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Burlington County Parks System

Program Guide

Fall 2025



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Message from Commissioner Allison Eckel

Hello friends!

Autumn is one of the most beautiful seasons to visit Burlington County parks. You can explore the colorful landscapes within more than 1,000 acres of parkland and 50-plus miles of interconnecting trails.

The fall season also features a variety of new and returning parks programs and events for all interests.

Among the new Parks nature programs is the Wildlife Watch Series, where visitors can join Burlington County Parks Senior Naturalist Gina DiMaio on walks around various County parks to observe and learn more about different native species, including migrating birds, butterflies, native squirrels, foxes, raccoons, and wild turkeys.

Another fun event is the Harry Potter Marauders Map Adventure, which transforms Historic Smithville Park into the magical Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry (with Parks staff doubling as your favorite faculty members). During the event, participants will be challenged to use a special map to discover clues and solve riddles in this entertaining introduction to map orienteering. Participation in this popular event is limited, so be sure to register!

Finally, for those who enjoy the spooky side of the fall season, you're in luck. Guided ghost tours at the Historic Burlington County Prison Museum will be offered on Friday evenings this October. Learn about all the spooky happenings in the prison and why it has been labeled one of New Jersey's most haunted places!

The Autumn Lands Festival also returns to Smithville on Oct. 25th and will feature paranormal investigators, a haunted maze, magic shows, seasonal foods, tarot card readings and more.

The Scarecrow Contest will be back again this year at Smithville with a semiquincentennial theme, celebrating America's 250th birthday.

You'll find details about these events and plenty of others within this guide. I encourage you to follow Burlington County and the Burlington County Parks System on social media for more county news and updates. Be sure to also download the Burlington County Parks app from either the Apple or GooglePlay stores for the latest information about Burlington County parks activities, events, trails and resources conveniently accessible at your fingertips wherever you go.

I will look forward to seeing you at a Burlington County Park or event soon!

Allison Eckel, Burlington County Commissioner Deputy Director

Liaison to the Department of Resource Conservation and the Division of Parks



Above photo: Autumn Lands: Anthony Jacobsen
Cover photo: Northern Lights over Smithville: Anthony Jacobsen

Burlington County Parks Information

Parks Open daily from dawn to dusk

Amico Island (1)

81 Norman Ave. Delran, NJ 08075

Arney's Mount (13)

150 Juliustown Rd. Columbus, NJ 08022

Boundary Creek (5)

515 Creek Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057

Burlington County Agricultural Center (6)

500 Centerton Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057

Burlington County Amphitheater (8)

5 Pioneer Blvd. Westampton, NJ 08060

Burlington County Fairgrounds (11)

1990 Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd. Columbus NJ 08022

Crystal Lake Park (12)

2401 Axe Factory Rd. Mansfield, NJ 08505

Historic Smithville Park (10)

803 Smithville Rd. Eastampton, NJ 08060

Long Bridge Park (9)

895 Deacon Rd. Hainesport, NJ 08036

Pennington Park (2)

801 Creek Rd. Delanco, NJ 08075

Rainbow Meadow Park (4)

237 Creek Rd. Delran, NJ 08075

Rancocas Nature Center (7)

794 Rancocas Rd. Westampton, NJ 08060

Rancocas State Park (7) 2 Entrances:

Deacon Rd. & Rancocas Ave. Hainesport, 08036

Smith's Woods (10)

39 E Railroad Ave. Eastampton, NJ 08060

Willingboro Lakes (3)

60 Beverly Rancocas Road, Beverly, NJ 08010



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Art, History & Culture

Historic Smithville Park

803 Smithville Rd. Eastampton, NJ 08060

Visitor Center

Tue - Sun: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Smithville Mansion

Tours*: May – October:

Fri & Sun: 12 pm, 1 pm & 2 pm

*\$8.00-\$10.00 cash only donation

Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

Fri - Sun: 11 am - 6 pm* (Hours change on Nov. 7.)

Worker's House & Gallery

Fri - Sun: 11 am - 6 pm* (Hours change on Nov. 7.)

Underground Railroad Museum

Sat & Sun: 12 pm - 4 pm

Mount Holly

Warden's House Gallery

150 High St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am - 4 pm* *New Hours!*

Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

307 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am- 4 pm* *New Hours!*

Historic Prison Museum

128 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am - 4 pm* *New Hours!*

Burlington County Galleries located at Smithville are changing for EST hours. Starting Friday, November 7, 2025. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm.

Individuals requiring special accommodations and groups of 10 or more requesting other times should contact us two weeks in advance. Our museums, galleries, and buildings are ADA accessible.

Contact us: 609-265-5858 | Email: parks@co.burlington.nj.us

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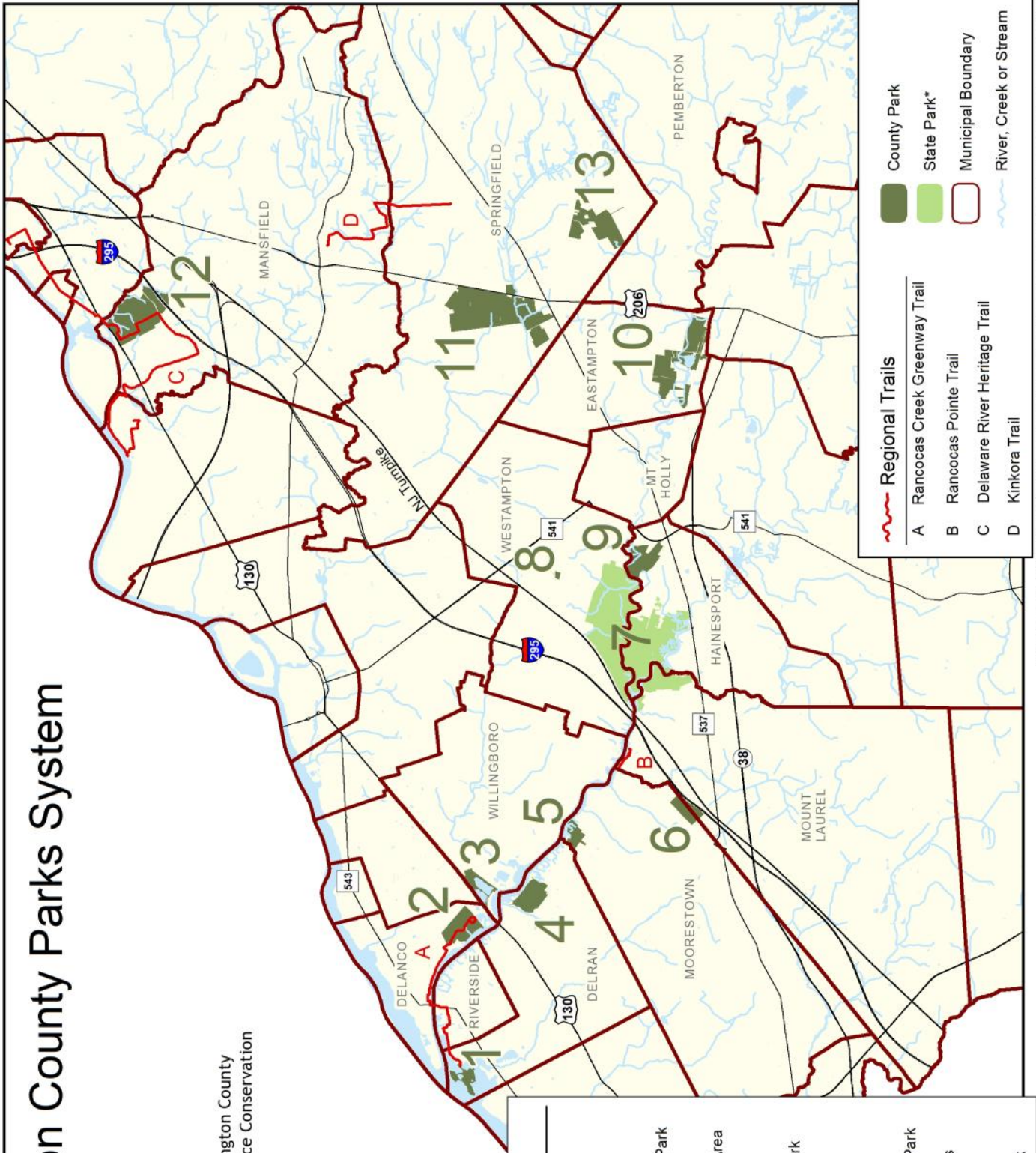


Burlington County Park System

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Key	Park Name
1	Amico Island Park
2	Pennington Park
3	Willingboro Lakes
4	Rainbow Meadow Park
5	Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area
6	Burlington County Agricultural Center
7	Rancocas State Park
8	Ampitheater
9	Long Bridge Park
10	Historic Smithville Park
11	County Fairgrounds
12	Crystal Lake Park
13	Arney's Mount Park

Regional Trails

- A Rancocas Creek Greenway Trail
- B Rancocas Pointe Trail
- C Delaware River Heritage Trail
- D Kinkora Trail

County Park
 State Park*
 Municipal Boundary
 River, Creek or Stream

* Rancocas State Park in Hainesport Twp is jointly managed by the State and Burlington County

SMITHVILLE SWITCH-NIGHT

- ◆ Experiment with sound using electronic instruments.
- ◆ Try one of our synthesizers or bring your own.
- ◆ Jam out, make friends and learn about music.
- ◆ Performances by local musicians.
- ◆ All ages and skill levels welcome.

