



Delaware State Parks

Fall Guide 2014

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- Fall Fun Special Events
- Celebrate Children in Nature Month
- Discounts, and more!



Delaware State Parks Make Fall Special!

Information on special family activities and programs on pages 4, 14-15



Here's What We Can Do with a Little Help from Our Friends and Partners...

One of my favorite parts of my job is walking our campgrounds in the evening and welcoming visitors to Delaware State Parks. There is just something magical about the smell of the campfires and the faces full of smiles as you stop by to say "hello." During these visits, visitors from other states often ask how Delaware State Parks offers such a diversity of programs and experiences in such a small state, compared to "traditional" parks in larger states that offer only campsites and picnic tables.

I am very proud of the many opportunities offered at Delaware State Parks, where you can see and try everything from deep-sea fishing, golfing, rock climbing, horseback riding, stand-up paddle boarding, Civil War cannon fire and learning about Red Pandas, all without going more than 448 feet above sea level (which happens to be Delaware's highest elevation). All these adventures and more await visitors to Delaware State Parks.

The success of any great institution is always the people behind the scenes who work together. We have an incredible full-time staff that is dedicated and passionate about our work, but they are only the tip of the iceberg. From May through September, our staff adds 500-plus seasonal staff who serve in positions such as lifeguards, fee collectors and maintenance workers. Most of our environmental education programs like guided hikes, canoe trips and summer camps are led by seasonal staff.

The biggest secret to the success of our state parks is our out-of-this-world volunteers and interns. Dedicated folks like Ellen Muentert, who volunteers every Thursday to conduct story time for our young visitors at the Brandywine Zoo. Or John Roberts and Harry Wynn, Fort Miles volunteers who help lead a group of 20 to 25 "Bunker Busters" on projects to help restore Battery 519 and other historic assets at Cape Henlopen to their World War II appearance.

We also have fantastic support from corporate groups such as Capital One, which completed more than 15 projects and gave more than 800 hours of service to Brandywine Creek State Park in 2013. Overall last year, our state parks had 4021 volunteers giving more than 102,375 hours of service. That overwhelming number is equal to 52 additional full-time staff.

Many of our popular activities and adventures are conducted by small business partners or concessionaires. One such partner is the Grugan family, who operate the Bellevue Tennis Center, one of the few places in the region where the public can play tennis on clay courts. At Lums Pond, four different concessions and partners operate, including Summit North Marina and Aqua Sol Restaurant, Sunset Stables (horseback riding), the Delaware RC club, which operates a flying field at the park, and the newly opened Go Ape aerial adventure course.

In total, Delaware State Parks offer six restaurants operated by concessionaires, including the new Hammerheads Dockside at the Indian River Marina. Other concessions include two golf courses (Garrisons Lake in Smyrna and Deerfield in Newark), multiple bait and tackle shops, the Indian River Marina head boat and charter fleet, and Coastal Kayak out of Fenwick Island.

Our concessionaires and partners are essential to fulfilling the Delaware State Parks' mission and our ability to offer a tremendous diversity of programming. Come out and see what we (and maybe you, too) can do!

Raymond E. Bivens
Director, Division of Parks and Recreation



David S. Small Sworn In As New DNREC Secretary

David Small was sworn in on Wednesday, July 2 as the 10th Secretary of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), after having been unanimously confirmed by the State Senate following his nomination by Governor Jack Markell.

Secretary Small's career at DNREC has spanned 27 years, serving six cabinet secretaries; he has served as the Deputy Secretary since 2001. Secretary Small also worked as Executive Assistant to the Secretary from 1998 until 2001, having joined the department in 1987 as Chief of the Office of Information and Education.

He has represented Delaware on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and is a member of the state's Nutrient Management Commission, the Board of Directors of Wilmington's Riverfront Development Corporation and on the Board of Directors of the Greater Dover Boys and Girls Club. He is a past president of the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Information and Education Association, and a former State of Delaware Employee of the Year. Secretary Small, 56, is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College in Virginia and resides with his family in Dover.

