

Hocking Hills State Park

December- February 24-25 Special Events & Nature Programs

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Fri Dec 6- Winter Prints 10 AM - Meet the naturalist at the Visitor center to play a guessing game! Can you guess what animals left their prints in the snow?

Pine tar kiln 2 PM- Join us at the naturalist cabin behind the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center to learn the process of making pine tar and its many uses.

Sat Dec 7- Christmas for the Critters 10 AM - Meet our naturalist in the Visitor Center to discover different ways animals can use your old Christmas tree!

Winter Adaptations 2 PM – Learn about the creatures of Hocking Hills and what they’re doing to get ready for winter! Meet at Hocking Hills State Park Lodge.

Sun Dec 8 -Nature Detective 2 PM - Who did it? Investigate the environmental crime scene by finding clues and determining who is responsible! Meet at the Old Man’s Cave Visitor Center.

Sat Dec 14- Christmas in Ash Cave

Fri Dec 20 - Trimming the Tree 10 AM - Create a nature inspired ornament to take home with you. Meet inside the Old Man’s Cave Visitor Center. All materials will be provided

Historic critter chat 2 PM- Let’s chat about what animals used to call Ohio home and what happened to them. Meet at the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center.

Sat Dec 21- Celebrate the Winter Solstice 10 AM - Come learn about the science and folklore that surrounds the winter solstice. Join us at the Visitor Center.

Resident Raptors 2 PM- Come see one of our rescued raptor friends and learn about what makes these birds a top predator. Meet inside of the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge.

Sun Dec 22- Intro Winter Birding 8:30am- Come down for a brisk walk down a paved portion of the purple trail and learn some intro bird calls and learn to ID some of the birds that stick around for the winter. Bring binoculars if you have them! Meet at Old Man’s Cave Visitor Center. Dress for the weather

Fri Dec 27- Wax Paper Lantern 10 AM– Come make your own lantern that will cast interesting shadows on your walls. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Raptor chat 2 PM- Join us at the historic naturalist cabin behind the Visitor Center at Old Mans Cave for a talk about Ohio’s native raptors.

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Sat Dec 28- Evergreens and the Origin of the Christmas Tree 10 AM - Join the naturalist in the Visitor center to learn about evergreens of the area and how they became a Christmas tradition.

Slithering Serpents 2 PM- Come learn about Ohio snakes, what they do and where they're at now, and possibly meet one! Meet at Hocking Hills State Park Lodge

Sun Dec 29- Wildlife Trivia 1PM- Compete against your friends and family to see who knows their stuff about Ohio's Wildlife and history! Meet inside the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.

Fri Jan 3- Trees Transition from Fall to Winter 10 AM- Join the naturalist as we walk through Old Man's Cave gorge and see how trees survive the winter. Meet at the Visitor Center entrance for a ½ mile loop hike. Dress for the weather!

Raptor chat 2 PM- Join us at the historic naturalist cabin behind the Visitor Center at Old Man's Cave for a talk about Ohio's native raptors.

Sat Jan 4- Guess the Predator 10 AM - Join the naturalist in this mysterious case of Who Done It, where we will study 3 predator-prey crime scenes and determine the culprit! Meet at the Visitor Center to begin the investigation.

Brumation Buddies 2 PM - Learn about how reptiles and amphibians survive in the winter. See a live example of a brumating species! Meet in the Hocking Hills State Park Lobby.

Sun Jan 5- 12PM Nature Scavenger Hunt: Come by the Visitor Center grab a list and see if you can find everything on our scavenger hunt from animal ambassadors in the visitor center to elusive critter tracks outside.

Fri Jan 10- Meat preservation 10 AM- Join us for a demonstration on historic meat preservation techniques. Meet at the naturalist cabin behind the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center.

Finger knitting 2 PM – Join the naturalist in the Visitor Center to learn how to use your digits to create a usable piece of knit fabric!

Sat Jan 11- Shimmering Snowflakes, 10 AM - Have you ever wondered what it takes for a snowflake to form? Come learn with us and make your own snowflake to take home. Meet us at the Visitor Center. All materials provided

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Sun Jan 12- Winter Tree ID 3 PM - Learn some tips and tricks for identifying trees and shrubs during the winter.
Meet in the Old Man's Visitor Center.

Sat Jan 18- winter hike

Fri Jan 24- Pine tar 10 AM- Join us at the naturalist cabin behind the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center to learn the process of making pine tar and its many uses.

Holiday Tales, 2 PM - Join us to hear yuletide tales and holiday folklore. Meet us at the Visitor Center.

Sat Jan 25- Mug rug 10 AM – Find the naturalist and learn how to weave a cozy little rug for your mug of cocoa this winter!

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Sun Jan 26- Intro Winter birding 8:30am- Come down for a brisk walk down a paved portion of the purple trail and learn some intro bird calls and learn to ID some of the birds that stick around for the winter. Bring binoculars if you have them! Meet at Old Man's Cave Visitor Center. Dress for the weather

Fri Jan 31- Raptor chat 10 AM- Join us at the historic naturalist cabin behind the Visitor Center at Old Mans Cave at 10am for a talk about Ohio's native raptors.

Finger knitting 2 PM – Join the naturalist in the Visitor Center to learn how to use your digits to create a usable piece of knit fabric!

Sat Feb 1- Nature's Tiny Architects 10 AM – Join the naturalist at the Visitors Center to explore the varieties of nests our small, feathered friends make with just their beaks! Try your "hand" at making a nest of your own!

Skulls and Furs 2 PM- Learn about some of the animals native the area and check out a few of their pelts and skulls! Meet in the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge.

Sun Feb 2- Animal Pelts and their Usage 11 AM - Come learn about how animal furs are preserved and how they were used historically. Meet in the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.

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Sun Feb 9- Critter Tracks 2PM- Come look for critter tracks by the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center and see what they are and how to ID them.

Fri Feb 14- Valentines Day Origami 10 AM – Join the naturalist to make an origami heart to share with the ones you love! Meet at the Visitor Center.

Pine tar 2PM- Join us at the naturalist cabin behind the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center to learn the process of making pine tar and its many uses.

Sat Feb 15- Wax paper lantern 10 AM – Come make your own lantern that will cast interesting shadows on your walls. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Nutty Life of Squirrels 2PM – Learn about these little rodents and how they live their lives, learn some nutty fun facts and learn what they're up to right now! Meet at the Visitor Center.

Sun Feb 16- Winter Tree ID 1PM- Learn some tips and tricks for identifying trees and shrubs during the winter. Meet in the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.

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Sun Feb 23- Winter Art 2PM: Come outside and learn what can be used to create art, and how to put it to paper! Meet at Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.

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