SEP 4:
Michael Victor

OCT 2:
An Introduction to Circuit Bending with **Bent Noise**

NOV 6:
Michael Sorensen

DEC 4:
An Introduction to Modular Synthesis with **The Killer Bee Relay Team**

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Historic Smithville Park
Annex Art Gallery
803 Smithville Road
Eastampton, NJ 08060

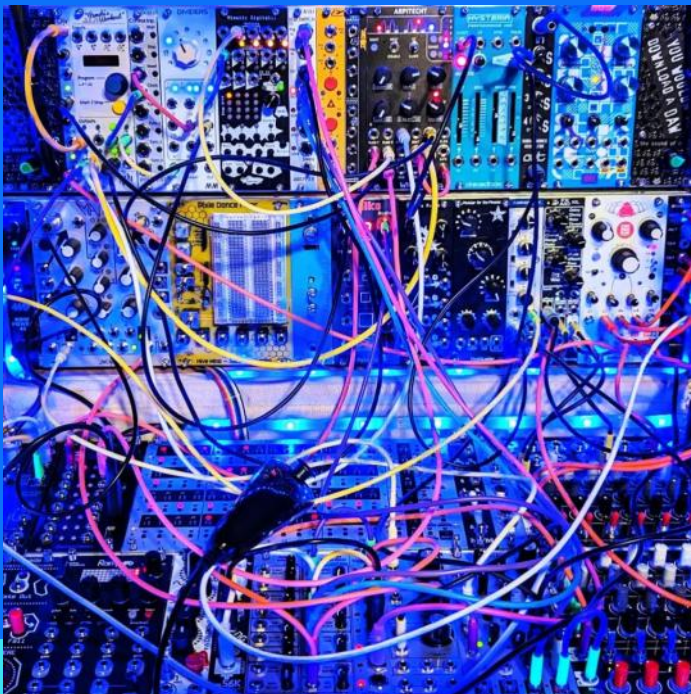


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BURLINGTON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

BURLINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER | 500 Centerton Rd. Moorestown, NJ
EVERY SATURDAY | 8:30AM - 1PM



Live Music Schedule

September 6th - Ashford King
September 13th - David Falcone
September 20th - John Johnson
September 27th - Flim Flam Band



October 4th - Camille Peruto
October 11th - Acoustic Explorer
October 18th - Classic Rock Band
October 25th - John Johnson



November 1st - Lost in Brunswick
November 8th - John Byrne
November 15th - JB Rocks
November 22nd - Joshua Holland



December 6th - Kenya Diggitt

Join us each Saturday at 10am in the Farmhouse Kitchen for a free, chef-led cooking demo.

Fall is the ideal season to celebrate local as September brings the best of summer's bounty. Grab some late-summer tomatoes, juicy watermelon, apples, plums, sweet corn, and much more. Relax with family and friends while enjoying hot coffee or tea, fresh baked goods, and delicious prepared foods.

October ushers in cool-weather crops like broccoli, spinach, beets, melons, carrots, pumpkins. It's the perfect time for hearty seasonal soups, local honey, jams, artisan cheeses and chocolates, fresh baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, and meats including lamb, beef, and pork. Stop by on October 18th for Apple Appreciation Day!

November arrives with all the flavors for your Thanksgiving feast and beyond! Stock up on cauliflower, beans, beets, broccoli, squash, apples, pumpkins, and a variety of jams and jellies. Don't forget to grab fresh pies, festive wreaths, and beautiful centerpieces for your holiday tables. November 22nd is the final day of our regular season, and our first Holiday Market.

Mark your calendars for our Special Post-Season Holiday Market on December 6th with Special Hours from 10am to 2pm



After Arts Dark

*Fine Art Exhibit
& Art Demos*

*3rd Annual
Crankie Festival*

*Light Art
Installation*

*Live Mural
Painting*

*Typewriter
Poetry*

*Black Light Art
Lounge*

Live Music

Saturday September 27, 2025

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Historic Smithville Park

Eastampton, NJ



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Autumn Lands

A Celebration of Everything Fall!

Historic Smithville Park Eastampton, NJ

Saturday, October 25

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Boho Land - *Gypsy Funk Squad World Music and Tarot Readers*

Magic Land - *Performances All Day*

Haunted Land - *Paranormal Investigators and Spooky Story Maze*

Maker Land - *Clan of the Raven Viking Encampment, Artists and Artisans from Blacksmiths to Basket Makers.*

Music

Scarecrow Row - *Scarecrow Contest*

Kids Activities

Beer Garden

Food Trucks & More!

***Visit all
the
“Lands”***



MANSION ANNEX GALLERY

ART & COFFEE BREAK

GALLERY EXHIBIT,
MUSIC, ART ACTIVITY

Stop In, See,
Hear, Create



AN EVENING OF CRANKIES

Thursday, Sep 18 | 5:30—7:30 PM

Maisie O'Brien performs three illuminated Crankie Theater short stories which include live narration, song, and music. She discusses the origins of Crankie theater and crankie box builds. Attendees can participate in a collaborative scroll making project to be presented during the at Arts After Dark's Crankie Festival.



YARN PAINTING

Thursday, Nov 20 | 5:30—7:30 PM

Listen to ethereal music performed by Emi Delia. Discover the found color palette of yarn. Build your own painting with yarn provided at the workshop. Feel free to bring your own yarns to add to the mix. Nicole Eiland leads this workshop.

803 SMITHVILLE ROAD, EASTAMPTON, NJ

NOVEMBER 1 ECHOES IN THE PINES

AN OTHERWORLDLY
ELECTRONIC MUSIC SHOWCASE
PERFORMED BY LOCAL MUSICIANS

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Historic Smithville Park
Annex Art Gallery
803 Smithville Road
Eastampton, NJ 08060

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Health & Fitness

Wellness Walk

Historic Smithville Park

Mondays | 9:00 AM

Sep 8 [Register Here](#)

Oct 20 [Register Here](#)

Nov 10 [Register Here](#)

Start your day with movement, mindfulness, and community. Walking outdoors is an excellent opportunity to exercise, appreciate nature, and meet new friends. Lace up your walking shoes and let's move!

Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: Adults only 18+.
Miles: 2.5 Difficulty: moderate; includes stairs/some elevation change/floating walkway.

Zumba

Historic Smithville Event Tent

Mondays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Sep 8, 15, 22, 29 | Oct 6, 20, 27 | Nov 3, 10, 17, 24

[Register Here](#)

Join instructor Aldona for a fun and fantastic workout! Zumba incorporates dance moves that tone muscles, improve cardio, promote flexibility, and decrease stress.

TOBATA by Toby

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 | Nov 18, 25

[Register Here](#)

Tobata is an exciting interval class focused on cardiovascular fitness and muscle endurance with movements in intervals, followed by rest. Bring an exercise mat, exercise resistance bands, and dumbbells.



Chair Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 | Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Nov 5, 12, 19, 26

[Register Here](#)

Chair yoga offers similar benefits to traditional yoga practice, but can be done while sitting at your desk! Benefits include increased flexibility, improved strength pain management, reduced stress, and better sleep. Chairs provided.

Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 | Nov 18, 25

[Register Here](#)

This fall, Vinyasa-style Yoga moves indoors with Roshni Ladden. Nourish your mind and body as you cultivate focus, alignment, stamina, and flexibility. Yoga mat required, yoga blocks encouraged.



Country Line Dancing

Burlington County Agricultural Center

Wednesdays | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 | Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Nov 5, 12, 19, 26

[Register Here](#)

Join our Country Line Dancing! Show off your skills or learn the basics and new steps! Instructor Jeremy Duncan provides lessons regardless of experience. All ages and skill levels welcome. **Bring a chair if you want an occasional break.**

All programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required. Click the live link to register.

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TUESDAY TALKS & FRIDAY FORUMS

A series of nature walks led by Principal Park Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. Adults and Teens 12+

Autumn Migration Begins

Delaware River Heritage Trail

Tuesday, Sep 2 | 9:30 AM [Register Here](#)

Friday, Sep 5 | 9:30 AM [Register Here](#)

The beginning of September is a great time to witness animals on the move! This trail provides views of songbirds, hawks, butterflies, and dragonflies migrating south along the Delaware River. The walk is paved and flat for 1.5 miles, then we turn back for 3 miles total. **Miles: 3. Difficulty: easy except for one hill**

Migratory Autumn-Winter Transition

Long Bridge Park

Tuesday, Oct 14 | 9:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

Friday, Oct 17 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Mid-October marks the end of fall songbird migration as daylight shortens and flying insects decrease. Fall migrants mingle with new arrivals which stay for the winter. We look for kinglets, yellow-bellied sapsucker, hermit thrush, brown creeper, yellow-rumped warbler and palm warbler on our stroll. **Miles: 1.5. Difficulty: easy, flat natural terrain.**

Fall Foliage Walk

Willingboro Lakes Park

Tuesday, Oct 28 | 1:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Friday, Oct 31 | 1:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Deciduous trees surrounding the lakes put on a gorgeous show of reds, oranges, and golds! Join us for an appreciation of the tree and color diversity found. We may see the first ducks and grebes of the season as well. **Miles: 1.5. Difficulty: easy, flat natural terrain.**



From Ponds and Parking Lots

County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, Nov 18 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Friday, Nov 21 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Late November can be unpredictable and very cold. For this outing, we take the easy way out and bird from the parking lot, checking the manmade ponds and looking through spotting scopes at the raptor species found hunting over the grasslands. **Miles: less than 0.5. Difficulty: easy, paved road.**

Moonlit Trail Walks

Barker's Brook Natural Resource Area

Thursday, Sep 4 | 8:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area

Thursday, Oct 2 | 7:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Long Bridge Park

Tuesday, Nov 6 | 5:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Experience parks in a whole new light! Hiking at night is an enchanting experience. Join a county park naturalist and ranger to listen and watch for nocturnal wildlife while admiring the night sky. **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: all ages. Miles: up to 2.5. Difficulty: easy-to-moderate depending on location; not ADA-accessible. Optional: Bring a red-light headlamp or flashlight to preserve your night vision.**

Finding Fall Fungi

Long Bridge Park

Tuesday, Sep 9 | 5:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Amico Island Park

Saturday, Oct 11 | 11:30 AM

[Register Here](#)

Arney's Mount Park

Monday, Oct 20 | 1:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Autumn brings an abundance of mushrooms making their appearance. Search for and practice identifying fungal specimens while learning the valuable role Kingdom Fungi plays in our global ecosystems. **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: adults and children ages 8+. Difficulty: easy to moderate depending on location. NOTE: Foraging is for educational purposes only.**



Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Refer to the registration page for each respective program for the most current information.

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Wildlife Watch Series

A monthly outing highlighting the animal kingdom with an emphasis on native species found within the Burlington County Park System. Participants enjoy passive nature study while learning about the life history characteristics of select animals and their role in our local ecosystems. Led by Senior Park Naturalist, Gina DiMaio. **Audience: adults and children ages 8+.** **Binoculars and cameras are encouraged.** **Miles up to 2.5.** **Difficulty varies by location.**

Autumnal Migrations

Arney's Mount Park (ADA Accessible Route)

Thursday, Sep 11 | 11:30 AM [Register Here](#)

From birds to butterflies let's go on a stroll to observe which species are making their seasonal journeys.

Mammal Mania

Smith's Woods

Thursday, Oct 9 | 11:30 AM
[Register Here](#)

Squirrels, foxes, raccoons – oh my! How much do you know about the mammals in our parks?



