

Petroleum Centre Tour

Wednesday, June 1

1:00pm-2:30pm

Petroleum Center Train Station

Take a trip back in time at Petroleum Center to see what life was really like in this 1860's oil boom town. The park naturalist will take you on a guided tour to translate the past of "the wickedest town east of the Mississippi." You'll walk the boardwalk trail, a recreation of what the 1860's sidewalks would have been like, and learn about the businesses, homes, and people who once lived here. There will be an optional showing of *The Valley that Changed the World* (approx. 20 minutes) in the Amphitheater immediately following. Registration is required. Register by calling 814.676.1810 or emailing ikuberry@pa.gov.

Gerard Trail Series Hike #1

Saturday, June 4

10:00am-3:00pm

Jersey Bridge Trailhead

Have you always wanted to hike the Gerard Trail, but thought 36 miles was just too much? Join us for the kick-off of our Gerard Trail Series of hikes on National Trails Day. 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 first hike we will be meeting at the Jersey Bridge Trailhead at 10:00am and heading out for a 5 mile hike on rough, hilly terrain. Registration is required. To register, call or email the park naturalist at 814.676.1810 or 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.

Crayfish in the Creek

Thursday, June 9

1:00pm-2:30pm

Egbert Farm Day Use Area

Join the park naturalist for a fun exploration in Oil Creek. We'll learn all about crayfish before heading out to scoop them up, identify them, and release them back into the wild! Wear sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting wet, and bring a towel and a change of clothes! Register by calling 814.676.1810 or emailing ikuberry@pa.gov.

Pollinator Party

Friday, June 17

1:00pm-3:00pm

Park Office

Join the park naturalist as we celebrate National Pollinator Month with a pollinator party! We'll learn about different kinds of pollinators through activities and crafts while sipping on floral tea sweetened with honey! We will also be using park iPads to take photos of the pollinators using the park office garden and posting the photos to iNaturalist as part of a citizen science project. This program is summer fun for the whole family! To register, email ikuberry@pa.gov or call 814.676.1810.

DiscoverE Hide-n-Seekers**Wednesday, June 22-Friday, June 24****5:30pm-7:30pm****Egbert Farm Day Use Area**

Join us for a FREE 3-day summer camp for kids ages 4 and 5 at Oil Creek State Park. We will meet each day at the Egbert Farm Day Use Area at 5:30pm. This camp will focus entirely on mammals, especially the ones found at the park! Each day we will learn through guided activities, crafts, stories, games, and snacks! All materials provided. A parent or guardian must accompany each child. Spaces are limited, and registration is required. To register, email ikuberry@pa.gov.

Firefly Family Night**Saturday, June 25****8:00pm-9:30pm****McCrea Farm (XC Ski Area)**

Celebrate the weekend with a firefly program at Oil Creek! We'll spend some time getting to know these interesting insects, why they are important, and how we can help them while enjoying a cozy campfire, weather permitting. Afterward, we'll be participating in a citizen science project, collecting information on the fireflies that live in our park. Bring a flashlight, a camp chair, and a container for catching fireflies! (A cleaned peanut butter jar with holes poked in the lid works great.) Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing ikuberry@pa.gov or calling 814.676.1810.

The Great Benninghoff Robbery**Wednesday, June 29****2:00pm-3:30pm****Petroleum Center Train Station Parking**

Join the park naturalist on a 1.5 mile hike to the Benninghoff Tableau as we uncover the story of the most famous robbery in the oil region! This tale follows the Benninghoff family as well as the folks who stole over \$200,000 from their household safe... That amount would be worth \$7 million today! How did they do it? Was the money ever recovered? Join us to find out! This hike is fairly easy, but it does have two hilly sections. Wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water, and dress for the weather! To register call 814.676.1810 or email ikuberry@pa.gov.

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