

# Lancaster County Parks Department

## Spring 2026 Program Listing



*Have you created an account with our online registration system? You can register for programs online and manage the entire family's schedules in one spot – go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/LancasterCountyParks> to sign up now!*

### **Toddler Tuesday: Maple Sugaring**

**Tuesday, March 3**

**10:00—10:45 AM**

**Up to Age 3**

**Pavilion 11**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through stories, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will see the process of turning maple sap into syrup. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, March 2. \$4.00 per child aged 12 months and up and \$1.00 per adult- infants are free.

### **Full Moon Walk: Worm Moon**

**Tuesday, March 3**

**6:30—7:30 PM**

**All Ages**

**Env. Center Parking Lot**

The March full moon is often called the worm moon. As the soil begins to warm and stir so do the worms. A Naturalist will guide you on a walk in the woods along the creek, around the pond and through the woods under this first full moon of springtime. We will look and listen to the beauty of nature at this time of the year. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, March 2. \$2.00 per person.

### **Hike Lancaster County: Central Park**

**Saturday, March 7**

**11:00—12:00 PM**

**All Ages**

**Pavilion 21**

Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for a spring hiking series designed to get kids and adults outside, active, and curious! Each hike will explore a different park in Lancaster County, highlighting the beauty of the season as it unfolds. Along the way, participants will learn basic plant identification, pick up hiking tips, and take part in fun activities that help everyone get to know each other. Don't forget sturdy shoes and water! Participants may attend one hike or join us for the whole series. This week we're at Lancaster County Central Park hiking the Mill Creek Trail. Meet at Pavilion 21, 823 Kiwanis Dr, Lancaster PA 17602. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, March 6. \$2.00 per person.

### **Homeschool Wednesday: Bird Beak Buffet**

**Wednesday, March 11**

**10:00—11:00 AM**

**Ages 6-10**

**Env. Center Classroom**

**11:15—12:15 PM**

Learn about bird beaks with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar. By studying the different bird beak shapes, we can learn what types of food they eat. We will then do a hands-on activity to pretend to be birds using their beaks to grab food. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, March 10. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

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**Swing into Science: Spring Scavenger Hunt****Ages 3 to 5****Thursday, March 12****10:00—11:00 AM****Env. Center Forebay**

Dust off your winter blues and stretch your legs while we explore the sights, sounds, smells, textures, and tastes of the coming warmer months. Join Naturalist Ivana Shandor as we explore our park with the aid of a Spring Scavenger Hunt. After every participant checks off enough items, they will choose a small prize and then join in some fun sensory outdoor games. This program is geared towards children 3-5 years, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, March 11. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

**Indoor Stream Explore****All Ages****Saturday, March 14****1:00—2:00 PM****Env. Center Classroom**

We will bring the creek to you at this indoor stream study. Look under rocks and leaf packs for cool stream critters from the comfort of our warm classroom. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, March 13. \$2.00 per person.

**Making Beeswax Wraps****All Ages****Monday, March 16****6:30—8:00 PM****Env. Center Classroom**

Beeswax has been used for generations and is very versatile. Its benefits include moisturizing and protecting skin by locking in moisture, being anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and possessing many antioxidant properties. Join Naturalist Katie Kruza for the evening to make beeswax wraps from scratch and take home your finished products. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, March 13. \$6.00 per participant.

**Munchkin Science: Predator and Prey****Ages 3 - 5****Tuesday, March 17****10:00—11:00 AM****Env. Center Classroom**

The Environmental Center has a wide variety of animal specimens, from furs, to skulls, to feathers to feet, which Munchkins will be able to explore as they learn from Naturalist Ann Strauss about predator and prey animals. Together we will take an 'animal signs' hike to see if we can find signs of real life predators and the animals on which they prey. This program is geared towards children age 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, March 16. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

**Tree Buds****All Ages****Thursday, March 19****1:00—2:00 PM****Env. Center Auditorium**

As Spring wakes up the woods, trees will begin growing again, unfurling their leaves in a uniquely beautiful display. Come on a hike with Naturalist Fisher Zban to learn about trees in springtime, and how to identify local native tree species in the absence of leaves. All ages are welcome! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, March 18. \$2 per person.

