

Burlington County Board of County Commissioners

Burlington County Parks System

Program Guide

Winter 2025 - 2026



www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks



Photo by Jen Bulava

Robin on Winterberry

Message from Commissioner Allison Eckel

Hello friends!

It may be turning colder outside, but there's still plenty of fun and exciting activities for residents and visitors to enjoy within the Burlington County Parks System.

The winter months are a great time to visit Historic Smithville Park, which will be decorated for the season in December and transformed into a winter wonderland for Winter Fest on December 13. The festival is a celebration of the winter season featuring all kinds of holiday entertainment and fun.

Speaking of Smithville, the New Jersey Historic Trust recently announced its recommendations for the next round of Preserve New Jersey grant awards, and the list includes a \$750,000 capital grant to support Burlington County's continuing efforts to repair and restore 14 of the buildings in Smithville. The work will include repairs to the Thomas Merritt House, which was first built in 1786 and is the oldest property in Smithville.

Since purchasing the property in 1975, Burlington County has invested more than \$17.5 million in restoring Smithville and making other enhancements to the park. We're proud of that record and we continue to support investments to protect and restore more of Smithville's history for people to visit and experience.

Another big event is the Burlington County Farmers Market's annual holiday market on December 6. This is the final market day of 2025 and a great opportunity to shop for holiday gifts, decorations and delicious seasonal foods.

There's also lots of happenings in honor of America's 250th Anniversary Celebration, including three special exhibitions at the Burlington County Library System main branch in Westampton, Workers House Gallery at Smithville and the Warden's House Gallery in Mount Holly. You can find listings for these and other history events in this guide or on the County's 250th Anniversary webpage at www.co.burlington.nj.us/Americas-250th-Anniversary. Burlington County has also set the date for Burlington County's big America's 250th Anniversary Celebration on June 14 in Mount Holly, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

There's plenty more to do and see this season with a packed schedule of events, programs and classes for all ages and interests. You'll find all the details within this guide. Be sure to plan a visit to a Burlington County park, museum or gallery soon!

Allison Eckel, Burlington County Commissioner Deputy Director

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



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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: 10:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Smithville Mansion

Tours*: December 5– 28

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

Closed December 7

*\$8.00-\$10.00 cash only donation

Closed January and February, 2026

Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

Fri - Sun: 9 am - 4 pm

Worker's House & Gallery

Fri - Sun: 9 am - 4 pm

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

Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

307 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am- 4 pm

Historic Prison Museum

128 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Thu - Sun: 10 am - 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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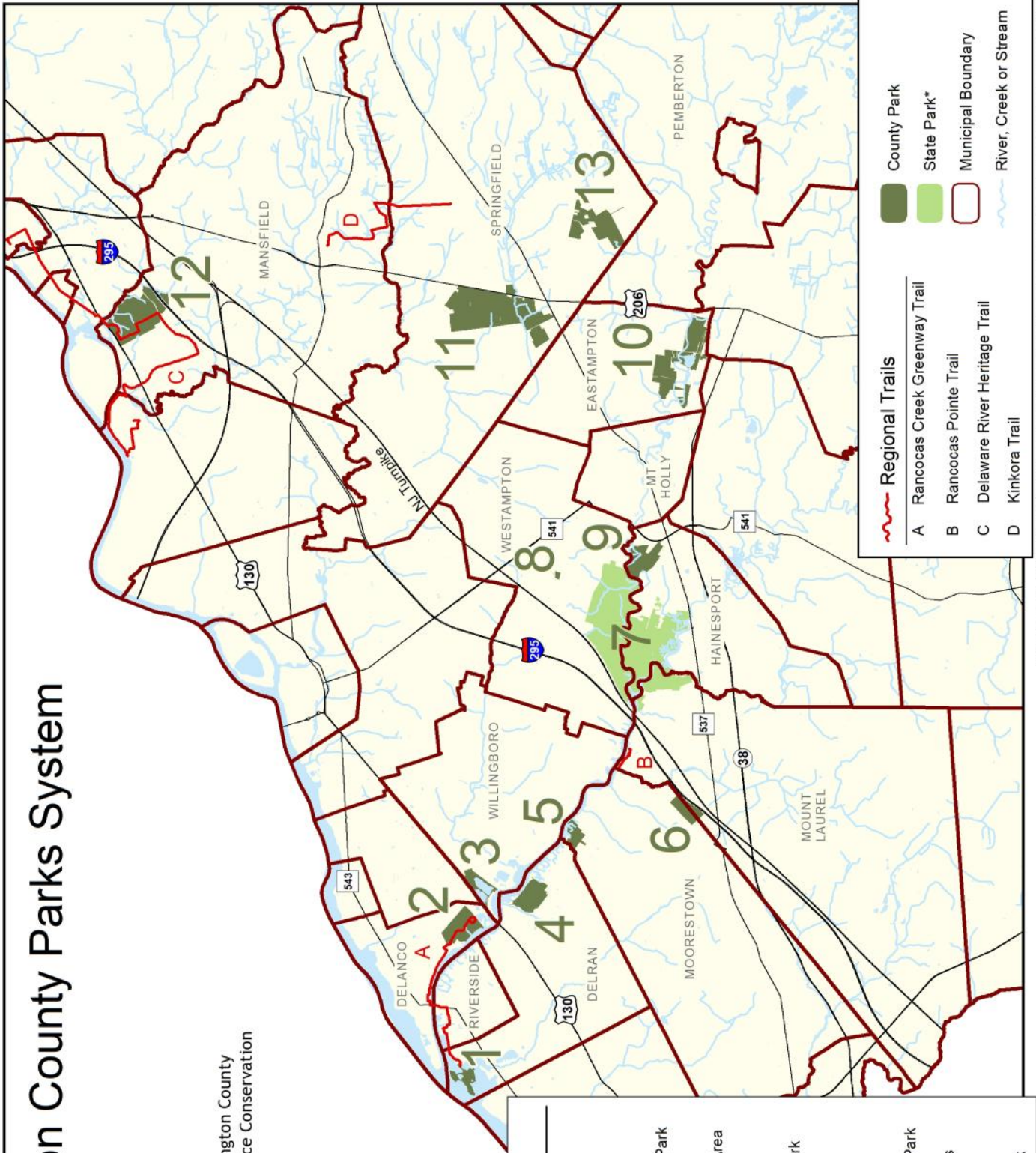


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Department of Resource Conservation
May 2023



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.

DEC 4:

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

FEB 5:

Quasi-chaos

MAR 5:

Top Glow

6:00 – 9:00 PM

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

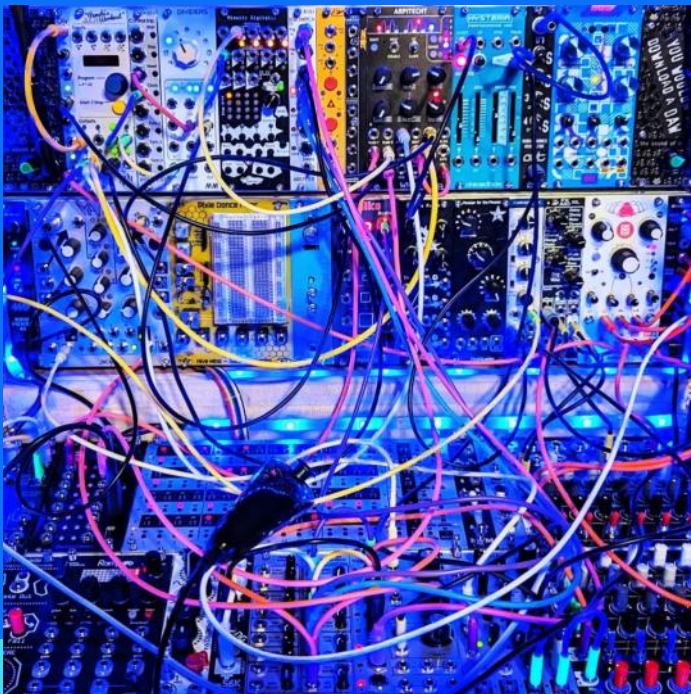


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**BURLINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER
500 CENTERTON RD. MOORESTOWN, NJ**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY
FARMERS
MARKET**