During his tenure at DNREC, Secretary Small has led, coordinated or supported the development and implementation of legislative and policy initiatives including:

- Enhancement of public reporting of environmental releases
- Establishment of DNREC's community ombudsman and the Community Involvement Advisory Council
- Establishment of the state's aboveground storage tank program to assure their safe operation
- Development of the state's Dam Safety Program assuring the safe operation and maintenance of regulated dams
- Development of the Inland Bays Pollution Control Strategy to reduce nutrients and improve water quality
- Regulatory and voluntary approaches to improve water quality involving the state's agriculture industry
- Passage of legislation authorizing the use of environmental covenants in Delaware to protect public health and the environment
- Enhancing public/private business opportunities in Delaware State Parks through legislation allowing longer contract terms
- Universal recycling for Delaware
- Coordinating with state's business community on updating standards and programs such as on-site waste water regulations designed to protect water quality and Title V air program
- The public and agency review of more than 100 regulations under Executive Order 36 leading to the repeal of three regulations and changes to eight others.

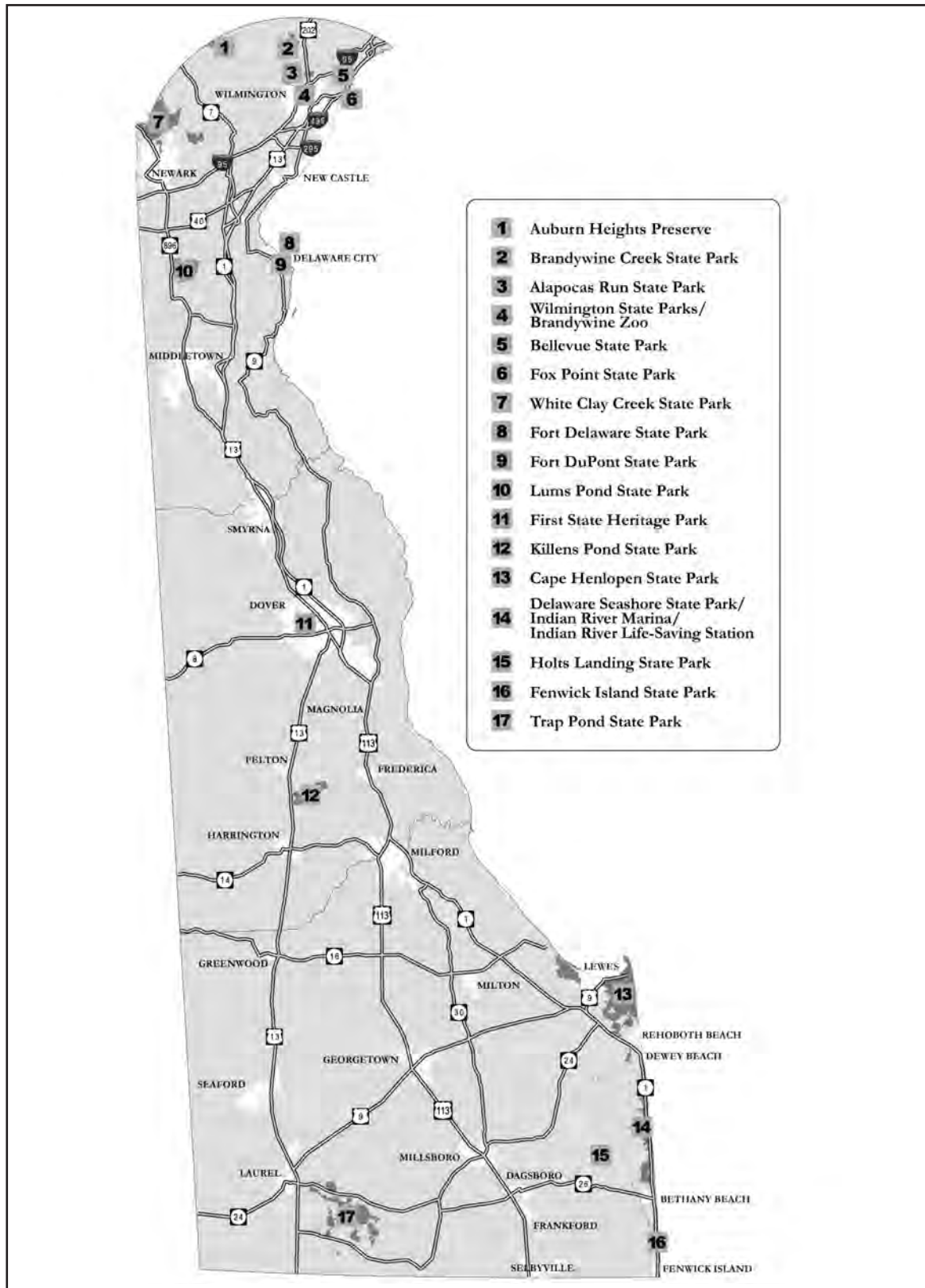
Secretary Small succeeds Collin O'Mara, who left DNREC to become president and chief executive officer for the National Wildlife Federation. Delaware State Parks joins the rest of the DNREC family in wishing former Secretary O'Mara well in his new position and welcoming and congratulating Secretary Small in his new role at DNREC.


































