

WINTER 2018 RANGER PROGRAMS

WEATHER THIS TIME OF THE YEAR CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE AND MOST OF OUR PROGRAMS WILL BE OUTSIDE. PLEASE DRESS IN CLOTHING AND SHOES APPROPRIATE FOR THE WEATHER AND BRING A WATER BOTTLE.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT SOME OF OUR PROGRAMMING WILL REQUIRE A PRE-REGISTRATION. TO PRE-REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE RANGER STATION AT 662-2843.

1/28 – Winter Tracks : WinterFest: 12 pm

Join Ranger Roy and learn how to identify the most common animal tracks in the park. This program will include a short walk looking for animal tracks in the snow (or mud). Meet at the start of the disc golf course, next to the Casino.

1/28 – Winter Hike: WinterFest: 2 pm

Join Ranger Chuck for a winter nature hike to discuss the ecology of the park while we look for signs of animals and plants. Meet at start of disc golf course.

2/03 – Scavenger Hunt: Ellicott Creek Park: 11 am

Join Ranger Roy for a kid friendly nature themed scavenger hunt throughout Ellicott Creek Park. We will discuss all our exciting finds. Meet at the Casino. This event requires pre-registration and is limited to the first 30 who sign up.

2/11 – Orienteering: Franklin Gulf Park: 11 am

Join Ranger Jerry to learn basic map and compass skills and apply them on a hike through Franklin Gulf Park. This may turn into a strenuous hike, so please dress & pack appropriately. Please bring a compass, snack, water, and a positive attitude. The hike may take up to 2 hours and will start/end at the Larkin Rd. parking area. Meet at the Larkin Rd parking lot. This event requires pre-registration and is limited to the first 15 who sign up.

2/17 - Eternal Flame: Chestnut Ridge Park: 11 am

The Eternal Flame is just as splendid in winter as it is in summer. Join Ranger Chuck on a guided hike to the flame to enjoy it in all its winter glory. Please note that the trail is difficult and icy during winter. Participants need to dress appropriately, bring water, and wear waterproof footwear. Hike is expected to last approximately 2 hours. Meet in Eternal Flame parking lot. *THIS EVENT IS WEATHER DEPENDENT AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.* This event requires pre-registration and is limited to the first 15 who sign up.

2/25 – Winter Hiking 101: Chestnut Ridge Park: 10 am

Winter can be an exciting and rewarding time to take a hike. However, too many of us choose to stay indoors where it is warm. Join Ranger Roy to learn the basics of hiking and the necessary precautions to take to keep you warm and safe while enjoying whatever winter activity you enjoy. Program culminates with a short walk through the park to practice your new skills and see how much is happening in the park during the winter. Meet at the lower portion of the main parking lot. This event requires pre-registration and is limited to the first 30 who sign up.

3/03 – Fire Building: Sprague Brook Park: 10 am

Join Ranger Chuck to learn the mechanics and science of starting a campfire with only one match. You will also learn fire safety and the importance of fire to people and ecosystems. Meet at the warming hut. This event requires pre-registration and is limited to the first 30 who sign up.

3/10 – Technology in the Outdoors: Ellicott Creek Park: 10 am

Join Ranger Jerry and learn how to use technology to enhance our outdoor experiences. This will be followed by a short hike demonstrating a variety of free outdoor related apps. Meet at the Casino. This event requires pre-registration and is limited to the first 30 who sign up.

3/17 – Maple Programming: Bureau of Forestry

A Ranger will be at the Bureau of Forestry's Sugar Shack on Genesee Rd from 10 am to 4 pm. Stop by to learn how maple syrup is produced. A guided hike to the Sugar Bush will leave the Sugar Shack at 1pm.

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