



DAUPHIN COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
PARKS & RECREATION

Spring 2020 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 1st 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! Run wild at Detweiler Park and enjoy more than 7 miles of beautiful trails. 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 Dauphin County parks a regular stop this Spring as we have some of the best nature trails and programming in the region!

Dr. Seuss Science Series

Wednesdays, February 26 – March 18

10:00 am – 10:45 am

Wildwood Park

\$5 per child

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. For children ages 3-5. Chaperones free. Register for one class or all of them! Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Maple Sugar Festival

Sunday, March 1

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 maple syrup taste tests, ice cream topped with real maple syrup and the homemade maple candy samples.



Unless Otherwise Noted:

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

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



Community Gardens Program Registration

Thursday, March 5 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 of 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 early as plots sell out by the end of the day.

Boy and Girl Scouts - Juniors, Webelos and Higher: Leave No Trace

Saturday, March 7 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$10 per scout

Leave No Trace is a program designed to explore important outdoor skills and wilderness etiquette. Scouts will learn to identify trail markers, minimize impact on the environment, learn what kind of gear to bring on an outdoor adventure, and examine the 7 principles of Leave No Trace. Please bring a drink, snack and lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Spring Wreath Workshop

Sunday, March 14 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.

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, March 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. 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.

Juniors: Geocache

Saturday, March 21 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$10 per scout

Discover the excitement of geocaching! With this program, scouts will learn how to use a GPS and explore the basics, as well as the etiquette, of geocaching. Scouts will then take a geocache adventure through Wildwood. To complete the day, scouts will create a "make to swap" craft. Please bring a drink, snack and lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and wear sneakers or other closed-toed shoes. Two dates are offered for this program please only choose one. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Fundamentals of Photography I

Saturday, March 21 & 28 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$200 per person

In this two-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 will take you out of "automatic," but won't overload you with too much detail. This 6-hour investment is guaranteed to improve your pictures. This program is for adults, no previous experience required. For more detailed information, visit www.photolivelearning.com. Registration at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Flower Walk: Cold Tolerant Plants

Sunday, March 22 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 Spring Migrants

Wednesday, March 25 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Wildwood Park Free

Join leaders Rick and Peggy Price for an early spring walk along the Towpath looking for waterfowl and early spring migrants in their bright breeding plumages. Expect a few lingering winter species as well. Dress in layers as the weather can change quickly. Meet at the North Parking Lot along Industrial Road.

Preschool Storytime: Spring at Wildwood!

Wednesday, March 25 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.

Bear Scout Program: Fur, Feathers, and Ferns

Saturday, March 28 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$10 per scout

Why are some animals endangered or extinct? In this adventure, scouts will explore the fascinating world of wild communities and take a hike to search for signs of diverse plants and animals that live at Wildwood! 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.

Kids Discover: Flowers and Pollinators

Saturday, April 4 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$5 per child

Flowers bloom at all times of the year, even when there is still snow on the ground! Join a naturalist and learn how flowers are essential, how skunk cabbage melts snow, and other amazing pollinator facts. At the end of the program you will plant a seed to take home. Ages 5-8 and their parents. Parents are free. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Night Sky Exploration

Saturday, April 4 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Detweiler Park Free

Join Astronomical Society of Harrisburg President, Chip Templin for an evening of star and moon gazing at Detweiler Park. The evening will begin with a short 0.3 mile walk along variable terrain to the open fields. With the help of scopes, binoculars and sky maps, participants will be able to observe the moon in its waxing gibbous phase in addition to other popular spring constellations such as Cancer, Leo, Virgo to name a few. Dress for the weather and bring something to sit on. Register at www.detweiler-park.org

Art In The Wild: Meet The Artists

Sunday, April 5 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 work-

ings of creating outdoor art.

**Dauphin County Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 5 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.

Wildwood Wellness Walk

Thursday, April 9 5:45 pm – 7:15 pm
Wildwood Park Free

Walks are a great way to get in shape. Enjoy a self-guided, 3-mile loop trail at Wildwood Park. The trail contains moderate hills and is surfaced with crushed stone or macadam. Running or biking are also welcome. Bikers should be familiar with biking etiquette on this shared use trail. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet at the Nature Center. Check www.wildwoodlake.org for cancellation information in case of inclement weather.