Turkey Talk & Walk

Long Bridge Park

Thursday, Nov 13 | 11:30 AM
[Register Here](#)

Take a hike to look and learn about November's favorite bird!



Audiobook Nature Walk

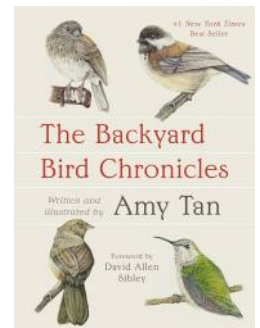
Historic Smithville Park

Friday, Sep 12 | 10:00—11:30 AM [Register Here](#)

Pennington Park (ADA-accessible)

Saturday, Oct 11 | 3:00—4:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Calling all introverts, extroverts, bookworms, and nature lovers! We're partnering with BCLS to invite you to move your body and enjoy an audiobook while strolling the trails. Charge up your smartphone, bring your headphones, and choose from our selection of handpicked audiobooks (via the Libby app) that celebrate the natural world. Our focus is creating a safe and welcoming atmosphere to build community and connection in the outdoors - one story at a time. **Instructor(s): Gina DiMaio and BCLS Staff.** **Audience: adults and teens 13+.** **Miles: 2-3.** **Difficulty: trail conditions vary based on park location.**



Monday Mindfulness in Nature

Historic Smithville Park

Mondays | 10:00 AM

Sep 15 | Oct 6 | Nov 3 [Register Here](#)

Unplug from the distractions of daily life and connect with like-minded individuals in your community. Participants are guided through a variety of mindfulness techniques to enhance their wellbeing while seeking inspiration from the natural world. Bring a beach towel and a journal to write in. **Instructor: Gina DiMaio.** **Audience: Adults only 18+.** **Miles: up to 1.5 miles.** **Difficulty: easy to moderate (depending on the session) may involve grass lawns, paved paths, natural terrain, and stairs.**



VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS: PARK Clean-up

Amico Island Park | Saturday, Sep 20 | 9:00 AM

Help keep our environment clean and green by cleaning up litter that made its way into the park! Bags, gloves, and grabbers provided. Bring your own water and snacks. If you need community service hours, please register by 4PM the day before the event.

To register, email cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us

All Programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required. Click the live link to register.

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Autumn Equinox: Where Nature & History Intersect

Pennington Park
(ADA accessible trails)

Monday, Sep 22 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Fall is the best time of the year! Join a Naturalist and a Historian on this guided outing to learn about the cultural and natural significance of the Equinox and celebrate the beginning of a new season! **Instructors: Gina DiMaio and Marisa Bozarth. All ages welcome. Miles: up to 2. Difficulty: easy, paved paths.**

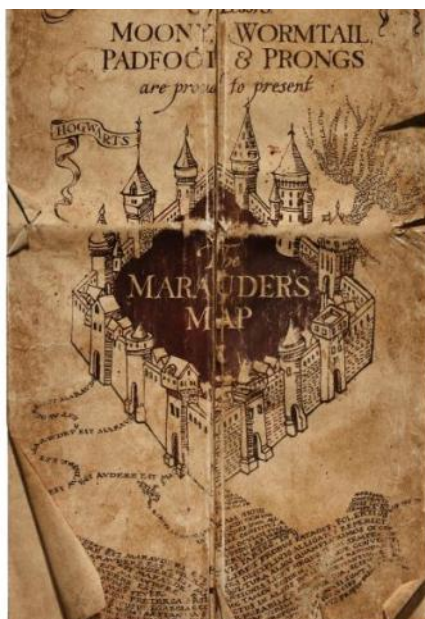
Public Star Watches

Historic Smithville Park

Wednesday, Sep 24 | 7:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Wednesday, Oct 15 | 6:30 PM [Register Here](#)

You're invited to a relaxing evening of stargazing with the West Jersey Astronomical Society! Look through telescopes at planets, stars, nebulas and more. Ask astronomers about our solar system and beyond. **Staff Liaison: Gina DiMaio. All ages. Not ADA-accessible. Bring a blanket or chair. Meets in the big field event area of Smithville Park.**

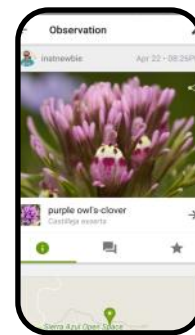


Autumn BioBlitz Kickoff

Smith's Woods

Saturday, Sep 27 | 12:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Help collect valuable data in the park and participate in community science! Learn to use the *iNaturalist* app to discover and record an abundance of species – plants, animals, fungi and more! Together we'll identify as many organisms as possible. **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: adults and teens 13+. Difficulty: moderate – natural terrain, stairs, floating walkway. Be sure one person in your party brings a smartphone. This ongoing project will conclude on Oct. 25.**



Becoming a Better Birder: Fundamentals (5-session Series)

5 Tuesdays

[Register here](#) for the whole series.

Burlington County Lyceum (1-4)

Sep 30, Oct 7, 14 & 21 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Boundary Creek (5)

Oct 28 | 10:00 AM

This five-session course develops your bird identification skills. Four indoor sessions are held Tuesdays at the Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences; the fifth session is outdoors at Boundary Creek. Topics include: tips to identify birds, behaviors of bird families, identifying birds by songs and calls, using your smart phone and computer to learn more, using binoculars, and much more. **Instructor: Claire Campbell, local birding enthusiast. There is a strict limit of participants. Audience: adults and teens 13+**



Harry Potter Marauders Map Adventure

Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, October 11 | 1:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Free—Pre-registration required. **NO WALK-UPS.**

Get your wands ready! Follow in Harry, Ron, and Hermione's footsteps using a special map to find 10 hidden clues around Smithville Park. This is a fantastic and fun way to learn orienteering with a map! Some trails are not suitable or accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. Costumes welcome!

Miles: 2. Difficulty: moderate – natural terrain, stairs, floating walkway. Maximum of 6 people per party. Ages 8+

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Fall Pollinator Patches

Smithville Park & Smith's Woods

Friday, Oct 3 | 1:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Autumn is an important time to provide high quality nectar and pollen for pollinators. Naturalists Jen and Gina highlight flowers that bloom this time of the year. Starting at the new pollinator patch outside the Visitor Center. Participants will see how this small patch of flowers hosts an incredible amount of life – from hummingbirds and goldfinches to butterflies and bees. Then we drive to Smith's Woods to admire that garden and other insects and birds relying on the flowers. **Adults and children ages 12+.**

Difficulty: easy - grassy terrain.

Lecture: Birds of Prey

Moorestown Library

Monday, Oct 20
1:00 PM

Discover the hawks, eagles, vultures, and owls who reside in South Jersey in this photographic slide show. Learn about raptor adaptations, behaviors, migration patterns and conservation efforts to bring endangered species back from the brink of extinction. Presenter: Jennifer Bulava. **Adults and teens. Register via the Moorestown Library [Website Calendar](#) or call the reference desk at 856-234-0333.**



Photo by Joe Valente

Creative Smartphone Photography

Historic Smithville Park

Thursday, Oct 23 | 4:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Many people use smartphones to take photos. Learn tips and tricks for taking even better images with your phone with an emphasis on outdoor photography. **Instructors: Jen Bulava and Gina DiMaio. Audience: teens and adults ages 13+. Miles: less than 1. Difficulty: moderate – natural terrain, stairs, floating walkway.**



Leave the Leaves Hike

Smith's Woods

Saturday, Oct 25 | 9:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Want to see more lightning bugs, butterflies, birds, and frogs in your yard? Let's hike and learn one of the best steps you can take in your yard this autumn to boost your local biodiversity. Discover how to create a welcoming habitat for local wildlife to survive the winter and thrive next spring! **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. All ages welcome. Miles: up to 2.5. Difficulty: moderate – natural terrain, stairs, floating walkway.**

Young Naturalist Program: Tree ID

Smith's Woods

Saturday, Oct 25 | 9:00—11:00 AM [Register Here](#)

We welcome teens to join us for a fall tree identification. Autumn is the best time to learn tree diversity. We use dichotomous keys to identify about 20 trees found at Smithville. **Instructor: Jen Bulava. Ages 13-18. Miles: under 1. Difficulty: natural terrain, stairs.**

Family-Friendly Autumn Scavenger Hunt

Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area

Thursday, Nov 6 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

Your family is invited to join us for fun with fall leaves and seeds while schools are closed for the teacher's convention! Take a short walk to look for different leaves and seeds that fell to the ground and find out what trees they come from. Together we admire the sizes, colors, and shapes of the different kinds of clues trees leave behind. **Instructors: Jen Bulava and Gina DiMaio. Audience: children ages 5-12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Miles: 0.5. Difficulty: easy – natural terrain and wooden boardwalks.**



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History

Events this on page take place at Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Rd | Eastampton

FRIENDS OF THE MANSION AT SMITHVILLE PRESENT:

Special Speaker Tea

Saturday, Sep 13 | 12:00 PM

We have a special speaker presenting: "*Smithville, The Story*". \$30.00 per person. Reservations required.

Smithville Mansion Ghostly Tours

Friday, Oct 31 | 7:00 PM & 7:30 PM

As you walk through Smithville Mansion and its grounds hear about the haunted happenings of Hezekiah Smith, and other residents of the mansion. Tour is approximately 1 hour and is family-friendly, but may give a chill down your spine. Light refreshments served at the end. \$20.00 per person. Reservations are required.

Halloween Witches Tea & Tour at Smithville Mansion

Saturdays, October 4, 11, & 18 | 12:00 PM

Halloween is perfectly suited to the Victorian age (1837 to 1901), a time when supernatural beliefs and occultism were hugely popular, including séances, mediums, tarot card readings, ghost sightings, psychics, and fortune-telling. Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite witch hat or costume. \$30.00 per person. Reservations required.

Smithville Mansion Tours

Fridays & Sundays

May 2 to Oct 31

12:00 PM, 1:00 PM

& 2:00 PM

Tours begin on the hour. Meet on the front porch of the mansion. Adults \$10.00 Seniors & Students \$8.00. Special rates available for groups of 10 or more. School groups welcome.

Autumn Lands Event: Special Walk-through Tours

Saturday, Oct 25 | 2:00 PM—4:30 PM

Reservations for Smithville Mansion events can be made online at: www.smithvillemansion.org.

For more information, email:

sleinbach@smithvillemansion.org

Nov 1 - Dec 4: The Mansion is closed.

December 5: The Mansion re-opens for Christmas Teas and Tours.



