

August

Intro to Archery

Saturday, August 27

12:00pm-2:00pm

McCrea Farm (Cross Country Ski Area)

Join park naturalists for a fun and free intro to archery program at Oil Creek. We'll have a temporary range set up with all the equipment you'll need to learn the basics. Spaces are limited, and registration is required. To register email ikuberry@pa.gov or call 814.676.1810. Ages 6+.

SEPTEMBER

PA Trails Month Hike

Thursday, September 1

1:30pm-4:00pm

McCrea Farm (Cross Country Ski Area)

Celebrate the first day of PA Trails Month with a hike to the Benninghoff Overlook. We will be meeting at the cross country ski hut and hiking approximately 3 miles total to get there and back. We will explore the wildlife and plants growing along the way as we take in all this section of trail has to offer. Register by emailing ikuberry@pa.gov or calling 814.676.1810. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring plenty of water.

The Monarch Butterfly

Saturday, September 3

2:00pm-3:00pm

Egbert Farm Day Use Area (Small Pavilion)

This past year the migratory Monarch Butterfly has officially been added to the IUCN list of Endangered Species. This program will focus on the lives of these wonderful butterflies and what you can do to support the local populations near your home. We have raised a small number of individuals that will hopefully be ready for release on this date. Register by emailing ikuberry@pa.gov or calling 814.676.1810.

Homeschool Day: Tree ID

Thursday, September 8

1:00pm-3:00pm

Egbert Farm Day Use Area

Calling all homeschool students: Join us for a fun, hands-on learning experience where you will get a chance to learn how to identify some of the magnificent trees growing in Oil Creek State Park. We'll learn some basic botanical terms and identify some samples before heading out to collect specimens around the day use area. All ages are welcome, but this program is only open for homeschool students and their families. To register email ikuberry@pa.gov or call 814.676.1810.

Harvest Moon Night Hike
Friday, September 9
7:30pm-8:30pm
Wildcat Hollow

The full harvest moon is the signifier of the end of the growing season, a symbol of the cycle of growth and decay, but it is also a sign that it's time to celebrate and give thanks for all this year has given us. Celebrate with us under the full moon as we take a walk through the Wetlands Trail in Wildcat Hollow. The trail is approximately 1 mile and relatively flat. Wear comfortable walking boots (sometimes there are wet spots) and bring a flashlight! Register by emailing ikuberry@pa.gov or calling 814.676.1810.

Backpacking Q&A
Wednesday, September 21
6:00pm-8:00pm
Park Office Amphitheater

This program is the precursor for the Gerard Trail Series Backpacking Trip, which will take place September 24-25. If you plan to register for the trip, we strongly suggest that you attend this program as well. We will be going over necessary gear and how to use it, how to pack a pack, and backpacking recipes/meal suggestions. The park has backpacking gear for those who do not have their own or need to supplement what they do have. If you are interested in joining us for the trip please email ikuberry@pa.gov or call 814.676.1810. The backpacking trip is free, but you must be able to hike 12 miles on rough, steep terrain.

Gerard Trail Series Backpacking Trip
Saturday, September 24 – Sunday, September 25
10:00am Saturday – 12:00pm Sunday
Miller Farm Bridge Parking Area

The final hike of our Gerard Trail Series is an overnight backpacking trip, where we will cover approximately 12 miles of difficult terrain and stay overnight in the Cow Run Shelters. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00pm in the park office where we will cover how to pack a pack, gear to bring, backpacking recipes/meal suggestions, etc. You are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting if you are joining us for the backpacking trip. The park has camping and backpacking gear for use if you do not have your own.

Registration is required, and priority will be given to those who attended the first four hikes in the series. Ages 16+. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult. To register, call or email the park naturalist at 814.676.1810 or ikuberry@pa.gov.

Fall Wild Edibles
Friday, September 30
1:30pm-3:30pm
Egbert Farm Day Use Area

Our final wild edibles program of the year is here! Join us at the Egbert Farm Day Use Area as we learn about some of the edible plants growing at Oil Creek in the fall season. Register by emailing ikuberry@pa.gov or calling 814.676.1810.

OCTOBER

Women's Only Fly Fishing 101
Saturday, October 1
9:00am-12:00pm
Park Office Amphitheater

Have you always wanted to try out fly fishing, but had no idea where to start? This opportunity may be exactly what you're looking for. Join the park naturalist and representatives from Fly Fishers International to learn the basics of fly fishing at Oil Creek State Park. This program is free, and all necessary equipment is provided. Women only. Ages 16 and up. Registration is required. To register, email ikuberry@pa.gov or call 814.676.1810.

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