David S. Small
*Secretary, Department of Natural
Resources and Environmental Control*

Map and Amenities

This locator map is for your information and is intended as an aid in planning. Please call the park office for details and current conditions. Phone numbers and addresses are listed on each park's page.



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|  | <i>nature center</i> |  | <i>boat rentals</i> |
|  | <i>nature store</i> |  | <i>boat ramp</i> |
|  | <i>arts center</i> |  | <i>marina</i> |
|  | <i>restrooms</i> |  | <i>fishing</i> |
|  | <i>drinking water</i> |  | <i>swimming</i> |
|  | <i>refreshments</i> |  | <i>museum</i> |
|  | <i>laundry</i> |  | <i>monument</i> |
|  | <i>shower facilities</i> | | |
|  | <i>picnicking</i> | | |
|  | <i>pavilions</i> | | |
|  | <i>tent camping</i> | | |
|  | <i>group camping</i> | | |
|  | <i>cabins</i> | | |
|  | <i>trailer camping</i> | | |
|  | <i>dump station</i> | | |
|  | <i>bike trails</i> | | |
|  | <i>nature trails</i> | | |
|  | <i>horse trail</i> | | |
|  | <i>off-leash area</i> | | |
|  | <i>game court</i> | | |
|  | <i>ball field</i> | | |
|  | <i>disc golf</i> | | |
|  | <i>tennis court</i> | | |
|  | <i>playground</i> | | |



How To Use This Guide

This guide will give you an overview of the features and activities available in Delaware's 16 state parks. Additional information is available on our website at destateparks.com.

- **All programs require pre-registration unless otherwise noted.**
Many require pre-payment. Reservation numbers are listed for each park
- A list of amenities is included for each park
- Parks are open daily, from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year, except Fort Delaware (see p 28). Park Office and Nature Center hours vary; visit destateparks.com for hours at specific locations
- Annual passes are available at each park office or online at destateparks.com

Park entrance fees (March 1 through November 30) are not included in program fees

- *Non-Resident vehicle entrance fee:* Inland Parks - \$6
Beach Parks - \$8
- *Resident vehicle entrance fee:* Inland Parks - \$3
Beach Parks - \$4

Income from Annual Pass sales, entry fees and other user fees goes directly to Delaware State Parks to help manage the 26,000+ acres of park land.

Thank you for supporting Delaware State Parks – *We're Saving a Place for You!*

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Arts in the Park



Parks After Dark



Eco-Tours



Delaware Outdoor Family



Many *Arts in the Park* programs are made possible, in part, by grants from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Plan your FEAR-FILLED FALL with us!

Don't miss out on all Delaware State Parks has to offer. Be sure to plan for upcoming fall programs, such as:

- Hayrides
- Ghost Tours
- Halloween Activities
- Camping and Campfires
- Full-Moon Hikes
- Owl Prowls
- Lantern Tours
- **AND MORE!**



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Alapocas Run State Park and Wilmington State Parks

2014 Fall Programs



destateparks.com/programs

E-mail: DNREC_WilmingtonProg@state.de.us

Program Reservations: Wilmington State Parks: (302) 577-7020

Wilmington State Parks is a series of urban parks comprised of Rockford Park, Brandywine Park, Brandywine Zoo, Baynard Stadium and H. Fletcher Brown Park.

**Wilmington State Parks
Park Office:
1021 West 18th Street
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 577-7020**

Alapocas Run State Park includes the Can-Do Playground and the Blue Ball Barn, which features Delaware's Contemporary Folk Art Collection.

**Alapocas Run State Park
1914 West Park Drive
Wilmington DE, 19803
(302)577-1164**



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Wilmington State Parks
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Get updates about programs, internships and volunteer opportunities. Send a blank message to:
join-de_parks_wilmington@lists.state.de.us

Make sure the subject and the body of the e-mail are blank before you send. Unsubscribe information will be included in every message.



