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Fall 2019 Calendar of Events



As cooler weather and the colorful leaves of autumn settle into Central Pennsylvania, the season comes alive at Dauphin County Parks & Recreation. The Dauphin County Commissioners and staff have an exciting fall line-up of great outdoor programs, live music and more for your entertainment pleasure.

Don't miss the Dauphin County Jazz & Wine Festival at Fort Hunter in September with headliners NY Guitar Summit, Najee and Pieces of a Dream. Fort Hunter Day in September kicks off autumn. Wildwood Park will host Celebrate Wildwood on September 29th. Wrap up the fall season with Wildwood's Night at the Nature Center and Howl-o'ween - Fort Hunter's pet event in October. And don't miss the sneak peak of our Holiday events!

Check out what's happening at www.DauphinCounty.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates on events!



Art In The Wild Exhibit

Now through October 31

Wildwood Park

Dawn until Dusk

Free

Visit an intriguing exhibit of outdoor environmental art sites along the park's wandering trails and wetlands. Using natural materials, regional artists have constructed large and small installations. A map-brochure about the exhibit is available.

Wildwood Photography Contest

Now through November 30

Wildwood Park

Now is a great time to visit Wildwood Park, camera in hand, and snap outdoor photos for the upcoming Photo Contest. Photographs may be dropped off at the Nature Center starting October 1. Photos must be submitted by Saturday, November 30 at 3:00 pm. Review of official contest rules and guidelines for preparing photos at www.wildwoodlake.org or at the nature center.

Unless Otherwise Noted:

*Wildwood program registration is online at www.wildwoodlake.org/events

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

Call to Artists**NOW through January 21, 2020****Wildwood Park**

Join the fun in making outdoor art in the park! Submit your Art In The Wild idea today. It's easy and free. Go to www.wildwoodlake.org and submit an application by January 21, 2020.

Native Americans Along the Susquehanna**September – November 10:00 am - 2:00 pm****Fort Hunter Park \$5 per student**

Students and home schoolers in grades 2 – 6 explore how Indians once lived in the Fort Hunter/Harrisburg area. Students will furnish a wigwam, do hands on activities and participate in storytelling. A guided tour of Fort Hunter Mansion invites students to learn about Mansion life in the 1800s, comparing the owner's life to the lives of the Native Americans. For groups of 15 or more students. Pre-registration is required. Call 717-599-5751 to schedule a workshop.

Sunday Evening Bird Walk**Sunday, September 1 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm****Wildwood Park Free**

Join Volunteers Rick and Peggy Price for this early September evening walk. The walk will begin at the South Lot, where we will look for shorebirds, and continue down the Towpath Trail.

JAZZ&WINE FESTIVAL**Friday, September 6 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm****Saturday & Sunday, September 7 & 8****4:00 pm - 9:00 pm \$50/advance****Fort Hunter Park \$60/at gate**

The Dauphin County Commissioners are pleased to announce the 13th Annual Jazz Festival. Pack a blanket and chair & come see national and local recording artists in a serene park setting. Enjoy PA's top regional wineries, along with food and craft vendors. Children 12 & under are free of charge. Passes are good for the entire weekend and are available at www.DauphinCounty.org.

Gallery Walk**Sunday, September 8 11:00 am – 4:00 pm****Wildwood Park Free**

Interact with a working artist, enjoy artwork and award-winning photographs, stroll along the trail and view the "playful" Art In The Wild exhibitions. Partake of home-made refreshments in the Nature Center!

Archaeological Excavation**Sept. 9 - Oct. 4, weekdays****10:00 am – 3:00 pm****(plus Sunday 9/15)****Free****Fort Hunter Mansion**

Archaeologists from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission continue their search for the 1750s French and Indian War fort. They've also been uncovering ancient Native American objects and artifacts from 1700s-1900s life at the Mansion. The excavation is cancelled on days of rain.

Stress Relief Walk**Wednesday, September 11****5:45 pm – 7:15 pm****Wildwood Park****Free**

Walk off stress with a self-guided hike at Wildwood. The 3-mile walk 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, September 14****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 events to register. Assume the work day is cancelled if it is raining.