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**Spring Forth Fire**  
**Friday, March 20**

**6:30—8:00 PM**

**All Ages**  
**Campsite 3**

Spring is finally here! Celebrate the Vernal Equinox with a toasty campfire and listen for owls with Naturalist Karen Waltemyer. Bring chairs and something to drink. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, March 19. \$3.00 per person.

**Seed Starting**

**Saturday, March 21**

**2:30—3:30 PM**

**All Ages**  
**Env. Center Classroom**

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a seedling one, join Naturalist Fisher Zban to get your garden going for the 2026 growing season, and learn about the magic of plant propagation and reproduction. Seeds and soil will be provided. Once established, you can transfer your plants either outside into the ground or keep them in pots. Specific plant lineup may vary, but expect the likes of tomatoes, peppers, basil, mint, and more! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, March 20. \$3 per person.

**Micro-Madness!**

**Sunday, March 22**

**1:00—2:00 PM**

**All Ages**  
**Env. Center Auditorium**

March Madness with a microscopic twist! Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching to explore the tiny world around us using microscopes and hand lenses. After learning some micro basics, we'll take a short walk to collect samples, and then zoom in on mosses, mushrooms, microorganisms, fur, bones, and more. Whether you're a seasoned microscope user, haven't touched one since science class, or have never used one, this program is for you! Perfect for elementary through adult audiences. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, March 20. \$2.00 per person.

**Homeschool Wednesday: Rattlesnakes**

**Wednesday, March 25**

**10:00—11:00 AM**

**11:15—12:15 PM**

**Ages 6-10**  
**Env. Center Auditorium**

Join Naturalist Arianna Sindelar to learn about rattlesnakes and make your own rattling rattlesnake craft to take home. If there is time, we will go outside to look around for snakes waking up from their winter naps. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, March 24. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

**Swing into Science: To Dye For!**

**Thursday, March 26**

**10:00—11:00 AM**

**Ages 3 to 5**  
**Env. Center Classroom**

Join Naturalist Ivana Shandor for her springtime tradition of dyeing eggs using natural ingredients. While the eggs absorb many colors free of harsh chemicals, we learn about the history of this enjoyable past time and its relevance during this season. Examples of different sources of natural dye and how you can make your own will be provided as will a display of eggs from various feathered friends. Please bring up to six hard-boiled eggs per person (avoid store-bought hard-boiled eggs as they might be coated with wax) and dress for messy fun. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, March 25. \$5.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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**Beginner Woodcarving****Saturday, March 28****10:00—2:00 PM****Ages 14 and Up****Env. Center Classroom**

Adults and children 14 years and up can learn the basics of woodcarving during this beginner class taught by members of the Lancaster County Woodcarvers Association. The course will cover different knife cuts, knife sharpening techniques and carving safety. Participants will get to carve their own whistle and/or pelican. All materials, including loaner knives, and cut-proof gloves to be used at the program will be available. If you have your own carving knife or cut-proof gloves, please bring them along. Bring along a lunch and something to drink. Participants will need to sign a liability waiver at the program. Parents are welcome to drop off their children but must first see the naturalist to sign the liability waiver. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, March 27. \$8.00 per person

**Fixing Fragmented Habitats****Sunday, March 29****3:00—4:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Many species of wildlife are declining due to habitat loss. Everyone with a grassy yard has an opportunity to be a part of a solution to a problem called fragmented habitat. Your grassy yard is a blank canvas that can create homes for wildlife and offer food all year long. There is entirely too much lawn everywhere which breaks up shelter and food for wildlife, nectaring and egg laying sites for insects and safe places for fledgling birds. Come to this program to find out how to get started creating a haven for all creatures we share space with. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, March 27. \$2.00 per person.