**Intro to Rock Climbing
Alapocas Run State Park
September 13 and 27, October
4 and 11
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Join our climbing team for some top-rope rock climbing. After a brief introduction about equipment and safety, get harnessed up and climb on our natural rock wall. Safety equipment, ropes and belayers provided. Pre-registration and payment required by noon, the Friday before the program. \$25 per climber



CONTEMPORARY FOLK ARTS IN ACTION SERIES



**Green Willow Folk Club Concert Series at the Blue
Ball Barn
Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

**Cantrip
September 9**

Enjoy this trio of traditional Scottish musicians that has been stunning audiences with its driving blend of fiddle, bagpipes and guitar. Reserve seats at (302) 456-3242 or email reservations@greenwillow.org. \$25 reserved/\$28 door, 17 and under free with adult

**Tannahill Weavers
October 7**

These internationally-acclaimed ambassadors of Scottish traditional music offer their diverse repertoire of traditional melodies, rich vocals and powerful rhythmic accompaniment. Reserve seats at (302) 456-3242 or email reservations@greenwillow.org. \$25 reserved/\$28 door, 17 and under free with adult

**Alan Reid and Rob van Sante
November 4**

Alan Reid, founding member of Scotland's Battlefield Band, is joined by Rob van Sante for an evening of traditional and original stories in song and musical compositions. Reserve seats at (302) 456-3242 or email reservations@greenwillow.org. \$24 reserved/\$27 door, 17 and under free with adult

**Eunice LaFate Workshop
Saturday, September 6
1 – 3 p.m.**

Blue Ball Barn

Join local folk artist Eunice LaFate as she discusses her art and helps participants create their own piece of artwork. Pre-registration required by noon on September 5. Free program

**This Old Quilt
Sunday, September 21
1 – 3 p.m.**

Blue Ball Barn

Learn about the care, repair and storage of old and new quilts in the home. Madge Zeigler will offer her consultation about your quilts, so bring them along. She will also help to identify information about your quilt such as age, technique, fabrics, etc. Examples from Madge's collection will be used to illustrate theories and controversies of collecting and repair. Space is limited. Pre-registration required by noon on Thursday, September 18. Free program

**Autumn Photography Hike
Sunday, November 2
2 – 3:30 p.m.**

Blue Ball Barn

Ages 11 and up

Grab your camera, your creativity and your hiking boots! Join local photographer and teacher Lynn McDowell on the trail to learn about the basics of nature photography. Pre-registration is required by noon, Friday, October 31. \$5 per person



These programs were made possible, in part, by grants from the Delaware Division of the Arts.

Rockford Tower Openings
Sundays, September 7 and October 5
1 - 3 p.m.

Free

Climb to the top of this historic tower and glimpse a beautiful view of Wilmington.
Note: Tower may close for inclement weather.



First Day Hike

Thursday, January 1
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the Blue Ball Barn

Start the New Year with an invigorating 1-½ hour hike. Bring your camera as we explore the winter landscape. Dress for the weather and bring drinking water. After the hike, come back to the Blue Ball Barn for cocoa and cookies. Pre-registration is required by December 27. In the event of inclement weather, please call (302) 222-7436 on January 1 for any possible cancellations. Free

October is Delaware Children in Nature Month!



It has been almost two years since the Delaware Children in Nature Coalition launched the Children in Nature initiative to get children and families of all ages out to celebrate nature through exploration. To commemorate the release of the Children in Nature report, the coalition is partnering with organizations statewide to celebrate Delaware Children in Nature Month this October.

Throughout the month, families and teachers are encouraged to get outdoors and embrace Delaware's great natural areas through hikes, programs, festivals, field trips or self-guided adventures. The celebration will wrap up the week of October 20 to 25 with additional programming from organizations, groups and schools throughout the state. Check out delawarecin.org for more information and highlighted programs.

TRY A DELAWARE OUTDOOR FAMILY PROGRAM!



New to nature? Let our park staff teach you about the great outdoors and camping! Campfire cooking, hiking, geocaching, fishing and other outdoor activities are offered throughout the weekend by our professional staff. Delaware Outdoor Family Programs can be found throughout the guide. Just look for the Delaware Outdoor Family symbol!

