



Spring 2019 Calendar of Events



Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department is looking forward to welcoming spring with many activities that allow residents to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. Beat cabin fever on Sunday, March 3rd, with the Maple Sugar Festival. Walk the beautiful trails at Wildwood Park this spring while enjoying *Art In The Wild*. Sit and read on the swings at the beautiful Fort Hunter Mansion and enjoy a gorgeous view of the Susquehanna River. The Wetlands Festival promises to be another county favorite! Join us at the beginning of May as you get ready for the gardening season with Garden Faire at Fort Hunter Park.

We hope that you make our parks a regular stop this Spring as we have some of the best nature trails and programming in the region!

Photography Course 101: Getting the Most out of Your DSLR Camera

Saturday, March 2

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park

\$150 per person

In this one-day hands-on workshop, Charlie Smith of Canon Professional Services will get you up and running fast with the skills you need to get the most from your camera. He'll take you out of "automatic," but won't overload you with too much detail. This 6-hour investment in your digital SLR will pay dividends over and over as you grow with your camera system. This course is guaranteed to improve your pictures! No previous experience required but should be familiar with your camera. Details and registration at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Maple Sugar Festival

Sunday, March 3

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fort Hunter Park

Free

How sweet it is – a free family festival! Have a sample of real maple syrup on ice cream and shop for delicious PA maple products. Kids and adults can have the hands-on fun of tapping a tree and seeing spile making. Other kids' activities abound. Learn the mysteries of maple syrup making and its Indian origins. Everyone likes the

Unless Otherwise Noted:

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*Wildwood programs begin at the Olewine Nature Center unless otherwise posted.

real maple syrup on ice cream, the taste tests, and the great DVD on maple sugar activities.

Wildwood Park Winter Lecture Series: Cindy Ross: The World is our Classroom

Tuesday, March 5 **7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Cindy Ross's story begins in the Rocky Mountain wilderness on a unique and extraordinary journey; two parents leading their young children 9,100 miles on the backs of llamas. The Canada-Mexico trek illustrated to Cindy and her husband what experiential education can do. Inspired by the experience, they went on to create a new way of supplementing their children's education. Cindy will present a multi-media show, a lively question and answer session, followed by a book signing.



Community Gardens Program Registration

Thursday, March 7 **9:00 am – 5:00 pm**
Fort Hunter Tavern House **\$15/plot**
\$5/children's plot

Garden plots, 30' x 30', tilled and ready for planting, are available for rent at the community gardens off Elmerton Avenue. Each gardener will receive assorted vegetable seeds. A limited number of special 10' x 10' plots have been set aside for children ages 12 & under. Pre-registration is required in person at the Fort Hunter Tavern. Please come in the morning, as plots sell out by the end of the day.

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, March 9 **10:00 am – 1:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Take this opportunity to work outside and help Wildwood's continued park and habitat enhancement projects. Tools and work gloves provided. Assume the work day is cancelled if it is raining. Registration is required for groups of six or more. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Wreath Workshop

Sunday, March 10 **10:00 am & 11:00 am**
Wildwood Park **\$15 per wreath**

Decorate a spring wreath out of natural materials. Everything will be supplied to make a wreath with decorations from nature, including cones, nuts and seed pods. Select

from a variety of wreath bases including grape vines and wire frames. Participants may bring additional items and ribbon. After constructing a wreath, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while adding finishing touches. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Preschool Storytime: Spring at Wildwood!

