

Summer Park Programs

The following is a sample of the 2017 summer programs available at York County Parks. A complete program list may be found at www.yorkcountyparks.org.

Summer Reading Program and GO York! Kick-Off Event

Saturday, June 3 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Children birth to 18 are invited to “Build a Better World” with York County Libraries this summer. Read, attend programs, go on hikes, and win prizes all summer long. Bring your library card and register at this event. There will also be face painting, reading assistance dogs and more! Pack a picnic lunch and check out the amazing nature center at Nixon Park.

Creature Feature

Thursdays, June 8, 15 and 22, and July 13, 20 and 27 from 11:00am-11:30am

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Nixon Park’s Teen Program Volunteers will explore a different creature each week of this 6-week series. They will discuss the natural history, behaviors, and needs of a different creature using props and possibly a live specimen. Best for ages 4-10.

Moonlight Bike Rides

Saturday, June 10

Rail Trail, Glatfelter Station Parking Area

Saturday, July 8

Rail Trail, Seven Valleys Parking Area

Saturday, August 12

Rail Trail, Hanover Junction Parking Area

All Rides Start at 8:30pm

Take a 9-mile ride under a bright moon. See the Rail Trail under dark conditions. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the ride. Each rider must have a helmet, a light and water. \$5, children under the age of 12 are free.

Park Excursions

Thursday, June 15, 11:00am and 1:00pm

John C. Rudy County Park,

Thursday, July 27, 11:00am, 1:00pm and 7:00pm

Rail Trail, Brillhart Station Parking Area

Using the park people-mover trailer and truck, see the many features of various York County parks. Ride duration is 60 minutes. Fee varies (\$7-10/person) depending on the park. Register at 717-840-7440.

Father’s Day Nature Walk

Sunday, June 18 from 2:30pm-4:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

The whole family can enjoy an exploration of the summer woods with Park Program Coordinator, Jeri Jones.

Reptile Week Nixon Park

Saturday, July 1-Sunday, July 9

Richard M. Nixon County Park

(Regular Hours)

Explore reptiles and amphibians from around the globe! This annual week of herpetology returns with live specimens, interactive education stations, and special weekend programs. Explore the Nature Center with your herpetology passport, collecting stamps from each region. Visitors are not permitted to bring pets to Nixon Park. \$2 per person for entire event; ages 5 and under free. Park members free.

Statewide Free Fishing Day

Monday, July 4

William H. Kain and Spring Valley County Parks

No fishing license is needed to fish on this day. It’s a great way to introduce a friend or relative to the lifelong sport of fishing. All other fishing regulations apply.

Saturday Stream Study

Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 30 from 10:30-11:30am and 1:00-2:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Search for salamander larva, insect larva and nymphs, and other stream critters along with a Park Naturalist. Must wear water shoes, old sneakers or rain boots, and have an extra pair of dry shoes. Visitors may not enter the stream on their own outside of a naturalist program. Register at 717-428-1961.



Moonlight Boat Rides

Fridays, July 21, August 4, and 18 at 8:30pm

William H. Kain County Park, Lake Redman Activity Area

Take a quiet ride on Lake Redman after dark to explore the world of nocturnal life. Explore the many inlets of the lake, but keep your eyes open for the bats!! A 30-minute astronomical tour around the sky is included. Refreshments will be available during the program. You may use a County-owned rowboat, pedal boat, canoe or kayak or your private boat. Participants need to bring their own flashlight for each boat. Floatation devices and rowing implements are furnished. Cost: \$30/couple if using a County-owned boat or \$20/couple for a private boat. Add \$5 for each individual. Please register by calling 717-840-7440.

Insect Safari in the Wetland

Sunday, July 23, 1:00-3:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Grab your boots and join Naturalist Gina Dotterweich for an exploration of our wetland's smallest and most abundant residents. Ages 8+.

DreamWrights Presents "The Taming of the Shrew"

Tuesday, July 25, 6:30pm

John C. Rudy County Park

Friday, July 28, 6:30pm

William H. Kain County Park, Lake Redman Activity Area

The adults and youth of this performing theatre company return to our stage for another year. Join Christopher Sly as he gets pranked by a wandering troupe of actors and watch one of Shakespeare's weirdest, fiercest love stories. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Family Fishing Program

Saturday, August 12 from 9:00am-12:00pm

William H. Kain County Park, Sparton Road Parking Area

No skill or equipment necessary. Adam Spangler from the PA Fish and Boat Commission will be on hand to help you start learning to fish or to sharpen your skills. Registration is required with Adam at 717-486-7352 or adspangler@pa.gov.

Meet and Greet the Caterpillars!

Sunday, August 13 from 2:00-4:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

See live caterpillars and chrysalises up close. Drop in anytime and bring your butterfly and caterpillar questions.

Insects

Sunday, August 20 from 2:30-4:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Local insect authority Ryan Bridge will lead a dynamic, indoor, in-depth look at insects. A close-up view of both local and exotic specimens will reveal the incredible diversity of these six-legged wonders.