

Burlington County Board of County Commissioners
Burlington County Parks System

Program Guide
Spring 2024



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Message from Commissioner Allison Eckel

Hello friends!

Spring is here and it promises to be an exciting season in our Burlington County parks.

With 1,000 acres of developed parkland and 50-plus miles of interconnecting hiking, biking and running trails, there's plenty to explore and enjoy in the Burlington County Parks System.

Each park has a mix of beautiful scenery, wildlife and recreation amenities, including pavilions, trails, piers and boat launches. Visitors can venture up Arney's Mount, Burlington County's highest point; identify some of the more than 150 bird species that live or migrate through County parks; or take a bike ride through some of the county's rolling farm fields and woodlands.

One of Burlington County's most unique destinations is the Burlington County Agricultural Center.

Located at 500 Centerton Road on the Moorestown-Mount Laurel border, the property was previously a dairy farm before being preserved by the County and remade into a park and education center focused on agriculture, food production, health, nutrition and land stewardship. A portion of the land continues to be leased for farming and the site also has community gardens, demonstration fields and a commercial kitchen where cooking classes for all ages are held.

The Agricultural Center also hosts the popular Burlington County Farmers Market each Saturday in the spring, summer and fall. This year will be the market's 18th season with more farms, food vendors, crafters and entertainers than ever. This year's season will also be longer with new early season market days on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in March and April before the regular Saturday schedule begins with Opening Day on May 11.

A full schedule of the market days and all the cooking classes and activities happening at the Agricultural Center is in this guide, along with listings for other Park events, festivals and programs. Be sure to review it and plan a visit to a Burlington County park, museum, gallery or activity soon. I'll look forward to seeing you there!

Allison Eckel, Burlington County Commissioner

Liaison to the Department of Resource Conservation and the Division of Parks



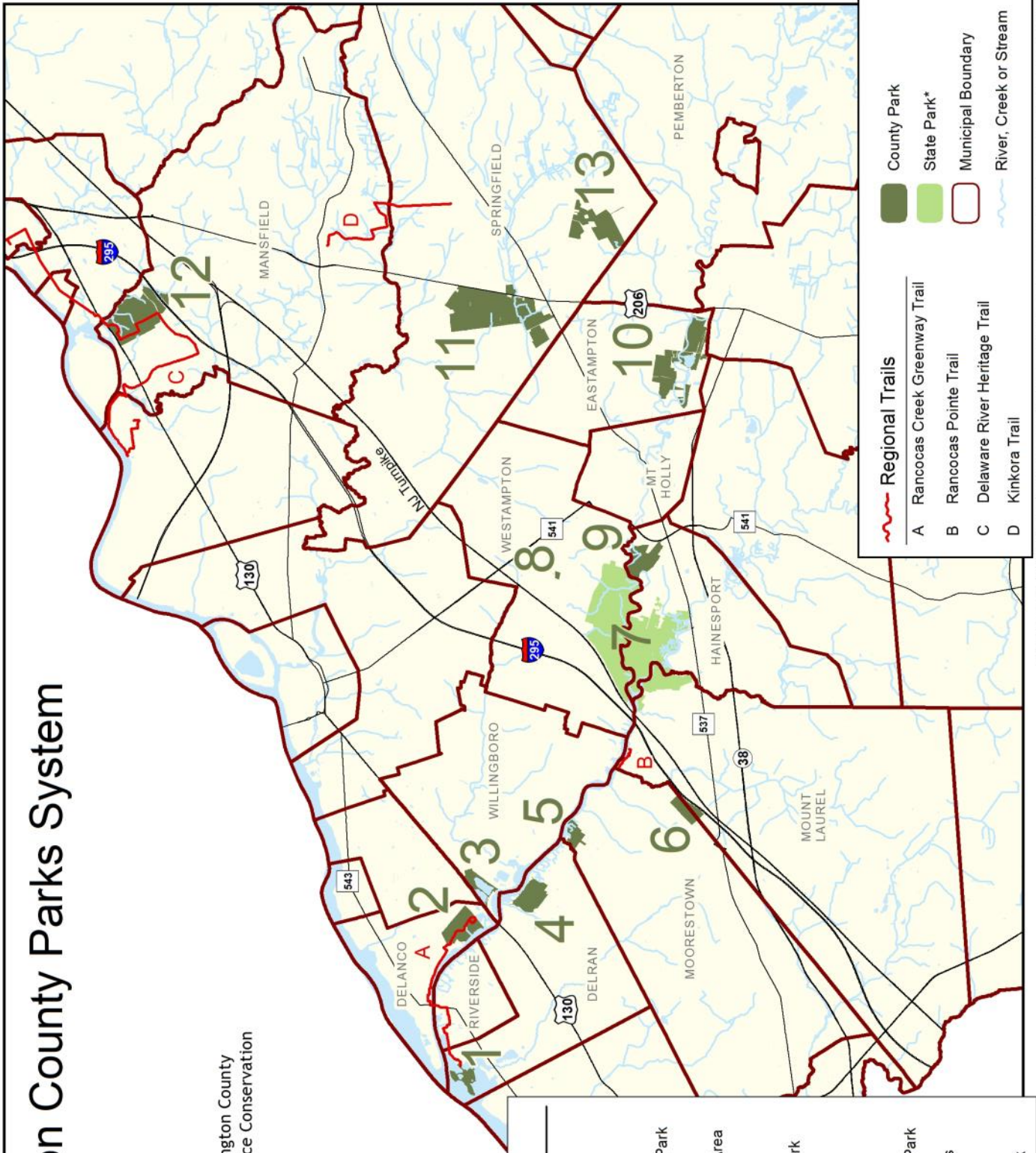
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Regional Trails	
	Rancocas Creek Greenway Trail
	Rancocas Pointe Trail
	Delaware River Heritage Trail
	Kinkora Trail

	County Park
	State Park*
	Municipal Boundary
	River, Creek or Stream

Key	Park Name
1	Amico Island Park
2	Pennington Park
3	Willingboro Lakes
4	Rainbow Meadow Park
5	Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area
6	Burlington County Agricultural Center
7	Rancocas State Park
8	Ampitheater
9	Long Bridge Park
10	Historic Smithville Park
11	County Fairgrounds
12	Crystal Lake Park
13	Arney's Mount Park

* Rancocas State Park in Hainesport Twp is jointly managed by the State and Burlington County

Burlington County Farmers Market

You can love local earlier this year!

Pre-Season Markets

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday:

March 9th

March 23rd

April 13th

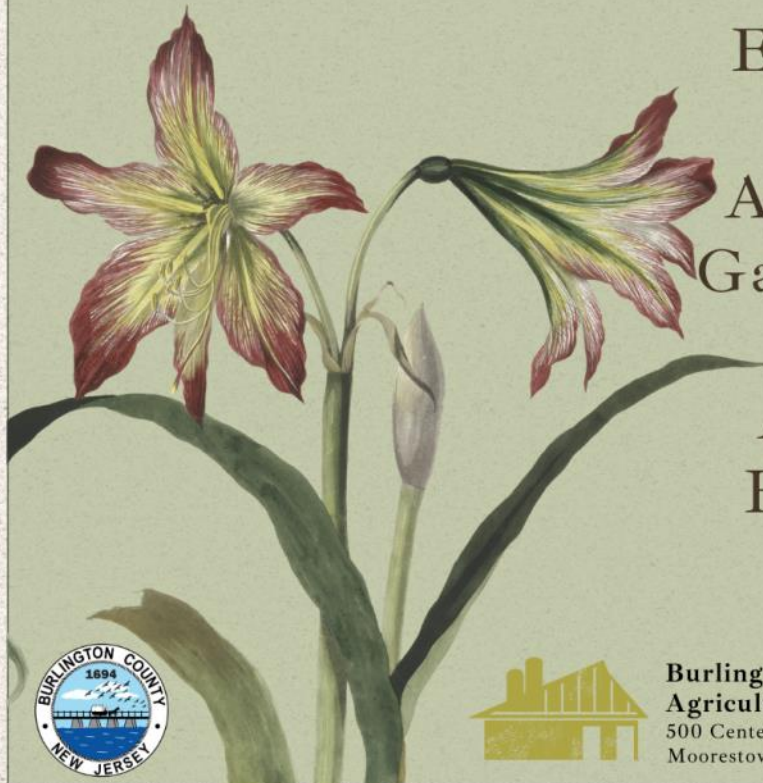
April 27th

10am - 1pm



Opening Day of the Regular Season!

May 11th *8:30am - 1pm*



Early Season Veggies
Native Plants
Annuals & Perennials
Garden-Themed Demos
Herb Starters
Artisans & Crafters
Hands-On Activities
Live Music



Burlington County
Agricultural Center
500 Centerton Rd.
Moorestown, NJ

 [burleoafarmersmarket](https://www.instagram.com/burleoafarmersmarket)
 Burlington County Farmers Market
www.burlcoagcenter.com

EARTH FAIR

Sunday
April 21
11 AM - 4 PM

Historic Smithville Park
Eastampton, NJ

Presentations & Demos
Music
Artisan Marketplace
Music
Plant Swap
Kids Activities
Sustainable Living Tent
Food Trucks
Beer Garden



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May Faire IN WONDERLAND

Sunday, May 19, 2024
11 AM - 4 PM

Historic Smithville Park
Eastampton, NJ

Live Music & Entertainment • Mad Hatters Tree Party
Wonderland Wandering Characters • Kids Crafts
Craft Market & Demonstrations • History Organizations
Storytelling • Croquet • Lawn Chess • May Pole
Morris Dancers • Horse & Carriage Rides
Antique Bicycles • 19th Century Baseball Game

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SMITHVILLE SOUND DAY

- ◆ Experiment with sound using electronic instruments.
- ◆ Try one of our synthesizers or bring your own.
- ◆ Jam out, make friends and learn about music.
- ◆ Performances by local musicians.

