

2019 Registration Details

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION !

*YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE PROGRAMS ALLOWS US TO
PROVIDE RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, & LEISURE PRO-
GRAMS 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.
- **DAY CAMP REGISTRATION** WILL BE ACCEPTED STARTING APRIL 1, 2019. 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.

Needle and Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is the longest running program sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop crafters gather to share ideas and complete a craft. Coffee and snacks are provided. This month, we will do our annual soup luncheon. Bring along your favorite winter soup and recipe.

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

FEE: Minimal

Snowshoeing at Sunset

Friday, January 18, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Enjoy the beauty of a winter sunset on snowshoes! Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation staff for snowshoe instruction followed by a hike on modern snowshoes. 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.

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

NO FEE

Morning Yoga

Saturday, January 19, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a morning 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

Intro to Snowshoeing

Saturday, January 26, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
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.

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

NO FEE

Preschool at the Park: Love Birds

Tuesday, February 5, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Join us as we make and take home special Valentine's Day treats for the birds to keep their bellies full during the winter. We will use our culinary creativity to decorate these delicious treats with some of their favorite foods. From the warmth of our office, we will observe and identify some of the birds that will visit our feeder. We will also read a story, and play a bird game.

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

Fee: \$3.00

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Winter Hike

Thursday, February 7, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5 -11)

Winter is the perfect time to get moving outdoors. Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation staff for a trek through the woods. We will enjoy the chilly winter air, look for signs of animal activity, and explore the Old Spring Trail. Following the hike, we will warm up with a cup of hot cocoa around a cozy campfire. Dress for the weather and hiking.

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

NO FEE

Needle & Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, February 13, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is the longest running program sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop crafters 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: Minimal

Snowshoeing at Sunset

Friday, February 15, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Enjoy the beauty of a winter sunset on snowshoes! Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation staff for snowshoe instruction followed by a hike on modern snowshoes. 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.

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

NO FEE

Intro to Snowshoeing

Saturday, February 23, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
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.

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

NO FEE

Cache Me if you Can

Saturday, March 2, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
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 in the Park: Shamrock Scramble

Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Come to Mingo Creek Park and enjoy a special St. Patrick's Day snack and craft before heading out on a short hike to find some fields of green clovers. Please dress appropriately.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Maple Sugaring - Sugarbush Tour & Breakfast

Saturday, March 16, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 6 & Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Join the Washington County Department of Parks and 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. Tours begin every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Group size is limited to 20 per tour. Tours begin at Shelter 6. Breakfast of pancakes with our fresh maple syrup and sausage 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

Preschool at the Park: Fantastic Fowl

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Why did the chicken cross the road? We may not be able to answer that question, but did you know chickens are omnivores? That a male chicken is a rooster? Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation Department to learn all about these social, feathery birds. Participants will hear a story, create a craft and learn more facts about these common backyard fowl.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Flight of the Timberdoodle

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Shelter 4
Mingo Creek Park

Tag along as we search for 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" peenting of the male woodcock and watching the evening sky to observe its 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

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Geocaching

Thursday, April 4, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5 - 11)

Join the Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation staff and learn how to search for hidden treasures using a hand held GPS unit. We will provide instruction to get us started, and then we will go off in search of caches hidden throughout Mingo Creek Park. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking.

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

NO FEE

Junior Girl Scout Badge: Eco Camper

Thursday, April 4, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Junior Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Eco Camper Badge. The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes. This is an outdoor activity.

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

NO FEE

Great PA Clean Up

Saturday, April 6, 2019

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 and Recreation staff 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; registration not more than 30 days in advance. Organized groups welcome.

NO FEE

Family Nature Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Park Office

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

Flight of the Timberdoodle

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Shelter 3

Cross Creek Park

Tag along as we search for 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" peenting of the male woodcock and watching the evening sky to observe the 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

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Park Office

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.

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

NO FEE

Jeepers Peepers

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
8:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Cross Creek Park

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

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

Needle & Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is one of the longest running programs sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop, crafters gather to share ideas and complete a new craft each month.

Coffee and snacks are provided.

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

Brownie Girl Scout Badge: Eco Friend

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Brownie Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Eco Friend Badge. The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes. This is an outdoor activity.

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

Hunting Morel Mushrooms

Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:30 p.m.

