



JANUARY 2021

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NATURE PROGRAMS



Winter Duck Walks

Join us for a casual hike dedicated to spotting our fine feathered friends. All abilities of birders are welcome. Bring a pair of binoculars if you have them, extra binoculars are available for those who don't. Best for adults and teens. Masks required. [Click here](#) to register.

Sunday, Jan. 3 & 10
1 - 3 p.m.

ALL AGES

- Free, registration required
- Spring Lake at Roebling Park

Just A Hikes

The name says it all, this program is Just A Hike that will explore a different park each week. Our naturalist will lead you along the trails, point out species of interest, and answer your questions. Come explore with us on these socially distant walks throughout our parks! Masks required. [Click here](#) to register.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays through Jan. from 1-3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

- Free, registration required
- Various park locations

Watson Woods Walking Club

Tie up your sneakers and join us as we explore the beautiful trails along Spring Lake, Watson Woods, and the Abbott Marshlands in Roebling Park. This weekly series features a different trail each week. Masks required. [Click here](#) to register.

Every Wednesday through Jan. from 10-11:30 a.m.

Teens & Adults

- Free, registration required
- Roebling Park at Watson House

Short-eared Owl Walk & Talk

Join us for a Zoom presentation on Tuesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. to learn about owl ecology and identification as well as the features that make this habitat the desired destination for our Arctic visitors. Sign up for a date below to join naturalists for a walk in the meadows to enjoy exceptional displays of the diurnal to nocturnal "shift change." The walks will take place from 4-6 p.m. at Mercer Meadows. [Click here for more information.](#)

Zoom: Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

Naturalist Led Walks: Friday & Saturday Jan. 22, 23, 29 & 30 from 4-6 p.m.

Ages 8+

You must sign up for a walk to receive the link for the Zoom presentation.

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NATURE PROGRAMS (continued)

“Do It Yourself” Activities

Ongoing

ALL AGES

Looking for a crafty way to connect with nature? We've collected nature inspired crafts to help you celebrate the season. [Click here](#) to find these and other activities that you can do throughout Mercer County Park.

#CapturetheChange

Ongoing

ALL AGES

Capture the change created by the Roebling Park Wetland Restoration. With your camera or smartphone, follow our photo-station trail around Spring Lake, snap and share your pictures of the marsh at each vantage point. Trail map and details here.

[Click here for the photo-station map.](#)

#FindMoreOutdoors

Ongoing

ALL AGES

Follow our social media pages or [subscribe to our YouTube channel](#) for educational videos, nature DIY activities, and updates on what's happening in the great outdoors of our capital county.

Detective Tully's Mystery Trail Hikes

Ongoing

ALL AGES

[Click here for the Top Secret Dossiers!](#) Calling Young Detectives: Tully the Turtle needs your help! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go on a self-guided hike with your family on one of our Mystery Trails and find the missing 'treasure.' Download the map from our website, and let us know how you do!

Family Nature Activities

Ongoing

ALL AGES

[Click here for the activity packet!](#) Our Naturalists have put together family-friendly activities and crafts to help you and your children explore the outdoors this season.

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HOWELL LIVING HISTORY FARM



Ice Harvest

Saturday, Jan. 30
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ALL AGES

Neighbors once called Howell Farm the "ice farm" because they could buy ice from the pond to keep their milk cool on the way to the train station on Pleasant Valley Road. In late January, visitors to the farm will learn about the tools and technology that made ice harvesting a successful business at the turn of the 20th century, and try their hand at using an ice saw out on the pond. Visitors can also help pull ice blocks up the ramp to the ice house, chip ice for ice cream, and make an ice candle to take home! Masks are required.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Please note that winter 2021 Saturday programs will be modified to encourage social distancing and reflect current State guidelines for public events. Visitors are required to carry masks at all times, and wear them when social distancing isn't possible.

ICE SKATING CENTER



Public Skate

Ongoing

ALL AGES

The Ice Skating Center is open with limited capacity. Patrons must bring their own ice skates as rentals have been temporarily discontinued. [Click here](#) for more information.

TENNIS CENTER



Open Indoor Tennis

Ongoing

ALL AGES

If it's too chilly for you to play tennis outdoors, the Indoor Tennis Courts at Mercer County Park are open by reservation only. Call (609) 448-8007 to book a court. [Click here](#) for COVID-19 restrictions.

Operating under Phase 3 rules and regulations.

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WILDLIFE CENTER



Outdoor Education Environment

The Outdoor Education Environment located at the Mercer County Park Wildlife Center is home to 15 permanent residents. These animals were either permanently disabled, or as a result of human imprinting, are not able to exist in the wild. These enclosures provide a safe environment for these birds and mammals to exist. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ongoing
Thursdays - Sundays
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ALL AGES

Free, self-guided tours.