MAR 7:
Noisy Noises

APR 4:
SP-80

MAY 2:
Bent Noise

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Historic Smithville Park
Annex Art Gallery
803 Smithville Road
Eastampton, NJ 08060

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Health & Fitness



TOBATA by Toby

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21, 28

FREE — Registration required. [Register Here](#)

Tobata by Toby is an exciting interval class focused on improving cardiovascular fitness and muscle endurance with featured movements done in intervals followed by a rest period. Students are encouraged to go at their own pace, and will be encouraged to increase one's fitness level as they progress. This class meets at the Burlington County Lyceum, at 307 High St., Mt. Holly. Bring an exercise mat. Exercise resistance bands and dumbbells strongly urged.

Zumba

Burlington County Agricultural Center

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | May 7, 14, 21, 28

FREE — Registration required. [Register Here](#)

Get a fantastic Zumba workout with fitness instructor Aldona. Zumba incorporates a variety of dance moves, promotes a healthy heart and a healthy dose of aerobic activity, is a great way to build and tone muscles, improves cardio, promotes flexibility, and, best of all, decreases stress. This class is 60 minutes and takes place at the Agricultural Center barn at 500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown.

Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mar 5, 12 & 19

FREE — Registration required. [Register Here](#)

Slow down your week with Holly Carrington with a vinyasa flow yoga class. Self care is extremely important. Yoga provides an opportunity for you to tune into the mind and body and to find moments on your mat that can easily translate into moments of your life. Through breathing techniques, a calming and uplifting environment, an inclusive community and a flowy sequence we are offered the chance to be in the present moment to recenter ourselves and find gratitude. This class meets at the Burlington County Lyceum, at 307 High St., Mt. Holly. Bring a yoga mat.



Yoga (Outdoors)

Burlington County Agricultural Center

Tuesdays | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mar 26 | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | May 7, 14, 21, 28

FREE — Registration required [Register Here](#)

Slow down your week with Holly Carrington with a vinyasa flow yoga class. Self care is extremely important. Yoga provides an opportunity for you to tune into the mind and body and to find moments on your mat that can easily translate into moments of your life. Through breathing techniques, a calming and uplifting environment, an inclusive community and a flowy sequence we are offered the chance to be in the present moment to recenter ourselves and find gratitude. This class will take place outdoors on the front lawn of the Farmhouse at the Burlington County Agricultural Center, 500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown. Bring a yoga mat.

Health & Fitness

Country Line Dancing

Burlington County Agricultural Center

Wednesdays | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 | Apr 3, 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

FREE — Registration required. [Register Here](#)

Country Line Dancing is in full swing! Did you ever want to learn Country Line Dances? Now is your chance! Show off your skills or learn the basics! Instructor Jeremy Duncan will be giving lessons throughout the day. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Each class takes place at the Agricultural Center barn at 500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown. The dancing begins at 11 and continues until 2 pm. **Make sure to bring a chair.**



Lunchtime Fitness Walk

Historic Smithville Park

Thursdays | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Mar 14, Apr 18 & May 16

FREE — Registration required. [Register Here](#)

Walking outdoors is an excellent opportunity to exercise, appreciate nature and meet new friends. Join us for a moderately paced, one hour fitness walk. The route is approximately 2.5 miles with some elevation and stairs. Make sure to wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes and bring some water. Meet Naturalist Gina outside the Smithville Visitor Center and let's get moving! **Miles: 2.5**
Difficulty: moderate; includes stairs/slight elevation and our floating walk-way. Age 8+



Outdoor Adventures

Overnight Camping with the Rangers

Historic Smithville Park

Friday, April 5 | 6:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Crystal Lake Park

Friday, April 19 | 6:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Join our Park Rangers for an overnight camping experience in the park. Go for a sunset hike with the sights and sounds of the seasonal night life in our park followed by a campfire under the moonlight.

Bring your own tent and camping gear. Severe weather will postpone the event, registrants will be notified. Special instructions will be emailed to all registrants. **Free—Registration required.**
Be sure to register all members of your party.



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TUESDAY TALKS & FRIDAY FORUMS

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays.

FREE-Registration is required. Ages 11+

Winter Waterfowl Walk

Rainbow Meadow Park

Tuesday, March 12 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Friday, March 15 | 12:30 PM [Register Here](#)

March is the most dynamic month in the lives of migratory waterfowl. The main stem of the Rancocas Creek is tidal and often a good place to view winter waterfowl species that are getting ready to return to their northern breeding grounds. Join us for a short 1-mile walk to hopefully glimpse some of these species.

Spring Wildflower Hike

Crystal Lake Park

Tuesday, April 9 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Friday, April 12 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Observe unique spring ephemeral wildflowers on this guided hike. This hike includes some steep slopes as well as one short flat paved portion. Please wear proper footwear with treads for hiking on uneven, slippery, and root-laden terrain. Bring a walking stick or hiking poles if you have them.

Signs of Spring

Long Bridge Park

Tuesday, April 23 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Friday, April 26 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Signs of spring are all around us by late April. Take a walk around Long Bridge Park to experience all the budding flowers, new migratory birds just arriving, frogs, butterflies, and more!

Birding

Amico Island Park

Tuesday, May 14 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Friday, May 17 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Amico Island in mid-May is positively filled with birds and bird song! In addition to observing migratory bird species, we'll also have the opportunity to see young great blue herons in the rookery. This walk around the perimeter of the park includes some uneven and rocky surfaces. Binoculars are a must.

Late Spring Extravaganza

Smith's Woods

Tuesday, May 28 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Friday, May 31 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Join us for a 2-mile walk around Smith's Woods to observe nesting bird species, turtles, butterflies, and beautiful wildflowers. There is so much to see and experience at this time of year! Binoculars are a must.

Nocturnal Birds

Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area

Monday, March 4 | 5:45 PM

During this walk beginning at sunset, learn about the American Woodcock while observing their unusual courtship display performed at dusk. Then we will continue around the trail loop to listen for owls calling. Bird observations not guaranteed.

FREE - Registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

There is a strict limit of participants. Ages 11+.

Difficulty: Easy; natural terrain. Miles: 1

Squirrel Stroll

Smith's Woods

Monday, March 11

10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

Smith's Woods

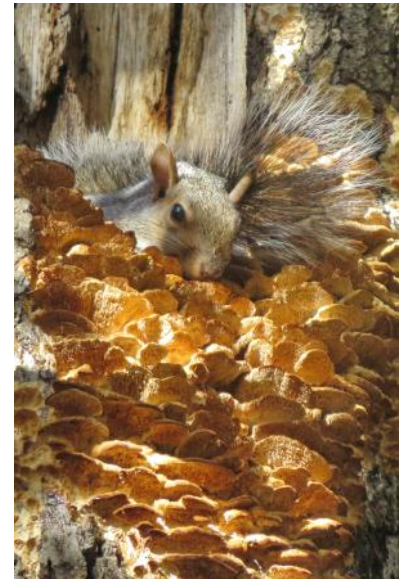
Wednesday, March 13

5:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

It's no secret that squirrels are among the most recognizable and abundant mammals in North America! But what exactly are they up to?

March is a great time of year to learn about Eastern Gray Squirrels in New Jersey as they are busy caring for their newborn babies. Naturalist Gina will discuss their life history characteristics on this leisurely nature walk as we observe squirrels and look for signs of squirrels. **Ages 5+.** **Difficulty: Easy, natural terrain.** **Miles: 1-2** **FREE-Registration required.**



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Rancocas Hike: Where History and Nature Intersect

Rancocas State Park (Hainesport section)

Wednesday, March 20 | 10:00 AM

Step back in time at Rancocas State Park! Hundreds of years of anthropogenic influence on the land is still visible - if you know where to look. Here you will meet your guides, Parks Historian Eric Orange and Park Naturalist Gina DiMaio who will lead you through the rugged trails discussing both cultural and natural history. **NOTE: there are no restrooms at this location. Ages 12+. Difficulty: Moderate; sandy/natural terrain with some ascents and descents. Miles: TBD** Hike meets at the Deacon Road entrance. **FREE—Registration is required.**

[Register Here](#)

Sounds of the Night

Long Bridge Park

Friday, March 22 | 7:00 PM

In early spring, the woods, fields, and wetlands are alive with sounds of all kinds when the sun goes down. On this walk around Long Bridge Park, listen for nocturnal birds, insects, and frogs. Learn about the species that communicate at night with Naturalist Jen Bulava and local amphibian expert Dr. Carlos Martínez Rivera, Curator of Living Collections at the DaVinci Science Center. **Ages 11+.**

Difficulty: Easy; natural terrain. Miles: 1-2

FREE - Registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

Rancocas Hike: March Into Spring

Rancocas State Park (Hainesport section)

Saturday, March 23 | 9:00 AM

Early spring is the perfect season to explore the trails in between the “forks of the Rancocas”. Join Ranger Dave and Naturalist Gina to explore and learn more about this rugged park. Together we’ll hike through various habitats with opportunities for a few picturesque creekside views.

