

2017 Calendar - Lehigh Gap Nature Center

NOTE: Additional events will be added to the calendar. Please check www.lgnc.org for more information.

Winter Events

January 19, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Cabin Fever Book Club

We are reading *Two in the Far North* by Margaret Murie.

January 19, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Todd Underwood, Ph.D., Kutztown University

“How to Avoid Raising Another Bird’s Chicks”



January 21, 7:15 a.m. to noon – Winter Bird Survey

Work in teams to bird a rectangular area around Bake Oven Knob. Join us at Mama’s Pizza at 12:15 p.m. to tally results and have lunch.

February 9, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Dan Kunkle, LGNC Executive Director

“Half Earth”

February 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Cabin Fever Book Club

Jaguar by Alan Rabinowitz is our book for February.

February 17-19 – Lehigh Gap Area Feeder Watch

Contact us for information or visit our website to participate in this “citizen science” research project in your backyard.

March 5, 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series:

Kate Brandes, LGNC Conservation Landscaping Program Manager

Kathie Romano, LGNC Garden Group Co-leader
“Sustainable Landscaping for Your Home”

March 10-19 – Nature in Photographs Exhibition

Visit our photography show, and vote for your favorite for the People’s Choice Award.

March 11, 8:00 a.m. – Birding Trip to Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area

We will watch migrating waterfowl at this prime birding destination in Lebanon County.



March 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Cabin Fever Book Club

We will be discussing *Gathering Moss* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Spring Projects and Events

April 8, 7:30 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk

Come for the birds and all things nature at LGNC.

April 13, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Drew Lanham, Ph.D., Clemson University “The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man’s Love Affair with Nature”

PLEASE NOTE that this presentation will be held at Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA.

April 15, 9:00 a.m. to noon – Spring Clean-up

Spring clean-up and gardening chores around the Osprey House and Refuge.



April 22 – Earth Day Workshops

7:30 to 10:00 a.m. – Birding Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Learn where the best birding spots are at the Refuge.

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. – Birding for families and Junior Naturalists.

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Habitat Garden clean-up.

11:00 to 11:30 a.m. – Snakes Alive! Learn about snakes with our corn snake Maize as the subject.

May 6 – Curious Naturalist Workshops

7:00 to 9:30 a.m. – Spring migrants of LGNC. Enjoy the birds returning to LGNC, passing through, and those that live here year-round.

9:30 a.m. to noon – Herp Hunting. Start with captive live specimens, then travel to the Three Ponds area in search of turtles, frogs, snakes, and salamanders.

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Botany walk. Learn to identify trees, flowering plants, and more around the Osprey House.

May 13, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk and Big Sit at LGNC

We will start with a bird walk around the Osprey House grounds at 7:00 a.m. and continue all day with a “Big Sit,” counting all the birds we can see from a 15-foot-diameter circle. Contact us to volunteer for a shift for the Big Sit.

May 18, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Abigail Pattishall, Ph.D., Vice President of Conservation at Wildlands Conservancy

“State of the Environment of the Lehigh Valley”

May 20, 9:00 a.m. to ? – Natural History Hike (with Allentown Hiking Club)

Little Gap to Lehigh Gap. Enjoy at 5-6 mile hike with a difficult descent into Lehigh Gap from the east. Wear sturdy hiking shoes for the rocky trail, and bring water and lunch. Meet at the Osprey House, and carpool to the starting point.

New! Monthly Bike & Boat

Explore the Lehigh River on five biking and canoeing excursions between the Osprey House and Bowmanstown. Trips will take place on the afternoons of May 21, June 29, July 20, August 17, and September 17. Registration required and limited to 18 participants.

Cost and times to be announced.

Summer Events and Programs

June 3, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – National Trails Day

Celebrate National Trails Day with LGNC and the D&L National Heritage Corridor. Enjoy family-friendly activities, including a Bug Safari, Life in a Pond, and Birding Around the Osprey House. There will also be a tour of our native plant gardens.

June 3, 7:00 p.m. – Whip-poor-will Hike

Meet at the Osprey House at 6:45 p.m. or at the Translater Lane Parking lot at 7:00 p.m. We will hike up Translater Lane to the top of the mountain by dusk and then listen for Whip-poor-wills on the way back down in the dark. Bring a flashlight if you wish.

June 10, 7:30 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk

See the beautiful breeding birds that have returned to LGNC.