**Art In The Wild Lecture
by Patricia Goodrich**

Thursday, April 9 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Wildwood Park Free

Wildwood Park is pleased to welcome Patricia Goodrich, a Michigan native visual artist, curator and poet, as judge and lecturer for Art In The Wild 2020. Goodrich's passion for stones, water and our natural world is lifelong. Her earthworks, sculpture, two-dimensional works and multi-media installations can be found all over the world. She is the recipient of national and international fellowships and residencies and author of five collections of poetry. On April 9, she will present "ON SITE: Considerations in Sitting Earthworks", illustrated by her own site specific works.

Clean Up Your Earth Day

Saturday, April 11

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.



Art In The Wild 2020: Exhibit Opens

Saturday, April 11

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. **Pictured:** 2019 1st Place Winner: Recess by Eve Gurbacki and Adrienne Zimmerman

Homeschoolers' Day

Wednesday, April 15 or Thursday, April 16

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fort Hunter Park

\$5 students, \$3 adults

Students and home schoolers 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.

Wildwood Wellness Walk

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Wildwood Park

Free

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Flower Walk:

Dutchman's Breeches and Trout Lilies

Sunday, April 19

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.



Wetlands Festival

Saturday, April 25

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wildwood Park

Free

Wetlands Festival is a time to honor Wildwood Park's treasured wetlands and the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Join in the celebration with a day of free, fun educational activities. Enjoy musical entertainment and get to know the animals of Wildwood through live animal programs. Attendees participate in engaging environmental activities, enjoy delicious food and explore creative exhibitor displays and unique vendors.

Fourth Annual Needle Arts Exhibit

May 3 - June 14 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 3 through June 14 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.



Garden Faire

Sunday, May 3 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 roundout the day.

Bird Walk: Peak Migration

Wednesday, May 6 7:30 am – 9:30 am
Wildwood Park Free

Meet Rick and Peggy Price at the Nature Center Parking Lot to search for spring migrants. This can be the best walk of the year when it comes to the variety of species seen. Warblers, phoebes, wrens, orioles, other songbirds and raptors are all a possibility. Spring migration will be in full swing!

Wildwood Wellness Walk

Wednesday, May 6 5:45 pm – 7:15 pm
Wildwood Park Free

Walks are a great way to get in shape. Enjoy a self-guided, 3-mile loop trail at Wildwood Park. the trail contains

moderate hills and is surfaced with crushed stone or macadam. Running or biking are also welcome. Bikers should be familiar with biking etiquette on this shared use trail. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet at the Nature Center. Check www.wildwoodlake.org for cancellation information in case of inclement weather.

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, May 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. Assume the work day is cancelled if it is raining.

Sign Design Workshop

Saturday, May 9 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$35 per person

Design a decorative wooden sign. Everything needed for each participant to create their own nature-themed sign will be provided. Select from two different style boards. This do-it-yourself project is great for a girl's afternoon or for mother and daughter to make together. Enjoy light refreshments while finishing your final touches. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org.

Juniors Scout Program: Geocache

Saturday, May 16 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wildwood Park \$10 per scout

Discover the excitement of geocaching! Scouts will learn how to use a GPS and explore the basics, as well as etiquette, of geocaching. Scouts will then take a geocache adventure through Wildwood. To complete the day, scouts will create a "make to swap" craft. Please bring a drink, snack and lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities and wear closed-toed shoes. Two dates are offered for this program; please choose one. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Mrs. Reily's Tea

Sunday, May 17 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Fort Hunter Centennial Barn \$30/\$25 members

Enjoy an afternoon high tea, an illustrated talk and a tour of Fort Hunter Mansion and the Needle Art exhibit. Begin the afternoon with local favorite Dr. Donald Koones, providing an illustrated talk about Hampton Court in England and the Royal School of Needlework. Then enjoy a high tea, featuring homemade rolls, chicken salad and cucumber soup, homemade fancy cookies and scones, 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.org.

