

SUMMER PARK PROGRAMS

The following is a sample of the 2018 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 2 from 10:00am-12:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Children 18 and under are invited to "GO and Make Music!" 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, therapy dogs and more! Pack a picnic lunch and check out the amazing nature center at Nixon Park.

StoryWalk® Activities

Every day between 8:00am and Dusk

John C. Rudy County Park, Administrative Headquarters Parking Area

Richard M. Nixon County Park, Nature Center Parking Area

Rocky Ridge County park, Oak Timbers Parking Area

William H. Kain County Park, Iron Stone Hill Road Parking Area

StoryWalk® helps families and young children combine hiking, outdoors and reading. Hike a short, self-guided trail (about a ¼ mile) reading pages of a story selected to have a theme that relates to the site. Enjoy a garden walk, a lakeside stroll, a forest hike, and patrol around a pond. These StoryWalk® activities are available 8:00am-dusk, every day. Look for the sign that leads you to the start of each StoryWalk®.

Woods Wander

Tuesdays, June 5 and 19, July 3 and 17, and August 7 from 10:00am-11:30am

Rocky Ridge County Park, Hidden Laurel Parking Area

Wander the woods with a naturalist to investigate anything you see, hear or find! You may attend one session or all five. This walk is for any age and may

go on different trails each week. Wanders should meet at the kids play area next to the Pheasant Pavilion. No fee. Register at 717-428-1961.

Creature Feature

Thursdays, June 7, 14 and 21, and July 12, 19 and 26 from 9:30am-10:00am and 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 may possibly a live specimen. Best for ages 5 and up.

Nocturnal Animals Storytime

Saturday, June 16 from 10:00am-11:15am

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Explore the topic of nocturnal animals during an interactive story and craft. Appropriate for ages 2-5 with an adult helper. Registration is required at 717-428-1961.

Father's Day Nature Walk

Sunday, June 17 from 2:30pm-4:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

The whole family can enjoy an exploration of the summer woods with Park Naturalist Kelsey Frey.

Family Nature Patrol

Thursdays, June 21 and 28 and July 5 from 6:00-7:30pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Adults and children will enjoy a mini summer camp experience together exploring nature hands-on during short staff-led hikes and activities. The three-week class ends during reptile week, with the final Thursday including a private tour of the nature center and the reptiles on display. Recommended for children ages 4-8 accompanied by an adult. Fee is \$25 for the series. Class size is limited; register at 717-840-7440.

Family Campout Night

Friday, June 22 at 7:00pm until Saturday, June 23 at 9:30am

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Bring the whole family, the tent and sleeping bags to snooze under the stars on the Nature Center lawn.

There will be a family scavenger hunt at dusk with prizes. Bring marshmallows and/or hot dogs for a nighttime snack around a campfire. Participants will also enjoy a light breakfast followed by a bird hike. Fee is \$10/person; children 2 and under free. Register at 717-428-1961.

Moonlight Bike Rides

Saturday, June 30

Rail Trail, Glen Rock Parking Area

Saturday, July 28

Rail Trail, Hanover Junction Parking Area

Both Rides Start at 8:30pm

Bring your own bicycle, light, water and helmet to take a 1.5-hour roundtrip ride in the fresh country air. This program is free with no registration required.

Reptile Week

Saturday, June 30 - Sunday, July 8

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 to collect stamps from each region. Visitors are not permitted to bring pets to Nixon Park. \$3 per person; ages 5 and under free. Park members free. Groups of 10 or more should register in advance at 717-428-1961.

Statewide Free Fishing Day

Wednesday, 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.

Fridays in a Stream

Friday, July 13

Rocky Ridge County Park

Friday, July 20

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Friday, July 27

Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site

All Events from 9:30am-11:00am

Spend one Friday or all three exploring a stream. This is a hands-on, feet-wet activity. Please

no open-toed shoes or sneakers. Rain boots recommended.

Insects Storytime

Saturday, July 21 from 10:00am-11:15am

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Explore the topic of insects during an interactive story and craft. Appropriate for ages 2-5 with an adult helper. No fee; registration is required at 717-428-1961.

Wading Birds Drop-In

Sunday, July 22 from 1:00-3:00pm

William H. Kain County Park, Iron Stone Hill Parking Lot

Drop-in on what lives around Lake Redman with Rachel Albright, Park Program Coordinator. Look through binoculars and spotting scopes for herons, egrets, ducks and maybe a kingfisher. Learn why these birds love hanging out in the shallow waters near the boardwalk. Suitable for ages 8 and up.

Boats and Birds

Sunday, August 5 from 9:00-11:00am

William H. Kain County Park, Lake Redman Activity Area

A slow paddle on Lake Redman during the cooler morning will allow close looks at the amazing birds that inhabit the shoreline. Egret, heron, kingbird and yellow warbler will greet you and Park Naturalist Andrew Wolfgang during this small group excursion. No birding experience necessary. Boating will be done in canoes or kayaks. Bring a snack, drink, field guide and binoculars. A limited number can be borrowed. Register at 717-428-1961.

Caterpillars Drop-In

Sunday, August 12 from 2:00-4:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Curious about the world of caterpillar and butterflies? Have questions about which native plants attract beneficial insects or about butterflies? Meet Deb Carman, Penn State Master Gardener and Butterfly Educator, and her leaf-chewing friends. Meet some live caterpillars and learn about their habits and required habitats. Bring your butterfly photos for identification.