**LAST DAY OF THE YEAR
& ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 10AM - 2PM



Jersey Fresh Fruits & Vegetables | Fresh Pies | Sauces, Jams & Jellies | Cut Flowers
Farm Fresh Meats | Local Honey | Artisan Cheeses | Fresh Eggs | Mushrooms
Artists & Crafters | Chocolate | Baked Goods | Cooking Demo | Live Music
Wreaths & Centerpieces for your Holiday Tables



VOTED 2024 #1 FARMERS MARKET IN NJ



burlcoagcenter.com

 [burlcofarmersmarket](https://www.instagram.com/burlcofarmersmarket) 

Winter Fest

Historic Smithville Park
Eastampton, NJ

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
12 PM - 5 PM

**WELCOME THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A CELEBRATION
OF ALL THINGS WINTER THAT WILL WARM YOUR HEART!**

VICTORIAN SANTA

BONFIRE & S'MORES

WANDERING CAROLERS

ICELESS SKATING

WINTER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

ELF HUNT

MANSION AND VILLAGE TOURS

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

ICE CARVERS

TREE LIGHTING

WINE & MULLED CIDER

FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC AND MORE...



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Presented by Friends of the Mansion at Smithville

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS IN SMITHVILLE 2025

*Enjoy the Smithville Mansion
in all its holiday glory during
the Christmas season.*

Docent-guided Holiday Daily Tours

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
December 5th—December 28th

Tours begin at
12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, & 2:00 PM

Adults: \$10 per person

Senior/Students: \$8 per person

Closed December 7

Holiday Candlelight Tours

Select Evenings
December 10, 18, 21, & 27

7:00 PM & 7:30 PM

\$20.00 per person

Reservations are required.

For online reservations:

www.smithvillemansion.org.

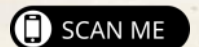
For more information email:

sleinbach@smithvillemansion.org

Visit our Christmas Boutique

Open during our tour hours

www.smithvillemansion.org



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Moonlit Trail Walks

Willingboro Lakes Park

Thursday, Dec 4 | 5:00 PM [Register here](#)

(Full Moon)

Pennington Park (ADA-Accessible Location)

Thursday, Jan 2 | 5:00 PM [Register here](#)

(Waxing Gibbous)

Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area

Thursday, Feb 5 | 6:00 PM [Register here](#)

(Waning Gibbous)

Experience parks in a whole new light! Hiking at night is an enchanting experience but it doesn't have to be intimidating. 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. : Audience: all ages welcome. Distance: 1 – 2.5 miles Difficulty: easy-to-moderate depending on location. Optional: Bring a red-light headlamp or flashlight to preserve your night vision.**

Monday Mindfulness in Nature Winter Hiking Series

Amico Island Park (Theme: Darkness & Light)

Monday, Dec 8 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Crystal Lake Park (Theme: Seeking Stillness)

Monday, Jan 12 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Long Bridge Park (Theme: Loving-Kindness)

Monday, Feb 9 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Winter is here and much of the natural world is resting – we are invited to slow, down, turn inward and reflect. Take this opportunity to unplug from the distractions of daily life and connect with like-minded individuals in your community. Hike with a Park Naturalist and be guided

through a variety of mindfulness techniques this winter to enhance your wellbeing. Dress for cold weather and wear comfortable, sturdy shoes. **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Audience: Adults only 18+. Miles: up to 1.5 miles. Difficulty: easy to moderate**



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+

Winter Birding

Rainbow Meadow Park

Tuesday, Dec 9 | 10:30 AM

[Register here](#)

Friday, Dec 12 | 1:30 PM

[Register here](#)



Join us for an easy stroll in meadow habitat and then down to the Rancocas Creek to look for a nice variety of winter birds. Possibilities include bluebirds, fox sparrow, savannah sparrow, bald eagles, and migratory waterfowl. **Miles: 1. Difficulty: easy but uneven natural terrain**

Winter Ecology Walk

Kinkora Trail

Tuesday, Jan 27 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Friday, Jan 30 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Take a short walk through forests and fields to learn about our local flora and fauna's special adaptations for winter survival. **Miles: Between 1 - 1.5. Difficulty: easy, flat paved path.**

Winter Waterfowl

Rancocas Greenway Trail, Riverside

Tuesday, Feb 24 | 2:30 PM [Register here](#)

Friday, Feb 27 | 2:00 PM [Register here](#)

At the end of February, waterfowl diversity increases as they congregate and prepare for their northbound migration. This trail provides good viewing opportunities of the main stem of the Rancocas Creek.

Meets at Amico Island parking lot. Miles: 1. Difficulty: easy, paved path.



Photo by Jen Bulava

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

All Programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required.

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LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS: Nature Nerd Trivia

Burlington County Library—Westampton

Wednesday, Dec 10 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Test your knowledge of the natural world with topics ranging from wildlife, plants, ecology, and more focusing on the winter season. Questions will be presented in a variety of formats including verbal, visual, and auditory. Show off your natural science skills or come out to learn something new! Presented by Gina DiMaio, Senior Park Naturalist.

Registration available at <https://bcls.lib.nj.us/>

Lecture: Wildlife in Winter

Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

Friday, Jan 23 | 2:00 PM [Register here](#)

Learn about the special adaptations of local wildlife and plants in winter. Discover the strategies that insects, birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and fish use to survive the winter, as well as adaptations of deciduous and evergreen plants. Presented by Principal Park Naturalist Jen Bulava.

Lecture: Plant Communication

Moorestown Library

Friday, Feb 20 | 2:00 PM

Plants, especially trees, have incredible methods of “talking” using both the wind and underground networks or the “wood wide web”. Participants will learn about the information plants can exchange and how different species help each other survive and even call for help.

Presented by Principal Park Naturalist Jen Bulava.

Register online through the [Moorestown Library event calendar](#) or by calling 856-234-0333.

Wildlife Watch Series

A monthly nature outing highlighting native species found right here in your County parks! Meet other nature-lovers in a welcoming atmosphere **perfect for beginner nature enthusiasts**. Together we'll explore the Parks and discuss the life history characteristics of select species and their role in our local ecosystems. **Led by Senior Park Naturalist, Gina DiMaio. Audience: adults, teens and children ages 8+. Binoculars and cameras are encouraged. Miles up to 2.5. Difficulty varies by location.**

Weird Ducks of Winter

Willingboro Lakes Park

Thursday, Dec 11 | 10:30 AM

[Register here](#)

Look for and learn about the migratory waterfowl that overwinter in our area.

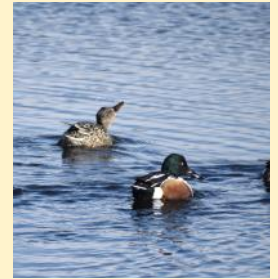


Photo by Gina DiMaio

Hibernation Hike

Amico Island Park

Thursday, Jan 8 | 10:30 AM [Register here](#)

Discover the difference between hibernation, torpor, and other adaptations utilized by our native wildlife to survive winter.

Wonderful Woodpeckers

Long Bridge Park

Thursday, Feb 19 | 10:30 AM [Register here](#)

Learn all about our 5 woodpecker species, including how to identify them by both sight and sound!



NATURALIST CHALLENGE AT WINTERFEST

Historic Smithville Park | Saturday, Dec 13 | 12:00—5:00 PM

Welcome the holiday season with a celebration of all things that warm your heart. Stop by the pop-up “nature center”, meet your county park naturalists, and participate in our naturalist challenge! This year we want to see how well you can identify woody plants in the winter. We'll be focusing on trees found in your County parks, both deciduous and evergreen, with an emphasis on native species. **FREE Festival – no registration needed. All ages welcome.**

All Programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required.