**Munchkin Science: Bird Bash****Tuesday, March 31****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3 - 5****Env. Center Classroom**

Join Naturalist Ann Strauss as we celebrate birds with a 'Bird Bash'! At the party we will have bird puppets, bird calls, bird specimens, bird parts to examine under the microscope, and more. Each munchkin can make their own bird mask to take home and we will walk with our masks outside to see what live birds we can observe. This program is geared towards children age 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, March 30. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

**Homeschool Wednesday: Animal April Fools****Wednesday, April 1****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 6-10****Env. Center Auditorium****11:15—12:15 PM**

Celebrate April Fool's Day with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar and learn about the animal pranksters who use mimicry and trickery to fool others for survival. We will meet a live insect with a convincing snake routine and may pull some pranks of our own. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, March 31. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

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**Full Moon Walk: Pink and Budding Moon****Wednesday, April 1****8:00—9:00 PM****All Ages****Pavilion 21**

The April full moon is often called the pink or budding moon for the pink phlox and other flowers blooming at this time of the year. A Naturalist will guide you on a walk through the woods, and along the creek at the wildflower trail. We will look at and listen to the wonders of nature as the full moon shows us our way. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, March 31. \$2.00 per person.

**The Environment Egg Hunt****Saturday, April 4****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Field**

An Eastern Cottontail rabbit has visited the Environmental Center overnight and left behind lots of eggs full of candy and natural materials like acorns, leaves, seeds, and more. Naturalist Katie Kruza has been given specific instructions from the eastern cottontail that while the candy is yummy, only kids who collect eggs with natural resources and bring them back to her can trade them in for a special prize. Some items are far more valuable than others in the eyes of a park naturalist so trade Katie her favorite resources and you may receive a special prize. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, April 2. \$3.00 per person.

**Swing into Science: April Showers****Thursday, April 9****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3 to 5****Env. Center Classroom**

April is known for its showers (and warmer weather, breezes, longer days, etc.) Let's explore Meteorology and why this topic is so important to all the things alive in our park. We will apply our knowledge to experiments like creating a cloud in a jar and constructing our own kites out of basic materials to catch the wind outside, so please dress for the weather. We'll even play a fun game that exhibits the different types of weather this dynamic season experiences. This program is geared towards children 3-5 years, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, April 8. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

**Exploring the World of Mosses****Sunday, April 12****1:00—2:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Explore the enchanting world of mosses and lichens with Naturalist Stevie Kitching and celebrate these tiny, yet vital, organisms. Learn about the unique biology and importance of mosses and gain practical skills to help identify some common species. We will wrap up with a guided hike, where we'll search for wild mosses and practice identification techniques, so dress for the weather! Perfect for nature lovers, young aspiring scientists, or anyone curious about these easily overlooked wonders of nature especially elementary through adult audiences! Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, April 10. \$3.00 per person.

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**Munchkin Science: Wildflower Hike****Tuesday, April 14****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3 - 5****Pavilion 21**

Naturalist Ann Strauss will lead a spring hike along the Central Park Wildflower Trail. Munchkins will see the delicate fleeting flowers of this season as they walk the trail with mud on their boots and smells of spring in their nose. This program is geared towards children age 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings.

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**Hike Lancaster County: Chickies Rock****Saturday, April 18****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****880 Chickies Hill Rd.**

Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for a spring hiking series designed to get kids and adults outside, active, and curious! Each hike will explore a different park in Lancaster County, highlighting the beauty of the season as it unfolds. Along the way, participants will learn basic plant identification, pick up hiking tips, and take part in fun activities that help everyone get to know each other. This week's hike will take place at Chickies Rock County Park, and we will meet in the parking lot, *880 Chickies Hill Rd, Columbia, PA 17512*. Please note there are **no restrooms** on site, so plan ahead. Don't forget sturdy shoes and water. Participants may attend one hike or join us for the whole series. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, April 17. \$2.00 per person.