Photo by Anthony Jacobsen



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Smithville Village History Walk Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, Sep 6 | 11:30 AM | [Register Here](#)

Saturday, Oct 4 | 11:30 AM | [Register Here](#)

Join us for a yearlong celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Smithville Village becoming the first Burlington County park. Stroll through the village and hear the incredible story of the Smith family. Agnes and H.B. purchased the property in November 1865 with the vision to create the "ideal industrial village." The H.B. Smith Machine Company thrived until 1969. Was their dream ever fully realized? Did the couple's love for each other survive scandal and politics? Take a trip back in time to discover Smithville Village and the H.B. Smith Machine Company. Presented by Eric Orange.

Registration required. Click the live link to register.

History

Burlington County Lyceum of History & Natural Sciences | 307 High Street | Mt. Holly
Museum Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM

Summit on the Mount

Wednesday, Sep 3 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)
& 6:30 PM [Register Here](#)

One of Burlington County's highest peaks, the mount is the subject of legend and myth. This challenging 181-foot hike starts at the Lyceum with a short presentation on the geology and history of the mount. Presented by Eric Orange.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Thursday, Sep 4

10 AM [Register Here](#)

7 PM [Register Here](#)

Thursday, Oct 9

10 AM [Register Here](#)

7 PM [Register Here](#)

Thursday, Nov 6

10 AM [Register Here](#)

7 PM [Register Here](#)

In this monthly presentation, learn about events that took place in that month throughout our history. We share stories of discovery, politics, entertainment, and more. Presented by Marisa Bozarth.



Board Games at the Lyceum

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, Sep 13:

THEME: Magic The Gathering and similar games
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, Oct 18:

THEME: Spooky
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, Nov 15:

THEME: Whimsical Animals
[Register Here](#)

Join us at the Lyceum for themed Board Game Days! Games will be provided, or you may bring your favorites to share. Bring your own snacks. Bring your family and friends to a day of games and fun! **No alcohol is permitted.**



Photo by Pitbank

HAUNTED HISTORY: Prison Museum Ghost Tour

Historic Burlington County Prison Museum

Friday Evenings in October plus 1 Thursday!

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Tours start every 30 minutes)

Oct 3, Oct 10, Oct 17, Oct 24 + Thursday, Oct 30

Visit the museum for a hauntingly good time this October. Bring your family and friends for a guided ghost tour to hear about the spirits that remain. For more information call 609-265-5476.

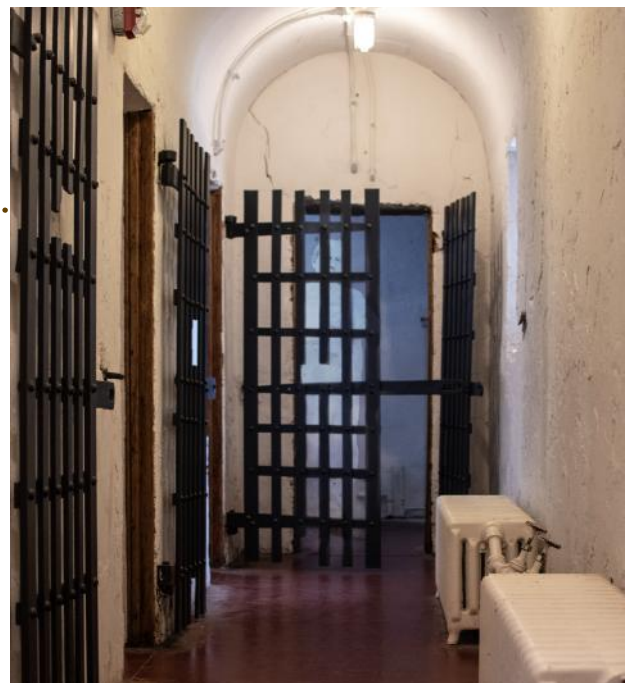


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History

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JUNIOR LYCEUM: Pirates!

Burlington County Lyceum

Saturday, Oct 11 | 1:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Blackbeard is rumored to have once spent time in Burlington County. Hear his and other pirate stories, discover treasures, and make your own pirate ship. Grades 1-4. Siblings welcome. Parent or guardian must be present with children.



Photo by Marc Cunningham

Victorian Funerary Practices

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesday, Oct 22 | 10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

Thursday, Oct 23 | 6:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Victorian funeral traditions were elaborate and steeped in symbolism, reflecting a society deeply concerned with death and mourning. These traditions, while some remain today, offer a glimpse into the Victorians' complex relationship with death and remembrance. Presented by Marisa Bozarth



HISTORIC PRISON MUSEUM: Minors in Prison

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesday, Nov 19 | 10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

Take a deep dive into the minors and youth who were incarcerated in the Burlington County Prison and the creation of the Juvenile Justice System. From jails to reformatories, we take a look at the why and how the Juvenile Justice System was created. Presented by Lauren Cunningham.



Black Enclaves “Still” Here: South Jersey Black History & Genealogy

Burlington County Lyceum

Saturday, Nov 1 | 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

In this half day forum, the South Jersey Black History Roundtable describes aspects of everyday life for nineteenth century African Americans in South Jersey, including enslavement, manumission, state and federal laws affecting status, Underground Railroad in South Jersey, community development, and family history. Presented by the South Jersey Black History Roundtable

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History Programs

**EXPLORE BURLINGTON COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION
TO 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY!**



ENJOY 12 PROGRAMS THIS FALL



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| SEP 6 | LIFE AT SEA! |
| SEP 13 | SPIES OF THE REVOLUTION |
| SEP 16 | DECEMBER 1776: THE HESSIANS ATTACK |
| SEP 21 | THE TEA: THE BANEFUL WEED! |
| SEP 23 | THE WIDOW OF MOUNT HOLLY |
| SEP 24/25 | JONATHAN O'DELL: MINISTER, POET, BRITISH LOYALIST |
| OCT 1 | HIKE TO ROGERS' MILL |
| OCT 15/16 | THOMAS PAINE: FORGOTTEN FOUNDING FATHER |
| NOV 2 | A VISIT WITH GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON |
| NOV 6 | MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: VIRTUAL TOUR |
| NOV 12 | PETTICOAT BRIDGE & THE BATTLE OF MOUNT HOLLY |
| NOV 13 | FOLLOWING THE ARMY:
SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR |

**All programs are FREE and located throughout Burlington County.
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REVOLUTION AT THE LIBRARY: Life at Sea!

BCLS Westampton Branch

Saturday, Sep 6 | 11:00 AM

Climb aboard as we learn about life on a privateer ship, including what a sailor might eat, what his job might be, and how he would have passed the time. Meet some of the Revolution's most famous sailors, like Philadelphian James Forten. Learn how to fire a cannon while fighting off the British and help us create our "tall tale" from the high seas! Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton. Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us

REVOLUTION AT THE LIBRARY: Spies of the Revolution

BCLS Westampton Branch

Saturday, Sep 13 | 11:00 AM

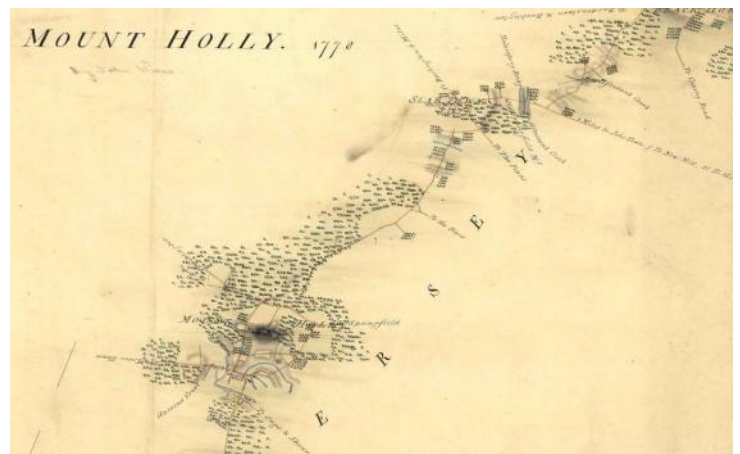
In this super-secret meeting, join museum staff as we learn about the spies of the Revolution! From shopkeepers and mystery women to enslaved men who served as double agents, let's discover who these spies were and how they operated undercover. We'll solve puzzles, uncover secret messages, and discover why George Washington thought spies were essential to the Continental Army's victory. Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton. Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us

December 1776: The Hessians Attack!

Moorestown Library

Tuesday, Sep 16 | 7:00 PM

In December 1776, more than 2,000 Hessian and Scottish troops occupied northern Burlington County. Before the Battle of Trenton, there was the Battle of Petticoat Bridge and the Battle of Mount Holly. During this lecture, take a deep dive into the legends surrounding this episode in the county's history and set the record straight on where and how those consequential battles were fought. Presented by Eric Orange. 111 W. 2nd St. Moorestown. Registration through www.moorestownlibrary.org



That Tea: The Baneful Weed!

BCLS Westampton Branch

Sunday, Sep 21 | 2:00 PM

Abigail Adams and Sarah Fulton cover the events leading to the dumping of tea into Boston Harbor, the "tea party", and the boycott on tea adopted by women of the American colonies. Their "conversation" recounts how they made homespun cloth in response to the 1767 Townshend Acts, and how they shared their favorite recipes for "Library Tea," a patriotic alternative to imported tea. Presented by the American Historical Theater. 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton. Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us

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The Widow of Mount Holly

Shamong Township Building

Tuesday, Sep 23 | 7:00 PM

In December 1776, Hessian Colonel Count Carl von Donop led 2,000 soldiers to Mount Holly. Having won the day, he decided to spend Christmas in Mount Holly. With no enemy in his front and 18 miles from his nearest ally, what could have tempted him to stay. A Hessian diary hints that he fell in love. But with who? Presented by Eric Orange for the Indian Mills Historical Society. 105 Willow Grove Rd. Shamong, NJ For more information www.imhs2019.com

Jonathan O'Dell: Minister, Poet, British Loyalist

Burlington County Lyceum of History & Natural Sciences

Wednesday, Sep 24 | 10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

Thursday, Sep 25 | 6:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Known for his Loyalist poems and ministry in Burlington, O'Dell's life was full of secrets and intrigue. This presentation dives deeper into his Loyalist writings, his escape from Tory hunters, his tie to Benedict Arnold, and more. Presented by Marisa Bozarth.