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Winter Solstice Walk

Long Bridge Park

Sunday, Dec 21 | 3:00 PM [Register here](#)

It may be the shortest day of the year, but the winter solstice holds the promise of longer days ahead. Bundle up to walk together and welcome the arrival of astronomical winter. Just like nature, our personal lives also move through cycles and “seasons”. Embrace mindfulness in nature, learn about winter ecology, and set an intention for the season ahead. **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Distance: 2 – 3 miles Difficulty: moderate natural terrain, wooden boardwalks. Adults and teens ages 13+**

Winter Tree Walks

Willingboro Lakes Park

Sunday, Jan 11 | 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Historic Smithville Park

Wednesday, Feb 11 | 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

How can you identify trees during the winter without their leaves? With help from a park naturalist, learn about and appreciate the beauty of different variations found in tree bark, buds and twigs! Discover how colors, textures and patterns provide clues to a tree’s identity! **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Adults, teens, and children ages 8+. Miles: up to 1.5 miles. Difficulty: moderate natural terrain, stairs, and wooden boardwalks. Not ADA-accessible.**



Audiobook Winter Walk

Long Bridge Park

Thursday, Jan 22 | 2:00— 3:30 PM [Register here](#)

Pennington Park (ADA-accessible)

Saturday, Feb 28 | 2:00— 3:30 PM [Register here](#)

BCLS and Parks invite you to move your body and enjoy an audiobook while exploring a “winter wonderland”. Charge your smartphone, bring your headphones, and choose one of our handpicked audiobooks (via the Libby app) that celebrate the natural world. Our focus is to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all to build community and connection in the outdoors this winter - one story at a time. **Instructors: Gina DiMaio, Senior Park Naturalist and Chris Calla, Learning and Engagement Library Associate. Adults only 18+. Miles: 2-3. Difficulty: trail conditions vary based on park location. NOTE: A Burlington County Library System (BCLS) membership is required to access the audiobooks via the Libby app.**

Nature Game Night

Burlington County Library—Westampton

Friday, Jan 30 | 6:00 PM -8:00 PM [Register here](#)

Join us for a cozy winter evening of nature-themed board games at the Library! Play our games or bring your own. A small selection of nature-inspired games will be provided, including: Wingspan; Ecologies Card Game; ecoFluxx; Meadow, Corvids; Bird Bingo, and various nature-inspired puzzles. **Instructors: Gina DiMaio, Senior Park Naturalist and Chris Calla, Learning and Engagement Library Associate. BYO snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. All ages welcome. Registration available at <https://bcls.lib.nj.us/>**

Winter Bird Counts

We’re seeking experienced birders to join us for Burlington County’s version of the “Christmas Bird Count”, a scientific survey of the bird species that over-winter in the County Parks. Participants will identify species by sight and sound at specified locations within each County Park (not for beginner birders). **FREE—registration is required if you would like to contribute your bird identification skills to help the Parks System with the census. Audience: adults and teens ages 14+. Group size is limited. Exact start times will vary and are available at the time of registration. Prepare for at least 2 hours of cold and windy weather at each location.**

Monday, December 15: [Crystal Lake Park](#)

Tuesday, December 16: [Long Bridge Park](#)

Wednesday, December 17: [Pennington Park](#)

Thursday, December 18: [Rainbow Meadow & Willingboro Lakes](#)

Friday, December 19: [Historic Smithville Park & Smith's Woods](#)

Monday, January 5: [Amico Island Park](#)

Tuesday, January 6: [Boundary Creek & Rancocas Pointe Trail](#)

Wednesday, January 7: [Arney’s Mount Park](#)

All Programs are FREE unless noted. Registration required.

History Programs

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



10 WINTER PROGRAMS



Photo by Anthony Jacobsen

- DEC 10 THE PEMBERTON TEA PARTY
- DEC 22 THE BATTLE OF IRON WORKS HILL
- JAN 13/14 THE HISTORY OF PAPER
- JAN 14 THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: DECEMBER 1776
- JAN 24 WITNESS TO THE REVOLUTION: CHARLES WILLSON PEALE
- JAN 29 THE OCCUPATION OF BURLINGTON CITY, DECEMBER 1776
- FEB 5 THE SAME PRINCIPLE LIVES IN US:
PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- FEB 11 THE MARGARET MORRIS EXPERIENCE
- FEB 18 THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: JUNE 1778
- FEB 19 REVOLUTIONARY BOOK CLUB: *THE TRAITOR'S WIFE* BY ALLISON PATAKI

3 EXHIBITS

- JAN 30–JUN 14 BURLINGTON COUNTY JOINS THE REVOLUTION
- JAN 30–JUN 14 THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM
- FEB 20–MAR 1 REVOLUTIONARY LIVES: LIVING THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT THEN & NOW

All programs are FREE and located throughout Burlington County.
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The Pemberton Tea Party

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesday, Dec 10 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

7:00 PM [Register here](#)

It's Christmas 1776 and in Pemberton, Burlington County, Colonel Thomas Reynolds has just arrived home with some of his officers to celebrate with their wives.

However, the colonel and his wife would have their holiday plans abruptly changed by some uninvited guests from Mount Holly. Join us for this holiday tale read from the diary of Hessian Captain Johann Ewald. Presented by historian, Eric Orange.



This Month in History

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, Dec 11 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Wednesday, Jan 7 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Wednesday, Feb 4 | 10:00 AM [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.

Winter Holidays around the World

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesday, Dec 17

10:00 AM [Register here](#)

The winter season is home to many festivals. Discover how different cultures celebrate the winter season through holiday celebrations and festivities. A cookie swap to follow. Bring your favorite traditional cookie and family stories to share. Presented by museum curator of history, Marisa Bozarth



Top: Johann von Ewald, (1835)

The Battle of Iron Works Hill

Burlington County Lyceum

Monday, Dec 22 | 7:00 PM

Join the Mount Holly Historical Society at their monthly meeting featuring historian Eric Orange. In December 1776, before the Battle of Trenton, there was the Battle of Petticoat Bridge and the Battle of Iron Works Hill. Learn where and how those consequential battles were fought. No registration required.

The History of Paper

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesday, Jan 13 | 7:00 PM [Register here](#)

Wednesday, Jan 14 | 10:00 AM [Register here](#)

Paper is one of the simplest and most essential pieces of human technology. The ability to produce it has expanded literacy, media, religion, education, commerce, and art. Paper has formed the foundations of civilizations, promoted revolutions, and restored stability. Trace paper's evolution from antiquity to the present. Presented by museum curator of history, Marisa Bozarth.

The Revolutionary War: December 1776

Evesham location TBD

Wednesday, Jan 14 | 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, we'll take a deep dive into the legends surrounding this episode in the county's history. Presented by historian, Eric Orange. No registration required.

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Witness to the Revolution: A visit with Charles Willson Peale BCLS Westampton Branch



Saturday, Jan 24 | Time TBD

Peale was deeply committed to the promise of the New World. He joined General George Washington's army to fight for independence and after the war, he turned to portraiture, capturing the likeness of many of the nation's founding fathers and mothers. Peale's remarkable body of work forms one of the most comprehensive visual records of the Revolutionary Era – a lasting contribution to how we understand this time in our history. Presented by the American Historical Theater. 5 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton. Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: The Same Principle Lives in Us: People of African Descent in the American Revolution

BCLS Westampton Branch

Thursday, Feb 5 | Time TBD

American Revolutionaries wrestled with a crucial question: did the Declaration of Independence's claim that "all men are created equal" truly apply to everyone? During the Revolution, people of African descent challenged and answered this question through their words and deeds. Discover their stories as the Museum brings to life the experiences of Phillis Wheatley, Elizabeth Freeman, James Forten, Harry Washington, and others! Q&A period to follow. Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution. Registration through www.bcls.lib.nj.us

The Occupation of Burlington City: December 1776

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, Jan 29

10:00 AM [Register here](#)

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

Burlington was an open city in December 1776. The Americans did not have enough men to hold the town, and the British, led by Hessian Colonel von Donop, did not have guns large enough to drive off the Pennsylvania Navy in the Delaware River.

