

BURLINGTON COUNTY PARKS NATURE PROGRAMS OCTOBER 2020

October 2, 1:00 PM - WETLANDS WALK, Long Bridge

Why are wetlands so important? What makes an area a wetland? Are all wetlands the same? Learn the answers to these questions and more while joining Naturalist Kate on a walk. [Register online](#). **Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.**

October 3, 9:00 AM – PARK CLEANUP, Amico Island

Help keep our environment clean and green! Participate in cleaning up litter that has made its way into this 55-acre peninsula that is full of ecological diversity. Individuals, groups, and organizations are welcome. Bags, gloves, and grabbers will be provided. Please bring your own water and snacks, if needed. Masks will be required in the registration and supplies area as well as in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained. Masks will not be provided, please bring your own. If you need community service hours, please register by 4PM on Friday, October 2nd. To register, email cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us.

October 7 & 21 -- SPECIES SPOTLIGHT (virtual)

Learn about various species that call Burlington County Parks home! Every other Wednesday, Naturalist Kate will post a new video on our [Programs and Events webpage](#) that highlights a local species to better understand their behaviors, natural history and/or significance in the environment. This month will focus on great blue herons and goldenrods.

October 8, 7:30 PM - Live Q&A for Invasive Insects Presentation

Presented by Park Naturalist Jennifer Bulava. In this new PowerPoint presentation, learn about some of the invasive species of insects that have made their way to NJ, how to recognize them, how they got here, and what we can do to help diminish their spread. Spotted lanternfly, emerald ash borer, Japanese beetle, Hemlock woolly adelgid, gypsy moth, and brown marmorated stink bug will be highlighted. This video will be available beginning September 29 on our website. After viewing the video on your own time, join us live on Zoom for a Questions and Answers session on **October 8 at 7:30pm**. [Registration for October 8](#). Registrants will receive an emailed Zoom link prior to the Q&A session.

October 13, 9:00 AM – TUESDAY TALK, Pennington Park

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday October 16. Mid-October is a great time to look for birds of prey, as well as some of the other later migratory birds such as kinglets, palm warblers and waterfowl. Join us for a guided walk through the mixed habitats of open field, marsh, and forest edges to hopefully get a glimpse of some of these species. **Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.** [Register online](#).

October 15, 5:00 PM – NOCTURNAL NATURE, Smith's Woods

Explore our parks while enjoying the sunset! Join Naturalist Kate Forte on a hike to learn about the crepuscular animals that utilize this time of the evening to hunt and gather food. See for yourself which animals are active and why. **Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.** [Register online](#).

October 16, 9:00 AM – FRIDAY FORUM, Pennington Park

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October 21, 10:00 AM – FALL FOLIAGE TREE HIKE, Crystal Lake

Lace up your hiking boots and join Naturalist Jen Bulava on a hike at Crystal Lake. Learn about some of the interesting trees and shrubs found at Crystal Lake, some of which are not found in our other County Parks. Experience the brilliant orange and gold foliage around the lake. This hike includes some steep slopes as well as one short flat paved portion. Please wear proper footwear with treads for hiking on uneven, slippery, and root-laden terrain. This program will repeat on Saturday October 24. **Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.** [Register online](#).

October 22, 12:30 PM – WILDLIFE WATCH, Amico Island

Observe and explore the diversity of the animal kingdom in our park system. Find out where certain animals take shelter, and what tools they use to do so. Grab your binoculars and cameras to see what we will find! **Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.** [Register online.](#)

October 24, 10:00 AM – FALL FOLIAGE TREE HIKE, Crystal Lake

Lace up your hiking boots and join Naturalist Jen Bulava on a hike at Crystal Lake. Learn about some of the interesting trees and shrubs found at Crystal Lake, some of which are not found in our other County Parks. Experience the brilliant orange and gold foliage around the lake. This hike includes some steep slopes as well as one short flat paved portion. Please wear proper footwear with treads for hiking on uneven, slippery, and root-laden terrain. This is a repeat of the October 21 program. **Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.** [Register online.](#)

October 26, VIRTUAL GEOLOGY TOUR, Main Street Mount Holly

Experience a virtual guided geology tour of the historic buildings found along Main Street in Mount Holly! Presented by Pierre Lacombe, retired USGS geologist. Pierre will discuss the local rock used to construct the Historic Prison Museum and other early buildings of Mount Holly, as well as the bricks and other local building materials. Learn why there is a Mount in Mount Holly and lots of other interesting geologic facts pertaining to this area. This video will be available on our [Programs and Events webpage](#) beginning October 26.

October 27, 9:30 AM – TUESDAY TALK, Smithville Park

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday October 30. Appreciate the incredible diversity of tree species at Smithville Park while admiring the beautiful colors of their fall foliage. **Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.** [Register online.](#)

October 29 – COLORFUL FALL FOLIAGE (video)

Nothing says “Autumn” more than the striking colors of leaves. But why exactly do leaves change colors? What factors make leaves more vibrant one year, and duller the next? Naturalist Kate will dive into the science behind fall foliage in this video! Be sure to check it out on [Programs and Events webpage](#) and Facebook Page.

October 30, 9:30 AM – FRIDAY FORUM, Smithville Park

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