Hike to Rogers' Mill

Rancocas Nature Center

Wednesday, Oct 1 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

& 6:00 PM [Register Here](#)

The British army raided William Rogers' plantation in 1778 on its way to the Battle of Monmouth. The plantation had livestock and supplies desired by the 20,000 soldiers stationed in Mount Holly. They destroyed his mill, outbuildings, and flat boat. Take this leisurely hike to discover the remains and more of Rogers' story. Presented by Eric Orange. 794 Rancocas Rd. Mt. Holly



Thomas Paine: Forgotten Founding Father

Burlington County Lyceum of History & Natural Sciences

Wednesday, Oct 15 | 6:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Thursday, Oct 16 | 10:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Paine's "Common Sense" inspired the idea of American independence and is one of the best-selling books of all-time, yet we rarely think of him as a Founding Father. He went on to write several other pamphlets, some which garnered him fame and some that left him ostracized by the very people that praised him years earlier. This presentation discusses Paine's early life, his writings, his imprisonment in Europe, and why he should be remembered as a critical player in our independence. Presented by Marisa Bozarth.

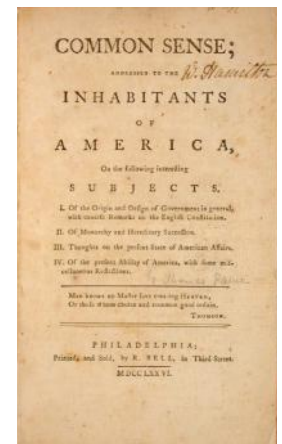


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A Visit with General George Washington

BCLS Westampton Branch

Sunday, Nov 2 | 2:00 PM

In this performance, "General Washington" will recount important lessons from his childhood, including Honesty and the Rules of Civility. He will share his notable moments from the struggle for independence, lead the troops in a military muster, and engage the audience in a Presidential press conference as Commander in Chief. Presented by the American Historical Theater. 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton, NJ 08060 Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: Virtual Tour

BCLS Westampton Branch

Thursday, Nov 6 | 6:00 PM

A museum educator will guide you through the museum's core galleries. Explore the Revolutionary War through the eyes of those who lived it – soldiers, women, African Americans, Native Americans, children, and more. Discover their powerful stories through the artifacts they left behind. Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton. Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us



Photo courtesy of Rev War Alliance of Burlington County

Petticoat Bridge & the Battle of Mount Holly

Burlington County Lyceum of History & Natural Sciences

Wednesday, Nov 12 | 10:00 AM [Register Here](#)

& 7:00 PM [Register Here](#)

In December 1776, when the fledgling United States was at its most desperate, 600 brave men from southern New Jersey answered the call. Learn how they helped change the course of history. Presented by Eric Orange.

Following the Army: Soldiers & Civilians in the Revolutionary War

BCLS Westampton Branch

Thursday, Nov 13 | 2:00 PM

The virtual talk will explore life on the home front and alongside the armies during the Revolutionary War. In the 18th century, military families played vital roles. Discover the powerful stories of the civilians who supported the war effort and what their experiences reveal about the broader impact of the American Revolution. Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton. Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us

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Historic Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County New Jersey

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton



Annual African Diaspora Festival

Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, September 13 | 12:00 PM—6:00PM

Experience the vibrant celebration of African culture: music, dance, drums, fashion, artists, face painting, vendors, genealogists, and more!



Photo by Anthony Jacobsen

The museum offers visitors a visual presentation of the Underground Railroad experience in America, with an emphasis on Burlington County and specifically New Jersey where the Underground Railroad flourished before the Civil War.

The museum is an independent organization. Please visit <http://www.hugrrmbc.org> or the Underground Railroad Museum Facebook page [@HURMNJ](https://www.facebook.com/HURMNJ) for details and tour information.

Mission Statement

The Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County is dedicated to keeping history alive—connecting the past to the present through the acquisition and presentation of historical artifacts and materials while giving voices to history through creative expression in art, music, and the "spoken word." All audiences are welcome, especially those who have had limited access to historical truths.

Hours of Operation

Friday (Private Tours) 12PM - 4:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday 12 PM - 4:00 PM

To schedule a private tour please contact us at:

info@hugrrmbc.org or 609-233-7969

There are exciting volunteer opportunities and helpful platforms available which will help deliver unbelievable experiences!



Photo by Anthony Jacobsen

Arts After Dark Festival

Historic Smithville Park

Saturday, September 27 | 4:00 PM—9:00 PM

Performances and more!

Lantern Making Workshop & Light Parade

with Kenneth Johnston, museum contributor and founder of "Walk to Freedom". Johnston, a Philadelphia-based walking artist, responds to the call of social change and history by walking to put "Movement" back into the Civil Rights Movement.

Lighting the way with truths that connect the past with the present.

Art Exhibits

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton

Photo by Anthony Jacobsen



Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

Located upstairs in the historic Smithville Mansion, the gallery features juried and themed fine art and photography exhibits, and hosts the annual Burlington County Teen Arts Exhibit and Juried Art Show.

Gallery Hours: Friday-Sunday: 11 AM - 6 PM

Starting November 7: Friday-Sunday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Burlington County Senior Art Show

May 16 – September 6

The annual Burlington County Senior Art Show features many beautiful works of the County's residents ages 60 and older.

New Jersey Teen Arts State Selections Exhibit

May 16 – September 6

Burlington County schools throughout the county participated in the Burlington County Teen Arts Festival in March. The artwork selected by professional adjudicators is displayed in the exhibit and moves on to the state competition.

49th Annual Juried Art Show

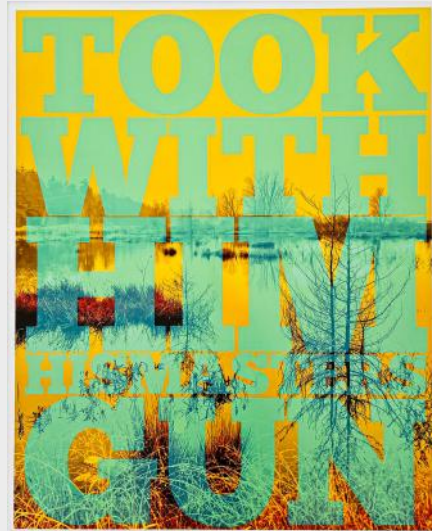
September 19 - January 10, 2026

Artist Reception: Friday, October 3, 5:00—7:00 PM

The most anticipated art show of the year features a diverse group of outstanding artists showcased at the Annex Gallery throughout the fall. Year after year, artists who enter this show demonstrate their creativity and innovation, highlighting their best works of art.



Linoleum Block Print by Harry Mayer, Drawing by Sophia Shoff



Digital Media by Gary Jones



Made possible by funds from the Burlington County Board of County Commissioners, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Burlington County Galleries located at Smithville are changing hours. Starting Friday, Nov. 7, 2025. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm. Individuals requiring special accommodations and groups of 10 or more requesting other times should contact us two weeks in advance. 609-265-5858 | parks@co.burlington.nj.us

Art Exhibits

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton

Photo by Anthony Jacobsen



Worker's House Gallery

Built between 1865 and 1870, and nestled in The Smithville Village, housed H.B. Smith's workers and their families. Exhibits focus on handcrafts and group exhibits.

Gallery Hours: Friday-Sunday: 11 AM - 6 PM

Starting November 7: Friday-Sunday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Barn to Bay: Art of the Penevs

May 30 - September 28

Angelina and Plamen Penev are award-winning artists who paint in pastels and oils, often outdoors (en plein air) and in one sitting (alla prima). Their exhibition, "NJ - Barn to Bay," is focused on scenes captured from the farmlands of Burlington County to the waves of the Jersey Shore! They hope their works inspire others to feel pride and joy in the diverse and beautiful area where they reside.

A Life's Passion of Work in Photography: Eric Stoner

October 10 - January 17, 2026

Eric has been creating works of art in professional photography for over 37 years. For 18 years he taught photography across the country as a Canon USA ambassador. As a widely published, award-winning photographer, Eric asks thoughtful questions, when making photographs. "What matters? When you look at the work, will it inspire you? Will it evoke an emotion? Will it be impactful?" Everyone *sees* in different ways, but he focusses on the concept that the work should move the viewer in *some* way. His use of color and composition allows the observer to step into the scene as if they are there. From colorful landscape still-life imagery to still-motion, his goal is to inspire the viewer.



Plein Air Painting by Angelina Penev



Photograph by Eric Stoner



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Follow the Arts!

Art Exhibits

150 High Street | Mount Holly

Photo by Anthony Jacobsen



Warden's House Gallery

Completed in 1888 and attached to the Historic Prison Museum, this house served as the warden's living quarters. It is the permanent home of the Hugh Campbell collection and highlights works by emerging artists.

Gallery Hours: Thursday—Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Rare Earth: Gary Jones

August 1—November 8

In his Rare Earth Series, conceptual artist Gary Jones expands his practice of intertwining historical memory with color-drenched landscape photography. This narrative-driven exhibition incites dialogue and discovery. Using imagery captured within the Whitesbog Nature Preserve, NJ, Gary reimagines a landscape upon which the runaway slaves of Colonial New Amsterdam and New England once fled.

Envisioning an African diaspora yearning for a place to call home, the artist asks whether the concept of an American homeland has ever been fully realized or if the idea of freedom will forever remain a figment of our collective imagination.

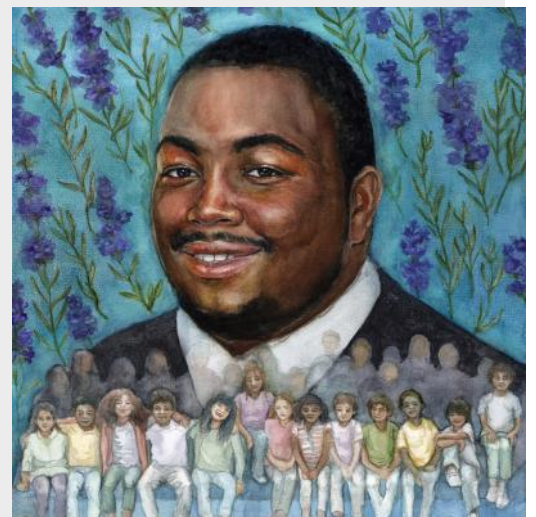


Digital Image by Gary Jones

Souls Shot Portrait Project

November 14—January 24, 2026

Souls Shot Portrait Project pairs fine artists with families and loved ones of individuals lost to gun violence. Through conversation, reflection, and deep listening, each artist creates a portrait that honors the life of the person lost reflecting their unique spirit. The portraits are exhibited in public spaces—from galleries and schools to houses of worship and government buildings—inviting communities to confront the human toll of gun violence with compassion and clarity.