NOTE: there are no restrooms at this location. Ages 10+.

Difficulty: Moderate; sandy/natural terrain with some ascents and descents. Miles: 2-4 FREE—Registration is required. [Register Here](#)

Spring Equinox Sunset Walk

Arney’s Mount Park

Tuesday, March 19 | 6:00 PM

Celebrate the first day of astronomical spring with an interpretive nature walk as the sun sets. Join naturalist Gina, for a moderately paced walk, on a paved path suitable for all abilities. We’ll observe a variety of changes in nature and welcome the fresh start this season brings. Binoculars and cameras are encouraged.

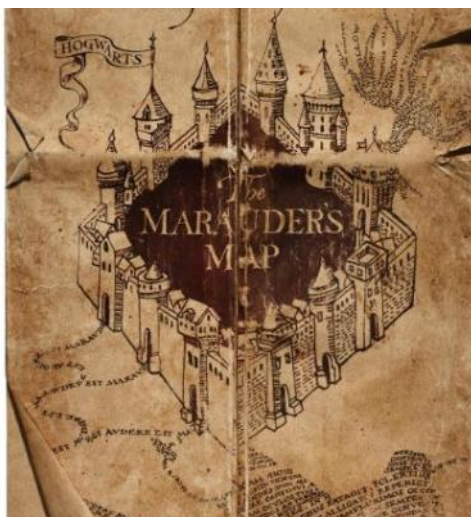
All ages welcome.

Difficulty: Easy/Moderate, paved paths, crushed aggregate stairs and some elevation. Miles: 2.5

FREE - Registration is required. [Register Here](#)



Photo by Gina DiMaio



Harry Potter Marauders Map Adventure

Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, April 13 | 1:00 PM

Free—Registration is required. NO WALK-UPS ACCEPTED.

[Register Here](#)

Get your wands ready! Follow in Harry, Ron, and Hermione’s footsteps using a special map to find 10 hidden clues around Smithville Park. This program is a fantastic and fun way to learn orienteering with a map! Some trails are not suitable or accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. Costumes are welcome but not required!

Maximum of 6 people per party. Miles: 2. Ages 8+

Rain date: Sunday, April 14

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Moonlit Walk

Pennington Park (Worm Moon)

Monday, March 25 | 7:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Smith's Woods (Pink Moon)

Tuesday, April 23 | 8:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Ever wonder what nocturnal creatures come out after the parks close? Join Naturalist Gina and a Park Ranger for this opportunity to explore our parks after dark. We'll listen and watch for nocturnal wildlife while admiring constellations, planets, and satellites. Leave the bright white flashlights at home and allow your eyes to adjust.

All ages welcome. Difficulty: Easy/Moderate, terrain varies depending on location. Miles: 1-2.

FREE - Registration required. No walk-ups accepted. www.bit.ly/burlico-register

Spring Sensory Walk

Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area

Tuesday, April 2 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Spring break is here! Get outside this week for a walk in our Parks. We will have a special sensory walk for families with children ages 5-12. Stations will be set up along the trail that require you to stop and use all of your senses to experience nature at its fullest. There is so much to see, smell, hear, and touch; just follow the instructions on the cards at each of the stations. A naturalist will be present to get you started and to hear about what you found at the end. **Ages 5-12 with adult.**

Difficulty: Easy; flat terrain; crushed aggregate trails/wooden boardwalks. FREE—Registration required.

Life that Glows

Arney's Mount Park

Friday, April 5 | 7:30 PM [Register Here](#)

This exciting program involves using special UV flashlights that allow us to see UV-induced visible fluorescence, an amazing phenomenon that would normally be invisible to us. Various plants, invertebrates, mushrooms and more glow in different dazzling colors at night. Observations from these walks can help us to understand why certain organisms glow and reveal possible adaptive advantages. Each time we go out on these walks, we could observe something new to science! Led by Senior Park Naturalist Jen Bulava. **Ages 10+ There is a strict limit of participants and supplies. FREE - Registration is required.**

LECTURE: Poison, Venom, & Spines; Oh My!

Moorestown Library

Monday, April 8 | 2:00 PM

Lions, tigers, and bears? Compared to other places in the world, we live in a place that is relatively free of dangerous creatures. However, there are still quite a few plants, fungi, and especially small animals that we need to be wary of. In this photographic slide show, participants will learn how to identify poisonous plants and fungi to avoid contact with them. Certain arachnids, stinging caterpillars, wasps, mosquitoes, and other small animals have defenses that could potentially be harmful to people. Learning how to recognize them and compare them to similar species is very useful so we can better enjoy the outdoors. **FREE - Register via the [Moorestown Library website calendar](#) or call the Reference Desk at 856-234-0333.**



Mad Hatter's Tree Party

Historic Smithville Park

Sunday, May 19 | 11:00 AM—3:30 PM

FREE—NO Registration is required! All ages Welcome!

We're all mad here! Participants will embark on a scavenger hunt (taking place during our May Faire Festival) to discover the cultural and natural history of 5 species of trees. Those who successfully complete this **tree-mendous** adventure are invited to a tea party to celebrate what you've learned back at the "pop-up nature center". You might even get to meet the Mad Hatter!

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Star Watches

Historic Smithville Park

Wednesday, April 10 | 7:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Wednesday, May 8 | 8:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Join the West Jersey Astronomical Society for an evening of stargazing! Look through a variety of telescopes at planets, stars, and galaxies. Learn about constellations and ask questions about our solar system with knowledgeable club members. Guests are also encouraged to bring binoculars for viewing the night sky. Don't forget a chair or blanket so you are comfortable. Meets in the big field event area of Smithville Park. **FREE—Registration required.**

Geology Walk

Delaware River Heritage Trail

Wednesday, April 17 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

During this geology walk on the Delaware River Heritage Trail, participants will learn about the Delaware River, the former Roebling steel mill site, Crafts Creek, sand and clay mining, brick making, and much more. The walk will be 1.5 miles one way from Roebling Park to the Kinkora Tunnel under Rt. 130 for a total round trip of 3 miles on a paved path. Meets at the parking lot at the end of 2nd Ave in Roebling, just 500 feet from the Roebling Museum. Participants are encouraged to visit the nearby museum on another day (Thursday through Saturday) for a complete experience and understanding of this historical landmark. Led by Pierre Lacombe, retired USGS geologist. **Ages 10+ Difficulty: Easy/Moderate; paved path and sloping grassy lawn. Miles: 3 FREE—Registration required.**



Birding 101

Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, April 13 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Pennington Park

Monday, April 15 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Historic Smithville Park

Thursday, April 18 | 5:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Birding is a fun and popular form of recreation, but it can be challenging and overwhelming as a beginner to know where

to start. This program is for those interested in beginning birding, suitable for adults and children ages 9 and up. Learn the essential basics for bird identification, tips for choosing binoculars, how to use binoculars, and birding do's and don'ts. Join our naturalists in the field to see for yourself how enjoyable birding can be!

Ages 9+ Difficulty: Easy/Moderate; combination of paved paths and natural terrain. Miles: 1-2 FREE—Registration required.

Spring Frog Walk

Historic Smithville Park

Thursday, April 25 | 6:30 PM [Register Here](#)

With 32 species of toads, frogs, salamanders, and newts, NJ is a unique amphibian hotspot in the region. Come learn about your croaking neighbors during the Spring Frog Walk with Dr. Carlos Martínez Rivera, Curator of Living Collections at the DaVinci Science Center. We will walk into the nearby woods and wetlands in our parks to look and listen for amphibian species. Wear rubber boots or shoes you don't mind getting muddy. **Ages 10+ Difficulty: Easy; natural terrain. Miles: 1-2 FREE—Registration required.**



Volunteer Service Project: Park Cleanups

Amico Island Park

Saturday, April 27 | 9:00 AM

Willingboro Lakes Park

Saturday, May 4 | 9:00 AM

To register, cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us

Help keep our environment clean and green! Participate in cleaning up litter that has made its way into the park. Bags, gloves, and grabbers will be provided. Please bring your own water and snacks, if needed. If you need community service hours, please register by 4PM the day before the event.