Join us as we take a deeper dive into the events of December 1776 in Burlington City through the diaries of Captain Johann Ewald and local resident Margaret Morris. Presented by museum curator of history, Marisa Bozarth and historian, Eric Orange.

Above: Charles Willson Peale, Self-Portrait (c. 1791)



The Margaret Morris Experience

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesday, Feb 11 | 7:00 PM

The diary of Margaret Morris, filled with intrigue and danger, provides a detailed first-hand account of the American Revolution in Burlington. Join Main Street Mount Holly as they sit down with "Margaret" for a compelling interview about her

experiences with Hessians, Americans, and a special house guest, who if discovered, could have cost her everything. Presented by museum curator of history, Marisa Bozarth and historian, Eric Orange. Registration not required

Margaret Hill Morris, from *Letters of Doctor Richard Hill and his children* (Philadelphia, 1854)

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Courtesy of Rev War Alliance of Burlington County



The Revolutionary War: June 1778

Riverside American Legion
Wednesday, Feb 18 | 7:00 PM

In June 1778, leading up to the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse, 20,000 British soldiers and camp followers raided and plundered their way across Burlington County. Join us as we investigate the route taken by the British. Was your town pillaged? Presented by historian, Eric Orange. Registration not required. 212 American Legion Dr., Riverside, NJ 08075

REVOLUTIONARY BOOK CLUB:

The Traitor's Wife by Allison Pataki

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, Feb 19 | 10:30 AM [Register here](#)

A new quarterly series! Each quarter we will invite you to read the selected title, then join us for a book club discussion. The first selection is *The Traitor's Wife*, a riveting novel about Peggy Shippen Arnold, the cunning wife of Benedict Arnold and mastermind behind America's most infamous act of treason. Led by museum curator of history, Marisa Bozarth.

A Brief History of Cinema

Burlington County Lyceum

Thursday, Feb 26

10:00 AM [Register here](#)

7:00 PM [Register here](#)

From the beginning of photography, people saw the allure of putting pictures in motion. The earliest inventions were just parlor tricks fooling our minds into seeing movement. But it wouldn't take long for this parlor trick to dominate entertainment for over a century. Join us for a look at the history of motion pictures. Presented by Nate Wood and historian Eric Orange.



A Family Legacy: The Still Family

Burlington County Lyceum

Saturday, Feb 21 | 1:00 PM [Register here](#)

Discover the story of two former enslaved Africans, Levin and Charity Still and their progeny. Three of their sons would become notable historical figures. This presentation includes brief biographies on William (1821-1902) a major conductor of the Underground Railroad, his brother Peter (1801- 1868) left in slavery as a boy to survive 40 years and reunite with his family, and Dr. James Still (1812-1882) a self taught herbalist, who became one of the wealthiest African Americans in New Jersey. The Still family is a real life story of an American family raised with strong work values as well as pride and self-determination to persevere through challenges despite the lack of formal education and prejudices. Presented by Samuel C. Still III, Executive Director of the Dr. James Still Historic Office Site & Education Center.

Portrait of William Still



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Board Games at the Lyceum

Burlington County Lyceum

Saturday, Dec 20 | 11 AM - 3:00 PM

THEME: Resource Management Games [Register here](#)

Saturday, Jan 24 | 11 AM - 3:00 PM *THEME: Sci-Fi* [Register here](#)

Saturday, Feb 14 | 3 PM - 7:00 PM *THEME: Valentine's Day* [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.**

Exhibits Celebrating Burlington County's Contribution to 250 Years of American History!

The Ideals of Freedom

Worker's House Gallery,

Historic Smithville Park

January 30 - June 14, 2026

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Burlington County Joins the Revolution

Warden's House Gallery,

150 High Street, Mt. Holly

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Revolutionary Lives:

Living the American

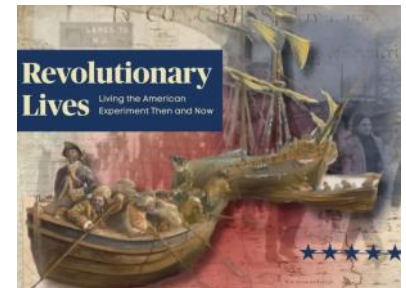
Experiment, Then and Now

BCLS Westampton Branch

5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton

Monday, Feb 16—Monday, Mar 2

Revolution NJ's exhibition showcases the diverse, everyday individuals of the American Revolution in New Jersey, drawing connections between their experiences and today's civic engagement. It tells the story of New Jerseyans from the Revolutionary Era, exploring how the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice influenced their lives. These timeless principles continue to inspire the ongoing effort to build a "more perfect union" in modern America.



Save
the Date!

June 14, 2026



**BURLINGTON COUNTY
CELEBRATES
AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY
IN MOUNT HOLLY**



Historic Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County New Jersey

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road, Bldg. #10 | Eastampton

Black History Month Program

Join us for an unforgettable evening as The Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County proudly presents:

A Celebration of Local Iconic Heroes/Sheroes in the ARTS

Friday, February 20 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Rowan College at Burlington County
Votta Hall Auditorium

900 College Cir, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

This Black History Month, we honor the creative trailblazers whose artistic contributions have shaped our community and inspired generations. From visual artists and musicians to theatre and performers, we shine a spotlight on the brilliance and resilience of our local legends.

We will also announce Louise M. Calloway Award recipients. This Award is presented to the individual(s) who inspire and continue to give voice to the silenced 'his' stories, 'her' stories, and 'their' stories as well as the unfound and archivable.



Photo by Anthony Jacobsen

The Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County is designed to inspire contemplation and challenge preconceived notions of the Underground Railroad and more. Each timeline within its journey opens a window into spaces where empathy and understanding reign. Ordinary moments transform into extraordinary reflections of 'his' stories, 'her' stories, and 'their' stories — giving voice to the unknown and the unarchivable truths.

Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in these truths, thoughts, and depths of understanding, discovering not only history but also the enduring human spirit that shaped it. The Museum becomes more than a place of remembrance; it is a sanctuary of reflection, empathy, and transformative learning.

All audiences are welcome, especially those who have had limited access to historical truths.

The Museum is an independent organization. Please visit <http://www.hugrrmbc.org> or the Underground Railroad Museum Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HURMNJ for tour information.

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!

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: 9 AM - 4 PM

49th Annual Juried Art Show

September 19 - January 10, 2026

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. Pictured are the 3 award winners:

Best in show: Pattie Ingenbrandt: *Protective and Loyal*

2nd Place Shelley Michael: *Country*

3rd Place: Joseph Gilchrist: *Hvar by Night*

January 11— April 10
The Annex Gallery will
be closed for restoration.



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 hours: 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 Historic Smithville Village, housed H.B. Smith's workers and their families. Exhibits focus on handcrafts and group exhibits.

Gallery Hours: Friday-Sunday: 9 AM - 4 PM

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 focuses 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.



