

# Hocking Hills State Park

## Special Events & Nature Programs

All programs are subject to change. Notify the naturalist if special accommodations are needed for your participation.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Friday July 1

**2:30 PM \*CEDAR FALLS STROLL** - Join the naturalist to explore Cedar Falls and discover the unique natural & cultural history of this area of the park.

### Saturday July 2

**9:00 AM \*THE WONDERS of OLD MAN'S CAVE** - Meet the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin for a short hike and discover some facts about the history of the area and the rock formations that are found throughout the Park.

**1:00 PM GAMES OF THE PAST**- In celebration of our nation's birth...Ever wonder what the settlers to the Hocking region did for fun? More than you might have guessed. Join the naturalist at the Naturalist cabin for a closer look at our early American recreation. **Naturalist Cabin" OPEN"**- After our adventure and fun into the past stick around at the naturalist cabin located behind the Old Man's Cave visitor center for a closer look at some of the flora and fauna that make Hocking so special. The naturalist will be on hand to answer questions & share the mysteries of the park.

### Saturday July 9

**9:00 AM \*THE WONDERS of OLD MAN'S CAVE with your HIKING STICK** – The second half of our "Build a Walking Stick" program in partnership with LL Bean of Columbus. Didn't build a stick with us? That's ok, just meet the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin for a short hike and discover some facts about the history of the area and the rock formations that are found throughout the Park.

**1:00 PM HOCKING'S BIRDS OF PREY** - Join the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin for a closer look at Ohio's hawks, owls, eagles and vultures.

### Thursday July 14

**10:00 AM \*RIDGETOPS & HOLLERS"** – Ever wonder about the difference between a ridgetop and a 'holler'? Join the naturalist at Ash Cave Parking area to find out.

**1:00 PM HOCKING'S WILDLIFE at the CABIN** – As you pass by on your hike today, stop by the Naturalist Cabin to explore and take a closer look at some of our native residents. Naturalist will be available to explain and answer questions.

### Friday July 15

**2:00 PM \*JEWELLED DRAGONS** – Join the naturalist for a closer look at Hocking's not so mythical dragonflies & damselflies. These flying, crawling & swimming insects lead an amazing life that we can peak in on. Meet at the main playground in the camp (near site# 143) for a short stroll down to Rose Lake.

### Saturday July 16

**9:00 AM \*SCALAWAGS & RENEGADES** - The Ohio Frontier was full of heroes and shady characters. Meet at the Shelter House at the Rock House to hike and explore our local history.

**1:00 PM FURS, FEATHERS, FEET & FANGS** – Join the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin to discover the many special wildlife adaptations and discuss how to search for signs of the many species here at Hocking Hills.

### Thursday July 21

**9:00 PM \*HISTORIC LANTERN TOUR of ASH CAVE**- The mystery of Ash Cave is special as far back as the last Ice Age and beyond. Join the naturalist in the parking lot area to explore Ash Cave by lantern light and learn this special history first hand. We supply the lights...you supply the imagination. (Please no pets at the lantern tour)

### Friday July 22

**9:00 AM HIDDEN HOCKING:BROKEN ROCK FALLS** - Come and see something off the beaten path. Join us for a hike through Old Man's Cave to the little visited Broken Rock Falls and see what makes this place so special. Meet the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin located behind the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.

### Saturday July 23

**9:00 AM CONKLE'S CREEP** – Conkle's Hollow state nature preserve is one of the most unique locations in the Hocking Hills. Join the naturalist for a short hike to find out why. Meet in the parking area

**1:00 PM REPTILE RAMPAGE!** – What makes a reptile a reptile? What is cold blooded? Who lives around here? For the answer to these and other questions join the naturalist at the naturalist cabin located behind the Old man's cave visitor center.

### Thursday July 28

**10:00 AM ASH CAVE STREAM STOMP** – Join the naturalist outside the shelter house at Ash Cave for an exploration of what might live in our many streams here at Hocking. Please come dressed to get your feet wet and footwear must be worn at all times.

### Friday July 29

**9:00 AM \*CANTWELL'S CREATIONS** - The forest and geology at Cantwell Cliffs are some of the most diverse in the park. Meet the naturalist at the parking area for a discovery hike through this unique location.

### Saturday July 30

**9:00 AM \*THE CREATURES OF ROSE LAKE** – Join the naturalist at the Rose Lake dam to explore around Rose Lake in search of who might use Rose Lake as their home.

**1:00 PM HOCKING'S WILDLIFE at the CABIN** – As you pass by on your hike today, stop by the Naturalist Cabin to explore and take a closer look at some of our native residents. Naturalist will be available to explain and answer questions

### Friday July 8

#### 10:00 AM ROSE LAKE Stand Up Paddleboard "SUP" COURSE & EXCURSION

Ever wanted to try your hand at SUP? Maybe you have been paddling for a while and want to learn more. Well, join the naturalist instructor who will teach participants the proper handling and control of a SUP, rescue techniques and proper gear. Equipment will be provided. Pre-registration is required for this all day course by calling 740-385-8003 ext213. Class size is limited so register early! Please wear clothing to get wet, no open toe shoes and bring along a lunch and plenty to drink.

Call: (740) 385-6841

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