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Burlington Birding Bonanza

Boundary Creek, Rainbow Meadow & Rancocas Pointe Trail

Saturday, May 11 | 8:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Discover and appreciate the diversity of avian life in your own backyard! There's no better time to observe birds than during spring migration. Participants will try to find as many species of birds as possible while traveling between the Rancocas Pointe Trail, Boundary Creek, and Rainbow Meadow Park. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Bring lunch and prepare to spend most of the day. **Ages 13+** **Miles: 3** **FREE - Registration is required.**

Wetlands & Watersheds

Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area

Monday, May 13 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Thursday, May 16 | 6:00 PM [Register Here](#)

May is American Wetlands Month! These diverse habitats support a variety of species - including many that are threatened and endangered. Join us to learn about our local watershed, why wetlands are so important, and the ecology of freshwater macroinvertebrates. This program will be led by Park Naturalist, Gina DiMaio and our local NJ AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador, Stephen Snyder. **Ages 8+**. **Miles: 1. Difficulty: Easy, flat terrain, crushed aggregate trails/wooden boardwalks.** **FREE—Registration is required.**

Mountain Laurel Walk

Historic Smithville Park

Sunday, May 19 | 5:00 PM

What do mountain laurel, blueberries, and ghost pipe have in common? They are all members of the same plant family! Come along on a nature walk with Naturalist Gina to "ooh" and "ahh" at the stunning floral display our native mountain laurel puts on each year. Participants will learn about the natural history of mountain laurel and are sure to leave with a deeper appreciation for this native species. **Ages 8+ to adult. Difficulty: Easy, natural terrain. Miles: 1-2. FREE—Registration required. [Register Here](#)**



Spring Botany Basics

Arney's Mount Park

Monday, May 20 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Arney's Mount Park

Thursday, May 23 | 5:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Join naturalist Gina to learn botany basics and discover a variety of plant species at Burlington County's newest park. We will discuss botanical terminology and walk the park trails to practice what we learn. **Ages 10+ to adult. Difficulty: Easy/Moderate: paved paths, crushed aggregate, some elevation and stairs. Miles 1** **FREE -Registration is required.**

Hogwarts is Here: The Science of Harry Potter

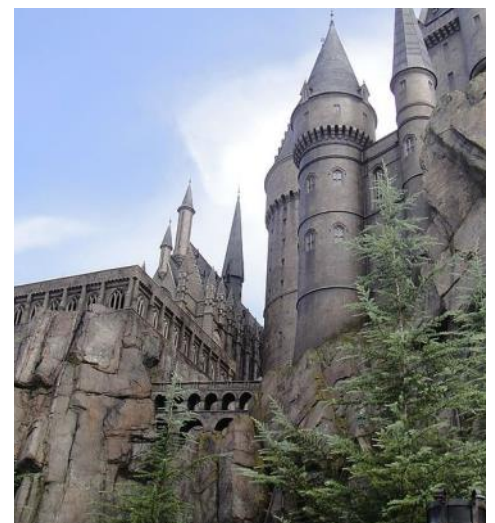
Historic Smithville Park | Saturday, June 1 | 10:00 AM

Free—Registration is required. [Register Here](#)

NO WALK-INS PERMITTED.

If you ever wished you could be a Hogwarts student, this is your chance. Participants will rotate between 4 stations: Herbology, Transfiguration, Creatures, and wand woods with Mr. Ollivander. This program is a great way to learn about the real animals and plants in Smithville Park with a Harry Potter theme! For ages 8 and up. Costumes are welcome and encouraged but not required! Maximum of six people per party. Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge will have live animals, so pets are strictly forbidden. The total walking distance is about a half-mile only and is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

Rain Date Sunday June 2 at 10 AM



HISTORY

Burlington County Lyceum of History & Natural Sciences | 307 High Street | Mt. Holly

AFRICAN VIOLETS

Saturday, March 9 | 10:00 AM

Learn to grow beautiful African Violets and share the fun hobby with other growers. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information contact bfrenz2000@yahoo.com



1st Presbyterian Church, Mt. Holly

CHURCHES OF MOUNT HOLLY

Wednesday, March 13

10:00 AM

FREE — Registration required.

[Register Here](#)

Religion has always played a role in Mount Holly. This presentation will touch on the

history of the various denominations that call this place home, how and why they were formed, what makes each unique, and the people and traditions that make each an important part of our community.

HISTORIC NIGHTLIFE

Wednesday, April 10 | 10:00 AM

FREE — Registration required.

[Register Here](#)

Join us as we have some fun with what brought the area to life in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Opera houses, theaters, fairs, literary and science clubs and yes, of course, taverns. There was always something going on to entertain.



AFRICAN VIOLET CLUB OF BURLINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday, April 13 | 12:00 PM—4:00 PM

Join the African Violet Club of Burlington County for their annual flower show featuring hundreds of entries. Enjoy plants beautifully grown by Top Growers and the artful designs on display throughout the day. Plants will also be available for sale. For more information contact bfrenz2000@yahoo.com



THE CLARKE FAMILY AND THE BATTLE OF PRINCETON

Monday, April 15 | 7:00 PM

The Daughters of the American Revolution invite you to hear the history of the Clarke family and the Battle of Princeton. Presented by William Krakower, Resource Interpretive Specialist at Princeton Battlefield State Park. For more information contact cindiahrens19@gmail.com

LOCAL HEROES

Wednesday, May 8 | 10:00 AM

FREE — Registration required.

[Register Here](#)

A hero is not always someone who is remembered in our history books or has movies made about them. Often times heroes are those people who live among us, do extraordinary things and improve and change the lives of others without recognition. Join us as we remember those throughout Burlington County, past and present, who can be considered heroes.

HISTORY

Burlington County Lyceum of History & Natural Sciences | 307 High Street | Mt. Holly

FOOTSTEPS INTO THE PAST

2 Saturdays, March 23, April 27 & May 25

FREE — Registration required.

The Lyceum welcomes you to join us for a series of fun, interactive, educational programs for children and their families. A different topic will be covered each month and will include a story, craft, and movement activities. Parent or guardian must be present.



Alice Paul (1915) by Harris & Ewing

ALICE'S ALLIES

Saturday | March 23

History Seekers (5-8 years old) – 10 AM [Register Here](#)

History Hackers (9-12 years old) – 1 PM [Register Here](#)

Discover the story of a local hero, Alice Paul, who helped women to obtain the right to vote. Hear “Miss Paul and The President” by Dean Robbins. And paint a teacup.

PHILOSOPHERS OF THE WORLD

Saturday | April 27

History Seekers (5-8 years old) – 10 AM [Register Here](#)

History Hackers (9-12 years old) – 1 PM [Register Here](#)

Explore diversity and what makes us each a unique and essential part of our community. Hear “The Family Book” by Todd Parr. Draw your family and discover how you view yourself. Create a wreath for display. And learn a traditional Albanian dance.

REMEMBRANCE

Saturday | May 25

History Seekers (5-8 years old) – 10 AM [Register Here](#)

History Hackers (9-12 years old) – 1 PM [Register Here](#)

In honor of Memorial Day, remember our local military heroes through exploration of the Robert Yancey, Sr. collection. Mr. Yancey was a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Hear “Memorial Day” by Emma Carlson Berne. Make a paper kite. And visit the local cemetery to place flags on the grave of those who have sacrificed for our freedom.



VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, March 25 | 7:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Monday, April 22 | 7:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Monday, May 20 | 7:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Join Marisa Bozarth, Museum Curator of History, for a fun, relaxed, evening of trivia. Each month will feature three categories relating to history, art, science, literature, and pop culture. Each game will take place on Zoom and will last approximately 90 minutes. FREE — Registration required.

History
TRIVIA
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SELECT MONDAYS
ON ZOOM
7:00 pm

A FUN, RELAXED GAME OF TRIVIA.

HISTORY

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton

DISCOVER THE LOWER VILLAGE AT HISTORIC SMITHVILLE

Wednesday, April 17 | 10:00 AM

FREE — Registration required.

[Register Here](#)

Join Parks Historian Eric Orange on this 1 mile walk to the Lower Village at Smithville. Much has changed in this area of the park, but the clues to the past are in plain sight if you know where to look. The walk will begin at the Visitor Center.

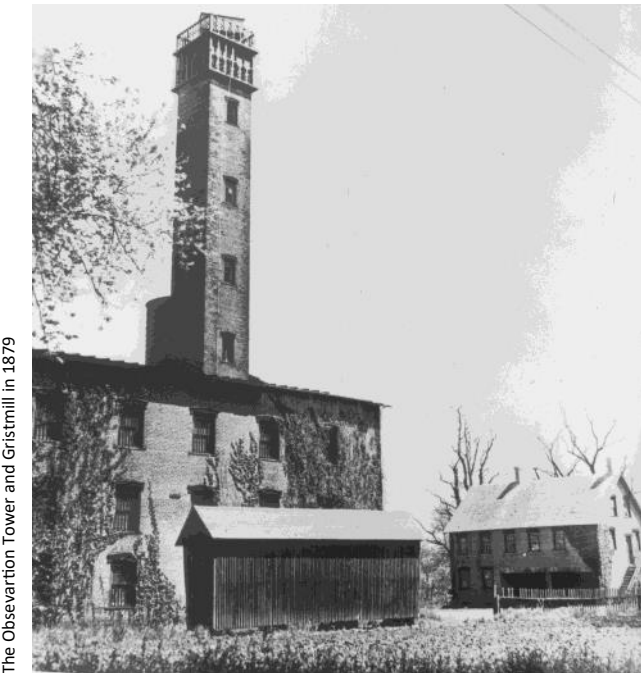
DISCOVER THE FARM COMPLEX AT HISTORIC SMITHVILLE

Wednesday, May 15 | 10:00 AM

FREE — Registration required.

