

2018 Calendar - Lehigh Gap Nature Center

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

Winter Events and Programs

January 18, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Cabin Fever Book Club
We are reading *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard.



January 18, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Phil Fair
“Railroads of Lehigh Gap”

January 20, 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 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Cabin Fever Book Club
The Bluebird Effect by Julie Zickefoose is our book for February.



February 16-18 – Lehigh Gap Area Feeder Watch

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

February 18, 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Laurie Goodrich, Ph.D., Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
“Pennsylvania’s Farmland Raptor Program”

February 24, 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.

February 25, 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Diane Husic, Ph.D. and Dave Husic, Ph.D.
“Ugandan Wildlife Diversity and Conservation Threats”

March 8, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Brian Birchak and Chad Schwartz
“Education Programs at Lehigh Gap Nature Center”

March 9-18 – Nature in Photographs Exhibition
Visit our photography show and vote for your favorite for the People’s Choice Award.

March 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Cabin Fever Book Club
We will be discussing *Your Inner Fish* by Neil Shubin.

Spring Events and Programs

April 12, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Ed Hanna
“Weather, News, and You”

April 14, 7:30 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk
Come for the birds and all things nature at LGNC.

April 14, 9:00 a.m. to noon – Spring Clean-up
Spring clean-up and gardening chores around the Osprey House and Refuge.

April 21 – 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 5 – 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 12, 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 19, 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. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Osprey House, and carpool to the starting point.

Summer Events and Programs

Lehigh Gap Bike & Boat Adventures

Back by popular demand! Don’t miss the opportunity to explore the Lehigh Gap by bike and canoe on a guided excursion hosted by LGNC and Wildlands Conservancy. Trips will take place May 20 (noon-4:00 p.m.), July 14 (4:00-8:00 p.m.), and September 9 (noon-4:00 p.m.). Registration required and limited to 18 participants. **Registration details TBA.**

June 2, 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 2, 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 9, 8:30 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk
Join the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society on a search for the beautiful breeding birds that have returned to LGNC.



June 10, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation
All volunteers are invited to an event to recognize and thank our many volunteers.

June 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – National Pollinator Week Celebration
Garden tour, arboretum tour, butterfly and bee survey, native plant information, and crafts for adults and kids.

Young Ecologists Summer Camp

June 18-22 – For students finishing grades 5-7.
Registration required.
Contact the Nature Center for an application.

Budding Naturalist Book Club

Meets every other Thursday at 10:00 a.m. beginning on January 4. For ages 4-6.

Junior Naturalist Club

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. For students in grades 2-6

Naturalist Club

Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. For students in grades 7-12.

July 7 – Watershed Workshops

9:00 to 10:30 a.m. – Riparian Bird Walk. Discover what birds live in and along the Lehigh River.

10:30 a.m. to noon – Macroinvertebrate Survey. Assess the quality of the Lehigh as we see what critters call the river home.

Noon to 1:00 p.m. – Fish Seining.

Help LGNC investigate fish diversity in the Lehigh River!



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

Thursdays July 5-26 & Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m.
For families with children ages 5-11.

July 7, 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 21, 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 11, 7:00 a.m. – Second Saturday Bird Walk

Bird walk at LGNC. Meet at the Osprey House.

August 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon – Summer Clean-up
Get the Osprey House ready for the intern, weed the arboretum, and do other maintenance chores around the Osprey House grounds.

August 25, 8:30 a.m. to noon – Autumn Migration Birding Workshop

Learn why birds migrate and how to identify autumn migrants, before taking a field trip to Bake Oven Knob in search of songbirds, Bald Eagles, and Ospreys. Meet at the Osprey House.

August 15 - November 25 Bake Oven Knob Hawk Count

Join us on the lookout to help with the 58th 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.



Autumn Events and Programs

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

September 8, 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.

September 22 – Migration Fest

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 13, 9:00 a.m. – Hawk Watching at BOK.

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 20, 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 2-11 – Nature in Art Exhibition

Our 6th-annual juried art exhibition. View and/or purchase works from local artists. Vote for People's Choice Award. Artists' reception November 11.

November 3, 6:30 p.m. – Fall Campfire and Astronomy

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

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

See www.lgnc10k.com for more info.

November 15, 10:00 a.m. – Cabin Fever Book Club

Book to be announced.

November 17, 6:30 p.m. – Hawk Watch Celebration
All are welcome to celebrate the 58th 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 1, 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 20, 10:00 a.m. – Cabin Fever Book Club
Book to be announced.

2018 Calendar of Events

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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.

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

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