

#### Gerard Trail Series Hike #2

Saturday, July 2

9:00am-3:00pm

Park Office

Have you always wanted to hike the Gerard Trail, but thought 36 miles was just too much? Join us for the second hike in our Gerard Trail Series! We've split the trail into 5 shorter loops, which we will be hiking on a few Saturdays throughout summer. Attend all 5 hikes, and you will officially complete the Gerard Trail! For this second hike we will be meeting at the Park Office at 9:00am and heading out for a 7 mile hike on rough, hilly terrain. Registration is required. 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](mailto:ikuberry@pa.gov). Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and plenty of water. Wear comfortable, worn-in hiking shoes. More details given upon registration.

#### Salamander Safari

Friday, July 22

2:00pm-3:30pm

Egbert Farm Day Use Area

Join the park naturalist for some family fun spotting salamanders at Oil Creek. We'll learn how to identify common salamanders found in Venango County before heading out to see what we can find. Wear sturdy shoes that you can get wet (old sneakers work best.) Register by emailing [ikuberry@pa.gov](mailto:ikuberry@pa.gov) or calling 814.676.1810.

#### Gerard Trail Series Hike #3

Saturday, July 23

9:00am-3:00pm

Park Office

Have you always wanted to hike the Gerard Trail, but thought 36 miles was just too much? Join us for the third hike in our Gerard Trail Series! We've split the trail into 5 shorter loops, which we will be hiking on a few Saturdays throughout summer. Attend all 5 hikes, and you will officially complete the Gerard Trail! For this third hike we will be meeting at the Park Office at 9:00am and heading out for an 8 mile hike on rough, hilly terrain toward Rynd Farm and back. Registration is required. 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](mailto:ikuberry@pa.gov). Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and plenty of water. Wear comfortable, worn-in hiking shoes. More details given upon registration.

#### Summer Wild Edibles

Friday, July 29

5:00pm-6:30pm

Blood Farm Day Use Area

Nature is full of useful plants, but many of us have never learned what to look for. Join the park naturalist on a walk to identify common edible and historically medicinal plants growing at Oil Creek. Registration is required. To register email [ikuberry@pa.gov](mailto:ikuberry@pa.gov).

Oil Creek Bat Count  
Saturday, July 30  
8:00pm-9:30pm  
Egbert Farm Day Use Area

Join park staff as we conduct our yearly bat count at the Egbert Farm Day Use Area! Over the past few years we have seen a sharp decline in bat populations due to White Nose Syndrome, but we have started to notice a small rebound. We will learn about the bat species found in Pennsylvania and why they are so important to our ecosystems before collecting data for the PA Game Commission during this community science opportunity. Registration is required. Register by emailing [ikuberry@pa.gov](mailto:ikuberry@pa.gov).

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