TBA
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

Saturday, April 27, 2019

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

Geocaching at Dusk

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
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 units. Please dress for moderate hiking and weather.

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

NO FEE

Hunting Morel Mushrooms

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Parking area across
from 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

Family Campout: Mingo Creek Park

Friday, May 3, 2019
Set up may begin as early as 4:00 p.m.

Shelter 6, 7 and 8
Mingo Creek Park

Spend an evening in Mingo Creek Park camping under the star-filled skies. As night falls, we will be cooking hot dogs, roasting marshmallows, and spending time around the campfire. We will 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. This program will be held weather permitting.

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

FEE: \$10.00 per campsite

Preschool at the Park: Salamander Tales

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

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

Wonderful Wildflowers

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Hemlock Trail
Mingo Creek Park

Join herbalist Jen Dalke on the Hemlock Trail, to meander through the park during one of the most beautiful times of the year! We will discuss wildflower names and some of their common uses. Bring your camera and be sure to dress for the weather. This walk is rain or shine.

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

Daisy Girl Scout Badge Program: Eco Learner

Thursday, May 9, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 4
Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Daisy Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Eco Learner Badge. The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes. This is an outdoor activity.

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

Salamander Search

Thursday, May 9, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
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

Evening Archery

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park

Join one of our NASP instructors for an evening of shooting archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of 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.

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

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Senses

Thursday, May 16, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

We have five senses that help us explore the world around us. Join Washington County Parks and Recreation to use our different senses in Mingo Creek Park. We will look around, listen to nature, put our noses to work, do a taste test, and touch and feel different textures and surfaces. Please dress for light hiking and the weather.

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

Evening Paddle (Kayaking)

Thursday, May 16, 2019
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.

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

Outdoor Cookin'

Thursday, May 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 2
Mingo Creek Park

Let us help you prepare for your next camping adventure! Join us for an evening of fun filled camping activities including starting a fire and cooking a campfire treat. 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: \$3.00 per person

Star Party

Friday, May 24, 2019
Saturday, May 25, 2019

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

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Banding Songbirds

Thursday, May 30, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 9
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 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

Family Campout: Cross Creek Park

Friday, May 31, 2019
Set up may begin as early as 4:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
Cross Creek Park

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

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.
FEE: \$10.00 per campsite

Preschool at the Park: Creek Stompers

Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 5
Mingo Creek Park
(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

Gills on the Fly

Thursday, June 6, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 3
Cross Creek Park

Try your hand at catching panfish on a fly rod. This is a great introductory class for those who are curious about fly fishing. We'll cover the basics of fly fishing and do a bit of practice casting in the grassy area near the shelter before heading to the lake.

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

NO FEE

Cross Creek Hike & Paddle

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 3
Cross Creek Park

Come out for an evening of 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 Road Access Area. At Lynn Portal Road, we will 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

Needle & Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, June 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Shelter 4
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is one of the longest running programs sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop, crafters gather to share ideas and complete a new craft each month. This will be our summer cookout so bring along a covered dish and recipe. Coffee and hotdogs are provided.

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

FEE: Minimal

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, June 12, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Campfire Jam Night: Mingo Creek Park

Thursday, June 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 4
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

Birding by Ear

Wednesday, June 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 2
Mingo Creek Park

Plenty of birds can be identified by their feathers, some birds are also easily identified by their songs, chips and chirps. We'll keep our ears and eyes open listening and looking for common songbirds in Mingo Creek Park. We can expect to hear the bird songs of vireos, warblers, orioles, thrushes and others.

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

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Cold Blooded Discovery

Thursday, June 20, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation for a lesson on reptiles and amphibians. We will learn about their habitat preference, diet, defense mechanisms, and plenty of amazing reptile and amphibian facts. Please dress for the weather.

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

Scales at Dusk

Thursday, June 20, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Slither with your family to Mingo Creek County Park to meet a wide variety of reptiles and amphibians. Learn what makes these critters unique and get an up-close and personal look at some of nature's most interesting creatures. Please dress for the weather.

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

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, June 21, 2019
Saturday, June 22, 2019

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

Pioneer Living Day Camp

Monday, June 24, 2019 -
Friday, June 28, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 7
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 7-10)

Children ages 7 to 10 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 registrations 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, June 26, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Preschool at the Park: Fabulous Festival

Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Wednesday, July 3, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 5
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation for our annual pre-school summer picnic with a festival twist. We will have face painting, balloon animals, and some fun festival games.