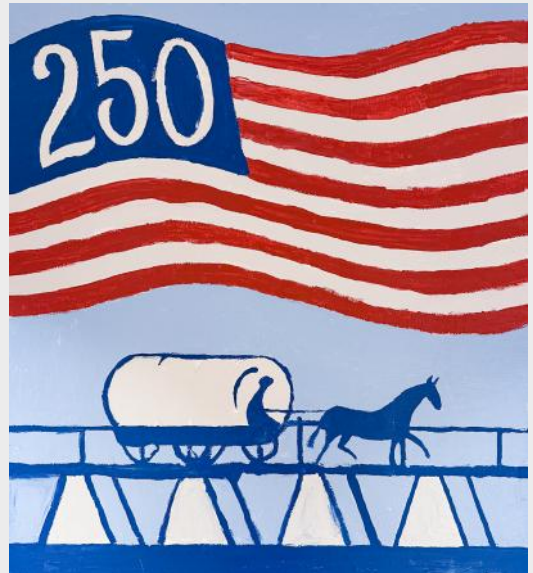
Photograph by Eric Stoner



The Ideals of Freedom

January 30 - June 14, 2026

Join us as we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary by exploring the ideals of freedom through art. Through various art forms, the exhibit will explore what it means to be a free, independent nation.



Follow the Arts!

Art Exhibits

150 High Street | Mount Holly

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Warden's House Gallery

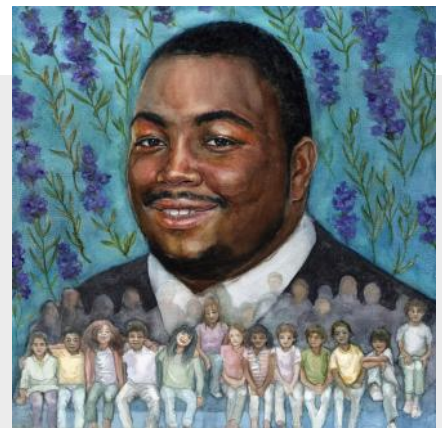
Completed in 1888 and attached to the Historic Prison Museum, this house served as the warden's living quarters. It is the permanent home of the Hugh Campbell collection and highlights works by emerging artists.

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

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 by Juliette Watts

The Narrative Experiment: Billy G. Harvey and Tiffany Ruocco

January 30 - May 17, 2026

This project consists of digital compositions that push the boundaries of creative photographic manipulation and break the norm of traditional design. Some are streams of consciousness, others are favorite song lyrics, while others are journal entries to cleanse the mind and heal the soul. Every narrative is visually illustrated with personal photography, illustrations and creatively manipulated typography. Using both digital and traditional means, the narrative comes to life through shape, color and texture. Not meant to be read from beginning to end but instead to be felt and experienced.



Broken Dreams by Billy G. Harvey



Life's Anthem by Tiffany Ruocco

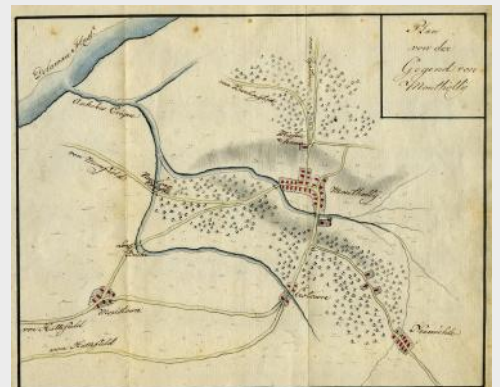


Burlington County Joins the Revolution

2ND Floor Exhibit

January 24—June 14, 2026

Burlington County and its citizens served a crucial role in the war effort. Discover our role in the American Revolution through artifacts, documents, and stories of those who lived it.



Art Classes & Workshops

Painting Workshop: Winter White

Mansion Annex Gallery

Tuesday, Dec 9 | 5:30—7:30 PM

[Register here](#)

Adults & Teens 16 +

Join in a 2-hour painting workshop that will teach and use the many values and tones of the color white. Instruction on color mixing, paint application and techniques to create on your own canvas. We supply the canvas board, brushes, paint and instruction. Any artistic level welcome!

Instructor: Leeannwyn Stoner



Explore Drawing: Modern Masters Series

Smithville Park Building 6/7
Conference Room

Tuesdays | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Jan 27 | *Frank Stella*:

Colored Pencils [Register here](#)

Feb 24 | *Van Gogh*:

Painting Clouds [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



Hooks 'N Needles Club

Smithville Park Building 6/7
Conference Room

Thursdays | 6:00 —8:00 PM

Dec 4, 18 | Jan 15, 29 | Feb 26

[Register here](#)

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.

Hooks 'N Needles: Beginners Instruction to Crochet

Smithville Park Building 6/7
Conference Room

Thursdays | 5:00—7:00 PM

Session One: Dec 11 | Session Two: Feb 19

[Register here](#)

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.

Art Journaling for Beginners

Smithville Park Building 6/7 Conference Room

Friday, Feb 6 | 4:00—6:00 PM [Register here](#)

Adults & Teens 12 +

Art journaling is a visual form of journaling using pure creativity and the power of mixed media; the possibilities are endless for self-expression. This class is welcomes the novice as well as experienced artists. Techniques covered include decoupage, painting, doodling, and stamping. All artists will finish at least one page during class and take their journal home to continue. Parks' own Tiffany Case leads this workshop.



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

All programs are FREE. Registration required.

Health & Fitness

Zumba

Burlington County Lyceum

Mondays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | Feb 2, 9

[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

Dec 2, 9, 16 | Jan 13, 20, 27 | Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

[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.

Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Will return in March!

Vinyasa-style Yoga continues this winter with Roshni Ladden. Nourish your mind and body as you cultivate focus, alignment, stamina, and flexibility. Yoga mat required, yoga blocks encouraged.



Wellness Walk

Historic Smithville Park

Wednesdays | 10:00 AM

Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18

[Register here](#)

Bundle up to 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 boots and let's get walking in a winter wonderland! **Instructor: Gina DiMaio. Adults only 18+. Miles: 2.5 Difficulty: moderate; includes stairs/some elevation change/floating walkway.**



Photo by Gina DiMaio



Beginner Line Dancing

Burlington County Lyceum

Tuesdays | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Jan 13, 20, 27 | Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 [Register here](#)

Here is your chance to learn the basics in this beginner's Country Line dancing class! This class is geared towards people who never Country Line danced before. Instructor Jeremy Duncan will be giving dance lessons throughout this hour-long program.

Chair Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Dec 3, 17 | Jan 21, 28 | Feb 4, 11, 25

[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.

All programs are FREE. Registration required.



Burlington County AGRICULTURAL CENTER

500 Centerton Road | Moorestown, NJ 08057

Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

Vibrant Vegan Breakfasts

Thursday, Dec 4 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Start your morning with flavorful, healthy options that are easy to prepare and packed with nutrients. From creamy oats to savory scrambles, with Chef William we'll explore a variety of plant-based breakfast options to keep you fueled and energized all morning. With an emphasis on whole grains, fruits, you'll learn how to make breakfast your favorite meal of the day. Soy and nut free

Nature Critter Crafty Fun

Saturday, Dec 6 | 2:00 PM

\$40 | Pinecone Mouse? Acorn Owl? Get cozy and set your imagination free as adult and child create critters using assorted items collected from nature. You can even make them into ornaments! All materials, including hot glue guns, will be provided. Enjoy hot chocolate and light refreshments as we create together.



Classic Norwegian Lefse

Wednesday, Dec 10 | 3:00 PM

\$55 | Legend whispers that Odin himself fed lefse to his fallen warriors, fueling their journey to Valhalla. Forget ordinary flatbread; we're making lefse, a Norwegian culinary treat with roots in Viking lore. Chef Tamara will guide you through the process, from dough to griddle. Enjoy your lefse in class or take them home to share a taste of legend.



Mocktail Alchemy: Bitters, Bubbles and Holiday Magic!

Wednesday, Dec 10 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Jazz up the holiday season with a delicious sparkling mocktail and experience the transformative power of aromatic bitters. Learn the tips and tricks of flavoring from a pro mixologist, Chef Tamara. We'll start with an experiment, using bitters and salts, to change the aroma, flavor, and color of a non-alcoholic drink, discussing flavor profiles, balance and flavor pairings. Then you'll use pre-aged bitters and flavoring notes to create your own "wet" bitters -- ready for use at the completion of class -- and a dry "chaos blend" to steep and age at home. **Please note:** this class uses alcohol-based non potable bitters and bittering components.