Portrait of JB of by Juliette Watts

Hugh Campbell Collection:

A Local Odyssey | 2ND Floor Exhibit (ongoing)

Hugh H. Campbell was a self-taught artist, published author, and philosopher who lived a minimalist lifestyle, capturing his experiences of Mount Holly and surrounding areas through his paintbrush. This shifting exhibit includes artifacts and select works from the Hugh H. Campbell archives, including newly acquired works!



Follow the Arts!

Art Classes & Workshops



Painting Workshop: Fall Colors

Mansion Annex Gallery

Tuesday, Oct 21 | 5:30—7:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Adults & Teens 16 +

Join in a 2-hour instructional painting workshop that celebrates the colors of Fall! This class offers a step-by-step guide to painting on canvas with color mixing, paint application and techniques to create your own FALL painting. Bring two FALL color inspired acrylic paints. We supply the canvas board, brushes, paint, instruction and FALL themed inspiration. All artistic levels welcome! Instructor: Leeannwyn Stoner

Hooks ‘N Needles Club

Smithville Park Building 6/7 Conference Room

Thursdays | 6:00 —8:00 PM

Sep 11, 25 | Oct 9, 23 | Nov 6, 20

Love to crochet, knit, or weave? Join Parks’ Ashley Park for this social fiber artist club every other Thursday evening. Bring your own materials and enjoy creative time, conversation, and community with fellow makers. Ages 16+ (under 18 must attend with an adult). Not an instructional class. Register per session.

[Register Here](#)

Hooks ‘N Needles: Beginners Instruction to Crochet

Smithville Park Building 6/7 Conference Room

Thursdays | 5:00—6:00 PM

Session One: Sep 18 | Session

Two: Nov 13

Ready to learn crochet or hone your skills? Join Parks’ Ashley Park for this two-part beginner class covering how to read patterns, hold your hook, work basic stitches, and start a simple blanket. For ages 18+. Bring your own supplies. Must register for both sessions to attend.

[Register Here for Session One](#)

[Register Here for Session Two](#)



Scribble Cryptids Workshop

Mansion Annex Gallery

Friday, Oct 17 | 6:30—8:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Adults & Teens 12 +

Are you looking for a fun activity that is a little different? Are you a fan of cryptids and monsters such as Big Foot, Moth Man, or the New Jersey Devil? Create your own original “scribble cryptid” using acrylic paints and a free-drawing technique. Parks’ own Tiffany Case, leads this workshop.



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All programs are FREE. Registration required. Click the live link to register.

Art Classes & Workshops



Explore Drawing: Modern Masters Series

Mansion Annex Gallery

Tuesdays | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Sep 30 | *Piet Mondrian: Movement:
Mixed Media* [Register Here](#)

Oct 28 | *Mark Rothko: Color Fields:
Pastel* [Register Here](#)

Nov 25 | *Paul Cézanne: Oranges:
Colored Pencils* [Register Here](#)

Adults & Teens 12 +

Each month, use drawing to explore a different Modern Master's style of art. Taking inspiration from the master, discover new techniques and materials by using different mediums with each theme. After a short review of the Modern Master's style, create your own work in that style. All materials provided and all artistic levels welcome. Instructor: Leeannwyn Stoner
Ms. Stoner is a working artist and Fine Art instructor, teaching and instilling in her students that drawing is the basis of all creative arts.



Alcohol Ink Painting Workshop

Mansion Annex Gallery

Wednesday, Nov 12

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM [Register Here](#)

Adults & Teens 16+

Join us for an exciting and creative Alcohol Ink Workshop, exploring the vibrant possibilities and unleash your artistic potential! This hands-on workshop is designed for beginners and experienced artists looking to expand their skills. Feel free to bring an apron or old clothes, as things can get a little messy! Instructor: Nicole Eiland

Pinhole Photography Workshop

Workers House Gallery, Historic Smithville Park

2 Wednesdays | Oct 8 & Oct 15 | 5 PM - 7 PM

[Register Here](#)

Adults & Teens 14 +

Join Heather Palecek and Parks' Sandra C. Davis for this two-session workshop and learn the basics.

On Oct. 8, Heather leads an immersive 2-hour workshop, where you make your own pinhole camera, explore history of pinhole photography, composition and technique. Take your new pinhole cameras home to make pictures.

On Oct. 15, meet with Sandra and learn to develop your pinhole photographs in a darkroom. Note: We are not building cameras on Oct. 15.



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Burlington County AGRICULTURAL CENTER

500 Centerton Road | Moorestown, NJ 08057

Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

Tea Tasting: A Black Tea Affair!

Tuesday, Sep 9

6:00 PM

\$35 | Learn the difference between tea from a teabag and the magnificent single origin loose leaf teas from China, Sri Lanka, Africa and India. We may even have our Taiwanese Black tea back! Explore how black tea is made and its history (legend has it was a mistake!). Try different flushes of the same tea and learn how terroir impacts a tea's flavor and complexity. Taste and contrast 8-10 different black teas from all over the world.



Veggie Madness

Tuesday, Sep 10 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Learn to make an Indian "Havejia" (stuffed potato and eggplant curry) along with Aloo Gobi (Cauliflower Curry). Chef Chetna walks you through the tips and tricks to making simple and delicious Indian vegetarian fare.

German Cookie Baking Workshop

Tuesday, Sep 16 | 6:00 PM

\$60 | Explore German baking by making traditional cookies! In this hands-on class, learn to create beloved treats like Vanillekipferl, Lebkuchen, and Spritzgebäck. We discuss their history and cultural significance while providing step-by-step guidance. You'll leave with delicious cookies to take home. All skill levels welcome. Enjoy the sweet side of German culture!



Indian Street Food

Tuesday, Sep 23 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Join Chef Chetna and learn to make Indian street food favorites, like Hariyali Chicken, Indian Masala Beef Cheesesteaks with a refreshing Mango Lassi. Chef adds her pro tips to making these delicious dishes easy to replicate at home.

The Art and Science of Kimchi

Wednesday, Sep 24

3:00 PM

\$55 | Let's dive into the world of lacto-fermentation, the art of coaxing flavor from vegetables with nothing but salt and time. Demystify the ancient preservation technique, covering ingredient selection, proper prep and ratios for a precise dry salt mix. You'll leave with recipes, your own fermenting cabbage creation and a hot pepper condiment, ready to bubble and transform in your kitchen.



Spaetzle Mac-n-Cheese

Wednesday, Sep 24 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | This is the ultimate comfort food! Ditch the boxed stuff and create spaetzle mac & cheese from scratch. Learn to make tender, pillowy spaetzle – those delightful German egg noodles and dumplings – and transform them into a creamy, decadent mac & cheese masterpiece.

Explore flavorful cheese combinations and creative toppings, ensuring every bite is a warm hug for your soul.



To register, visit: www.burlcoagcenter.com/class-schedule/



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Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

Pasta Dumplings

Thursday, Sep 25 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Pasta 103 features gnocchi and gnudi, two classic dumplings found all over Italy. Guests are greeted with antipasto while Chef Ed discusses dumpling making from start to finish. Guests make and roll pasta as chef demonstrates the sauces. Enjoy antipasto and a sweet treat.

Ancient Grains

Tuesday, Sep 30

6:00 PM

\$55 | Unlock the power of ancient grains and discover how to

incorporate these nutrient-packed staples into your everyday meals. Dive into the world of quinoa, farro, amaranth, and teff. Learn how to cook using them in a variety of delicious dishes. These grains are rich in fiber, protein, and essential nutrients, making them perfect for a plant-based diet for salads, grain bowls, soups, and even baked goods. Leave with a deeper understanding of how these ancient grains elevate your cooking and nourish your body.



Tea Tasting: Chai and Latte Tea Drinks!

Tuesday, Oct 7 | 6:00 PM

\$35 | Chai is the word for tea in many places around the world, and commonly as a black tea beverage made with herbs and spices from India and served with steamed milk. Explore and taste several chai blends and learn the brewing techniques to serve them straight or in traditional Indian ways. These chai methods work for hands-on tea latte drinks too! Brew and whip up latte combinations, discover the fun, art and tastiness of these up-and-coming tea beverages. Make your own chai blend to package and take home!

Making Pani Puri

Thursday, Oct 9 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Join Chef Chetna to learn the popular Indian snack, Pani Puri. This popular Indian street food treat is a semolina puff stuffed with a potato and herb mix often served with chutney. Get hands-on making your puffs and filling.



YOUNG CHEFS: China Food Explorers

Saturday, Oct 12 | 12:30 PM

\$50 | Get ready for a delicious adventure to China in this hands-on cooking class just for kids. Young Chefs (ages 5 -10) roll their own veggie egg rolls and mix up homemade duck sauce while exploring the fun of healthy whole food based cooking. Our child-friendly tools and step-by-step guidance make this class safe, fun, and empowering for young cooks. Travel the world one bite at a time! Recipes are nut-free and most dietary needs can be accommodated with advance notice.

Cooking Beans and Legumes: Plant-based Powerhouses

Thursday, Oct 16 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Explore incorporating beans and legumes into everyday cooking, from hearty stews and soups to vibrant salads and dips. Learn techniques for properly cooking beans from scratch, and tips for using canned legumes in quick and easy meals. We explore flavor pairings, seasoning techniques, and how to create balanced, protein-packed dishes that are filling and full of flavor. Whether new to legumes or looking to expand your repertoire, this class provides the skills to make these plant-based powerhouses the star of your meals.

To register, visit: www.burlcoagcenter.com/class-schedule/



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Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

FAMILY TABLE: Sushi Night

Tuesday, Oct 21 | 5:30 PM

\$55 | Get ready to roll! In this hands-on family cooking class, you and your child learn how to create your very own fresh and fun veggie sushi rolls.

From spreading rice to slicing colorful fillings and rolling like a pro, everyone has a role in making this delicious, healthy meal. This class is designed for families to bond over food, learn new kitchen skills, and enjoy a dinner made together with love. Recipes are kid-friendly, nut free, and customizable to fit most dietary needs with advance notice.



Strudel Making Workshop

Wednesday, Oct 22 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Join us for a hands-on German Apple Strudel class to make this delicious dessert from scratch, starting with the perfect dough. Discover traditional techniques for creating a thin, flaky pastry that will impress. As we bake the dessert, we'll prepare a rich vanilla sauce to complement your strudel. Taste and enjoy our handmade creation, one bite at a time while enjoying a cup of tea. Suitable for beginners and experienced bakers, this class offers a joyful experience in German & Austrian culinary traditions. Your friends will say, "Danke Schöen."