Wednesday, March 13 **10:00 am – 10:45 am**

Wildwood Park **Free**
Join a Dauphin County Library System Librarian and Wildwood Environmental Educator for a fun story session for children ages 2-5. Stories, songs, rhymes, play, and a take-home craft will introduce Wildwood critters and the joy of books and language to youngsters. Space is limited. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Kids Discover: Signs of Spring

Sunday, March 17 **1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$5 per child**

With the arrival of spring comes many interesting weather patterns and changes. Animals and plants begin to awaken from their winter slumber in new and exciting ways. We will learn about these changes, make a craft, and then go on a walk around the Nature Center to look for signs and patterns. Ages 5 to 10 and parents are free. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Night Lights Hike

Saturday, March 23 **7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
Detweiler Park **Free**

Join a park naturalist at Dauphin County's newest park - Detweiler Park - to hike and learn more about natural night lights! Learn about these amazing night lights as you observe constellations, stars, and possibly planets through a telescope by the light of the rising moon. The walk will be a total of 1.5 miles along variable terrain. Dress for the weather; Bring a blanket to sit on and a flashlight. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org.

Flower Walk: Cold Tolerant Plants

Sunday, March 24 **1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Join volunteer Cara Martinez-Williams to seek out Skunk Cabbage. On the way to the North Boardwalk, we may see other cold tolerant plants and anything left over from winter. A few trees should be flowering.

Bird Walk: Waterfowl and Early Migrants

Wednesday, March 27 **8:00 am – 10:00 am**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Meet at the South Parking Lot at the entrance to the Towpath Trail for this early migration bird walk with

volunteers Rick and Peg Price. Expect good diversity of waterfowl and some early songbird migrants.

Dr. Seuss Science Series

Wednesdays, March 27 – April 17

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Wildwood Park

\$25 per child

Join an Environmental Educator for fun interactive Dr. Seuss story sessions for children ages 4-6. This series will take place over the course of 4 consecutive Wednesdays. Stories, rhymes, and a take-home craft will introduce science through the eyes of Dr. Seuss and the joy of books and language to youngsters. Parent can attend with child for free. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Webelo Scout Program: Into the Woods

Saturday, April 6

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wildwood Park

\$10 per scout

Did you ever wonder what the woods would be like without trees? Discover the many wood products we use every day. Learn to identify trees as we hike the park. Please bring a drink, snack and lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and wear sneakers or other closed-toed shoes. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Art In The Wild: Meet The Artists

Sunday, April 7

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park

Free

Art In The Wild artists are busy finishing up final touches to trailside art installations. Take a self-guided three-mile trail walk to meet the artists and observe the inner workings to creating outdoor art.

Kids Discover: Fish

Sunday, April 7

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park

\$5 per child

The wetlands of wildwood are teeming with life below the surface. Discover and learn about these unique aquatic critters as you observe them up close and personal in the lab. We will spend time inside and along the creekbank as we collect our underwater specimens. Ages 5 to 10 and parents are free to attend. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Homeschoolers' Day

Wednesday, April 10 or Thursday, April 11

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fort Hunter Park

\$5 students, \$3 adults

Students and homeschoolers in grades 2 – 6 explore how Indians once lived in the Fort Hunter/Harrisburg area. Students will explore a wigwam, do hands on activities

and participate in games. Guided tours of Fort Hunter Mansion invite students to learn about Mansion life in the 1800s, comparing the owner's life to the lives of the Native Americans. Pre-registration is required. Call 717-599-5751 to schedule a workshop.

Art In The Wild Lecture by Ted Prescott

Thursday, April 11

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wildwood Park

Free

Wildwood Park is pleased to welcome Ted Prescott, a local PA sculptor and writer, as judge and lecturer for Art In The Wild 2019. Ted was awarded as a Distinguished Professor of Art at Messiah College and is currently an Emeritus Professor of Art. Prescott will talk about the sources and inspiration he has found in the work of other artists and discuss the ways in which the natural world has shaped his sculpture. He will describe the processes involved in using the natural properties of wood, stone, salt, coal and honey in his work, from inception through to completion, and sometimes to demise.



2018 Art In The Wild Winner - "Harmonic Convergence"

Artists: Eve Gurbacki and Adrienne Zimmerman

Art In The Wild 2019: Exhibit Opens

Saturday, April 13

Dawn until Dusk

Wildwood Park

Free

Visit naturally inspired trailside creations along Wildwood Park's wandering trails and wetlands. Using mostly natural materials, artists have constructed large and small installations. A map-brochure about the exhibit is available.