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2019  FORT HUNTER DAY



September 15
Fort Hunter Park
FREE

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Fort Hunter Day**Sunday, September 15****10:00 am – 4:00 pm****Fort Hunter Park****Free**

Presented by M&T Bank this free, outdoor, fall festival highlights old-time ways of life along the Susquehanna River. Enjoy favorites like hayrides, old-time activities, apple pie baking contest, children's crafts, demonstrations of

18th and 19th century life, pony rides, strolling musicians, Mansion tours, an arts and crafts show, and exhibits. The Susquehanna Folk Music Society will present local musicians Cumberland Honey and Three Dollar Suit playing a rich variety of live, American music on the Corncrib Stage. Troy Engle and the Southern Skies finish the day. Visit www.forthunter.org for apple pie contest registration and additional festival information.

Flower Walk:

Goldenrods, Asters, and Other Fall Surprises
Sunday, September 15 **1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

Wildwood Park **Free**

Even with autumn in full swing, there is still an abundance of goldenrods and asters. Many seeds will be present including those of trees and it will be easy to see the different methods of seed dispersal. Join volunteer Cara Martinez-Williams for this final walk of the season.

Get in Shape Walk

Thursday, September 19 **5:45 pm – 7:15 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

Enjoy a self-guided 3-mile walk at Wildwood 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.

Brownie Scout Program: Bugs & Hiker

Saturday, September 21 **10:00 am – 1:30 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$10 per scout**

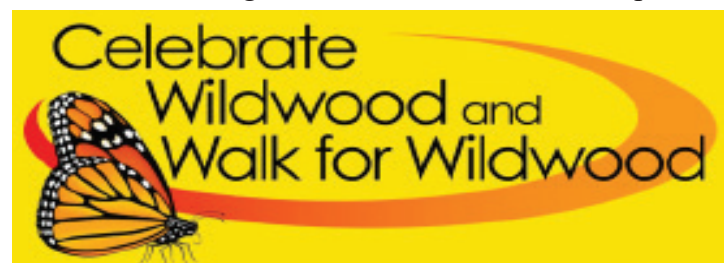
Explore the world of bugs and discover their important roles in our environment. Scouts will plan and take a short hike while examining insect. Please bring a drink, snack and lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and wear sneakers or other closed-toed shoes. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Forest Bathing

Tuesday, September 24 - Seniors **9:00 am – 12:00 pm**
Sunday, September 29 - Adults **9:00 am – 12:00 pm**
Detweiler Park **\$25 per person**

Forest bathing is viewed as a restorative wellness practice. Japanese studies on the wellness benefits of shinrin-yoku (forest bathing) have provided actual data that documents wellness benefits. We will be walking slowly and stopping for periods of time in order to explore, interact, and connect with the environment through our senses. There will be several stops along the trail for exploring nature and we will not be walking the entire time.

Participants should bring personal drinking water, a light snack, UV-safe sunglasses and a hat. Participants should dress in layers. Outdoor activities are safer and more enjoyable when you are comfortable. Don't forget your socks and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Detweiler Park bulletin board. Register online at www.detweilerpark.org.



Celebrate Wildwood

Sunday, September 29 **11:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

It's the 20-year anniversary of the Olewine Nature Center! Help us celebrate the park's past. Did you know Wildwood had a zoo at one time? Learn about the history of the park, birds, reptiles and more in the Wildwood Scavenger Hunt where you will visit a variety of education stations. Paint a pumpkin and enjoy other activities for the whole family. Live music and tasty food all day. Come out and watch presentations by the Monkey Man (and his live monkey) starting at 11am, followed by live animal programs by Lake Tobias! Check our website for specific showtimes.

Walk for Wildwood

Sunday, September 29 **1:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **Donations**

Your dollars preserve the park! Enjoy an autumn walk while helping support Wildwood. Choose the invigorating three-mile loop trail, or the shorter, accessible option on the half-mile boardwalk. This walk is an annual fundraiser for Friends of Wildwood who work to preserve and support the park. Go to www.wildwoodlake.org/support for more information or to donate. In addition to the Walk, enjoy Celebrate Wildwood, which runs from 11 am to 4 pm and has something for all ages.

