girl Scouts to Mingo Creek Park to complete many of the requirements necessary to earn their Animal Habitats Badge. We'll visit an overgrown field, a stand of conifers and maintained parkland to search for evidence of the animals that call these places home. Badge not provided. Dress for the weather moderate hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.
NO FEE

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Nest Quest

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Shelter 4
1:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Search for and discover avian architecture during the bird's nest quest. Learn to identify last summers 'nesting structures by construction, habitat, shape and materials used. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.
NO FEE

Preschool at the Park: Christmas Pajama Party

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Park Office
10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Join us for our sixth annual Holiday party! Come in your best PJ's! We will share stories, enjoy a Christmas themed snack, 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

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Shelter 1
4:00 p.m. Mingo Creek Park

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation as we hide candy canes along the Old Spring Trail in Mingo Creek Park. Bring your flashlight and help us find them! After collecting treats, we will enjoy cookies and hot cocoa.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Gingerbread House Decorating

Thursday, December 7, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Come show off your decorating skills and celebrate the holiday season with park staff as we decorate gingerbread houses in Mingo Creek Park. While decorating we will enjoy cookies and hot cocoa.

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

FEE: \$5.00 per House

Holiday Hayride

Saturday, December 9, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Shelter 5
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a guided Holiday themed hay wagon ride through Mingo Creek Park. We will listen to Christmas music and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies once returning to the shelter. We will also offer photos at the Ebenezer Covered Bridge and email them to you free of charge.

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

NO FEE

Jolly Geocaching

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a fun evening of geocaching "jolly" style. Learn the basics of using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS) then we will geocache to certain locations throughout the park for Christmas themed items! 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