Clean Up Your Earth Day

Saturday, April 13

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wildwood Park

Free

Take this opportunity to work outside and help Wildwood's continued park and habitat enhancement projects. Tools and work gloves provided. Registration is required for groups of six or more. Go to www.wildwoodlake.org. Assume the work day is cancelled if it is raining.

Stress Relief Walk

Saturday, April 13 **10:00 am – 11:30 am**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Walk off the stress of the work day with a self-guided hike at Wildwood Park. The 3-mile walk on easy trails with short climbs will be at your own pace. Meet at the Olewine Nature Center. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Check www.wildwoodlake.org for cancellation information in case of inclement weather.

Flower Walk:

Dutchman's Breeches and Trout Lilies
Sunday, April 14 **1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Join volunteer Cara Martinez-Williams to look for early spring flowers such as Dutchman's breeches, trout lilies, spring beauties and flowering trees. Learn interesting facts about these early spring bloomers.

**Dauphin County Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 14 **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**
Fort Hunter Park **Free**

Thousands of plastic eggs filled with candy are scattered on the east lawn. Hunts are scheduled for ages 2 to 3 at 2:30, ages 4 to 5 at 2:45, ages 6 to 7 at 3:00 and ages 8 to 9 at 3:15. A special egg hunt for children who are visually impaired will be held at 3:30. Face painting, pony rides and children's activities provided.

Get in Shape Walk

Thursday, April 18 **5:45 pm – 7:15 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Walking is a great way to get in shape. Enjoy a self-guided 3-mile walk at Wildwood Park on level trails. This walk starts at the nature center, heads up the Towpath Trail, and returns by the same route, avoiding the hills on the east side of the park. Meet at the Olewine Nature Center. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Check www.wildwoodlake.org for cancellation information in case of inclement weather.

**Wetlands Festival**

Saturday, April 27 **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Explore Wildwood Park's treasured wetlands with a day of free, fun, and educational activities. Special guests include musicians Tom Jolin and Steven Courtney. Throughout the day, enjoy wildlife exhibits, displays, walks, talks, as well as a great representation of local and regional environmental organizations. There is something for everyone!

**Garden Faire**

Sunday, May 5 **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Fort Hunter Park **Free**

Celebrate spring! Visitors can browse through plant sales and craft tents, choosing among over forty vendors. Enjoy the Needle Arts Exhibit at the Mansion – admission charged. For the public's pleasure, tasty food is available at the Café; an art show and sale are also offered. Mid-1800s dancing, exhibits on Victorian daily life, garden chats, children's activities, as well as cakewalks to live music round out the day.

Third Annual Needle Arts Exhibit

May 5 – June 16 **during Mansion hours**
Fort Hunter Mansion

Adults - \$7, Senior Citizens - \$6, Children - \$4

View the handiwork of local needle art designers exhibited in the rooms of Fort Hunter Mansion. Participating guilds include Susquehanna and Nittany Valley Chapters. The needle works will be on display from May 5 through June 16 and can be viewed on a tour of the Mansion, during museum hours, regular admission charged. Group

discounts are available and can be arranged by calling 717-599-5751.

Kids Discover: Migratory Birds

Sunday, May 5 **1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$5 per child**

As springtime temperatures warm, many migratory birds return to Wildwood to spend the summer or to pass through on their way farther north. During this program, we will explore the lives of these migrants, make a craft, and then go on a walk along the lake to look for birds using binoculars. Ages 5 to 10 and parents can attend for free. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Stress Relief Walk

Wednesday, May 8 **5:45 pm – 7:15 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Walk off the stress of the work day with a self-guided hike at Wildwood Park. The 3-mile walk on easy trails with short climbs will be at your own pace. Meet at the Olewine Nature Center. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Check www.wildwoodlake.org for cancellation information in case of inclement weather.