Bird Walk: Fall Migration at Wildwood

Thursday, October 3 **7:30 am – 9:30 am**
Wildwood Park **Free**

October is a good month to see the transition of migrant bird species as they come and go. Join Rick and Peggy Price to look for fall warblers and other songbirds heading south; raptors including Broad-winged and Sharp-shinned Hawks are on the move; and year-round resident birds are still active. Meet in front of the Nature Center at 7:30 am.



Hit the Road Education Tours:

President Homes

Friday, October 4 Leave at 5:00 am
Saturday, October 5 Return at 9:00 pm
Centennial Barn Parking Lot \$292 – \$404

Don't delay reserving your seat - **reservations are due by September 6!** Join the Friends of Fort Hunter for a two-day bus trip of four president's homes in the scenic countryside of Virginia. A highlight of the trip is the energetic narration provided by Dr. Donald Koones.

Board the bus in the Centennial Barn parking lot on Friday, October 4 where Dr. Koones will inform and amuse with background historical information on the four featured presidents. Learn about and enjoy guided tours at the homes of George Washington's Mount Vernon, James Madison's Montpelier, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, and James Monroe's Highland. A tour and lunch at Michie Tavern and overnight lodging at the Best Western Inn and Restaurant in Culpeper complete the trip. Visit www.forthunter.org for a complete itinerary.

Ticket price includes: transportation by Cross Country Coach, admission to Mount Vernon, Montpelier, Monticello, Highland, lunch and tour at Michie Tavern, overnight lodging and complimentary breakfast at Best Western Inn Culpeper and talks by Dr. Donald Koones. Gratuity for the bus driver and additional meals are not included. All sales are final. Purchase tickets online at <https://bit.ly/2VxVCtp>.

Scout Workshop for Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes & Seniors: Outdoor Art

Saturday, October 5 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$10 per scout

Each year Wildwood Park hosts artists who create art along our trails. Examine Art In The Wild pieces, meet an artist, take a hike for inspiration and create your own outdoor art to fulfill most, if not all, requirements for your appropriate badge level (Creator, Apprentice, Explore & Expert Badges). 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.

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, October 12 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/events to register. Assume the work day is cancelled if it is raining.

Tree Identification Walk

Sunday, October 13 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Wildwood Park Free

Join Cara Martinez-Williams for a leisurely walk with a focus on trees. Become familiar with a variety of species around the Nature Center.

Webelos Scout Program: Into the Woods

Saturday, October 19 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, and the important role trees play in our environment. Explore growth rings of a tree trunk to tell its life story and learn to identify native 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.



Fall Foliage Hike

Sunday, October 20 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Detweiler Park Free

Take a leisurely hike with a focus on trees. Become familiar with a variety of species and learn why leaves change color. Pre-registration is not required.

Night at the Nature Center

Saturday, October 26 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Wildwood Park \$5 per participant

Take an after-hours walk in the Olewine Nature Center where the exhibit hall critters come to life! Kids will meet these fun talking animals and visit other stations including a campfire to make s'mores, sip apple cider, a craft, and a not so scary Halloween story. Kids are encouraged to dress as their favorite animal or in a Halloween costume, and don't forget your trick or treat bag! Register for a time slot at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.



Howl-o'ween: Pets at Fort Hunter

Sunday, October 27 12:00 pm – 3:00pm
Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free

Celebrate the household pet with pet and owner costume contest, meet Libre of Speranza, sheep herding demonstration, kids activities, craft and pet product vendors, Steppin' Woofs, dancing dog troupe demonstration, Humane Society and other local rescue groups and hot dogs and beverages for sale.

Preschool Storytime: Fall at Wildwood!

Wednesday, October 30 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.