Day Programs

Alapocas Run State Park

Intro to Rock Climbing
Saturdays, September 13 and 27,
October 4 and 11

Brandywine Creek State Park

Family Fishing at the Creek
Saturday, November 15

First Day Hike
Thursday, January 1

Bellevue State Park

Kids Disc Golf Event
Sunday, September 21

Intro to Fishing
Saturday, September 27

First Day Hike
Thursday, January 1

Cape Henlopen State Park

Driving on the Beach
Saturday, September 6
Sunday, September 14

Geocaching Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, October 11

Delaware Seashore State Park

Introduction to Surf Fishing
Friday, September 5
Sunday, September 14
Saturday, September 27
Saturday, October 11
Monday, October 13
Saturday, November 15

Killens Pond State Park

Family Nature Club
Saturdays, September 13, October
11 and November 8

White Clay Creek

Autumn Family Hike
Sunday, September 27

Trap Pond State Park

Trap Pond Outdoor Skills Series
Select Thursdays this fall

Family Campout

Fort Delaware State Park

September 27-28
See page 28 for more information



Visit destateparks.com/DOF for info.

destateparks.com/programs

Program Reservations: (302) 239-5687



Auburn Heights Preserve features a furnished mansion built in 1897, as well as the Marshall Steam Museum, with the largest collection of operating steam cars in the world. The automobile collection is owned and operated by the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve.

Parking for programs is available in the field lot across Creek Road from the Auburn Heights Mansion. Parking for the Auburn Valley Trail is located off Bengel Road.

**3000 Creek Road
Box 36
Yorklyn, DE 19736**

Tours by Appointment

Tours of Auburn Heights, the Marshall Family Mansion, and the Marshall Steam Museum are available by appointment for groups of eight or more on non-event days. For questions or to schedule a tour, call (302) 239-5687. Tours must be scheduled at least one week in advance. \$8 per person for either the mansion or museum tour, \$14 per person for both.

Attention Teachers — Plan a Field Trip to Auburn Heights!

Outreach programs are booking now for the winter and spring! These programs fill quickly, so be sure to call (302) 239-5687 for information and to book a visit to your school. Visit AuburnHeights.org for complete program descriptions.



Estate Walks

**Fridays, September 5 and October 3
Saturday, November 15
12:15 p.m.**

Stroll around Auburn Heights and learn about the preserve and the Marshall family while enjoying the architecture and grounds. Wear comfortable shoes and meet in front of the mansion.

Hike on History

**Saturday, October 18
Friday, November 7
10:30 a.m.**

Hike the new Trolley Trail and Auburn Valley Trail. Learn about the industrial and agricultural past of the area and about the trolley that gave the trail its name. Wear sturdy walking shoes for this hour-long trip. Meet at the Auburn Valley Trail parking lot.

Open House Tour Days

Fridays, September 5, October 3 and November 7

Saturdays, September 20, October 18 and November 15

Mansion Tours begin at 1 p.m.

Museum Tours begin at 2 p.m.

Tour the Auburn Heights Mansion and the Marshall Steam Museum. Pre-register by 4 p.m. the Wednesday prior to your preferred tour date. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes. Mansion or Museum Tour: \$8 each, \$14 for both



Bird Walks

**Sunday, October 19
Thursday, November 13
9:30 a.m.**

Join an experienced bird watcher to see some of the birds of Auburn Heights Preserve. This walk is for everyone from beginners to experienced birders. Wear comfortable shoes and meet in front of the mansion. Insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended.



Steamin' Day Events

**First Sundays of the month
September through November
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Rides ticket: \$11 per person ages 13 and up, \$8 per person ages 2 to 12

Mansion ticket: \$12 per person (all ages)

Combo ticket (rides and mansion): \$19 per person ages 13 and up, \$16 per person ages 2 to 12

Discounts available for groups of twenty or more with pre-payment. Mansion tours are limited.

The rides ticket includes rides on the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve's antique steam cars and the Auburn Valley Railroad. The mansion ticket includes a tour of the Auburn Heights mansion. For the full experience, the Combo ticket allows you to tour the mansion and ride the antique vehicles. All tickets include entrance to the grounds and the Marshall Steam Museum. Visit auburnheights.org or call (302) 239-2385.



**SAVE THE DATE
3rd Annual
Auburn Heights
Historic Auto Display
Sunday, September 21
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

This year's event spotlights electric vehicles. The mansion and museum will be open for tours; visitors can also enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and a silent auction and raffle benefitting educational programs. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit AuburnHeights.org or call (302) 239-2385. Cost: \$18 in advance; \$22 at the gate; \$14 for children 15 and under.