Painting at the Park

Sunday, May 17 **1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$25 per person**

Please join the Friends of Wildwood for our fourth annual Paint in the Park. Bring your friends and your creative eye as Jenn Brown, from Jenn's Craft Parties, leads us through the creation of a springtime scene. All experience levels are welcome. All materials will be provided and light refreshments will be available. Come with your family, your friends, your significant other. You will surely have fun while here and leave with a one-of-a-kind piece. Preregistration is required by May 10, 2020. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Wildwood.

Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Wildwood Wellness Walk

Thursday, May 21 **5:45 pm – 7:15 pm**
Wildwood Park **Free**

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Flower Walk:

Jack in the Pulpits and Other Spring Flowers
Sunday, May 24 **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".

Kids Discover: Butterflies and Moths

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

What is the difference between a butterfly and a moth? Where do they go in the winter? Learn the answers to these questions plus much more while exploring the life cycle, anatomy and different species of butterflies and moths that call Pennsylvania home. At the end of the program, journey outside with a naturalist to collect your own butterfly or moth to observe and release. Ages 5-8 and their parents. Parents are free. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Summer Day 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.

Tree Identification Walk

Sunday, June 7 **10:30 am – 11:30 am**
Wildwood Park **Free**

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

WILD About Pollinators

Thursday, June 18 **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**
Wildwood Park **\$25 per person**

Pollinating insects are vital to our survival! Join educators from the PA Game Commission, DCNR State Parks and Wildwood Park for a fun, interactive and educational workshop on pollinators. Discover the many species of pollinating insects and their crucial role in the food chain for both wildlife and people. Explore why we should be concerned about the threats to pollinators and how we can help. Participants will engage in hands-on activities from the Project WILD K-12 Guide. All participants will receive the new Project WILD Guide. Act 48 credit available. Space is limited. Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.

Olewine Nature Center Rentals at Wildwood Park

Did you know the Olewine Nature Center offers classroom space available for rent? Only ten minutes from downtown Harrisburg, the space is perfect for any meeting, retreat, birthday celebration, bridal/baby shower, or simply to get out of the office and enjoy the beautiful urban wetland park and nature center. Go to wildwoodlake.org and click on "rentals" for more information.



2020 Summer Day Camps at Wildwood Park
 Register at www.wildwoodlake.org/events.
 Space is limited.

Nature Explorers Day Camp (ages 6-8)

Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park \$150 per person

Children ages 6 to 8 will learn about animal adaptations, use binoculars on nature walks, explore a creek, and enjoy live animal demonstrations. Each day we will explore a new trail, get to know our local plants and animals, and participate in games and crafts.

Junior Naturalist Day Camp (ages 9-11)

Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10 or

Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park \$150 per person

Campers ages 9 to 11 will learn a variety of naturalist and outdoor skills. They will use those skills to explore different habitats while hiking, using binoculars, and canoeing on Wildwood Lake. Learn what it means to be a naturalist and spend a morning fishing on Paxton Creek.

JumpStart Photography for Kids (ages 7-12)

Monday, July 20 to Friday, July 24

10:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park \$125 per person

Students will be loaned a digital camera to explore the operation and functions of the camera, lighting, and composition. Lead by a Canon professional, this mostly indoor class will provide a great base for jumping into projects where they will be practicing their photography and encouraging creativity. For a detailed list of materials and more information, please visit www.wildwoodlake.org. Space is limited.

Outdoor Week (ages 12-14)

Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildwood Park \$150 per person

If you like to get outside, this is the camp for you! Outdoor enthusiasts ages 12 to 14 will discover the natural world while learning skills like shelter building, fishing, and wild edibles. Learn the importance of teamwork in the outdoors while building a campfire and canoeing.

Photo Boot Camp:

Fundamentals of Photography (ages 13-17)

Monday, August 3 to Friday, August 7

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wildwood Park \$200 per person

If your teen is interested in learning the basics of photography and is between the ages of 13-17, this camp may be for them. This is a mostly indoor lecture-based, instructional and educational program where students will learn the basics of picture taking. Each student will be loaned a digital SLR camera by a Canon professional. For a detailed list of materials and more information, please visit www.wildwoodlake.org. Space is limited.



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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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