HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK

Naturalist Programs & Events

July 2013

Thursday July 4

10:00 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 MOKUKS & MUZZLOADERS – *Come and celebrate our nations birth and enjoy an afternoon with our historical interpreter as he brings to life what living here was really like for the original Ohioans. You can even try your hand at a few early American games and crafts. Meet at the naturalist cabin.*

Friday July 5

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.*

2:00 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

Saturday July 6

10 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 NATURALIST CABIN "OPEN" – *What do Richard Roe, William Conkle or Colonel Rempel all have in common? Join the naturalist for a closer look at what life was like for these characters and the early settlers in the area. Try your hand at early Appalachian life.*

Friday July 12

2:00 PM FURS, FEATHERS, FEET & FANGS – *Join the naturalist at the Camp Amphitheater to discover the many special wildlife adaptations and discuss how to search for signs of the many species here at Hocking Hills.*

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)

Saturday July 13

10:00 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.*

3:00 PM CAMERAS & CRITTERS - *Bring your camera and join the naturalist on the Hock-Hocking Expedition Trail located behind the Park Naturalist Office for a chance to photograph up close & personal some of our wilder residents.*

Take this schedule with you on the next hike(*) that you attend from the regular program schedule here at Hocking Hills State Park. When you join the naturalist for a hike and get this slip signed 5 times at different hikes you will then be eligible to purchase this hiking staff emblem to show how avid a hiking fan you really are.

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Tuesday July 16

8:00 AM *TRAIL TROLLS PROJECT DAY

This month will be a special trail trolls…we are going to the fair! We will be working to improve the natural resource area at the state fair grounds in Columbus. Bring a sack lunch, a drink and dress for the weather. For more information about the Trail Trolls or to sign up, contact the naturalist office at (740) 385-8003 ext.213

Saturday July 20

9:00 AM *TRAIL TROLLS PROJECT DAY *We will meet at Cedar Falls. Bring a sack lunch, a drink and dress for the weather. For more information about the Trail Trolls or to sign up, contact the naturalist office at (740) 385-8003 ext.213*

9:00 AM *HIDDEN HOCKING:BROKEN ROCK FALLS

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Wednesday July 24

2:00 PM *JEWELED DRAGONS *Join the naturalist for a closer look at Hocking's not so mythical dragonflies & damselflies. Meet at the main playground in the camp (near site# 143) for a short stroll down to Rose Lake.*

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8:00 PM *HAUNTED HOCKING: Spirits of Rock House

Is Rock House really haunted or could it be something else? Join the naturalist at the Rock House shelter house to explore the possibilities. (This program does contain ghost stories…parents; you know your children best and should decide if it is appropriate. Please, no pets at Haunted Hocking.)

Saturday July 27

10:00 AM *CEDAR FALLS STROLL - *Join the naturalist to explore Cedar Falls and discover the unique natural & cultural history of this area of the park.*

2:00 PM HOCKING'S BIRDS OF PREY - *Join the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin for a closer look at Ohio's winged predators.*

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Children 16 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult at all programs unless otherwise stated.

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