MOHICAN STATE PARK NATURALIST PROGRAMS

October 2021

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.

Friday, October 15th

9 AM A Hike Through the Past

Join the naturalist on a moderate 2-mile hike on our state park Grist Mill Trail. Meet at the parking lot adjacent to the Grist Mill on the corner of State Routes 3 and 97, in between the Grist Mill and the campground. We will traverse one of the least visited trails in the state park and hikers wills walk through the state parks very own historic village and gristmill before starting the trail. Water, trekking poles and sturdy hiking boots are recommended.

1 PM Tall Towers and Long Bridges

Join the naturalist on a moderate 2.5-mile one-way hike on our state forest Hog Hollow Trail. Hikers will meet at the state forest Fire Tower and enjoy some of the most beautiful views in the park as we hike from the fire tower, down to the scenic covered bridge. The naturalist will end the hike at the covered bridge and hikers will make their own way back 2.5 miles (5-miles total). Hikers are encouraged to park a car at each location if able. Limited seating will be available via a passenger van for individuals unable to hike back or park two vehicles. Bring water, trekking poles, sturdy hiking boots, and some binoculars.



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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Halloween Camp-Out

October 15th, 16th, 22nd, & 23rd

Join us for our annual Halloween Campout at Mohican State Park for 2 weekends full of Halloween fun, including nature programs, hayrides, campsite decorating, costume contests, food, games, trick-or-treat and more!

Visit <u>www.reserveohio.com</u> to reserve your cabin or campsite today!



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Saturday, October 16th

9 AM Guided Fall Hike

Grab your cameras and join the Naturalist for a colorful, Fall hike through one of Ohio's Featured Forests along the Gorge Overlook Trail. The Gorge Overlook is considered a National Natural Landmark and hikers will visit the new Suspension Bridge, walk along the Clearfork River, and bask in the vibrant colors of Autumn in Ohio. Download the iNaturalist app and identify an array of Ohio trees, plants, and animal species as you go. This a free, intermediate, 2.5-mile round-trip hike, recommended for experienced hikers. Proper footwear, layered clothing, water bottle and hiking sticks are highly recommended. Meet at the Gorge Overlook.

Friday, October 22nd

9 AM Chasing Waterfalls

Join the naturalist on a moderate 3-mile hike to one of our most sought out areas of the park, Big and Little Lyons falls. Hikers will meet at the parking area on the West side of the dam near the information kiosks. We will hike from the dam to the falls and then back along the clear fork river, ending by traversing the stairs back to the top of the dam. Water, trekking poles and sturdy hiking boots are recommended.

12 PM Dutch Oven Delights

Join the naturalist at the historic Cline Cabin, located right at the front of the state park campground, for a cast iron cooking demonstration. Visitors will learn a new recipe as well as the history and uses of cast iron cooking and even might get to taste a spoonful of what's on the fire.





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Saturday, October 23rd

9 AM Clear Fork Fantastic

Join the naturalist on a easy to moderate 3-mile one-way hike on our state forest Hemlock Gorge Trail. Hikers will meet at the nature center, next to the commissary in the state park campground, then hike all the way along the Hemlock Gorge Trail one-way to the scenic covered bridge. The naturalist will end the hike at the covered bridge and hikers will make their own way back 3- miles (6-miles total). Hikers are encouraged to park a car at each location if able. Limited seating will be available via a passenger van for individuals unable to hike back or park two vehicles. Bring water, trekking poles, sturdy hiking boots, and some binoculars.

Saturday, October 30th

12 PM Guided Fall Hike

Grab your cameras and join the Naturalist for a colorful, Fall hike along one of Mohican's featured trails, The Hemlock Gorge Trail. Hikers will visit the new Suspension Bridge, walk along the Clearfork River, and bask in the vibrant colors of Autumn in Ohio during this 2-mile hike. Download the iNaturalist app and identify an array of Ohio trees, plants, and animal species as you go. This free hike is open to all and both beginner and experienced hikers are welcome. Proper footwear, layered clothing, water bottle and hiking sticks are highly recommended. The group will leave from the Class B Campsite - Picnic Area located east of the Covered Bridge.





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