

# MOHICAN STATE PARK NATURALIST PROGRAMS



## August 2022

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. For any changes, updates, or cancellations, please see our official "Mohican State Park" Facebook page.

### Weekly Programs

#### **Thursdays Nature Readings @ the Lodge (ADULT), 10 AM.**

*(Cancelled on August 4<sup>th</sup>)*

Join the Naturalist next to the fireplace in the Mohican Lodge & Conference Center lobby for a relaxing reading from some of the of the most influential and impactful authors in the field of natural resources.

#### **Nature Center**

**Daily Hours: 10 - 4 PM**

***(Self-Guided)***

Naturalists will be at the nature center at various times throughout the day.

To get ahold of a naturalist, please call: (419) 265-5848

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#### **Reptile Ramblings @ the Lodge, 3 PM.** *(Cancelled on August 4<sup>th</sup>)*

Join the naturalist in the Mohican Lodge and Conference Center lobby. Visitors will learn what makes a reptile a reptile, while seeing some of our cold-blooded friends up close.

#### **Fridays Kayaking the River (DIFFICULT), 9 AM.** *(Cancelled on August 5<sup>th</sup>)*

Join the naturalist for a full day out on the water in the beautiful Mohican Region! For specific route and meeting information please see the dates below. We will be kayaking the entire 28 miles of the Mohican River Water Trail over the course of a few weeks. Some trips will require portaging and dragging and can be over 11-miles long. Lifejackets are provided and required for all paddling programs. Kayaks and paddles will be provided. Snacks, water, and sunscreen are required. You may get wet!

*Free registration is required as space is limited. Be sure of availability before registering. To register, leave a voicemail on the naturalist phone at: (567) 223-0019. Please provide the number and age of registrants and contact information.*



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## Weekly Programs (Continued)

### **Saturdays Mohican Experts Hiking Series, 9 AM.** *(Cancelled on August 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)*

Do you think you KNOW Mohican? Have you been on every trail in the park, or is there that one section you keep meaning to check out, but never get around to? Join the naturalist on a series of breathtaking hikes and begin checking off EVERY trail in the park and surrounding areas! Almost every week you will hike a new trail, doing as little backtracking as possible, until you have hiked every single trail in the area. All hikes are moderate and roughly 4 – 6 miles in length.



*For specific meeting locations see the dates below. Hikes will not occur every week. Check Facebook for updates!*

### **Archery on the Range, 3 PM.** *(Cancelled on August 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)*

Meet the naturalist at the archery range located across from the state park campground off State Route 3 to learn some basic archery skills. Equipment will be provided during this program. Only bows provided by the naturalist may be used for the program.



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### **Lantern Light Owl Prowl, 8 PM.** *(August 27, ONLY LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)*

Join the naturalist at the Pleasant Hill Dam for an easy to moderate 3-mile loop hike at night! Along the hike we will stroll along the beautiful Clear Fork Scenic River, under the towering Eastern Hemlocks, next to our trickling waterfalls, through the Covered Bridge and across our Pleasant Hill Dam! The naturalist will attempt to call in owls as well as telling stories along the way.



Do not bring headlamps or other forms of light. If brought, they may only be turned on during an emergency.



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## Other Programs, Meeting Locations, and Special Events

### **August 4, 5, & 6 2022 Ohio State Fair**

Stop by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Park at the Ohio State Fair on these days to visit the Mohican naturalist outside of his natural habitat! You can find him roaming around the nature center, fire tower, kayak pond, indoor archery range and everywhere in between! Oh, and go see the rest of the fair too of course!



**August 10 Reptile Feeding, 2 PM.** Join the naturalist at the nature center, next to the commissary in the state park campground, for an informal feeding session for some of our scaly friends.

**August 12 Kayaking the River, 9 AM. MEETING LOCATION.** See program description above for registration details. We will be kayaking 11.1 miles from Point A (Mohican State Park Access) to B (Greer Landing Access). Meet at the parking area across from the main Class A campground on Route 3, near the archery range.

Google Maps Address: 40.606650, -82.259190

**August 13 Mohican Experts Hiking Series, 9 AM. MEETING LOCATION.** See program description above for program details. Meet the naturalist at the horse day use area parking lot near the Memorial Shrine on Route 97. ***Mohican Bridle Trails (Part 7)***

Google Maps Address: Mohican-Memorial State Forest – Bridle Trail Parking, OH-97, Perrysville, OH 44864

**August 19 Kayaking the River, 9 AM. MEETING LOCATION.** See program description above for registration details. We will be kayaking 5.5-miles from Point B (Greer Landing Access) to point C (Bridge of Dreams Access). We will be passing a LOWHEAD DAM which can be dangerous. Meet at the parking area just over the Mohican River to the East of Greer off the intersection of Nashville Road (514) & Brinkhaven Road (77).

Google Maps Address: 40.522270, -82.195830



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**August 20 Mohican Experts Hiking Series, 9 AM. MEETING LOCATION.** See program description above for program details. Meet the naturalist at the Newville Bridge on Pleasant Hill Road, near the Route 95 intersection. ***Mohican Bridle Trails (Part 8)***

Google Maps Address: 40.629830, -82.384068

**August 24 Reptile Feeding, 2 PM.** Join the naturalist at the nature center, next to the commissary in the state park campground, for an informal feeding session for some of our scaly friends.

**August 26 Kayaking the River, 9 AM. MEETING LOCATION.** See program description above for registration details. We will be kayaking 11.5-miles from Point C (Bridge of Dreams Access) to point D (The Kokosing/Mohican Confluence Access). Meet at the parking area for the Bridge of Dreams off Route 62 on Main Street/Hunter Road (218).

Google Maps Address: 40.465060, -82.193310

**August 27 The Great Mohican Crawdad Hunt! 11 AM**

Join the Mohican Naturalist and Scenic Rivers experts for a day filled full of crawdad fun! Learn about the history and ecology of crawdads, get in the river and catch them with your bare hands and with seines! Participate in a crawdad race to see which of our crawdads we catch



during the day is the quickest, show us how you swim like a crawdad, learn about water safety, and try our very own Crawfish Dutch Oven Boil recipe! There will be staff onsite from local organizations all over the Mohican Region with booths set up for fun and education! No registration required, come on down! Meet at the picnic shelter area near the front of the Class A Campground off Route 3, and park where directed.

Google Maps Address: 40.607392, -82.260469



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