Classic Tuscan Pastas

Thursday, Oct 23 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Tuscany is one of Chef Ed's favorite regions of Italy. Join us for a pasta class featuring two of chef's favorites! Guests are welcomed with antipasto, then make and eat two pastas, and enjoy tiramisu. This class is light participation- guests will make and roll pasta while chef demonstrates the sauces.

Making Indian Breads

Thursday, Oct 30 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Learn the basics of Indian breads including Naan, Wheat Roti, and Paratha (with spinach, onion and garlic). Chef Chetna explains the differences, tricks to getting each right, and how these breads fit in South Asian cooking traditions.

Sweet Potato Ricotta Galette

Wednesday, Oct 29

3:00 PM

\$55 | Embrace the rustic charm of the galette.

We're ditching the pie dish for freeform, flavor-packed pastries, both sweet and savory. Start by crafting a flaky dough.

While it chills, transform milk into silky, homemade ricotta. That creamy ricotta is the counterpoint to our featured filling: sweet potatoes, caramelized to bring out their earthy sweetness. We'll assemble our galettes, bake them to golden perfection, and savor the results together. Unleash your creativity and discover the irresistible appeal of these effortlessly elegant pastries.



Buttermilk Ricotta Pumpkin Tian

Wednesday, Oct 29 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | It's autumn and time for the Tian, Ratatouille's sophisticated sibling. Incorporate vibrant layers of autumn root vegetables -- seasonal pumpkin, beets, and sweet potatoes -- into a feast for the eyes and taste buds. While we craft these artfully arranged edible mosaics, we'll change buttermilk into delicate ricotta to crown our creation. We'll savor a tian completed by Chef Tamara. Your own layered masterpiece is yours to take home and bake to impress your family and friends.

To register, visit: www.burlcoagcenter.com/class-schedule/



Burlington County AGRICULTURAL CENTER

500 Centerton Road | Moorestown, NJ 08057

Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

Get Saucy! Sauces 101

Tuesday, Nov 4 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | A flavorful sauce can make a simple meal spectacular, so let's sauce it up! Create three simple, delicious sauces and taste them across different plant-based dishes. The secret to great meals is in the sauce.

Indian Brunch

Thursday, Nov 6 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Chef Chetna shows us a classic brunch menu: Indian spiced potato pancake with a cucumber yogurt raita, a cabbage/carrot dry spiced curry, and mango lassi.

FAMILY TABLE: Pizza Night

Thursday, Nov 11 | 5:30 PM

\$55 | Build, Bake and Bond over Pizza! Join us for the ultimate pizza night! In this interactive class, families work together to craft personal pizzas from scratch using fresh, whole food toppings and fun, colorful ingredients. It's more than just dinner – it's a creative and collaborative experience that brings families together in the kitchen. With simple recipes and step-by-step guidance, you'll leave feeling confident to recreate this fun mealtime at home. Let's turn dinner into a memory you'll want to make again and again. Recipes are nut-free and can be adapted for most dietary preferences with advanced notice.



Authentic German Pretzel Making

Wednesday, Nov 12 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Craft authentic German pretzels from scratch! Learn the history and tradition as you knead, shape, and bake delicious pretzels. Discover the secrets to a perfect golden crust and chewy interior. Take home your own ready to bake pretzel and gain skills to recreate this iconic snack at home. We end by tasting pretzels fresh from the oven and learning about the best sides to enjoy your pretzels the German way.



Tapas

Thursday, Nov 13

6:00 PM

\$55 | Explore the flavors of Spain with our tapas class, featuring small plates like classic Tortilla Espanola to Chef Ed's take on Spanish meatballs. Guests are greeted with light snacks while Chef Ed discusses the history of tapas and demonstrates each dish. Enjoy five tapas, as they're prepared. Class is mostly demonstration. Can accommodate Gluten Free with notice.



YOUNG CHEFS: Mexico Food Explorers

Saturday, Nov 16 | 12:30 PM

\$50 | In this flavor-filled adventure, kids take a tasty trip to Mexico! Young Chefs (ages 5-10) build their own tacos with colorful, healthy ingredients and whip up sweet cinnamon churro snacks while gaining confidence and independence in the kitchen. Travel the world one bite at a time! Classes are hands on, age appropriate and always nut free. Most dietary needs can be accommodated with advance notice.

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Little Sprouts (Ages 2-6)

Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM
Sep 10, 17, 24 | Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

This program is for children ages 2 to 6 years old accompanied by an adult and introduces them to the joys and wonders of gardening, from observing seedlings grow to finding wiggly worms. Each session will focus on a different aspect of gardening and include work time in the garden, a story, composting and a craft/activity. Please dress accordingly. This program is free (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership). Inclement weather cancels.

Field & Stream Investigations

(Ages 8-11)
Tuesdays | 4:30 to 5:45 PM
Sep 16, 23, 30 | Oct 7, 14, & 21

Let’s take a closer look at what’s going on in the waterways and fields of the Rancocas preserve. We will investigate how the surrounding environment affects what lives in the streams and meadows. Participants will set up field experiments such as ground level insect catchers and stream leaf bags. Using a variety of



science tools, students will collect samples, test water, and observe what is found. This class is geared toward the hands-on science-minded thinker. Investigations will be mainly outdoors, so dress accordingly. Cost: (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership): \$72/per child for the 6-week session.

Exploring Nature’s Story

(Ages 3-6)
TWO SESSIONS: Fridays | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Session 1: Sep 19, 26, | Oct 3, 10, & 17
Session 2: Oct 24, 31 | Nov 7, 14, & 21

The fall season has so many cool things happening in nature. We’ll explore these changes first-hand by visiting the diverse habitats in the park and creating a page for our book every week that when bound together will create a story of the places and things we have discovered. Each Friday starts with a nature-focused story that will inspire an exploratory hike. Natural materials seen and collected along the trail can be used to create artwork—the pages in our “book.” From mushroom prints and nature’s paints to colorful fall leaf collages, children will have created a collection of memories from our adventures together. The program is primarily outdoors, but moves indoors for inclement weather. Cost: (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership): \$60/per child/per 5-week session.

Tales & Trails (Ages 3+)

Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM
Nov 5, 12 & 19

The Rancocas Nature Center Preserve is beautiful throughout the fall and winter months! Join us for this free family-friendly children’s program. Each session will start with a nature-themed storybook and includes a hike on the trails to explore the preserve during the colder months. This program is geared toward children 3 years and up and their families. Babies in backpacks are welcome! This program is free (with a current Rancocas Nature Center membership). Inclement weather cancels.



SAVE THE DATE FOR SANTAQUEST

Sunday, December 7

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Staggered start times)

The Rancocas Nature Center is one of Santa’s favorite stopover spots.

Fun for the whole family!

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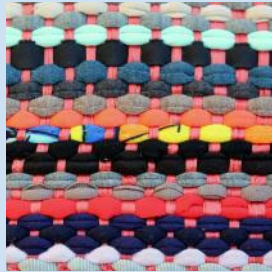
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Weaving

Monday, Oct 13
9:00 to 11:00 AM

Experience the ancient art of weaving! Students will learn about indigenous peoples and explorers and how they used weaving in everyday life.

Participants will make their own cardboard loom to weave a small take-home project. Cost: \$15/Rancocas Nature Center members; \$20/non-members. Limit: 15 students



Poetry

Thursday, Nov 6 | 12:30 to 2:30 PM

Explore the beauty and diversity of poetry! Join teacher naturalist Robin Sperry as she visits several habitats along the Rancocas Nature Center trails and encourages students to create a different style poem inspired by the natural world at each stop. Cost: \$15/Rancocas Nature Center members; \$20/non-members. Limit: 15 students

• TEEN & SCOUT PROGRAMS •

Scouting America Merit Badge: Insect Study

Sunday, Sep 7 | 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

(Indoor/Outdoor workshop at Rancocas)

Sunday, Sep 14 | Time:TBD (1-Hour Session)

(Off-Site Field Trip—small groups session)



Insect Study Merit Badge Counselor Robin Sperry and beekeeper Don Feeley join forces to offer this early fall program at the Nature Center. Both Robin and Don are part of Rancocas' education staff and bring experience in the field to the classroom. This badge takes a look at the most highly successful and incredibly diverse group of animals that has the largest number of species on Earth. The first session will include time in the classroom and out on the trails where we will observe and record the insects that we find. The second session is an off-site field trip to a local apiary (transportation is not provided—scouts will meet at the site). Scouts must attend both sessions and complete an assignment started in class and turned in via Google classroom. Protective clothing at the apiary is available upon request. Cost: \$45/per scout. For questions/information, contact meritbadges@rancocasnaturecenter.org. Register online at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org.

Teen and Scout Conservation Volunteer Days

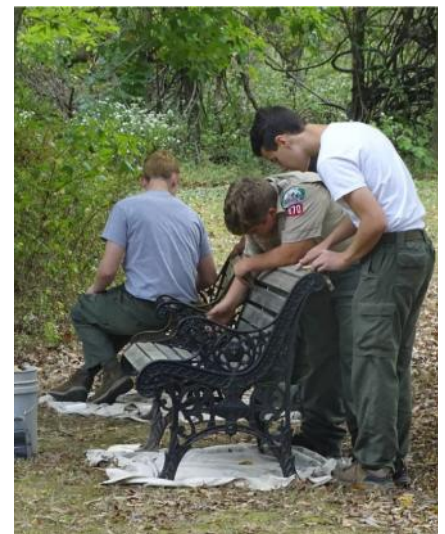
(Ages 13-17)

Saturday, Sep 6 | 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 4 | 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Sunday, Nov 2 | 12:30 —3:30 PM

The Rancocas Nature Center has organized three supervised stewardship conservation project days for fall 2025. It's a great way for scouts and other youth ages 13 to 17 years-old to get out into nature and accumulate service hours. Parental consent is required, and parents are welcome to volunteer, too. Activities vary depending on the season, but often include removal of invasive species and mulching native plant enclosures and gardens. Volunteers should bring water, work gloves, and dress in work clothes, including appropriate footwear. Upon request, letters can be provided for youth needing proof of service for Scouts, 4-H, Honors Society, etc. Details and sign-up links can be found on the Rancocas Nature Center website at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org



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Interpretive Trail Hike

Sundays, Sep 7 & Nov 2 | 1:30 to 2:30 PM

Join Rancocas Nature Center for an interpretive hike through our varied habitats. It's a great way to become familiar with the trails. You can bring a camera and/or binoculars as we'll be sure to stop at scenic spots along the way. The hike is suitable for all ages 5+, so you'll need a child carrier to transport younger children. The program is free with Rancocas Nature Center membership; or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Homebody Farm Visit, (Chesterfield, NJ)

Sunday, Sep 28 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join Rancocas Nature Center for a fall visit to a local farm. Homebody Farm is a small, sustainable family farm nestled in the heart of Chesterfield, NJ. The farm is home to alpacas, layer chickens, and fields bursting with flowers, vegetables, and herbs—all grown with regenerative practices. On this all-ages tour, you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at how they grow food and flowers with care for the earth, meet their alpaca team (Bruce, Doc, and Karl!), and learn how their

harvests go from field to farmers' market. Registrants will be sent directions to the farm the week of the trip.

