

Please check online event calendar, call, or email for exact dates and participation requirements.

SPRING (Mar, Apr, May)

Nature Fun Days (March)

- Children in grades K-3 travel through 3 themed activity stations with a break for a packed lunch. Live animal presentation concludes the event. Open to K-3rd grade youth with adult chaperones. Participation fee and registration required.



Service Project Opportunities

- **Garlic Mustard Pull and Tasting (End of April)**- Take a hike and bring garlic mustard back to the nature center. Help mix it into salsa, pesto, and cream cheese dip. Registration required.
- **Garden Maintenance**- Adopt a wildflower garden, or help with seasonal mulching, weeding, and planting. Call to schedule a date.
- **Invasive Plant Removal**- Pulling garlic mustard (April), mile-a-minute, dame's rocket (May), day lilies, or another invasive plant helps beneficial plants survive to provide food and habitat for wildlife. Call to schedule a date.



SUMMER (June, July, Aug)

Stream Ecology Class

Schedule a naturalist-led investigation of the stream to learn about the life cycle of insects and what they tell us about stream health. Min group size 10 students, Max size 20 students. For ages 3rd grade and up. Call to schedule.



North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count (July or August)

- Take a walk around the park to find and identify butterflies. Bring field guides and binoculars or borrow ours. Registration required.

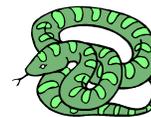


Special Events

- **Reptile Week (First Week of July)**
- **Butterfly Weekend (July or Aug)**

Service Project Opportunities

- **Reptile Week (July)** - Design a reptile habitat mural or volunteer during event. See calendar for training dates.
- **Lake Redman Canoe Tour and Clean-up (Aug)** - Follow the naturalist around the edge of the lake to discover lake creatures while picking up litter. Registration required.



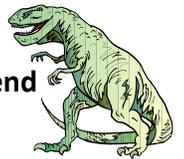
FALL (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Get Outside Scouts Day (Oct)- Self-guided brochures help brownies earn the hiker badge, juniors earn the flower badge, bears earn the outdoor activity badge, and webelos earn the forestry award. Opportunity for scouts to fulfill a service requirement (registration required for service component).

Overnights at the Nature Center (Nov)- See the selection of special overnight offerings for 4th-7th grade scouts and their leaders on our website.

Special Event Weekends

- **Dinosaur OR Geology Weekend (Sept or Oct)**
- **Used Book Sale for the Birds (Sept)** - Donate your used books and shop for new ones.



Service Project Opportunities

- **Fall Native Plantings**- Call to schedule a date (Sept-Oct).



WINTER (Dec, Jan, Feb)

Special Event Weekends

- **Maple Sugaring Weekend (Feb)**
- **Bird Celebration Weekend (Feb)**



ANYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **Naturalist-led Nature Hikes** for groups of 10 or more scouts. Schedule at least one month in advance by calling the park. Hikes are typically an hour and can include topics from 5-senses, seasons, trees, wildflowers, edible plants, and animal habitats.
- **Sunday public programs** take place March-October almost every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Programs range in topic from building your own rain barrel to taking a nesting bird hike. Check the calendar in our program guide or website to find age appropriate programs.
- **Explore on your own!** There are scavenger hunts on our website you can print out and bring with you to explore the inside of the nature center. There are two interpretive trail guides available to help guide your hike: Geology Trail and Quiet Walk. Please still call to schedule "On Your Own" time if bringing a group of ten or more.
- **Eagle Scout Projects** can be planned and scheduled with the park's natural resources manager. Please contact him at mefobes@yorkcountypa.gov, or 717-840-7440.

HOW TO REGISTER

Call Nixon County Park: 717-428-1961

Email the Naturalist:

NixonCountyPark@yorkcountypa.gov

View Our Online Calendar:

www.yorkcountyparks.org

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- If you are bringing a group of 10 or more to the Nature Center please call ahead to schedule your visit.
- Carry-in, Carry-out Trash Policy. No trash cans on site.
- Park grounds open daily 8am-dusk. Nature Center open Tues-Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm and Sunday 12-4:30. Closed Mondays and Holidays. There are no outdoor restrooms at Nixon Park.
- No collecting. No picking flowers or leaves, taking rocks or logs, and no taking live animals or artifacts. See park rules online for more details.

YORK COUNTY PARKS

Educational and Service-Oriented

Program Offerings for Groups

- SCOUTS
- YOUTH GROUPS
- SERVICE CLUBS
- ENVIROTHON TEAMS

*AN OUTLINE OF THE YEAR FOR
PLANNING AHEAD*