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The Observation Tower and Gristmill in 1879



Photo by Jen Bullava

Friends of the Mansion At Smithville present:

ST. PATTY'S DAY TEA



Saturday, March 16 | 12:00 PM

Immerse yourself in history and enjoy tea with a holiday flair at the Smithville Mansion. \$30.00 per person. Reservations are required and can be made online at: www.smithvillemansion.org.

KENTUCKY DERBY TEA



Saturday, May 4 | 12:00 PM

Raise a teacup to celebrate the first race of the Triple Crown in the historic setting of the Smithville Mansion. \$30.00 per person. Reservations are requested and can be made online at: www.smithvillemansion.org.

2024 TOUR SEASON AT SMITHVILLE MANSION

Thursdays & Sundays, Beginning May 2

12:00 PM, 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM

Adults \$10.00 Seniors & Students \$8.00. Special group rates are available for a group of 10 or more people. School groups are welcome.

For more information about events, email: sleinbach@smithvillemansion.org



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HISTORY

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Historic Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County New Jersey



Spring Events

Earth Fair | Sunday, April 21

Open for Tours

Guest Speaker: TBA

May Faire | Sunday, May 19

Open for Tours

Guest Speaker: TBA



The museum offers visitors a visual presentation of the Underground Railroad experience in America, with emphasis on New Jersey and Burlington County where the Underground Railroad flourished before the Civil War.

The museum is an independent organization. Please visit <http://www.hugrrmbc.org> or the Underground Railroad Museum Facebook page for more details and tour information.

Mission Statement

The Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County is dedicated to keeping history alive- connecting the past to the present through the acquisition and presentation of historical artifacts and materials while giving voices to history through creative expression in art, music, and the "spoken word"

All audiences are welcome, especially those who have had limited access to historical truths.

Hours of Operation

Friday (Private Tours) 12PM - 4:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday 12 PM - 4:00 PM

To schedule a private tour please email info@hugrrmbc.org or call 609-914-1675

Lighting the way with truths that connect the past with the present.

Art Exhibits, Classes & Events

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Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

Located upstairs inside the historic Smithville Mansion, the gallery features juried and themed fine art and photography exhibits and hosts the annual Burlington County Teen Arts Exhibit and Annual Juried Art Show.

January 18 – April 6

The Annex Gallery will be closed for renovations.

Burlington County Senior Art Show

April 18 – June 22

Reception: April 19, 1-3 pm

The annual Burlington County Senior Art Show features many beautiful works of the County's seniors ages 60 and older. Throughout the exhibit, you will see a unique collection including original paintings, drawings, and photography. Come enjoy the talent of local senior artists, showcasing their art in the Annex Gallery.

Teen Arts State Selections Exhibit

April 18 – June 22

Reception: May 19, 1-3 pm

Visit Historic Smithville Park to view works by the talented teens of Burlington County. Schools throughout the region came together for the Burlington County Teen Arts Festival in March and will be represented in the exhibit. The artwork was selected by professional adjudicators to be displayed in the exhibit and will move on to the state competition. This will be a great opportunity for students, families, and the community to see the artwork in a gallery setting.



Mixed Media by Sherry McGrath



Follow the Arts!



Gallery Hours: Thursday-Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM | Sunday: 12 - 4 PM

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to give two weeks advance notification by calling (609) 265-5858

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Art Exhibits, Classes & Events

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Worker's House Gallery

Built between 1865 and 1870, this duplex, nestled in The Smithville Village, housed H.B. Smith's workers along with their families during the factory's operation. Exhibits focus on handcrafts and group exhibits.

Dolls of Distinction

January 25 – April 6

Through positive imaging and play, the dolls in this exhibition address the issues of racism. Play is key to the function of dolls and doll making. It is integral to developing bodies, minds, and emotions and the nature of humanity for both children and adults. The exhibition is grouped in themes that include Royalty, Kings and Queens, Village Gathering, History Makers, The Obama Collection, Folk Women, and Black Women Sororities. Also included are Folk art dolls by doll artists and an array of African American Quilts.

Temporary Landscapes: A H Smith

April 18 – June 29

Reception: April 26, 5-7 pm

Art Smith, an artist, educator, and writer, was born in Pittsburgh PA, and relocated to Arizona in the 1960s. This exhibition, Temporary Landscapes, focuses on Smith's work from the last 7 years, made while living in New Jersey. He has explored painting the Rancocas Creek and its tributaries and has chosen to focus on water, a rare commodity in Arizona. Just as the Rancocas Creek changes with the seasons, his memories of the desert transform through the filter of time, allowing his interior landscapes to shift and evolve.

This collection of artworks includes assemblages made from found objects, ephemera, old photographs, and tintypes. Smith's mixed-media paintings employ acrylic, graphite, color pencil, pastel, chalk, and collage.



Doll from the collection of Queen Nur



Assemblage by A H Smith

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150 High Street | Mount Holly



Warden's House Gallery

Completed in 1888, this house, which is attached to the Historic Prison Museum, once served as the warden's living quarters. It is the permanent home of the Hugh Campbell collection and also highlights works by emerging artists.

2023 New Jersey State Teen Arts Touring Exhibit

February 1 — April 13, 2024

This exhibition features the selected paintings, drawings, and photographs created by some of the most talented visual art students across the state.

The pieces featured in the exhibition were selected from hundreds of entries submitted to local county teen arts festivals and then nominated to be showcased in the touring exhibition.

ONGOING: Hugh Campbell Collection: A Local Odyssey

2nd Floor Exhibit

Hugh H. Campbell, self-taught artist, published author, and philosopher, captured his views of everyday life in his hometown of Mount Holly and the surrounding fields, forests, and creeks through both paint and words.

Sometimes called the "Van Gogh of Mount Holly," he painted voraciously and then lined his many canvases along a wall on High Street to sell.

This rotating exhibit includes works and artifacts from Burlington County's extensive archives.



Painting by Ellen Rosenholtz

The Art of Ellen Rosenholtz

April 25 – June 15

Reception: May 19, 5-7 pm

The work of Ellen Rosenholtz brings attention to the balance or unbalance between the natural and man-made, native and invasive, and wild and tamed in the rich and varied ecosystems of the New Jersey Pine Barrens, ocean, and forested lands. Her work focuses on the intersection between flora and fauna and the human connection to landscape, enlarging the micro in a macro world.

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Art Exhibits, Classes & Events

Explore Drawing

Workers House Gallery

Tuesdays 5:30 PM—7:00 PM

March 26: Vine Charcoal—Rocks [Register Here](#)

April 23: Conte' Crayons—Keys [Register Here](#)

May 28: Colored Pencils—Feathers [Register Here](#)

FREE | Registration Required

Spring into Drawing for Adults and Teens 12 + Up. Each month a new theme and medium, directly from a still life to draw "what you see" not "what you think you see." Gain skills by completing a drawing using our materials or bring your own. Any artistic level is welcome.

Instructor: Leeannwyn Stoner



Paint Boldly: Spring Flowers

Smithville Mansion

Annex Gallery

Tuesday, May 7

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

\$10 | Ages 15 +

Registration Required

[Register Here](#)

Join in a 2-hour instructional painting workshop for adults and teens 15+ that celebrates SPRING with bold colors and flowers. Learn about how color and brush stroke work to make this expressive flower painting. Step-by-step guide to painting on canvas board with color mixing, paint and brush application and techniques. We supply all the materials. Any artistic level welcomed! Instructor: Leeannwyn Stoner

Ms. Stoner is a working artist and Fine Art instructor, teaching and instilling in her students that drawing is the basis of all creative arts.



Art & Coffee Breaks | Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

FREE | All Ages | No Registration Required. Enjoy coffee and refreshments while listening to music and making art!

Dream Poetry | Thursday, March 14 | 5:30—8:00 PM

In honor of Jack Kerouac's birth month, performance poet Marshall James Kavanaugh will lead an evening of collaborative poetry and typewriters. Themes will include the Beat Generation, Jazz music, Springtime blooms, and dreams.

Philadelphia Typewriter will be bringing an assortment of typewriters from different eras to try out with tips on machine use, typewriter history, writing prompts and typewritten calligrams.

Participate in the collaborative poem, write some poetry of your own, or just play with some typewriters and enjoy a little Jack Kerouac-era jazz by Tamer Tewfik.



Tile Mosaics

Thursday, May 9 | 5:30—8:00 PM

Be inspired by the sounds of acoustic duo, Rouvan, work with glass artist, Deb DiMarco to create a unique tile mosaic made from found and salvaged materials.

Art Exhibits, Classes & Events



Block Printing on Fabric: Print your own Cotton Tea Towel

Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery
Wednesday, May 1 | 5 PM - 7 PM

\$10 | Ages 15 + | Registration Required

[Register Here](#)

Block printing is the process of carving a stamp out of linoleum, wood, foam, rubber, or even potatoes and transferring that image onto paper, textiles and more. Simple designs can turn into a stunning pattern through repetition. No previous experience required. Instructor: Nicole Eiland

Ms. Eiland earned her bachelor's degree in printmaking / bookarts at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

Long Stitch Book Binding

Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery
2 Wednesdays

May 15 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

May 22 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

\$20 | Ages 15 +

Registration Required

[Register Here](#)

During this book binding course, participants will have the opportunity to make and take home a multi section book, using a Longstitch sewing method.