Steamin' Holiday Events

Rides ticket: \$11 per person ages 13 and up, \$8 per person ages 2 to 12
Mansion ticket: \$12 per person (all ages)
Combo ticket (rides and mansion): \$19 per person ages 13 and up, \$16 per person ages 2 to 12

Discounts available for groups of twenty or more with pre-payment.

Sunday, October 26

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy all of our normal Steamin' Day fun and special Halloween-themed scavenger hunts and activities. Costumes are encouraged.

Saturday, November 29

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Avoid the crowds at the stores, support a local organization on Small Business Saturday and relax with technology from an earlier time. This is our last event featuring car and train rides of the season; be sure not to miss it!



Branching Out: A Big Tree and History Tour

Thursday, October 23
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visit historic sites around Wilmington to see and measure the biggest trees of their kind in Delaware. Bring a lunch. Transportation provided from the Ashland Nature Center. This program is offered by Delaware State Parks in partnership with the Delaware Nature Society (DNS). To register, visit delawarenaturesociety.org or call (302) 239-2334.

\$35 per person (DNS Members: \$20)

Ashland to Bucktoe Creek Preserve Hike

Monday, October 27
Noon to 5 p.m.

Hike from Ashland Nature Center to the Bucktoe Creek Preserve near Kennett Square. Return transportation is provided. Note: this is a strenuous 6.5-mile hike with hills and some rough trails. This program is offered in partnership with the Delaware Nature Society (DNS). To register, visit delawarenaturesociety.org or call (302) 239-2334. \$22/person (DNS Members: \$15)

Volunteers

We are always looking for new people to help. Maintain collections in the mansion, work in the historic gardens, or give tours of the property. Learn how to drive a steam car or operate a steam locomotive. Mechanics are always in high demand as well. Experience isn't necessary, just enthusiasm!

Membership has its privileges

Become a member of the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve and receive free admission to all Steamin' Day events, weekly messages from Tom Marshall, and more. Call (302) 239-2385 or visit AuburnHeights.org for more information and to join!



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Program Reservations: (302) 761-6963



Bellevue State Park offers a variety of recreational, historical, natural and artistic opportunities for all ages, as well as rental facilities for group picnics, weddings, business functions and other events. Programs require pre-registration; call the Park Office at (302) 761-6963. Meet at the Arts Center unless otherwise specified.

**800 Carr Road
Wilmington, DE 19809**

**Park Office:
(302) 761-6963**

**Arts Center:
(302) 793-3046**

**Bellevue Tennis Center:
(302) 798-3860**

**Wellspring Farms:
(302) 798-2407**

Sign up for the Bellevue Arts Center e-mail list. We'll send one monthly e-mail with upcoming park programs and events. Your address will never be shared. Send a message to join-de_parks_Bellevue@lists.state.de.us



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Join the Friends of Bellevue State Park!

The Friends of Bellevue is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that is comprised of park visitors and users dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the value of the park and its scenic, historic, and wildlife resources. Find more information at friendsofbellevuestatepark.org.

Group Hayrides

September 27 through November 16

**Two wagons leave every hour, on the hour during the times listed below:
Thursdays and Fridays: 10 a.m. - Noon and 5 - 8 p.m.**

Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sundays: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Old-fashioned hayrides last approximately 50 minutes and are followed by a one-hour campfire. Reserve a wagon for your preschool, family reunion, birthday party, scout group or just a crowd of friends. The fee for one wagon is \$100 (maximum capacity 20 adults). Skewers are provided at the campfire; you supply your own food and beverages. For information or to schedule a hayride, call the Park Office.

UPCOMING SPECIAL HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Candlelight Tour of Mount Pleasant Meeting House and Cemetery Friday, October 17

7 p.m.

Tour the Mount Pleasant Meeting House and cemetery by candlelight. Look for familiar names and "meet" some ghosts from the past. Intended for adults; children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on October 15. \$7 per person

Ghosts of Bellevue Grounds Tour

Thursday, October 23

6 p.m.

Begin your walking tour at the Arts Center and see if we have any unexplained company along the way. Dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight. Enjoy hot chocolate after our adventure. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on October 21. \$10 per person

Bellevue Hall Ghost Tour

Tuesday, October 28

7 p.m.