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

FEE: \$3.00

Evening Paddle

Tuesday, July 2, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Lynn Portal Rd. Launch
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.

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

NO FEE

Wilderness Survival Day Camp

Monday, July 8, 2019 -
Friday, July 12, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park
(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 registrations 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

Geocaching at Dusk

Monday, July 8, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Park Office
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 units. Please dress for moderate hiking and weather.

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

NO FEE

Star Party

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Saturday, July 13, 2019

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No Pre-registration required
NO FEE

Sifting through Pond Stew

Tuesday, July 16, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Cross Creek Park

Join us as we sift through the muck, mire and plant material in Cross Creek Lake searching for amphibians, fish, and the many invertebrates that call Cross Creek Lake home. Footwear is required. A change of clothes is recommended. Nets and collecting containers will be provided.

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

Needle & Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, July 17, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is one of the longest running programs sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop, crafters gather to share ideas and complete a new craft each month.

Coffee and snacks are provided.

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

Children's Program: Creek Critters

Thursday, July 18, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 5
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Get wet in Mingo Creek as we search for crayfish, insect 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

Reptiles and Amphibians Day Camp

Monday, July 22, 2019 -
Friday, July 26, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park
(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 registrations 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

Tuesday, July 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Park Office
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

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, July 24, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Insect Safari Day Camp

Monday, July 29, 2019 -
Thursday, August 1, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 6-10)

Children ages 6 through 10 will be going buggy as they discover the unique world of insects during this day camp. A variety of educational insect activities will be offered and will include the exploration of leaf litter critters, pond life, creek macro invertebrates, and winged insects. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking, and bring a lunch and water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required.

Accepting registrations 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

Butterfly Walk

Saturday, August 3, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 2
Mingo Creek Park

Learn more about the beautiful butterflies found in Washington County as we peer 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 recommended.

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

Evening Archery

Monday, August 5, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Join one of our NASP instructors for an evening of shooting archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of 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.

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

Preschool in the Park: Butterfly Roundup

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

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

Campfire Jam Night: Cross Creek Park

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Cross Creek Park

Join the park staff 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

Star Party

Friday, August 9, 2019
Saturday, August 10, 2019

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

Wilderness Survival Day Camp

Monday, August 12, 2019 -
Friday, August 16, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park
(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 registrations 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, August 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Evening Paddle (Kayaking)

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Park Office
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

Afternoon Paddle

Friday, August 23, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Park Office
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.

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

NO FEE

Daisy Girl Scout Badge Program: Outdoor Art Maker

Tuesday, August 27, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 4
Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Daisy Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Outdoor Art Maker Badge. The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes. This is an outdoor activity.

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

NO FEE

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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 29, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 10
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 Program: Johnny Appleseed

Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Session I—10:00 a.m.
Session II—1:00 p.m.

Shelter 9
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Preschoolers will celebrate the adventures of Johnny Appleseed, and will learn about his life through a story and craft shared underneath an apple tree. An apple snack will also be provided.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Wild about Fall Insects

Thursday, September 5, 2019
Session I - 10:00 a.m.
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Take a walk on the wild side as we peer into the world of fall insects. We'll learn the traits of insects, observe examples of some of the more common classes of insects, and search for fall insects in a nearby field. Dress appropriately. Long pants and long sleeve shirt is recommended.

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

NO FEE

Family Campout: Mingo Creek Park

Friday, September 6, 2019
Set up may begin as early as 4:00 p.m.

Shelter 6, 7 and 8
Mingo Creek Park

Spend an evening in Mingo Creek Park camping under the star-filled skies. As night falls, we will be cooking hot dogs, roasting marshmallows, and spending time around the campfire. We will 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. This program will be held weather permitting.

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

FEE: \$10.00 per campsite

Evening Archery

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
Mingo Creek Park

Join one of our NASP instructors for an evening of shooting archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of 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.

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

NO FEE

Junior Girl Scout Badge: Outdoor Art Explorer

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 3
Mingo Creek Park

Bring your Junior Girl Scout Troop to Mingo Creek Park to meet some of the requirements needed to earn their Outdoor Art Explorer Badge. The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will provide the activities; scout leaders will supply the badge. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes. This is an outdoor activity.