The sewing is exposed as a feature on the outside cover spine of the book. Inside the book, space between the pages allows for the optional addition of paper based materials if necessary.

Although this type of book structure has a contemporary appearance in a hardbound cover, it is a bookbinder's sewing technique with medieval origins.

This book structure is versatile and the sewing method can be applied to hard & soft back covers.

All equipment and materials will be provided for the workshop. This workshop is designed for participants with or without bookbinding experience.

Instructor: Nicole Eiland



Introduction to Pinhole Photography

Workers House Gallery, Historic Smithville Park

2 Wednesdays

April 10 | 5 PM - 7 PM

April 17 | 5 PM - 7 PM

\$10 | Ages 12 + Registration Required | [Register Here](#)

Join Heather Palecek and Sandra C. Davis for this two session workshop. **On April 10**, Heather will lead an immersive 2-hour workshop, where you'll learn the history of pinhole photography, explore different types of camera builds, make your own pinhole camera, and discuss composition and technique. We'll then head outside together to photograph Smithville Park with your new pinhole cameras!

On April 17, meet with Sandra and learn to develop your pinhole photographs in a darkroom. No experience necessary!

Note: We will not be building cameras on April 17.



Photo by Heather Palecek



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Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

French County Cassoulet

Thursday, March 7 | 6:00 PM

\$65 | French cassoulet was a “peasant” dish, very popular amongst the less affluent French population, and its deep flavor and simplicity made it a French tradition. We’ll dive into the history and proper ingredients and technique that go into to making this classic French dish. Participants will work together with our chef to learn timing, procedure, and the best way to serve a delicious traditional cassoulet.



Lebanese Kofta with Hummus and Pita

Tuesday, March 12 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Do you love grilled meat but inwardly groan, “Not another burger!”? Learn to make a Middle Eastern Kofta, a flavorful spiced meatball-shaped to fit perfectly on wooden skewers for grilling or baking. You’ll start with yeast and flour to make our pita dough. While its resting, season and form your kofta. You’ll fry your pita while the kofta is cooking, then chef Tamara will demonstrate a quick and easy hummus. We will eat together as a class.



Kimchi and the Science of Cold Fermentation

Wednesday, March 13
4:00 PM

\$45 | Learn to use the science of lacto-fermentation to make this classic Korean condiment. You will chop and shred the vegetables, then enjoy a kimchi cheddar melt while waiting for your cabbage to sweat. You’ll return to your vegetables to finish your kimchi, then package to age and enjoy at home.



Preserving! Quick Pickles

Monday, March 18 | 6:00 PM

\$50 | At the end of summer, gardens are bursting with produce and we hustle to preserve the harvest. Pickling is an easy way to save almost all vegetables. We’re going to tackle quick pickling, also known as refrigerator pickling. No need for boiling water or a canning kit, in this session we will make a variety of quick pickles with different fruits and veggies and talk about the many variations of spicing to help you create the most flavorful, crunchy and healthy snacks. We’ll enjoy some premade examples in class.

To register, visit: www.burlcoagcenter.com/class-schedule/



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Kids in the Kitchen: Fresh Dressings and Croutons

Saturday, March 23 | 10:00 AM

\$45 | Our Kids in the Kitchen series brings parents, grandparents, and children together in the kitchen. Forget the bottle! Fresh salad dressings not only taste better, they are better for you. While you get hands on preparing a variety of fresh vinaigrettes and dressings, we'll discuss trends in salad dressings, why herbs pack a big flavor punch, and how get the right texture without fillers. You'll make your own fresh croutons and bottle your dressings to take home. We will enjoy some of what we have made in class together as well.

(Each registration includes one adult and one child 8 years old or older.)

Healing Elderberry Syrup

Wednesday, April 10 | 6:00 PM

\$40 | For centuries, elderberries have been used to create syrups and tonics for medicinal purposes. They also taste great. The elderberry is a North American native plant (*Sambucus nigra*) whose fruit is high in antioxidants, vitamin A, Vitamin C, potassium, folate and iron. We will be making our own elderberry syrup, bottling it to take home and enjoy as a tonic, or in cooking. During class we'll discuss its best uses and some fun ways to experiment with this elixir.



Kids in the Kitchen: Kitchen Scrap Garden!

Saturday, April 20 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Kitchen scraps are plentiful in a busy kitchen and many of those scraps will regrow for you! While we create quick dish to eat together, you'll plant a windowsill garden with the vegetable "scraps." Participants will eat what we make together in class and go home with the skills to keep regrowing some easy vegetables.

Blue Butterfly Pea Flower

Monday, April 22

6:00 PM

\$40 | The blue butterfly pea flower is native to Indonesia where it is used as a medicinal plant and a natural food coloring. This gentian blue flower makes a lovely tea and has a few spectacular uses in the kitchen. During class, we'll make a blue butterfly tea to enjoy while we make a blue butterfly pea sugar to bring home. This sugar can be used in a variety of ways, and when combines with certain ingredients its color shifts to vivid violet. During class we'll talk recipes and the ways to use this magical flower in the kitchen.



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Powerful Pestos

Wednesday, May 1 | 6:00 PM

\$40 | Pesto is so much more than basil and pine nuts! We will discuss the variety of pestos and how to pair them. We will be making pestos using herbs besides basil, using peppers and even make a dairy free version as well. You will be eating some in class and bringing some home so be sure to bring a container.

Spring Onion Galette with Buttermilk Ricotta

Wednesday, May 8 | 6:00 PM

\$45 | Galette is the heartier, rustic version of pie. Free form and baked right on the baking sheet, these pastries can be sweet or savory. We'll start by making the dough. While the dough chills, we'll show you how to make fresh milk into silky ricotta, then build the filling for your galettes to bake and enjoy in class.

Make Your Own: Irresistible Infusions

Tuesday, May 21 | 6:00 PM

\$40 | Infusion is a way of transferring flavor from an original source (a fruit, an herb) into another substance (vinegar, water, alcohol, sugar, salt). Infused creations make great gifts and are a delicious addition to your cooking techniques. In this class you'll learn the principals of infusing flavor, the differences between liquid versus solid infusions, all while we get hands on infusing both a vinegar and an oil. We'll talk about the many variations and gift ideas you can try out in your own kitchen. Please bring 2 tightly sealed container to take your infusions home.

Cooking with Botanicals; Compound Butters, Butter Boards and Candles

Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00 PM

\$45 | Learn to use spring blossoms, fresh herbs and shoots to make flavorful and visually stunning butter creations. We'll start with compound butters, combining your favorite seasonings with colorful botanicals into 2 forms that you can use to enhance everything from steak to veggies. We will demonstrate how to make a butter candle and then work together to create pinterest-worthy butter boards for you to enjoy at home. As always, we will discuss flavor combinations and what to eat with your butter art.



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Gardening & Horticulture Workshops

KIDS IN THE GARDEN SERIES Plants, Plants, Plants!

4-Week Series on Plants: March 23—April 13

These classes are hands on make and play sessions. We will be outdoors, weather permitting, and have indoor space in case of inclement weather. The classes are designed as drop off classes, but each ticket includes a supervising adult if you are more comfortable staying. We encourage you to sign up for all four classes in the series, but it is not mandatory. \$20 per class.



Seed Super Powers

**Saturday, March 23
10:00 AM**

\$20 | Did you know that seeds travel as hitchhikers, on the wind and water, and by expulsion? Your child will make an exploding seed, help seeds to float and be a hitchhiker with seeds. We will make and taste sunflower seed butter, then use our seed butter to create a pinecone birdfeeder to take home.

Foods That Grow From Seeds

Saturday, March 30 | 10:00 AM

\$20 | All our fabulous fruits and vegetables grow from seeds! In this class we will taste food that grows from seed, we'll dissect a seed and learn about its parts, we'll make homemade lemonade together and prepare a lemon seed for planting.

Chomp, Chomp, Carnivorous Plants

**Saturday, April 6
10:00 AM**

\$20 | Learn about common carnivorous plants and how they live. Catch "bugs" like a Venus flytrap in a puppet game, wear big catcher vests to catch "bugs" like a sundew. We'll play a pitcher plant game and an aquatic carnivorous plant game. And we'll make a Venus flytrap puppet to take home.



Planting Day

Saturday, April 13 | 10:00 AM

\$20 | It's spring and seeds are sprouting soon. We'll plant a mini garden of flowering plants to take home, go on a pollinator hunt and play a pollination game together.



Prepping Seedlings for the Spring Garden

Monday, March 25 | 6:00 PM

\$30 | While the weather is still chilly, let's plan for the new season! We'll talk about seedling care for your early starts and review potential pests and problems that can affect indoor seedlings. Liam from Homebody Farm will answer your questions about starting seeds indoor, winter sowing, and transplanting into the garden successfully. We'll have some seedlings to share as well.

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KIDS IN THE GARDEN SERIES

Let's Shellebrate Turtles!

4-Week Series on Turtles: April 20—May 19

These classes are hands on make and play sessions. We will be outdoors, weather permitting, and have indoor space in case of inclement weather. The classes are designed as drop off classes, but each ticket includes a supervising adult if you are more comfortable staying. We encourage you to sign up for all four classes in the series, but it is not mandatory. \$20 per class.