**Enchanting Ephemerals****Sunday, April 19****3:00—4:00 PM****All Ages****Pavilion 21**

Spring wildflowers are delicate beauties that stay with us for a short period of time earning the title ephemeral. Once the trees leaf out, and shade covers the areas the sun warmed from winter's grip, these enchanting beauties soon leave us. Join Naturalist Karen Waltemyer for a hike on the Wildflower Trail to get an up-close look at native ephemerals that have sprung up from the nutrient rich woodlands of Central Park. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, April 17. \$2.00 per person.

**Toddler Tuesday: Flowers****Tuesday, April 21****10:00—10:45 AM****Up to Age 3****Env. Center Classroom**

A hands-on program for our littlest ones, experience nature with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar through crafts, sensory activities, and so much more. This week we will explore the colors of flowers and play in the dirt to plant seeds to take home. This program is geared for toddlers up to age 3. Children over age 3 are welcome if accompanying younger siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, April 20. \$3.00 per child aged 12 months and up and \$1.00 per adult- infants are free.

**Eco-Brick Builders****Wednesday, April 22****6:00—7:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Auditorium**

Celebrate Earth Day with Naturalist Stevie Kitching by discovering how small changes can make a big environmental impact! We will learn about eco-bricks, simple but powerful tools for reducing plastic pollution, and why they're becoming a creative sustainability solution around the world. After learning the basics, we will roll up our sleeves and start making our own eco-brick to take home. A fun, empowering program that

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**Spring Wildflowers**

**Thursday, April 23**

**6:00—7:00 PM**

**All Ages**

**Pavilion 21**

Naturalist Ann Strauss leads a hike along the Central Park Wildflower Trail to view the ephemeral spring wildflowers. Among the flowers to see will be Blood Root, Dutchman's Breeches, Spring Beauties and more. Dress to hike the trail in spring conditions. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, April 22. \$2.00 per person.

**Swing into Science: Spring Flowers**

**Thursday, April 23**

**10:00—11:00 AM**

**Ages 3 to 5**

**Garden of 5 Senses**

Since April is known for its showers, now is a great time to plant seeds to transfer to your garden in the coming warmer months. Naturalist Ivana Shandor teaches the different parts of the seed, how they transform into plants, and what you can do to help your garden grow. We will even start some bean and sunflower seeds in newspaper pots that you can take home to plant. Afterwards we will hike around the Garden of 5 Senses (1050 Rockford Road, Lancaster, PA) to observe how the different plants in our park are gearing up for a busy growing season. Dress for messy and outdoor fun. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, April 22. \$4.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

**BEE Happy**

**Saturday, April 25**

**11:00—12:00 PM**

**All Ages**

**Env. Center Classroom**

Bee part of the celebration! Learn about the variety of special bee pollinators living right around you here in Lancaster County. Each fascinating species has its own habits, method of pollinating and construction of home. Participants will learn how to make a bee home to attract Mason bees to their porch or yard, and also plant seeds to take home for attracting bees later in the summer season. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, April 24. \$4.00 per person.

**Munchkin Science: Evening Hike**

**Tuesday, April 28**

**7:00—8:00 PM**

**All Ages**

**Env. Center Parking Lot**

Relish the beauty, smells and the sounds of spring. Evening is a wonderful time to observe and experience the natural world, especially in spring. Munchkin families may join Ann Strauss on an evening hike in Central Park, using their senses to guide them past Mill Creek and through the woods. We will look for critters that have recently emerged from the winter chill, and those that are glad it is behind. This program is geared towards children age 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, April 27. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

**Homeschool Wednesday: Earthworms**

**Wednesday, April 29**

**10:00—11:00 AM**

**11:15—12:15 PM**

**Ages 6-10**

**Env. Center Auditorium**

Learn about nature's decomposers with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar. Perform basic earthworm experiments to test their preferred environments and look at them up close with a hand lens. Any extra time will be spent looking for worms outside. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied

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**Salamander Study**  
**Thursday, April 30**

**6:30—7:30 PM**

**All Ages**  
**Pavilion 3**

Salamanders are the second largest group of amphibians and Pennsylvania has over 20 different species. Salamanders are crucial indicators of our planet's health as they are sensitive to pollutants and abnormal weather changes. Join Naturalist Katie Kruza on a journey to find and uncover salamanders in the park while determining the health of our ecosystem and logging what we find. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, April 29. \$2.00 per person.