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, May 11 **10:00 am – 1:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

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Bird Walk: Peak Migration

Wednesday, May 15 **7:30 am – 9:30 am**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Search for warblers, phoebes, wrens, orioles, and other songbirds on the North Boardwalk with volunteers Rick and Peg Price. You never can tell what you might see at this time of year. Meet at the nature center parking lot.

Get in Shape Walk

Thursday, May 16 **5:45 pm – 7:15 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Walking is a great way to get in shape. Enjoy a self-guided 3-mile walk at Wildwood Park on level trails. This walk starts at the nature center, heads up the Towpath Trail, and returns by the same route, avoiding the hills on the east side of the park. Meet at the Olewine Nature Center. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Check www.wildwoodlake.org for cancellation information in case of inclement weather.

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Saturday Morning Bird Walk

Saturday, May 18 **8:00 am – 10:00 am**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Come on a Saturday morning walk with volunteer Audrey Zajac to learn about the birds that can be found at Wildwood. The walk will be along the North Boardwalk. Meet at the nature center. Beginners welcome and binoculars will be available for use.

Brownie Scout Program: Hiker

Saturday, May 18 **10:00 am – 1:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$10 per scout**

During this Wildwood adventure, scouts will learn about hiking safety and take a hike to explore the park. Then they will learn about trail symbols and create their own trail for others to follow. Please bring a drink, snack and lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and wear sneakers or other closed-toed shoes. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/event.



Painting @ the Park

Saturday, May 18 **1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$25 per participant**

Bring your desire to create and join the Friends of Wildwood for our third annual Painting @ the Park. Jenn Brown, from Jenn's Craft Parties, will lead us through the creation of Quintessential Fireflies in a Jar. All experience levels are welcome as Jenn takes us to a place with magical fireflies flashing on a warm summer evening. All materials will be provided and light refreshments will be available. You will surely have fun and leave with a one-of-a-kind piece! Pre-registration is required by May 10, 2019. Proceeds benefit Friends of Wildwood. Ages 12 and up welcome. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.



Classics at the Mansion

Sunday, May 19 **12:00 pm – 4:30 pm**
Fort Hunter Mansion **Free**

View classic Rolls Royce automobiles of the Rolls Royce Foundation as you tour Fort Hunter Mansion or stroll the grounds. Admission is charged to tour Fort Hunter Mansion.

Spring Tea

Sunday, May 19 **1:00 pm**
Fort Hunter Centennial Barn **\$30/\$25 members**

Enjoy an afternoon tea consisting of homemade fancy cupcakes, homemade scones, mousse cups, savories, fresh fruit and unending cups of tea. The afternoon concludes with a tour of the needle art exhibit. To register online or to join the Friends of Fort Hunter, visit www.forthunter. For more information, contact Julia Hair, jhair@dauphinc.org or 717-599-5188, ext. 2116.

Flower Walk: Jack in the Pulpits and Other Spring Flowers

Sunday, May 26 **1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Join volunteer Cara Martinez-Williams to search for Jack in the Pulpits. Learn interesting facts about the Jack in the Pulpit and why it could also be known as “Jill in the Pulpit”.

Summer Camp Program: Native Americans Along the Susquehanna

June and July **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**
Fort Hunter Park **\$5 per student**

For summer camp students in grades 2 – 6 explore how Indians once lived in the Fort Hunter/Harrisburg area. Students will furnish a wigwam, practice with a throwing stick, participate in other hands on activities and games. Guided tours of Fort Hunter Mansion invite students to learn about Mansion life in the 1800s, comparing the owner’s life to the lives of the Native Americans. Groups

must be 15 or more students and pre-registration is required. Call 717-599-5751 or email mtrost@dauphinc.org to schedule a workshop.