Eggs, Predators and Life Cycle



Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 AM

\$20 | Learn all about turtles in this fun, play and make class with Miss Mindy of Mindy's Den. We'll talk about turtle life cycle, predators and turtle eggs, make and "hatch" turtle eggs, play the predator tag game to help our turtles lay eggs and make a craft together.

Anatomy

Saturday, April 28 | 10:00 AM

\$20 | We'll play the "dress the turtle" game to learn turtle anatomy, make our own felt turtle to take home, and discover the strength of a turtle's shell!

Brumation and Turtle Hurdles

Saturday, May 5 | 10:00 AM

\$20 | In this session we learn about turtle brumation and how that differs from hibernation. Learn all about how turtles survive over winter in this fun, play and make class with Miss Mindy or Mindy's Den. We'll do the "turtle hurdles obstacle course to learn about threats to turtle survival and make models of how turtles live in the winter.

Turtle or Tortoise

Saturday, May 19 | 10:00 AM

\$20 | In this session we talk about the difference between turtles and tortoises. We'll play a game to learn the difference between these two creatures, and we'll make a clay turtle to take home.



To register, visit: www.burlcoagcenter.com/class-schedule/

••••• **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS** •••••
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Woodsy Wonderers

(Ages 2-6)

Fridays | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

March 1, 8, 15, 22 | April 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17 (no classes March 29 & April 5)

Our Woodsy Wonderers program continues this Spring in 2024. Geared for ages 2 to 6 years with parental participation required. Each class will include a story, a natural area exploration, student-led inquiry, and free play. Based on the “forest schools” concept, this outdoor education model focuses on student interactions with natural spaces and offers hands-on learning in a woodland environment. This program is 100% outdoors and held rain or shine unless conditions are unsafe. Cost: (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership) \$15/per child/per class. Register for 5 or more classes for \$12/per child/per class.

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Nature Nurturers

(Ages 7-9)

Fridays | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

March 1, 8, 15, 22 | April 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17 (no classes March 29 & April 5)

Designed for homeschoolers, this 2-hour conservation-based nature program runs simultaneously with our Woodsy Wonderers (for ages 2 to 6). Each week we will explore a way to help nature through hands-on projects in our Butterfly Garden/Caterpillar Cottage, our Bee Hotel, our Dragonfly Pond, our Children’s Garden or somewhere on the Rancocas Nature Center’s trails and grounds. Parents are welcome to come along.

Cost: (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership) \$15/per child/per class. Register for 5 or more classes for \$12/per child/per class. Register online at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Science Outdoors (Ages 11-15)

Fridays | Times TBD

March 15, 22 | April 12, 19, 26 | May 3, 11 (a Saturday), May 17

The Rancocas Nature Center is a great place for older elementary and middle school homeschool students ages 11 to 15 years to discover the sciences. In this 2-hour program, students will get to experience the diversity of New Jersey and its many wonderful habitats. Each one is its own unique classroom. The nature center will be partnering with Sue Slotterback of 2nd Nature~Connections, to study and explore the Delaware River Basin. We will visit several locations within this watershed to better understand the natural history of the area. STEM concepts, soil and water, animal interactions, history, ecology, and environmental issues will be integrated into our educational activities and field trips. Field trip days will meet at the location sites. Directions will be sent to registrants. Parents are welcome to attend. Registration is limited. This program is held outdoors-- inclement weather cancels. All programs are at the Rancocas Nature Center unless noted otherwise. Cost (with a current Rancocas membership): \$135.00/per student for the spring semester. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Friday, March 15: Introducing the Delaware River Basin and Intro to salt, brackish, and freshwater habitats, and food webs. At the Rancocas Nature Center with Mary Belko.

Friday, March 22: Horseshoe Crabs along the Delaware Bayshore: Horseshoe Crab Lab. At the Rancocas Nature Center with Sue Slotterback and Mary Belko.

Friday, March 29 and Friday, April—Spring Break—No Classes

Friday, April 12: Field trip 1: at Palmyra Cove: Springs awakening and the Delaware River and Bird Migration with Mary Belko.

Friday, April 19: Exploring history along NJ waterways--looking into the past. At the Rancocas Nature Center with Mary Belko.

Friday, April 26: Field Trip 2—at Big Timber Creek Park, Camden County and Gabriel Daveis Tavern--history along Timber Creek and Gloucester Township with Mary Belko.

Friday, May 3: Shorebird migration and the NJ’s coastal areas. At the Rancocas Nature Center with Mary Belko.

Saturday, May 11: Family Field Trip—at Fortescue: Downe Twp, Horseshoe Crab Festival. With Mary Belko and Sue Slotterback.



Rancocas Nature Center

794 Rancocas Road, Westampton, NJ 08060 | www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

••••• CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS •••••

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Little Sprouts (Ages 2-6)

Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM

March 13, 20, 27 | April 10, 17, 24 | May 1

May 7 (a Tuesday), May 15, 22 & 29

This gardening program is for ages 2 to 6 years-old accompanied by an adult. Each session will focus on a different aspect of gardening and include work time in the garden. Please dress accordingly. Inclement weather cancels. Program is free, (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership).

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

School's Out: Drop in and Meet the Rancocas Animals

Friday, March 29 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 4 | 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Are you home from school this week? A naturalist will be available at the center to share a hands-on session with the Rancocas resident reptiles and tree frogs. All visitors are welcome. If the weather is nice, bring your lunch--our picnic area will be open, and enjoy a hike on the trails--free trail maps are available in the nature center. NOTE: The Rancocas Nature Center is a carry-in/carry-out facility. Program is free; FRNC membership and/or a donation is suggested. Registration is not required.

Rancocas Nature Center Volunteer Days

Sundays | 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

March 3, April 7, May 5

Volunteer to help with a myriad list of preserve stewardship projects. Details and sign-up links can be found on the Rancocas Nature Center website at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org. For youth ages 13 to 17 (with parental consent). Volunteer time can be applied toward scout/youth Conservation Hours. Parents are welcome to volunteer, too. Inclement weather cancels.

BSA Scout Merit Badge: Environmental Science

Rancocas Nature Center

Sunday, March 24 | 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Pollution Workshop

Sunday, April 7 | 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Ecology Workshop and Invasive Removal

Independent assignments: Requirements 3C, 3E, and 6, see our Google Classroom for further instructions. You will be invited after registering. Is your scout looking to complete their BSA Environmental Science badge? Both our certified merit badge counselors have backgrounds related to the material. Real-life scenarios are used to develop a better understanding of some of today's issues and challenges, as well as some of the successes. This is a pretty hefty badge and our counselors have worked hard to make this badge meaningful, but manageable. Please talk to us before considering this as a first badge. Participants must attend both workshops and participate and complete all activities. Most activities will be done together, at least in part. Scouts will be invited to our Google classroom, where most communication outside of the workshops takes place. Parents should take the time to explore the Google classroom and assignments with their scout as soon as they receive their invite. Cost: \$50/per scout.

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

For questions/information, contact

meritbadges@rancocasnaturecenter.org



BSA Scout Merit Badge: Environmental Science

Sunday, May 5 | 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Birding Field Trip: Bird study

Sunday, May 19 | 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Pollution Workshop at Rancocas Nature Center

Independent Assignments: Requirements 1 & 11
Earn your Scouts BSA Bird Study Badge with a certified merit badge counselor at the Rancocas Nature Center. The badge has been simplified into two sessions, a workshop, and a birding field trip, and required independent assignments. Most requirements are done together with the class. Attendance is mandatory for both in-person sessions. Bring a lunch and drink to the session. Cost: \$45/per scout. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org
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Interpretive Trail Hike

Sundays | 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

March 3, April 7 & May 5

Join Rancocas Nature Center for an interpretive hike through our varied habitats. It's a great way to become familiar with the trails. Bring a camera and/or binoculars as we'll be sure to stop at scenic spots along the way. The hike is suitable for all ages 5+, so you'll need a child carrier to transport younger children. Registration is limited to 20 participants. Inclement weather cancels. FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Amazing Amphibians

Saturday | April 6, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

New Jersey is home to a large variety of frogs, toads, and salamanders. Amphibians play a vital role in our ecosystem, however populations are declining at an alarming rate. In this presentation by naturalist Michelle Horowitz we'll explore how to identify some of the common species in New Jersey, the benefits of amphibians in our environment, and how you can help conserve them. After the presentation we will explore the center's ponds and fields to look for frogs and toads.

FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

EARTH DAY: Action & Art

Saturday | April 20

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Let's make Earth Day, every day! Join us by volunteering for an hour or two this Earth Day weekend by helping at the Rancocas Nature Center. We will be focusing on increasing the biodiversity of the flora and fauna in our meadow by helping plant native plants and removing invasive species. Drop by the Art Station to help create a collaborative "Bottle Cap Mosaic" for the Nature Center! It will be made from plastic bottle caps that have been diverted from landfills and waiting for their moment to shine! Adults and/or families are invited to attend. Program is free. Registration is not required.