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

Yoga in the Park

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Shelter 10
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

Primitive Fire Making

Thursday, September 12, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 2
Mingo Creek Park

Learn how to make a fire with friction using flint and steel. All participants will have the opportunity to build a small fire. 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

Afternoon Paddle

Friday, September 13, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Lynn Portal Rd. Launch
Parking Area
Cross Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Cross Creek Lake 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.

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

Medicinal Plants of Mingo

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Hemlock Trail
Mingo Creek Park

Come on out and learn how many local plants can help to heal us! Join herbalist/wilderness instructor Jen Dalke on the Hemlock Trail to talk all about the healing plants right here in the park and in your backyard. This walk is at a slow and leisurely pace. Bring your camera, a notebook, and dress for the weather! This walk is rain or shine.

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

Needle & Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is one of the longest running programs sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop, crafters gather to share ideas and complete a new craft each month.

Coffee and snack are provided.

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

Star Party

Friday, September 20, 2019
Saturday, September 21, 2019

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

Covered Bridge Festival

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Sunday, September 22, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park

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.

Owl Prowl

Friday, September 27, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
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 of 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

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

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Session I—10:00 a.m.
Session II—1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park
(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 in a covered wagon ride through the park. After our ride, we'll warm up with a cup of apple 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 4, 2019 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 5, 2019 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.

Mingo Creek Park

Friday, October 4, 2019 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 5, 2019 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 11, 2019 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 12, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 18, 2019 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 19, 2019 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ride into fall on one of Mingo Creek Park's covered 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 beginning Monday, January 14, 2019. Payment in full at time of registration.
FEE \$50.00 per hayride

Fall Fun Day

Saturday, October 5, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Shelter 6
Mingo Creek Park

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

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

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Mingo's Meanies

Thursday, October 10, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Don't be afraid! Learn how to identify and avoid some of the things in nature that make us itch or go "ouch". Poison ivy, mosquitoes, and stinging nettle are just a few things we will explore during this program. Please dress for the weather and hiking.

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

NO FEE

Trick or Treating Geocaching

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
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 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.

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

NO FEE

Needle & Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is one of the longest running programs sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop, crafters gather to share ideas and complete a new craft each month.

Coffee and snack are provided.

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

FEE: Minimal

Halloween Night Walk

Friday, October 18, 2019
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

McDonald 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 in McDonald Borough. Trick or Treats will be provided along the trail to children ages 11 and under.

The park staff is always looking for assistance passing out treats for this event. Call the Park Office if you or your group is interested.

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

NO FEE

Halloween Night Walk

Saturday, October 19, 2019
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Burgettstown Trailhead
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. Trick or Treats will be provided along the trail to children ages 11 and under.

The park staff is always looking for assistance passing out treats for this event. Call the Park Office if you or your group is interested.

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

NO FEE

Star Party

Friday, October 25, 2019
Saturday, October 26, 2019

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

Preschool at the Park: Thanksgiving Story Bracelets

Tuesday, November 5, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation Department as we construct clay beaded bracelets along with a Thanksgiving story. We will talk about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and all that we are thankful for. Parent participation is required. A Thanksgiving snack will also be provided.

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

FEE: \$2.00

Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Fall Natural Dyes

Thursday, November 7, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 5
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 5-11)

Nature has many colors! Join the Washington County Parks and Recreation to learn about the natural dyes from plants you can find in your own backyard. After the lesson, the students will get a chance to dye a t-shirt. Please dress for the weather.

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

Fee: \$2.00 per shirt

Project OwlNet

Friday, November 8, 2019
8:00 p.m.

TBA
Mingo Creek Park

Project OwlNet 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 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.

FEE: \$4.00 per owlnet

Star Party

Saturday, November 9, 2019

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

Needle & Yarn Craft Workshop

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park

Needle and Yarn is one of the longest running programs sponsored by the Washington County Parks Department. At the Needle and Yarn workshop, crafters gather to share ideas and complete a new craft each month. This month will be our annual cookie party, so bring along a few dozen of your favorite holiday cookies and recipe.

Coffee and snacks are provided.

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

FEE: Minimal

Preschool at the Park: Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Park Office
Mingo Creek Park
(Ages 3-5)

Join us for our third annual holiday party! We will share stories, snacks, and complete a winter themed craft on this special day.

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

FEE: \$2.00



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