Native Americans Along the Susquehanna: For Families

Saturday, November 2 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fort Hunter Centennial Barn \$5 per person

Experience what life was like for Native American Woodlands people living along the Susquehanna River. Throughout this two-hour program you and your children will hear stories, make crafts, visit a wigwam, handle artifacts and play Native American children's games. This special workshop is designed for adults and young children (ages 5-10) to participate together as they work, learn and play. This program is ideal for young families, grandparents and grandchildren and aunts and uncles with their nieces and nephews who want to have fun and enjoy time together in a planned learning experience. Preregistration is required, visit www.forthunter.org and look in the calendar listing for November 2 to register.

Homeschoolers' Day

Wednesday, November 6 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, November 7 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Fort Hunter \$5 students | \$3 adults

Dive into early Native American life! Students in grades 2-6 and their parents are invited to Native American workshop to do hands on activities, furnish a wigwam and more and also tour the Fort Hunter Mansion. The visit, including time for a bag lunch, runs just under 4 hours. Call 717-599-5751 to register.

Dr. Seuss Science Series

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Wildwood Park \$5 per child

Join an Environmental Educator for fun interactive Dr. Seuss story session for children ages 3 - 5. Stories, rhymes, and a take-home craft/activity will introduce science through the eyes of Dr. Seuss and the joy of books and language to youngsters. Register for one class or all of them! Chaperones are free. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, November 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. Registration is required for groups of six or more. Go to www.wildwoodlake.org/events to register. Assume the work day is cancelled if it is raining.

Kids Discover: Night Time Wonders

Saturday, November 9 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$5 per child

Soak up the spirit of the night with a guided walk. Daylight savings time has just begun, so the sun will seem to set early. Begin at the Olewine Pavilion by the Nature Center with a short program to discover unique nighttime experiments and games. All ages are welcome to attend this flat, easy 1-mile walk. Chaperones are free. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Waterfowl Walk

Thursday, November 14 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Wildwood Park Free

Join leaders Rick and Peggy Price to search for migrating waterfowl along the Towpath Trail. There may be other late arrivals such as Winter Wrens and Rusty Blackbirds. Meet at the North Lot at 8:00 am.

Junior Scouts: Animal Habitats**Saturday, November 16 10:00 am – 1:30 pm****Wildwood Park \$10 per scout**

Scouts will discover the diverse wildlife of Wildwood while exploring various habitats. Scouts will also examine endangered habitats and conservation. A craft and tips for improving habitat are included. 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.

National Take a Hike Day**Sunday, November 17 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm****Detweiler Park Free**

Grab your hiking boots, family and friends, and some water – it's National Take a Hike Day! Get outdoors for some fresh air, scenery, and exercise. Join a naturalist for a hike at Detweiler Park, or take a hike at your own pace on various terrain exploring the trails and wildlife at your local Dauphin County Park. All ages are welcome. Pre-registration is not required.

Wreath Workshop**Saturday, November 30 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm****Sunday, December 1 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm****Wildwood Park \$20 per wreath**

Make an evergreen wreath out of natural materials. Everything will be supplied to make a wreath with decorations from nature, including cones, berries, nuts and seed pods. Bring work gloves and clippers. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Festival of Trees**Saturdays & Sundays, November 30 – December 22 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm****Fort Hunter Tavern House Free**

View Christmas trees decorated by local Garden Clubs of the Harrisburg Area Civic Garden Center using handmade ornaments. Trees are available for raffle and a selection of ornaments are for sale.

Kids Only Christmas Shop**Saturdays & Sundays, November 30 – December 15 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm****Fort Hunter Centennial Barn****Parents provide spending money**

Assisted by Santa's helpers from the Friends of Fort Hunter, young shoppers 12 years old and under may do their holiday shopping, without the aid of parents. Taste-ful, museum quality items are provided by Fort Hunter Mansion Museum Shop. All items are \$10 and under. Purchases will be wrapped with the assistance of helper

elves and a gift tag will be signed before the youngster leaves the shop. Proceeds support the work of the Friends of Fort Hunter.

**Toy Train Exhibit****Saturdays & Sundays, November 30 – December 22 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm****Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free**

The Keystone Model Railroad Historical Society returns to Fort Hunter with a display of HO gauge trains that travel over a large layout representing communities in Central PA.

