

2019 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 17, 10:00 a.m.-Noon – Cabin Fever Book Club
We are reading *Lone Wolf* by Jodi Picoult.

January 17, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Peter Kern
“New Jersey Zinc Company History”

Very Basic Biology Classes

Meets every other Tues. at 10:00 a.m. Jan. 8-Apr. 2

Do you wish you had taken biology in high school so you could keep up with the news? Didn't have the time because you were in band, didn't need it as you were not going to college, or hated science? Well now you have the opportunity to learn a bit in Very Basic Biology! Classes presented by LGNC Board President and retired USDA bee geneticist, Dr. Anita Collins.

January 19, 7:15 a.m.-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 – Winter Nature Walks

10:00-11:00 a.m. – Winter tree ID. Learn to identify trees without their leaves!

11:00 a.m.-Noon – Animal tracking. We will search for animal tracks and other signs.



February 15-17 – 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 21, 10:00 a.m. to noon – Cabin Fever Book Club

Journey to the Ants by Bert Hölldobler and Edward O. Wilson is our book for February.

February 28, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series: Glenn Myster

“Tree Care for the Modern World”

March 2-10 – Nature in Photographs Exhibition

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

March 21, 10:00 a.m.-Noon – Cabin Fever Book Club

We will be discussing *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben.

Budding Naturalist Book Club

Meets every other Thursday at 10:00 a.m. (contact mail@lgnc.org for schedule). For ages 4-6.

Spring Events and Programs

April 11, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series:

Elizabeth Collins, Ph.D.

“The Human Microbiome: The Creatures on You and in You That Sustain Life and Health”

April 13, 9:00 a.m. – “Signs of Spring” Nature Walk

Enjoy an early spring exploration of plants and animals at LGNC! Binoculars provided.

April 20, 9:00 a.m.-Noon – Earth Day Service Day

In celebration of Earth Day, help us clean up the gardens and Refuge!

May 4 – Curious Naturalist Workshops

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

9:30 a.m.-Noon – Reptile/Amphibian Hunt. Gather at the Three Ponds area in search of turtles, frogs, snakes, and salamanders.

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

May 18, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Natural History Hike (with Allentown Hiking Club)

Little Gap to Lehigh Gap. Enjoy a 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.



May 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Lehigh Gap Walking Tour

Discover the history, ecology, and geology of the Lehigh Gap as we walk along the ADA-accessible D&L Trail. Binoculars provided.

June 1, 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.

Junior Naturalist Club

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

Summer Events and Programs

June 9, 6:00 p.m. – Volunteer and Member

Appreciation Picnic

Potluck picnic – bring a dish to share with everyone. Enjoy the habitat gardens, entertainment, and stay late for a nighttime campfire and nature study!

Young Ecologists Summer Camp

June 18-21 – For students finishing grades 5-7.

Registration required.

Contact the Nature Center for an application.

June 22, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Pollinator Day

Celebrate our important pollinators! Enjoy exhibits, honey tasting, a native plant sale, and other activities (TBA).

Schedule of events:

9:00-10:00 a.m. – Bird Walk. Join us for a beginner bird walk around the Osprey House. Binoculars provided.

10:00 a.m. and Noon – Butterfly and Bug Walk. Discover the many butterflies and other insects that live in LGNC's



habitat gardens! Kids and families are encouraged to attend. Insect nets provided.

2:00 p.m. – Garden Tour. Learn about the 200+ species in LGNC's habitat garden!

July 6 – Watershed Workshops

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

10:30 a.m.-Noon – Macroinvertebrate Survey and Fish Seining. Assess the quality of the Lehigh as we see what critters call the river home.

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

Every Wednesday in July at 10:00 a.m.

For families with children ages 5-11.



Naturalist Club

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

Watershed Camp

July 16-19 – For students finishing grades 6-12.
Registration required.
Contact the Nature Center for an application.

July 20, 10:00 a.m.-Noon – Pond Adventure

Join us for a dragon(fly), macroinvertebrate, and reptile/amphibian hunt at the Kittatinny Ponds!

August 12, 8:00-9:30 p.m. – Nature at Night

Search for moths, caterpillars, bats and other creatures of the night. Discover critters that glow in the dark with black light flashlights!

August 24, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – 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.



Autumn Events and Programs

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

September 8, Noon-4:00 p.m. – Lehigh Gap Bike & Boat

Explore the Lehigh Gap by bike and raft on a guided excursion hosted by LGNC and Pocono Whitewater/Pocono Biking. Registration required and limited to 18 participants. **Registration details** TBA.



August 15 - November 24 Bake Oven Knob Hawk Count

Join us on the lookout to help with the 59th 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 12, 7:00 p.m. – LGNC Program Update
LGNC staff will share the latest education, conservation, and research updates!

September 21, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. – 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 our website.



October 12, 9:00 a.m.-Noon – Hawk Watching at Bake Oven Knob

Visit Bake Oven Knob to see migrating Sharpies and falcons. Meet at the Osprey House at 8:30 a.m., or at the Bake Oven Knob parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

October 26, 1:00 p.m. – Autumn Refuge Hike (with Allentown Hiking Club)

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, 6:30 p.m. – Fall Campfire and Astronomy (LGNC Members Only)

LGNC members are invited to join us for a campfire, s'mores, and stars!



November 8-17 – Nature in Art Exhibition

Our 7th annual juried art exhibition. View and/or purchase works from local artists. Vote for People's Choice Award. Artists' reception November 17.

November 9 – More or Less 10K Trail Run (and 2-Mile Scamper)

Run the refuge! New race route each year. See www.lgnc10k.com for more info and to register.

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

Book to be announced.

December 7, 12:30-3:00 p.m. – Holiday Open House
Join us for wreath-making, holiday crafts, and nature activities. Bring some goodies to share!

December 19, 10:00 a.m. – Cabin Fever Book Club

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2019 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 lgnc.org or contact us at mail@lgnc.org or 610-760-8889.

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

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