Traditional German Holiday Cookies

Tuesday, Dec 16 | 6:00 PM

\$60 | Join Chef Davia to explore German baking by making traditional cookies! In this hands-on class, learn to create beloved treats like Vanillekipferl, Lebkuchen, and Spritzgebäck. We'll discuss their history and cultural significance while providing step-by-step guidance. You'll leave with delicious cookies to take home. This class welcomes all skill levels!



Holiday Shortbread Techniques

Thursday, Dec 18 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Shortbread is a holiday classic! Let's make classic Scottish shortbread dough. You will cut into cookies and stamp or use the traditional square pan. While the shortbread is baking, we'll make a flavored mascarpone cream, perfect for dipping shortbread cookies. Use our Flavor Bar to customize your shortbread and your mascarpone cream to create your favorite combo. Take your cookies and cream to enjoy at home.

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



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Culinary Arts Classes & Workshops

Classic Pierogies

Thursday, Jan 22 | 3:00 PM

\$55 | Pierogies, those delectable Polish dumplings that warm the heart and satisfy the soul. Chef Tamara guides you through every step of creating these culinary treasures, from crafting the perfect dough to mastering the art of filling and shaping. We demystify the folding and sealing and offer tips to avoiding “dumpling explosions.” You’ll leave with the skills to impress even the most discerning pierogi connoisseur. Finally, we’ll cook our creations to enjoy in class as a group or enjoyed at home.

Playing with Phyllo: Baklava Cigars

Thursday, Jan 22 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Do you love the rich, flakey layers of baklava, but making it seems so... daunting? Let’s roll it instead! In this class Chef Tamara will teach us Saragli, or baklava cigars. Using a “burrito roll” technique, you’ll work with phyllo and all the baklava ingredients to make and bake these easy, decadent cigars to enjoy at home. Ages 12 and up.

Savory Soul Food

Wednesday, Jan 28 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Looking for comfort food that nourishes the soul? Let’s recreate hearty soul food classics with a plant-based twist, ensuring every bite is as satisfying as it is nutritious. Learn how to make crispy, oven-baked cauliflower ‘fried chicken,’ creamy, dairy-free mac and cheese, and perfectly seasoned collard greens, all using simple, plant-based ingredients. Explore techniques for enhancing flavor through spices and herbs, ensuring your dishes are just as indulgent as they are nourishing. Whether you’re looking to spice up your weeknight dinners or impress guests at a gathering, this class will equip you with the skills to create soul-satisfying meals that everyone will love.

Authentic German Pretzels

Tuesday, Feb 3 | 3:00 PM

\$55 | Join our pretzel-making class and 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 will end our class tasting fresh pretzels from the oven, along with learning about the best sides to eat your pretzels the German way.

Indian Snack Sandwiches

Thursday, Feb 5 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Learn how to make 2 types of Indian snack sandwiches with Chef Chetna. Vada Pav is a spiced potato round seasoned with herbs and Indian spices that is fried and served on a roll with crispy gram flour noodles, , chutney and fried green chilies. Then we will make Samosa Spiced Veggie Grilled Cheese with a spicy cheddar. Both will be served with chili and lemon potato chips and Mango Lassi.

Focus with Vision Boarding

Sunday, Feb 8 | 10:00 AM

\$55 | Join us for a transformative 2-hour Vision Boarding Workshop where you will clarify your goals, ignite your creativity and manifest your dreams. Through this expressive hands on collage, you’ll create a personalized vision board that reflects your aspirations for the year ahead. Whether its career, healthy or personal growth, leave with a clear visual roadmap to inspire and motivate you. All art materials are provided, and no art experience is necessary. Feel free to bring any specific images you feel you may need.



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



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Tea Tasting: Discover the Rare World of Fermented Teas

Tuesday, Feb 10 | 6:00 PM

\$35 | Fermented teas are generally known by several names, Hei Cha, Pu'erh, or Dark Tea. There is also yellow tea that goes through a slight fermentation. These teas are touted for their health benefits in a slightly different way than black, green or oolong tea. Taste and learn about these teas that have only recently found their way to the Western world.

Healthy Plant-based Dinners

Thursday, Feb 12 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | End your day with a nourishing, satisfying meal that's quick, easy, and full of flavor. Learn how to prepare hearty and healthy plant-based dinners that are perfect for busy evenings. Explore satisfying dishes like stuffed sweet potatoes, grain bowls, and savory stir-fries. These easy-to-make meals are perfect for busy evenings when you need something healthy yet delicious. This menu is soy and nut free.

Make Your Own Authentic Black Forest Cake

Tuesday, Feb 17 | 6:00 PM

\$60 | Learn to bake one of Germany's most beloved desserts – the Black Forest Cake (Schwarzwald Kirschtorte) In this hands on class, you will create a light and airy cocoa sponge cake layered with a rich sour cherry filling, a touch of cherry liquor, and fluffy whipped cream. Each participant will take home a beautifully decorated 6-inch Black Forest cake to share.



Rustic Galette: Leek and Mushroom Pie

Thursday, Feb 19 | 3:00 PM

\$55 | Embrace the rustic charm of galettes! We are ditching the pie dish for a freeform, flavor packed pastry that can be sweet or savory. We'll begin with a flaky dough, then, while it chills, clean and prep our vegetables so we can assemble our galettes to bake to golden perfection. We'll savor the delicious results together.

Classic Pierogies

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Lemongrass Curry

Tuesday, Feb 24 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Discover the vibrant flavors of Vietnam with Chef Loan in this hands on class creating a classic Vietnamese Lemongrass coconut curry. Learn how to build layers of aromatic spices, prepare and infuse lemongrass for its signature citrusy essence, and master the balance of creamy coconut milk with fresh herbs and vegetables or a protein of choice (chickpeas or tofu). We'll enjoy it together with a toasted baguette or rice noodles.

Pasta 101: Pasta Making Basics

Thursday, Feb 26 | 6:00 PM

\$55 | Pasta 101 is an elemental pasta and sauce class featuring two different types of pasta doughs and two sauces made from scratch. Guests learn both hand rolled, and machine rolled shapes. This is an informational and light participation class- the chef will discuss and demonstrate the entire pasta making process, guests will roll and shape pasta while the chef demonstrates the sauces.

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



Rancocas Nature Center

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www.rancocasnaturecenter.org

••••• PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES •••••



LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

Wednesday, December 3 (Rain or shine)
10:30 AM to 7:45 PM

This holiday season, join Rancocas for our favorite winter tradition. Experience the magic of A Longwood Christmas— enjoy the sights and sounds of the spectacular indoor and outdoor displays, infused with color, lights, and thousands of seasonal plants. From the sprawling West Conservatory to imaginative new outdoor landscapes—Longwood will be transformed into a living jewel box as nature and elegance intertwine. Arrival at the Gardens is scheduled for 12 p.m., giving plenty of time to take in all that is offered, including the after-dark light show.

Visit www.longwoodgardens.org for details of the holiday displays. The trip is sponsored by the Rancocas Nature Center and includes charter bus transportation (from and to Prospector's, Mt. Laurel) and entry ticket. Cost: \$94/per person (our pricing is very competitive). Registration for this event is available on the Rancocas website. Payment secures the registration, and all sales are final. You can also register by mailing a check to Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Road, Westampton, NJ 08060 or by stopping at the center. Final information will be sent to all registrants prior to the event.

Interpretive Trail Hike

Sundays | 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM
Jan 4 & Feb 1

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. Registration is limited to 20 participants. Program is free; Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.



