

SUMMER PARK PROGRAMS

The following is a sample of the 2019 free and low-cost 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 1 from 10:00am-12:00pm
Richard M. Nixon County Park

York County Libraries are kicking off our SummerQuest: A Universe of Stories at Nixon Park. Bring your library card to pick up your program packet. There will be therapy dogs and more! Pack a picnic lunch and check out the amazing nature center at Nixon Park. SummerQuest early registration begins online on May 19th. Go to www.yorklibraries.org for more information.



Sharks and Shells Drop-In

Sunday, June 2, 2-4:00pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Drop-in, (come during any part of the program and stay for as long or as short as you want) on National Aquarium educator Lauren Albright, and Park Program Coordinator Rachel Albright to discover what treasures you might find walking the beach this summer. Explore shells and other animal artifacts. Learn the facts and myths about the sharks who patrol our coast. Suitable for ages 5 and up.

Public Star Watches

York County Astronomical Society volunteers host a public star watch on the second Saturday of the month.

Rudy Park Observatory

May-July 8-10pm.

Saturday, August 10, 8:00pm-12:00am, Star Watch & Perseid Meteor Shower.

Visit www.astro.york.com for more programs and information!

Creature Feature

Thursdays, June 6, 13 and 20, and July 11, 18 and 25 from 9:30am-10:00am and 11:00am-11:30am

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Nixon Park's teen volunteers will explore a different creature each week of this six-week series. They will discuss the natural history, behavior, and fun facts of each week using photos, props, and artifacts. Best for ages 5 & up.

Woods Wander

Wednesday, June 12, July 10, and August 7 from 10:00am-11:30am

Rocky Ridge County Park, Hidden Laurel Parking Area

The three Woods Wander Programs through June, July, and August will let you wander in the woods with a naturalist to investigate anything you see, hear, or find! You may attend one session or attend all three. This walk is for any age and may go on different trails each week. Wanderers should meet at the bulletin board found in parking area. Pre-registration until class is full, register at 717-428-1961.

Porch Talk: Alice Roosevelt is Coming to Town

Wednesday, June 12, 7-8pm

Hanover Junction Train Station

Former volunteer and historical reenactor, Mikele Stillman returns to discuss the significance of Alice's visit to the area. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Moonlight Bike Rides

Saturday, June 15 – **Rail Trail** - Brillhart Station, riding South

Saturday, July 13 – **Rail Trail** - Hanover Junction, riding North

Saturday, August 17 – **Rail Trail** - Seven Valleys, riding North

Start time is 8:30pm

Join the Sunset Scramble Bike Riders for an approximately 9-mile ride on the Heritage Rail Trail after dark. Starting time is 8:30pm. Bring your bike, light, and helmet.



Family Campout Night

Friday, June 21 at 7:00pm until Saturday, June 22 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 in celebration of the first day of summer! There will be family fun activities available. Bring marshmallows and/or hotdogs for a nighttime snack, we will provide a gourmet s'mores bar. Participants will enjoy a light breakfast followed by a sunrise hike with Program Coordinator, Rachel Albright. In the event of severe weather, sleeping will occur inside the Nature Center. \$10/person, children 2 and under free, register at 717-428-1961.

Family Bike Ride

Thursday, June 27, from 9-11:30am

Heritage Rail Trail, Hanover Junction Parking Area

Take a family-friendly ride with Andrew Wolfgang, Park Naturalist to discover the native flora and fauna along the rail trail. Ride is approximately 8 miles round trip. Riders

must be 10 or older, able to control bike in a group, and follow directions. Bring your bike. All participants must wear a helmet. A drink is recommended. To register call 717-428-1961.

Reptile Week – Saturday, June 29 – Sunday, July 7

Regular Hours, Open July 4th, Open Monday!

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Explore reptiles and amphibians from around the globe! This annual week of herpetology returns with live animals, interactive education stations, kids crafts, 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 the park. \$5 per person, ages 4 and under free. Park members free. Groups of 10 or more should call 717-428-1961 to register in advance.

Statewide Free Fishing Day

Thursday, 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.

Wading Birds Drop-In

Sunday, July 28 from 1:00-3:00pm

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

Drop-in (come during any part of the program & stay for as long or as short as you want) on what lives around Lake Redman with Andrew Wolfgang, Park Naturalist. 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.

Caterpillars Drop-In

Sunday, August 11, 2-4pm

Richard M. Nixon County Park

Curious about the world of caterpillars and butterflies? Drop-in (come during any part of the program & stay for as long or as short as you want) on Deb Carman, Penn State Master Gardener, Butterfly Educator, and her leaf-chewing friends. Meet some live caterpillars and learn about their habits and required habitats.