**Hocking Hills State Park**

**Special Events & Nature Programs**

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**July 2019**

**Thursday July 4**

2:00PM *REPTILE RAMPAGE:* What makes a reptile a reptile? What is cold blooded? What reptiles live around here? For the answers to these and other question, meet the naturalist at the naturalist cabin located by the A frame bridge to learn about the reptiles of Ohio.

**Friday July 5**

9:00AM *WHISPERING CAVE HIKE:* Meet the naturalist at the trailhead located by the cabin/lodge area for a moderately strenuously hike to the second largest recess cave East of the Mississippi!

2:00PM *BIRDS of PREY:* What is the difference between owls and hawks? Come down to the Naturalist Cabin located by the A Frame Bridge to learn about the diurnal and nocturnal birds of prey that live in the Hocking Hills.

**Saturday July 6**

10:00 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.

2:00PM *BATS of OHIO:* Meet the naturalist at the naturalist cabin to learn about some of the bats that make Ohio their home. Learn about why these winged mammals are so beneficial to humans.

**Sunday July 7**

9:00 AM *CEDAR FALLS STROLL:* Join the naturalist to explore Cedar Falls and discover the unique natural & cultural history of this area of the park. Meet at the Cedar Falls Shelter House.

1:00 PM *NATURALIST CABIN “OPEN”:* Come to the naturalist cabin located by the A frame bridge. The naturalist will be on hand to answer questions & share the mysteries of the park.

**Wednesday July 10**

2:00PM *SKULLS & CLAWS:* Come down to the Naturalist Cabin to learn about the animals that makes Hocking Hills State Park their home.

**Thursday July 11**

10:00 AM ROSE LAKE Stand Up Paddleboard “SUP” EXCURSION: Ever wanted to try your hand at SUP? Maybe you have been paddling for a while and want to learn more. Join the naturalist instructor who will teach participants the proper handling and control of a SUP along with the proper gear. Equipment will be provided. Pre-registration is required for this trip and you must sign up-in person at the camp office. Trip size is limited so register early! Please wear clothing to get wet, no open toe shoes and bring along plenty to drink.

2:00PM *TREES PLEASE:* Meet the naturalist at the naturalist cabin to learn about some of the trees in the Hocking Hills and their uses. We will take a short walk to learn ways to identify trees in the area.

**Friday July 12**

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, please remember pets are not permitted at the Nature Preserve.

2:00 PM *THE NATURE OF IT ALL:* Meet the naturalist at the naturalist cabin located by the A frame bridge to play various nature themed games and activities geared toward learning about the wildlife found in the Hocking Hills.

**Saturday July 13 Girl Scouts programs**

9:00 AM *CEDAR FALLS STROLL:* Join the naturalist to explore Cedar Falls and discover the unique natural & cultural history of this area of the park. Meet at the Cedar Falls Shelter House.

2:00PM *BIRDS of PREY:* What is the difference between owls and hawks? Come down to the Naturalist Cabin located by the A Frame Bridge to learn about the diurnal and nocturnal birds of prey that live in the Hocking Hills.

4:00PM *TERRIFIC TURTLES:* Stop by the Naturalist Cabin located by the A frame bridge to learn about the turtles that make Hocking Hills their home. Learn about the decline of the Eastern Box Turtle and ways we can help.

**Sunday July 14**

10:00 AM *RIDGE TOPS & HOLLERS:* Ever wonder about the difference between a ridgetop and a holler? Join the naturalist at Ash Cave parking lot to find out more!

12:00PM* CREEKING:* Take a closer look at the crawly critters that live in the creeks and streams around the Hocking Hills. Meet at the shelter house at Ash Cave. Make sure to wear sturdy shoes and clothes you can get muddy. Flip flops not recommended. Participants MUST WEAR SHOES!

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Wednesday July 17

10:00 AM *ARCHERY- Meet the naturalist at the archery range located across from the naturalist office to learn some basic archery skills. Bows will be available to shoot during this program.

Thursday July 18

10:00 AM ROSE LAKE Stand Up Paddleboard “SUP” 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 along with the proper gear. Equipment will be provided. Pre-registration is required for this trip, and you must sign -up in person at the camp office. Trip size is limited so register early! Please wear clothing to get wet, no open toe shoes and bring along plenty to drink.

2:00 PM *TERRIFIC TURTLES- Stop by the Naturalist Cabin located by the A frame bridge to learn about the turtles that make Hocking Hills their home. Learn about the decline of the Eastern Box Turtle and ways we can help.

Friday July 19

2:00 PM *LAKESIDE STROLL - Meet the Naturalist at the Rose Lake dam to walk around Rose Lake. While on our walk we will learn a little history of the area including the dam. We will also explore the flora and fauna of the area.

Saturday July 20

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.

2:00 PM * OHIO STATE PARK TRIVIA- Meet the naturalist at the naturalist cabin located by the A frame Bridge for a fun filled trivia game. Let’s find out how much you know about Ohio’s wildlife, boating, state parks, etc. Come on down for your chance to learn and have fun! You might even get the chance to dig in the prize bag!

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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, please remember pets are not permitted at the Nature Preserve.

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Thursday July 25

7:30 PM *ASH CAVE FAMILY FRIENDLY TWILIGHT HIKE- Join the Naturalist at the Ash Cave parking lot for a nice family fun twilight stroll to Ash Cave. Learn about the history, flora & fauna of the area. No pets please.

9:30 PM * ADULT ONLY!!! 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 26

9:00 AM *CEDAR FALLS STROLL - Join the naturalist to explore Cedar Falls and discover the unique natural & cultural history of this area of the park. Meet at the Cedar Falls Shelter House.

1:00 PM *THE AWESOME POSSUM- Meet the Naturalist at the naturalist cabin to find out what is so awesome about this furry creature.

Saturday July 27

Sunday July 28

10:00 AM *RIDGETOPS & HOLLERS- Ever wonder about the difference between a ridgetop and a holler? Join the naturalist at Ash Cave parking lot to find out more!

1:00PM* CREEKING- Take a closer look at the crawly critters that live in the creeks and streams around the Hocking Hills. Meet at the shelter house at Ash Cave. Make sure to wear sturdy shoes and clothes you can get muddy. Flip flops not recommended. Participants MUST WEAR SHOES!

Wednesday July 31

2:00 PM * BUTTERFLIES- Meet the Naturalist at the naturalist cabin to learn more about these winged beauties!

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