MAPLE SUGARING (Whole Family)

Sunday, February 22
12:30 PM to 3:30 PM (Staggered start times)

What a tasty way to spend a winter afternoon! Bring the whole family and enjoy a program about maple sugaring, the oldest continuous industry in North America. On this self-guided hike, you'll visit multiple interactive stations along the Rancocas trails. Learn about the Sugar Maple tree and the history of maple sugaring, observe a tapping demonstration, and enjoy a maple syrup tasting. To ward off the chills, we'll have an old-fashioned campfire burning. Cost: RNC members, \$9/person, \$30/family (limit 5); nonmembers, \$11/person, \$40/family (limit 5). **Start times are staggered— Register online for your time slot.** *Note: Scouts looking to register should choose the Maple Sugaring for Scouts program on March 1.*

Registration required, visit: www.rancocasnaturecenter.org



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Tales & Trails (Ages 3+)

Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Dec 3, 10 & 17 | Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28 | Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25

The Rancocas Nature Preserve is beautiful throughout the winter months! Join us for this free family-friendly children's program. Each session will start with a nature-themed storybook, then proceed with a hike on the trails to explore Rancocas 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.

Art & Nature (Ages 3-6)

Fridays | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Dec 5, 12 & 19 | Jan 9 & 23

Parental participation required.

Children ages 3 to 6 years old are invited to join Teacher Naturalist Jess Subramanya and explore the nature center grounds and create art projects with the natural materials they find. Each session will include an outdoor adventure/hike and an art-making opportunity indoors (unless the weather is mild, then we can create our art outside). If you are looking to instill a love of nature in your child and help them create with their hands, this class will do both. Cost (with a current Rancocas Nature Center Family Membership): \$60/per child for five sessions, or \$15/per class/per child.

Animal Explorers (Ages 3-6)

Fridays | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Jan 30 | Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27

Parental participation required.

Children ages 3 to 6 years old are invited to join Teacher Naturalist Jess Subramanya and learn about the variety of animals that live in our area. Each session will focus on a different animal and will include related fun facts, natural materials and artifacts, themed games and crafts, and possibly a visit with one of our resident critters. It's a treat for children who love animals and a wonderful way to introduce our two, four, and no-legs creatures to those who are a bit wary and shy. These sessions will be a blend of indoor and outdoor activities depending on the day's weather. Cost (with a current Rancocas Nature Center Family Membership): \$60/per child for five sessions, or \$15/per class/per child.



SANTAQUEST 2025

Sunday, December 7

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

The big guy in red will be stopping by Rancocas Nature Center on the first Sunday in December. This year, Santa wants to learn about New Jersey's woodland animals, so he's taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with us. Rancocas is a great place to explore—our animal species can be different from those at the North Pole. Join us for our annual fun-filled holiday event. Take a self-guided adventure on our trails, visit multiple interactive stations, and follow the clues to find Santa's location. Great photo ops with Santa and the activities. Cost: Rancocas Nature Center members, \$9/person, \$30/family (limit 5); nonmembers, \$11/person, \$40/family (limit 5).

Registration required, visit: www.rancocasnaturecenter.org



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••••• TEEN & SCOUT PROGRAMS •••••



Scouting America Merit Badge: Textiles

(a One-Day Workshop)

Sunday, Jan 25 | 10:30 AM—3:30 PM

Learn about the fine points of outdoor gear by taking the Textile Merit Badge with a Rancocas accredited counselor. There is an old Scandinavian saying: "There is no such thing as bad weather-- only bad clothing choices." When you learn about various fibers, fabrics and their properties, you'll be able to make better choices about your outdoor clothing and gear. Additionally, a better understanding of weaving and other fiber crafts increases your important survival skills. A certified Merit Badge counselor will lead you through the requirements for this badge in a one-day outdoor workshop. Bring a bagged lunch. Cost: \$40/per scout (includes materials for weaving). Register online. For questions and information contact meritbadges@rancocasnaturecenter.org.



Scouting America Merit Badge: Chemistry

(a Two-Day Workshop)

Saturday, Jan 31 | 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Saturday, Feb 7 | 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Join Rancocas certified Merit Badge counselors for this two-day workshop incorporating the updated Scouting BSA requirements. The chemistry badge explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made. Scouts must be able to attend both sessions, will be expected to complete requirement 7B on their own, and participate fully in the workshop. Most appropriate for scouts ages 13 and above. Cost: \$40/per scout. Register online. For questions and information, contact meritbadges@rancocasnaturecenter.org.

Teen & Scout Conservation Volunteer Days (Ages 13-17)

Saturday, Dec 6 | 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Saturday, Jan 11 | 1:00 — 4:00 PM

Saturday, Feb 7 | 1:00 — 4:00 PM

The Rancocas Nature Center has monthly supervised stewardship conservation project volunteer opportunities. It's a great way for scouts and other youth 13 to 17 years-old to get out into nature and accumulate service hours. Parental consent is required, and parents are welcome to help as well. 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.

Maple Sugaring for Scouts

Saturday, Mar 1 | 12:30 — 3:30 PM (staggered times)

What a tasty way to spend a winter afternoon! Bring your scout or the whole troop/pack and enjoy a program about maple sugaring, the oldest continuous industry in North America. On this self-guided walk, you'll visit multiple interactive stations along the Rancocas trails. Learn about the Sugar Maple tree and the history of maple sugaring, observe a tapping demonstration, and enjoy a maple syrup tasting. To ward off the chills, we'll have an old-fashioned campfire burning. Scouts will receive a keepsake Maple Sugaring badge. Register for your time slot at www.rancocasnaturecenter.org.

Cost: \$15/per scout/sibling; \$10/per accompanying adult. NOTE: Please limit the number of adults and siblings as this is a scout program. *Our public Maple Sugaring on February 22 is designed for families. Please register for that program if you want to attend as a family.*



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Hump Day Afternoon Hikes

(Ages 18+)

Wednesdays | 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Dec 3, 10 & 17 | Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28

Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25

In the winter our Hump-day hike continues to be in the afternoons for better light. If you like to hike, but don't like doing it alone, come out for a brisk, intermediate ability hike (with multiple elevation changes) in nature—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day while enjoying the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. Program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or donation suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Saturday Guided Walks

(Ages 14+)

Saturdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Dec 20, Jan 17 & Feb 21

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

New Year's Day Hike (Ages 13+)

Wednesday, Dec 31 | 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Say "Goodbye" to 2025 by enjoying the meadows, woods, and trails of Rancocas State Park. This is a vigorous two and a half to three-mile hike with elevation changes. Dress for the weather, bring a warm beverage, and pack a snack. Meet at the Rancocas State Park Westampton parking area near Irick Road. Program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

ESCAPE ART SERIES

Mandala Stone Painting (Ages 16+)

Sunday, Jan 4 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

A new year, and a new experience. Find your inner calm as we paint a design that radiates from the center of your rock to create a beautiful mandala. These designs have been said to aid in meditation and can be used as a tool for creating a sacred, calming space. Cost: \$25/ per person (includes all needed supplies and materials to create two rocks.) Additional rocks may be purchased for \$5 each.



Basic Land Navigation

(for scouts ages 12+ & interested adults)

Sunday, Dec 28 | 2:00 to 4:00 PM

We do have Google Earth, but we can still get lost in the woods. For those interested in learning about multiple tools to use to help find your way, this beginner navigation class is for you! The two-hour session will review the different types of compasses and the basics of using them, but the bulk of the class will be spent learning to find your way on our practice courses by reading different types of maps, calculating paces, elevation, and the size of objects. Once you feel you've got the hang of it, test your skills by doing a 1-mile Orienteering style course (which meets the Scouting America's Scouts BSA 1st Class Rank Requirement). If time permits, the use of Smartphone GPS navigation will also be discussed. Workshop Cost: \$15/per person.

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CONNECT WITH NATURE SERIES

Birding a Big Year

Sunday, Dec 28 | 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Join Rancocas Naturalist Patty Rehn as she shares the highs/lows, challenges, and adventures associated with her participation in the regional big year challenge: *The Bob Billings Big Year*, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. Discover what it takes to be part of the quest to see as many bird species as possible in 365 days. The program is free for Rancocas Nature Center members; \$10/per person donation suggested for nonmembers.