Cost: Rancocas Nature Center members/\$10/person or \$20/family (limit of 5); non-members/\$12/person or \$25/family (limit of 5).



Prehistoric Life of New Jersey Dig IT! Dinosaurs, Mammoths & Sharks, Oh My!

Sunday, Oct 12 | 2:00 to 3:00 PM

New Jersey's wildlife has always been diverse and interesting. Examine fossils that are from one billion years ago to today's endangered and threatened species. Learn about the changes in terrain, sea level and climate that influenced our native species over geologic history. And join an activity to sort through 15 million year-old sediments to find fossils you can keep! Presented by Marc Rogoff, NJDEP. Cost: Free/Rancocas Nature Center members; non-members/\$10/person/\$20 family (limit of 5).

Nightlife at Rancocas

(Rancocas Nature Center Members Exclusive)

Saturday, Nov 1 | 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Who goes bump in the night... let's find out! Join us for this after-hours program at Rancocas. Participants will make a simple upcycled lantern to carry on the trails—then as the sun sets we will embark on a night hike to look for nocturnal animals along the way. Wrap up the fun evening with s'mores (for purchase) over one of our campfires. This program is free for Rancocas Nature Center members--donations are encouraged and appreciated! Inclement weather cancels.

Rancocas Scarecrows & Pumpkins, Oh My!

Sunday, October 5 | 11:00 AM—3:00 PM (staggered start times)

Our annual family scarecrow building event and self-guided mystery pumpkin hunt trail is fun for all ages! Build your own scarecrow to take home for your yard or front porch. Frame, straw, and clothes provided or bring your own. Clothing (long-sleeved shirts and long pants) also accepted for donation. Inclement weather cancels this program. Cost: per scarecrow- \$20/Rancocas Nature Center members; \$25/non-members (pay at center upon arrival). Pumpkin hunt trail is free. **Register online for scarecrow building time slot.**



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Hump Day After Work Hikes

(Ages 18+)

Wednesdays | 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 | Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Like to hike, but don't like doing it alone? Come on out for a brisk, intermediate ability hike with elevation changes—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day. Breathe deep, relax, and enjoy the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Saturday Guided Walks

(Ages 14+)

Saturdays

10:30 to 11:30 AM

Sep 20, Oct 18 & Nov 15

Studies show that taking a walk in a natural area is good for your physical and mental health. Adults and teens can join Rancocas Nature Center for a Saturday guided hike in the preserve. The program is free. A FRNC membership or donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.



Senior Stroll (Suggested Ages 55+)

1st Friday of the Month | 10:30 AM

Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7

(Meet at Rancocas Nature Center Parking Lot)

3rd Friday of the Month | 10:30 AM

Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21

(Meet at Rancocas SP-Westampton Parking Lot)

Enjoy the outdoors in the fall! Join a Rancocas teacher naturalist for an interpretive 1-hour guided stroll in the Rancocas Nature Preserve and Rancocas State Park's meadows, streams/creek and woodlands. We'll walk the easier trails (mostly flat ground with some roots) as we observe changes in the season. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Wheelin' Walks

Fridays | Sep 26 & Oct 24 | 10:00 AM

(Meet at Rancocas SP-Westampton Parking Lot)

The Westampton western side of the park now has a smooth asphalt, handicapped accessible loop trail. If you use a wheelchair, walker, or scooter and would like to experience some time in nature, join a Rancocas naturalist for a ¼ to 1-mile walk along this route. We will look for seasonal changes, birds, and other signs of wildlife while we enjoy the company. Space is limited. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Edwin B. Forsyth NWR, Brigantine (MEMBERS ONLY FIELD TRIP)

Thursday, Sep 18 | 2:00 PM to Sunset

Late summer/early autumn is a great time to explore Forsythe's Wildlife Drive for large groups of migrating shorebirds, wading birds, songbirds, swallows, butterflies, and other species. Join Mary Belko, Audrey Dorofy, and John McElroy for an afternoon of birding at the shore. Depending on sightings, we may do the 8-mile loop, then grab dinner nearby and return for sunset on the marsh. If birding is exceptional, we may eat after sunset, so bring a snack. Bring binoculars, if you have them—we will have scopes. Meet in the Forsythe parking lot near the large kiosk and restrooms. The refuge charges a \$4.00 fee per vehicle—a Federal Park Pass, Refuge Pass or a Duck Stamp are excepted. You can choose to car pool the loop if available. Cost: Free—Exclusive to for Rancocas Nature Center members.



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ESCAPE ART SERIES (AGES 16+)

Plein Air Watercolors

Sunday, Sep 21 | 2:00 to 4:00 PM

The meadow is absolutely stunning this time of year. What a perfect place to practice plein air “in the open air” watercolor painting! All levels welcome, from beginners to experienced painters. Instruction, guidance, and all supplies will be provided. Please bring a folding/camp chair and feel free to bring your own set of watercolors if you would like (but not necessary). Cost: Rancocas members/\$25; non-members/\$30. Inclement weather cancels.



Nature Journaling for Beginners

Sunday, Oct 26 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

It's not necessary to have good artistic ability for a successful nature journal—it's about observing nature and creating a meaningful record for yourself. Instructor and naturalist Robin Sperry will discuss the supplies and tools needed to make it easy to start recording your nature experiences. The workshop will include at least one hour on the grounds journaling in several different areas of the preserve or practicing inside if the weather is inclement. Each participant will get a basic journal and pencil/pen. Cost: Rancocas Nature Center members/\$25; non-members/\$30.

Nature's Ornaments

Sunday, Nov 23 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of art and crafting! The holidays are just around the corner, so let's create beautiful hand-crafted ornaments from nature's bounty. Using natural materials such as dried seed pods, pinecones, shells, dried flowers, and other found items, participants will create a variety of beautiful ornaments. They make great gifts! All supplies included. Cost: Rancocas Nature Center members/\$25; non-members/\$30.

Weekday Bird Walks at Rancocas

Thursdays | 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Oct 16 & Nov 13

Join birder Audrey Dorofy on a morning bird walk on the Rancocas Nature Center grounds. In addition to our local residents, we may see migrants passing through. Bring water and binoculars if you have them. Let us know ahead of time if you need a loaner pair. The relaxed-pace walk is through wooded and open areas on mostly compacted ground with occasional hills and roots. All skill levels are welcome. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

CONNECT WITH NATURE SERIES: Haunted by Invasives

Sunday, Oct 19 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Are you concerned by invasive plants taking over either in your yard or neighborhood? Confused by what is the difference between native, non-native and invasive plants? Is it okay to plant cool plants from other regions of the world in your yard? Join teacher naturalist Robin Sperry for a “talk and walk” to untangle and explore this topic. Rain or shine—samples will be available in the classroom if necessary. Cost: Free/Rancocas Nature Center members; \$10/non-members.

Fall Nature Journaling Walk (Ages 16+)

Saturday, Nov 1 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Bring your nature journal/sketchbook and join teacher naturalist Robin Sperry on a trail hike in the Rancocas State Park and Nature Preserve with stops to record the brilliant autumn colors and experiences. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

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FIELD TRIP: Naturalist Walk at Palmyra Cove Nature Park

Saturday, Oct 11 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join Rancocas naturalist Mary Belko for a nature exploration of the trails along the Delaware River at Palmyra Cove Nature Park. We will look for migrating butterflies and birds, insects, and other seasonal species that we find along the way. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beach and sand trails are included in the walk. Cost: Free/Rancocas Nature Center members; non-members /\$10 suggested donation. Inclement weather cancels.

Hump Day Afternoon Hikes

(Ages 18+)

Wednesdays | 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Nov 5, 12, 19, 26

As the light diminishes in the evening, we move our Hump-Day Hike to the afternoon in November. If you like to hike, but don't like doing it alone, come on out for a brisk, intermediate ability hike in nature—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day. Breathe deep, relax, and enjoy the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Snapshots of the Rancocas Nature Center & Park

Sunday, Nov 2 | 2:30 to 3:30 PM

The Rancocas Nature Center classroom will come alive with the color and natural beauty of the preserve. Join us as three local, talented photographers share what they have captured with their cameras during the seasons. Photos and the stories behind them will be presented via slide presentations. Photos will be on display and available for purchase—great holiday gifts. The program is free—a donation is suggested.

RANCOCAS AFFILIATED CLUB MEETINGS Outdoor Photography Club

Thursdays | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sep 4, Oct 2 & Nov 6

All Are Welcome! Club meets the first Thursday of every month in the Rancocas Nature Center classroom or at a designated alternative outdoor location. Contact rncphotoclub@gmail.com for details.



FIELD TRIP: Manasquan Inlet Monmouth County & Vicinity

Saturday, November 8 | 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The Manasquan Inlet is host to a good variety of sea ducks, loons, and winter shorebirds this time of year. This area is known to produce some of the most interesting sightings. A second stop at Lake of the Lilies will offer views of the winter ducks that have arrived. Dress for wind and weather, bring water, lunch, binoculars, and a scope if you have one. Trip leaders Bob Leifeste, Audrey Dorofy, and Mary Belko will have scopes to share. Plan on driving to additional locations nearby--instructions will be sent to registrants the week of the trip, including where to meet at 10am. Cost: Free/Rancocas Nature Center members; non-members /\$10 suggested donation. Inclement weather cancels.



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128 HIGH ST, MT. HOLLY, NJ

The Burlington County Prison Museum is a national historic landmark. While the museum is not available, the 114 x 148 foot courtyard may be rented for catered events. Tents may be rented from a private vendor or through the selected caterers.



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