Christmas at Fort Hunter**Sunday, December 1 – Sunday, December 22****Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm****Sunday 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm****Fort Hunter Mansion****\$7 - Adults; \$6 - Senior Citizens; \$4 - Students (Closed Mondays)**

Step back to the days of gentle living with a guided tour of the Mansion, highlighting the holiday trimmings and customs of Christmases long ago. The Civic Committee of the Garden Club of Harrisburg decorates the Mansion with fresh greens, fruits and dried and fresh flowers. To assist in holiday shopping, the Fort Hunter Museum Shop is stocked with tasteful and unique Christmas gift items and is open during museum hours.

Craft Reunion**Friday, December 6 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm****Saturday, December 7 10:00 am – 8:00 pm****Sunday, December 8 11:00 am – 4:00 pm****Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free**

One-of-a-kind jewelry, pottery, glass sculpture, apparel, pewter, wooden utensils, basketry, carvings, and fine art are hand selected by the former members of Third Street Pottery who present the best of Pennsylvania's crafts. Small-batch herbal soaps, luscious hand-crafted chocolates, and fiery salsas tempt the senses. This annual open house is eagerly anticipated by visitors who value the opportunity to meet the makers of the fine crafts.

Greens Sale**Saturday, December 7 10:00 am – 2:00 pm****Sunday December 8 11:00 am until sold out****Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free**

Boxwood trees and topiaries, and well as pine arrange

ments, candle rings and more, handmade by the Friends of Fort Hunter, are available for purchase.

Natural Ornaments

Sunday, December 8 and 15 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$5 per participant

Children and their chaperones are invited to make holiday ornaments using pine cones, milkweed pods, and other natural materials. Everything but the creativity will be supplied to make works of art. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Victorian Tea

Sunday, December 8 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Fort Hunter Mansion \$10 per person

Visitors will enjoy tasty tea sandwiches, desserts and spiced tea as they stroll through the Mansion enjoying the holiday decorations of fresh greens and natural trimmings. Reservations are not required.

Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, December 8 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tavern House Summer Kitchen Free

In the Tavern Summer Kitchen visitors will see and sample delicious holiday food being prepared by cooks in authentic 1800s clothing.



Santa's Reindeer at Fort Hunter

Saturday, December 14 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Fort Hunter Centennial Barn Free

Visit one of Santa's reindeer, and take pictures with Mrs. Santa and the reindeer. Refreshments available, donations welcome. No registration required.

Art In The Wild Workshop

Saturday, December 14 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Wildwood Park Free

To assist Art In The Wild installation proposals, an informal workshop will be held to review the do's and don'ts of construction/design. This workshop is intended to help participants assemble better proposals by identifying potential problems that could jeopardize a proposal's selection. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Winter Discovery at Wildwood Park

Saturday, December 14 – Tuesday, December 31

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wildwood Park

Free

Visit the Olewine Nature Center, where special exhibits will highlight some of Wildwood's animals in winter. Self-guided stations will help visitors understand more about natural history and enhance a winter outdoor experience. Closed 12/25 and Mondays)

Photography Contest Display

December 14 – January 25

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wildwood Park

Free

Visit the Olewine Nature Center to view and vote for your favorite photos! Take a tour of more than one hundred beautiful exhibited photo entries. Winners will be announced Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 1 pm. Prizes will be awarded for winning entries. The People's Choice awards will be announced after the display ends. Closed 12/25, 1/1, and Mondays.

Brass Triumphant in Concert

Sunday, December 15

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fort Hunter Centennial Barn

Free

Join this eleven member brass group in a free concert of familiar holiday tunes and Christmas songs in an informal setting.



Your dollars preserve the park!

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.

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, the quarterly newsletter, advance notice of upcoming events and an invitation to our annual fundraising event. Visit www.forthunter/membership.org to become a part of this vibrant organization.



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To reserve a pavilion or ball field at Fort Hunter, Lykens Glen, Wildwood or
Wiconisco Park call 717-599-5188 x2114.

To reserve the Centennial Barn or West Lawn at Fort Hunter call 717-599-
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