Brownie Scout Workshop: Wonderful Water

Saturday, June 1 **10:00 am – 1:30 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$10 per scout**

Imagine being a drop of water as it travels from clouds to creek to animals to stream and to ocean! During this program scouts will explore the water-cycle through hands-on activities. Scouts will become biologists as they examine stream life. Scouts will get wet, so please wear closed-toe water shoes or old sneakers and pack a towel and change of clothes. Bring lunch, water and a snack. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org.

Tree Identification Walk

Sunday, June 2 **10:30 am – 11:30 am**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Identifying trees by the bark is a possibility but sometime difficult. On this walk we will be aided in the identification by flowers and leaves also.



2019 Summer Day Camps at Wildwood Park

Space is limited, so register early. Registration at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Wildwood Way Day Camp I (ages 6 to 8)

Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park **\$135 per person**

Children ages 6 to 8 are invited to explore the nature and wildlife at Wildwood Park. They will learn nature observation skills, discover different habitats, and how different animals adapt to live. Campers will use binoculars on nature walks and explore the outdoors. They will also learn how we can all reduce, reuse and recycle, and enjoy live animal demonstrations.

Wildwood Way Day Camp II (ages 6 to 8)

Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park **\$135 per person**

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Junior Naturalist Day Camp (ages 9 to 11)

Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park

\$135 per person

Campers ages 9 to 11 will learn naturalist and outdoor skills. Day campers will spend half a day canoeing on Wildwood Lake and the second half exploring a stream to look for aquatic insects. They spend the week practicing animal identification using teeth and skulls, discovering the science of flight, and still have time for a morning of fishing.

Outdoor Week (ages 12 to 14)

Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 19

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park

\$135 per person

Get into the wild! Outdoor enthusiasts ages 12 to 14 will uncover the natural world while learning skills important to survival in the outdoors. They will build debris huts, participate in community science programs, and find out how birds communicate. Campers will dive into water by learning about water pollution and prevention, fishing in Paxton Creek, and canoeing down the Susquehanna River!

JumpStart Photography for Younger Kids (ages 7 to 12)

Monday, July 22 to Friday July 26

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Wildwood Park

\$75 per person

Does your child have an interest in photography? Students will be loaned a digital camera and explore the operation and functions of the camera, lighting, and composition. Each lesson contains an introduction to a project with photography tips tailored to the assignment.

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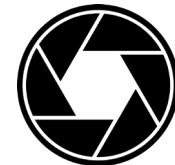


Photo Boot Camp:

Fundamentals of Photography (ages 13 to 17)

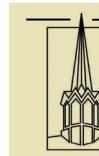
Monday, July 29 to Friday, August 2

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park

\$150 per person

If your teen is interested in learning the basics of photography and is between the ages of 13 to 17, this camp may be for them! Teens will have an opportunity to gain knowledge in nature and wildlife photography, beginning with the basics of picture-taking using digital SLR digital cameras. Canon camera equipment will be loaned to each student. The students will learn about photography in a fun and fact-filled environment. Space is limited.



The Friends of Fort Hunter

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Join the Friends of Fort Hunter

The Friends of Fort Hunter generously support improvements to Fort Hunter Mansion and Park for everyone's enjoyment. Through financial donations, volunteer work and loyal patronage, the Friends of Fort Hunter help make the Park's preservation possible. Friends enjoy free admission to Mansion tours, a 10% discount in the museum shop, a \$5 discount to Dauphin County Music & Wine concerts, free admission to the John Harris Mansion, the quarterly "Chronicler" newsletter, advance notice of upcoming events and an invitation to the *Farm to River* annual fundraising dinner. Visit www.forthunter.org/membership to become a part of this vibrant organization.



Keep the Wild in Wildwood Join the Friends of Wildwood

The Friends of Wildwood is a non-profit organization promoting the preservation, awareness, support and sensitive enhancement of Wildwood Park and the Olewine Nature Center. Through financial donations and memberships, the volunteer board spearheads critical conservation and education projects. Help by donating or joining at www.wildwoodlake.org.



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