Volunteering with Orangutans in Borneo

Sunday, Jan 11 | 2:00 to 3:00 PM

In the summer of 2025, Rancocas Naturalist Patty Rehn spent two weeks in Borneo volunteering with the world-renowned Samboja Lestari Orangutan Rescue Centre. She'll share her fascinating experiences exploring the rainforest and what it was like to be part of an organization that cares for these resident primates. The work that the group does on enrichment, husbandry, reforestation, and conservation makes for a very interesting story. The program is free for Rancocas Nature Center members; \$10/per person donation is suggested for nonmembers.



Lawnside, New Jersey: 100 Years

Sunday, Feb 8 | 2:30 PM

Join Linda Shockley, president of the Lawnside Historical Society, as she shares the history of Lawnside, New Jersey—the state's only incorporated African American municipality. The mission of the Historical Society is to promote and preserve the heritage of Lawnside, including its Peter Mott House. As the oldest dwelling in the borough, it was built around 1845 and was the home of Reverend Peter Mott, a "stationmaster" on the Underground Railroad. The former residence now serves as an Underground Railroad museum. The presentation includes details from several research projects and the borough's development from a 19th century settlement by free born, manumitted, and self-liberated peoples, to the present, as its 100th anniversary of incorporation approaches. The program is free for Rancocas Nature Center members; \$10/per person donation is suggested for nonmembers.



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Weekday Bird Walk at Rancocas

Thursday, Jan 15 | 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Join seasoned birder John McElroy on the Rancocas Nature Center grounds in search of a variety of birds. In addition to our local residents we hope to see some migrants passing through. Bring a water bottle and binoculars. Let us know ahead of time if you would like to borrow a loaner pair. Dress to walk in mostly hard sand or gravel with some exposed roots, occasional hilly terrain, and a mix of wooded and open areas. This is a relaxed pace, 1 to 1 ½ hours walk. All skill levels are welcome. Program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Winter Nature Journaling Walk

(Ages 16+)

Saturday, Jan 24

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Bring your nature journal/sketchbook and join teacher naturalist Robin Sperry on a winter trail hike in the Rancocas Nature Center preserve. We'll make stops to journal some of the season's visual diversity—both its stark, raw beauty and its quiet peacefulness. Program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Waiting for Woodcock

(for Birders & Past Participants)

Sunday, Feb 22 | 5:45 PM

This is an opportunity for those who have already attended our woodcock program in previous years, to come out to help us scout for woodcock. Bring your binoculars and/or camera and dress for the weather. It can get chilly waiting till almost dark. Feel free to bring a chair. Beginners should register for our "Woodcock for Beginners" in March. Program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Woodcock For Beginners: American Woodcocks & Their Aerial Displays

Thursday, March 3 | 5:30 PM

Each year in the late winter, the American Woodcock move northward at the beginning of their breeding season. One of their migration stops is the Rancocas meadow—a reliable spot to catch the male of the species performing a fascinating aerial display to impress the female Woodcocks. Rancocas Naturalist Patti Rehn will share an informative presentation at the center, then lead an outdoor session in the meadow—a unique viewing opportunity. Program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Passionate for Plants: Propagation Duos

(Ages 16+)

Sunday, Feb 1 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Just in time for Valentine's Day! Show some love to a friend, family member or yourself by creating an unusual wire wrapped double propagation station. Add a dash of chemistry or spice by using a choice of test tubes, small bottles, or spice jars for your plant holder. Learn tips and tricks for wire wrapping. Keep it simple or include some fun embellishments. During this workshop, Teacher Naturalist Robin Sperry will also share information about using water only propagation for easy to grow houseplants. Cost: \$28/per person (includes propagation containers, plant cuttings, and all supplies and materials needed to make one station.) Supplies may be available for purchase that day for additional projects.



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Seasonal Stroll (Suggested Ages 55+)

2nd Friday of the Month | 10:30 AM

Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13

(Meet at Rancocas Nature Center Parking Lot)

4th Friday of the Month | 10:30 AM

Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 27

(Meet at Rancocas SP-Westampton Parking Lot)

Join a Rancocas staff person for a 45 minute to 1 hour guided stroll observing the winter season on the Rancocas Nature Center grounds and in Rancocas State Park with its meadows, streams/creek and woodlands. Easier trails are utilized (mostly flat ground, some roots). Program is free. Rancocas Nature Center membership or a donation is suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

Galentine's Day Celebration

Saturday, February 14 | 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Girls just want to have fun! It is wonderful to get out and enjoy nature in winter surrounded by our gal friends. Single or married, join us as we celebrate Galentine's Day at the Rancocas Nature Center. After a brisk trail hike, we will gather for some social time and enjoy Galentine's Day treats, including some from Robins Nest in Mt Holly. Cost: \$18/person.



RANCOCAS AFFILIATED CLUB MEETINGS Outdoor Photography Club

Thursdays | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Dec 4, Jan 8 & Feb 5

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 rencphotoclub@gmail.com for details.



SAVE THE DATE - MEMBERS ONLY FIELD TRIP: Birding at Sandy Hook

Thursday, Mar 7 | 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM

This coastal New Jersey location is excellent in late winter/early spring for seabirds, waterfowl, and the possibility of spotting seals and other wildlife. Who knows, maybe we will get lucky and see Horned Lark or Snow Buntings. We'll be driving to several locations, but also be prepared for walking on the beach with possible windy conditions. Spend the day exploring and birding this incredible place with knowledgeable Rancocas staff and associate naturalists including Mary Belko, Audrey Dorofy, and John McElroy. Exact meeting spot will be sent to participants via email the week before. Cost: \$15/per person

FIELD TRIP: Birding at Whitesbog

(Suitable for interested teens)

Thursday, Feb 12 | 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Whitesbog in winter means tundra swans, waterfowl, and raptors. Join Rancocas Teacher Naturalist Mary Belko and Associate Naturalist Audrey Dorofy during this productive time and walk the sand trails around the ponds and through the woods in search of a variety of seasonal birds and interesting fauna and flora present on the site. Meet at the Whitesbog store parking lot. The program is free for Rancocas Nature Center members; \$10/per person donation is suggested for nonmembers. Inclement weather cancels.



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EVENT RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES



GROUNDS OF SMITHVILLE MANSION 803 SMITHVILLE RD, EASTAMPTON, NJ

Built in 1840, the Greek Revival building is surrounded by stone and brick courtyard walls that encompass a picturesque formal parterre garden, grape arbor, and well-manicured lawns. The Mansion is not available for rent, but the courtyard grounds within the walls and a 40 x 80 event tent, with sides, may be reserved for catered affairs. The tent can accommodate up to 160 people.

LYCEUM OF HISTORY & NATURAL SCIENCES

307 HIGH ST, MT. HOLLY, NJ

The stately two and a half story Georgian building on over two acres of landscaped grounds offers a 24 x 43 foot community room and grounds available to rent for catered events. Maximum capacity is 72.



BURLINGTON COUNTY AMPITHEATER

5 PIONEER RD,
EASTAMPTON, NJ

With seating for 500, the amphitheater is perfect for a variety of entertainment.



PARK PAVILIONS

For casual open-air events, eight of our parks offer picnic areas with grills and pavilions that accommodate 25 to 80 people.



GROUNDS AT THE BURLINGTON COUNTY PRISON MUSEUM

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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.co.burlington.nj.us/953/weddings



COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER 500 CENTERTON RD, MOORESTOWN, NJ

The Agricultural Center is nestled on a 62-acre preserved working farm. Our Market Barn, perfect for an outdoor rustic celebration, measures 105 x 40 feet and is covered with one open side. The Market Plaza, a 30 x 60 event tent on a concrete pad, in combination with the barn accommodates up to 175 people. Also the 1850 renovated farmhouse is available for indoor events with a maximum capacity of 49 people.



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