Star Watch /Astronomy Night

Thursday, May 2 | 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

The Rancocas Nature Center hosts the West Jersey Astronomical Society for an evening under the stars. Knowledgeable society members will assemble an array of telescopes and other optics and guide the novice and more experienced observers through the spring night sky. Please bring a flashlight and chair (optional). Cost: FRNC members, \$10/person, \$35/family (limit 5); nonmembers, \$15/person, \$45/family (limit 5). Pay upon arrival. Register online at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

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American Woodcocks & Their Aerial Displays

Sunday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 6

5:15 PM to 6:30 PM (Register for one session only)

Each year in the late winter, the American Woodcock move northward at the beginning of their breeding season. One of their migration stops is the Rancocas meadow—a reliable spot to catch the male of the species perform a fascinating aerial display to impress the female Woodcocks. Rancocas naturalist Patti Rehn will share an informative PPT presentation at the Center, then lead an outdoor session in the meadow—a unique viewing opportunity. This is a joint program with Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. Inclement weather cancels.

FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested.

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Hump Day Afternoon Hike

Wednesdays | 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

March 6 & 13

Like to hike, but don't like doing it alone? Come on out for a brisk hike in nature—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day. Breathe deep, relax, and enjoy the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. Inclement weather cancels.

FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested.

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Young at Heart

Senior Adult Series (55+)

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

March 12 & 26 | April 9 & 23 | May 14 & 28

Reminisce and share your stories as we meet and explore some of our Nature Center and its local animals. Each hands-on, interactive program will focus on an animal or plant typically from our area. The program will be 30 to 45 minutes followed by an optional 30 to 45-minute guided stroll on our easier trails. FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Saturday Guided Walks

Saturdays | 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

March 16, April 20, May 18

Studies show that taking a walk in a natural area is good for your physical and mental health. Adults and interested teens can join Rancocas Nature Center for a Saturday guided hike in the preserve. Inclement weather cancels. FREE - FRNC membership or donation suggested.

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Hump Day After-Work Hikes

Wednesdays | 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

March 20, 13, 20, 27 | April 3, 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 29 | June 5, 12

Like to hike, but don't like doing it alone? Come on out for a brisk hike in nature—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day. Breathe deep, relax, and enjoy the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. Inclement weather cancels.

FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested.

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

March Fixer-Upper Day

Sunday, March 24 | 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

All are welcome. The Rancocas Nature Center needs help with mini construction projects around the grounds, including our Music Wall and Butterfly/Caterpillar Cottage. We are looking to spruce things up in time for spring. Details and sign-up link can be found on the Rancocas Nature Center website at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org



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Birds & Birding Basics

Saturday, April 27

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Birding is a great way to connect with nature in your own backyard. Start on a lifetime of observing our colorful feathered friends. This program is for beginning birders of all ages. Engaging activities will introduce participants to bird topography, bird classification, bird ID skills, and bird behavior. The morning includes a walk to look and listen for resident and migrant birds on the Rancocas grounds. Free- FRNC membership or a donation is suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org



The Magic of Spring Migration

Saturday, May 11 | 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Discover the magic of spring migration as we celebrate World Migratory Bird Day! Spring brings a plethora of avian visitors to New Jersey. In this presentation by naturalist Michelle Horowitz, we'll explore why birds migrate, the obstacles they face, and how to identify common migrant species. A hike around the center to look for spring migrants will follow the presentation. All are welcome! Free- FRNC membership or a donation is suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Introduction to Nature & Forest Therapy: An Immersive Seminar at Rancocas Nature Center

Saturday, March 23 | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Connecting with Nature has been shown to have many benefits ... to you, to your connection with others, and to Nature itself. Leave your worries behind and settle into this in-depth seminar where you'll be guided through a brief orientation of Nature & Forest Therapy is (also known as "Forest Bathing"), the research-backed benefits of engaging in a guided walk or session, what happens during a typical session, and several invitations to get you started on a wellness practice and an effective way to manage stress.

Seminar topics in this Introduction include:

- What is "Nature & Forest Therapy" & how does it compare to "forest bathing", a brief history of the practice, the stories & language used;
- Threshold of Connection - entering into a space; awarenesses, the importance of learning and acknowledging the history of the land & tenders of a space;
- Invitation to Liminal Time - the therapy of Nature; sensory awareness; circles of gathering & sharing, an invitation to Sit Spot;
- Threshold of Incorporation -introducing & returning;
- Wild Tea.

After lunch we will venture into the forest to enjoy a Nature & Forest Therapy walk. Upon registration you will receive an email which contains a map with directions and other information you will need to support yourself in this seminar.

Cost: \$50.00/per person (proceeds benefit the Rancocas Nature Center)

Register at: www.forestbathingfinder.com/product/rancocas-nature-center-2/



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Spring Bird Walks at Rancocas

Wednesday, April 24 | 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Thursday, May 2 | 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Looking New Jersey and Burlington County fall within the eastern flyway for spring migration. This is an amazing time of year to see many species of birds not in our area at other times. Rancocas naturalists will lead multiple spring walks through various habitats to see how many species of birds we can record in the preserve that week. All skill levels are welcome! Possible sightings will include migrants and seasonal and year-round residents. Bring binoculars and walking shoes. Loaner binoculars available. Inclement weather cancels. Program is suitable for adults and interested teens. Free- FRNC membership or a donation is suggested.

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Spring Nature Journaling Hike

Saturday, May 18

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bring your nature journal/sketchbook and join Teacher-Naturalist Robin Sperry for a hike on Rancocas State Park trails and record some of the wonders of spring. Inclement weather cancels.

Free- FRNC membership or a donation suggested. Register at

www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

ESCAPE ART SERIES

Looking to get out of the house and get art & crafty?

Join us for an afternoon of art making and fun! Space is limited.

Open to adults and ages 16+. This program will be held indoors.

Cost: \$25/per person/per session (all supplies included).

Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Fairy Garden in a Flower Pot

Sunday, March 17 | 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Always wanted a fairy garden, but didn't know how to go about it? Join us for an afternoon of inspiration and creativity! Bring your own pot (suited for indoors and shorter and wider works best) and we will provide the rest. Each participant gets a small fairy house to decorate and a choice of several live plants. Pebbles, moss, soil, shells, and other small objects will be provided, but feel free to bring extra goodies to embellish your world.

Flora Captured in Plaster Garden

Sunday, May 19 | 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Looking for something interesting to do to engage your creative side? Join us for this indoor/outdoor art activity that captures the beauty of spring! This process involves using natural items (flowers, leaves, etc.) to make a mold in clay, that is then cast in plaster. The plaster cast will be hardened and ready to take home by the end of the session, complete with a hanger on the back!



••••• **ADULT & TEEN FIELD TRIPS** •••••
 SUITABLE FOR INTERESTED TEENS | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Photo by Jen Bulava



Birding Salem County

Sunday, March 17 | 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join Rancocas staff and birder/naturalist Mark Pensiero for a day of birding and nature observations in Salem County during the pre-spring season. The day's focus will be waterfowl, raptors, and cranes. Several locations will be visited. Meeting location: Woodstown Super Wawa located at the junction of Route 40 and Route 45 in Salem County. Participants need to provide their own transportation. Inclement weather cancels.

FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Taylor's Preserve Field Trip

Saturday, March 23 | 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

This site is a local gem. It features varied habitat and trails along the Delaware River. Early spring might offer views of migrants like phoebes and Red-winged Blackbirds in addition to late winter waterfowl and other species. Directions are sent to registrants prior to the trip date. Inclement weather cancels.

FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Black Run Preserve Field Trip

Saturday, April 20 | 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Not everyone is familiar with this preserved open space in the Rancocas Creek Watershed. A myriad of trails through diverse landscapes offer habitat for a variety of fauna and flora species. The timing later in April has the opportunity for observing a good number of migrants. Inclement weather cancels. FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

Bird Walk at Chesterfield Farms

Saturday, May 1 | 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Join Mary Belko and Audrey Dorofy for a bird walk at this organic fruit farm. Habitat includes an open field, a riparian woodland edge, and an orchard. We will visit the onsite barn swallow sanctuary, and hopefully, some bald eagles and/or kestrels will make an appearance. Wear comfortable, waterproof shoes/boots, and it is suggested to bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and binoculars. Request loaner binoculars if you need them. Inclement weather cancels. FREE — FRNC membership or donation suggested. Register at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org



RANCOCAS AFFILIATED CLUB MEETINGS RNC Outdoor Photography Club

Thursdays | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM | March 7, April 4 & May 2

All Are Welcome! Club meets the first Thursday of every month in the Rancocas Nature Center classroom or at a designated alternative outdoor location. Contact rnccphotoclub@gmail.com for details.

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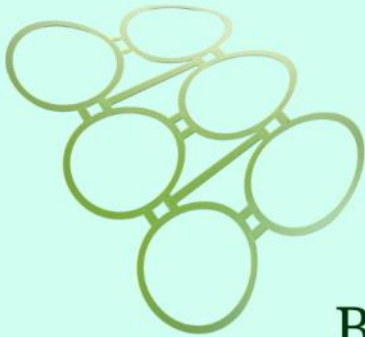
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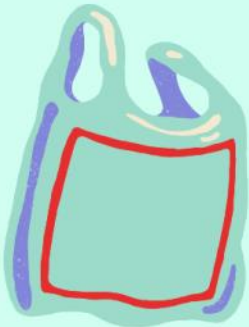


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