**Full Moon Walk: Flower Moon**  
**Friday, May 1**

**8:30—9:30 PM**

**All Ages**  
**Pavilion 21**

Take a walk along the Wildflower Trail under the light of the full moon. The wildflowers and the trees will be budding and blooming. Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez will help you explore and learn about the happenings in the natural world after dark in the park. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Thursday, April 30. 2.00 per person.

**Hike Lancaster County: Money Rocks**  
**Saturday, May 2**

**1:00—2:30 PM**

**All Ages**  
**936 Narvon Rd.**

Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for a spring hiking series designed to get kids and adults outside, active, and curious! Each hike will explore a different park in Lancaster County, highlighting the beauty of the season as it unfolds. Along the way, participants will learn basic plant identification, pick up hiking tips, and take part in fun activities that help everyone get to know each other. This week's hike will take place at Money Rocks County Park, 936 Narvon Rd, Narvon PA 17555. The trail is about 2.5 miles and rated moderate. Don't forget sturdy shoes and water. Participants may attend one hike or join us for the whole series. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 1. \$3.00 per person.

**Swing into Science: Mill Creek Stomp**  
**Thursday, May 7**

**10:00—11:00 AM**

**Ages 3 to 5**  
**Env. Center Classroom**

It's time to revisit the beautiful Mill Creek with Naturalist Ivana Shandor for some creek stomping fun. Bring your curiosity as students catch critters with their dip nets, place them in collection tubs, identify what is living in the stream, and the changes they may have undergone since our last visit in the fall. Nets and basins will be provided along with guidance in identification of creek critters, their features, and data collection. We will hike from the Environmental Center to the creek and everyone entering Mill Creek must wear close-toed shoes like old sneakers. No crocs, flip flops or open-toed sandals are allowed. This program is geared for children 3 to 5 but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Wednesday, May 6. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

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**Bites for Balance!****Saturday, May 9****1:00—2:30 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Love the idea of fresh fruits and veggies, but really hate gardening? Need a brilliant excuse to skip yardwork and go hiking? Want to be an environmental hero for ecological balance? Join us at the park to learn about a spring, summer, and fall invasive edible that you can collect and snack on with minimal effort! \*There will be taste testing!\* Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 8. \$4.00 per person.

**Munchkin Science: Animal Tracking****Tuesday, May 12****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 3 - 5****Pavilion 21**

Animal tracking is an intriguing pastime. It is always fun to try to read the clues left behind by an animal that passed before. What was it? How big was it? What was it doing here? Munchkins will learn how to answer these questions through games, reading, making their own track book, and going on a track hunt. This program is geared towards children age 3-5, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Monday, May 11. \$3.00 per child aged 3 and up and \$1.00 per adult.

**Edible Insects****Saturday, May 16****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Bugs, the protein of the future! Learn about the benefits of eating insects with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar, which ones taste the best and which ones to avoid. Sample some freshly roasted mealworms and crickets, and try a delicious cricket rice crispy treat. Leave the program knowing once and for all if bugs taste like chicken. Participants will need to sign a liability waiver at the program. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 15. \$4.00 per person.

**Paddle in the Park****Saturday, May 16****10:00—11:00 AM****11:15—12:15 PM****12:30—1:30 PM****Ages 4 and Up****877 Rockford Rd.**

Park Naturalists will show you how to paddle the canoe and give you safety instructions while you are on land. Once on the water and in the canoe, you can practice your skills in a flat-water area of the Conestoga River while you paddle up and down the river. Sign up for one or more hour-long time slots. Please meet at 877 Rockford Rd. (Intersection of Rockford Road and Williamson Rd.) in Central Park. Participants will need to sign a liability waiver at the program. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 15. \$5.00 per person per hour.