June 11, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation

All volunteers are invited to an event to recognize and thank our many volunteers.

Young Ecologists Summer Camp

June 19-23 – For students finishing grades 5-7.
Registration required.

Contact the Center for an application.

Naturalist Club

Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
Many other events to be scheduled.
For students in grades 7-12.

Junior Naturalist Club

For students in grades 2-6. Contact the Nature Center to get on email list for club announcements.

Four B Walks (Bugs, Butterflies, Birds, and Blooms) with Doug Burton

Thursdays July 6-August 17 & Saturday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m. For families with children ages 5-11.

June 24, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – National Pollinator Week Event at LGNC



Garden tour, arboretum tour, butterfly and bee survey (nets and binoculars provided), native plant information, pollinator luncheon, and crafts for adults and kids. This is part of National Pollinator Week (June 19-25), an annual celebration of native pollinators that includes self-guided garden tours at various locations throughout Carbon County.

July 8, 6:00 p.m. – Members' Picnic

Potluck picnic – bring a dish to share with everyone. Enjoy the habitat gardens, entertainment, and stay late for a nighttime insect and astronomy session.

July 22, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Dragons and Damsels

Join us for a dragon(fly) hunt at the Kittatinny Ponds with the Naturalist Club.



August 12, 7:00 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk

Bird walk at LGNC. Meet at the Osprey House.

August 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon – Summer Clean-up and Garden Tour

Get the Osprey House ready for the intern, weed the gardens, and do other maintenance chores around the Osprey House grounds.

August 26, 8:30 a.m. to noon – Raptor ID & Field Trip

Raptor identification workshop at the Osprey House, followed by a field trip to Bake Oven Knob in search of Bald Eagles and Ospreys.

Autumn Events and Programs

Autumn Speaker Series – events to be announced. Check www.lgnc.org for more information.

September 9, 9:00 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk

Visit to Bake Oven Knob to see migrating Bald Eagles, Ospreys and Broad-wings. Meet at the Osprey House at 9:00 a.m., or go directly to the lookout.

**August 15 - November 26
Bake Oven Knob Hawk Count**

Join us on the lookout to help with the 57th annual Autumn Hawk Count as a volunteer counter or spotter, to learn about the raptors, their ecology and migrations, or just to enjoy the view and the spectacle of the hawk flight. The lookout is staffed daily by our research intern or by LGNC volunteers.



September 23 – Migration Fest



All day. Our annual celebration of hawk migration and Appalachian Mountain ecology. Learn about the annual fall spectacle of hawks and butterflies migrating along the Kittatinny Ridge and how to identify raptors. Activities throughout the day – schedule to be announced on website (www.lgnc.org).

October 14, 9:00 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk

Visit to Bake Oven Knob to see migrating Sharpies and falcons. Meet at the Osprey House at 9:00 a.m., or go directly to the lookout.

October 21, 1:00 p.m. – LGNC and Allentown Hiking Club Autumn Refuge Hike

Hike with us along the Prairie Grass and Chestnut Oak trails. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. This will be a six-mile hike with a 600-foot elevation gain. Great views.

November 3-12 – Nature in Art Exhibition

Our 5th-annual juried art exhibition. View and/or purchase works from local artists. Vote for People's Choice Award. Artists' reception November 12.

November 4, 6:30 p.m. – Fall Campfire and Astronomy

Join us for a campfire, s'mores, and stars.

November 11 – More or Less 10K Trail Run (and 2-Mile Scamper)

See www.lhnc10k.com for more info.

November 16, 10:00 a.m. – Cabin Fever Book Club

Book to be announced.

November 18, 6:30 p.m. – Hawk Watch Celebration

All are welcome to celebrate the 57th Bake Oven Knob Hawk Count. Following a presentation of the count data by Bob Hoopes, **guest speaker Dave Levandusky** will show us some of his wildlife photos from the past year.

December 2, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Holiday Open House

Join us for holiday crafts, and explore nature in winter. Bring some goodies to share, and make a holiday decoration for your home.

December 21, 10:00 a.m. – Cabin Fever Book Club

Book to be announced.

Contact us for more information, and check the website for additional events.

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2017 Calendar of Events

All events begin at the Osprey House in Lehigh Gap and are free to the public (unless noted otherwise). Events are sponsored in part by a Lehigh County Quality of Life grant. For directions, see <http://lgnc.org> or contact us at lgnc@ptd.net or 610-760-8889.