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**The Magic of Milkweed****Sunday, May 17****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Milkweed is the only plant the monarch caterpillar eats, and its decline adds to the decline of the butterfly. As the sole food source, Asclepias (milkweed), is crucial for the monarchs' survival. With today's fragmented habitat monarchs are having to travel further and further to find places to lay eggs. Pennsylvania is home to 11 native Asclepias and they are some of the best smelling wildflowers! Learn about the magic of this plant and how it has been being used long before settlers arrived with Karen Waltemyer. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 15. \$2.00 per person.

**Insects and Spiders Emerging Hunt****Sunday, May 24****1:00—2:00 PM****All Ages****Env. Center Classroom**

Get ready to find insects and spiders to take a closer look at them with Naturalist Karen Waltemyer. Participants will use special equipment for incredible up-close views of insects, check out mounted specimens and learn fascinating facts about local bugs! We will be gentle with all the creatures we find since they all have important jobs to do in nature. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 22. \$2.00 per person.

**Butterflies and Moths****Tuesday, May 26****2:00—3:30 PM****All Ages****Pavilion 3**

Here at the Environmental Center, we love butterflies and moths! These winged beauties are a super unique category of insects and are often confused with one another. Naturalist Katie Kruza will help you learn what makes them unique, handle and observe real butterfly specimens, take a walk to catch some, and make a craft to take home. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 22. \$3.00 per person.

**Homeschool Wednesday: Stream Study****Wednesday, May 27****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 6-10****Pavilion 21****11:15—12:15 PM**

Wade into the stream with Naturalist Arianna Sindelar to catch critters. We will look for macroinvertebrates and use what we find to determine how healthy the stream is. This program is geared towards children ages 6-10, but they may be accompanied by siblings. Please wear close-toed shoes that can go in the water. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Tuesday, May 26. \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 per adult.

**Insect Mounting Workshop****Saturday, May 30****10:00—11:00 AM****Ages 13 and Up****Env. Center Classroom**

Spend the morning with Naturalist Katie Kruza learning the basics of preserving butterfly specimens to be mounted and displayed. Each participant will be provided with all the materials needed as well as one butterfly specimen. At the end of the workshop, you will be able to take your masterpiece home to display

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how you would like. The program is only for individuals 13 years and up. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 29. \$10.00 per person.

**Hike Lancaster County: Speedwell Forge**  
**Saturday, May 30**

**1:00—2:30 PM**

**All Ages**

**480 Speedwell Forge Rd.**

Join Naturalist Stevie Kitching for a spring hiking series designed to get kids and adults outside, active, and curious! Each hike will explore a different park in Lancaster County, highlighting the beauty of the season as it unfolds. Along the way, participants will learn basic plant identification, pick up hiking tips, and take part in fun activities that help everyone get to know each other. This week's hike will take place at Speedwell Forge County Park, *480 Speedwell Forge Rd, Lititz PA 17543*. The trail is about 2.5 miles long and rated moderate. Don't forget sturdy shoes and water. Participants may attend one hike or join us for the whole series. Register online or call (717) 295-2055 to register and prepay by noon on Friday, May 29. \$3.00 per person.

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If Park staff cancels a program, a full credit/refund will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program fifteen (15) or more calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a full credit/refund less a 10% processing fee, will be provided. Should the customer withdraw from the program eight (8) - fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled program, a 50% credit/refund will be issued. No fee(s) will be credited/refunded if the customer withdraws from the program seven (7) or less days before the scheduled program. ***All refunds less than \$10 will be credited to the customer's account - no check or credit card refunds will be issued for refunds less than \$10***

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***Smile! You may be captured by our camera!***

***We occasionally take photos of participants in our programs for promotional purposes.***

***By participating, you are granting the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation and its agents the right to use and publish images of you or your minor child. If you prefer not to be photographed, please notify the instructor.***

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