Join us as we share personal stories of "ghostly" experiences at Bellevue Hall, followed by a candlelit tour - if you dare! Refreshments will be served for those who remain. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on Monday, October 27. Space is limited. Enter the park through the Philadelphia Pike entrance and park behind Bellevue Hall. \$15 per person



FRIENDS OF BELLEVUE EVENTS

Kids Disc Golf Event

Sunday, September 21

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join the Delaware Disc Golfers and the Friends of Bellevue State Park for a fun and educational intro to disc golf. Learn the basics and try out a short kid-friendly course. Borrow our equipment, or bring your own. Groups are asked to pre-register. Meet at Pavilion 1

The Philly Party Band Rock at Bellevue

Saturday, October 25

7 p.m.

The Friends of Bellevue are excited to host another fundraiser featuring this fabulous band and a night of family friendly fun at the Figure 8 Barn. We will have a bake table and 50/50 raffle, BYOB. Visit friendsofbellevuestatepark.org for more info. This program benefits the Bellevue Summer Concert Series. \$5 per person

VOLUNTEER EVENTS



Coastal Clean-Up

Saturday, September 20

Rain date: September 27

9 a.m. - Noon

Join volunteers to help clean up Fox Point State Park during international Coastal Clean-Up day. For more information and to register, visit dnrec.delaware.gov/coastalcleanup.

SPECIAL HAYRIDES

Candied Apple Making and Hayride

Friday, October 10

6 - 9 p.m. and 7 - 10 p.m.

Decorate your own edible delight with caramel, chocolate, cookie crumbs and candy, followed by a hayride and campfire with s'mores. Appropriate for all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on October 9. Meet at the Hunter Barn. \$12 per person

Pumpkin Painting and Hayride

Friday, October 24

6:30 - 10 p.m.

Choose a pumpkin to paint and take home. Then hop on board for a hayride and campfire with s'mores. Appropriate for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on October 22. Meet at the Hunter Barn. \$15 per person





Intro to Fishing
Saturday, September 20
11 a.m.

Learn all the basics of catch-and-release fishing. We provide materials, but bring your own tackle if you have it. Ages 5 and up. Participants 16 to 65 must have a valid fishing license. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on September 19. \$6 per person

Cauffiel Estate Walking Grounds Tour
Sunday, November 2
2 p.m.

Tour the grounds of the Cauffiel Estate. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to hike over all kinds of terrain. Pre-register by 4 p.m. October 30. Meet in the Cauffiel parking lot. \$5 per person

Introduction to Backyard Composting
Saturday, November 8
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to build and care for a compost pile and how to begin your own vermicomposting bin. After the program, tour Bellevue's Compost Demonstration Site. Compost bins for sale at \$20 each. Pre-register by November 6. Meet at the Arts Center.

Cauffiel House Tour
Sunday, November 9
2 p.m.

Learn the Cauffiel House history up to its purchase by the Division of Parks and Recreation. A walking tour will highlight measures taken to make this a simple, yet beautiful place to live. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on November 7. \$6 per person
Private group tours may be arranged by reservation.

Beginning Candy Making
Wednesday, November 19 and
Thursday, November 20
7 – 9 p.m.

Learn to make peanut butter cups, mound bars and other chocolate delights. Intended for adults; children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on November 17; space is limited. Meet at Bellevue Hall. \$15 per person

Bellevue Hall Tour
Sunday, November 23
1 p.m.

Tour Bellevue Hall and hear how William duPont, Jr. transformed the home into a replica of Montpelier. Tour includes a "secret" passageway to the billiards room and an underground tunnel. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on November 20. \$8 per person
Private group tours may be arranged by reservation.



First Day Hike
Thursday, January 1
1 p.m.

Kick off the year and have some fun getting exercise in nature. We'll walk for about an hour and visit many special places throughout the park. This hike is for all ages and is stroller friendly. Meet at the Arts Center. There is no cost or pre-registration

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Walk It Off!

Every Monday beginning September 8 9 a.m.

Start your week off right with our Monday morning walks. We provide information and charts to track your progress. No cost or pre-registration. Meet at the track.*

Stroller Rollers

Every Monday beginning September 8 11 a.m.

This program, designed for children 12 months to 3 years, will introduce families to the wonders of nature. Fresh air, exercise and social interaction are added benefits. Meet at the children's train. \$3 per family*

Walk and History

First Wednesday of each month beginning September 3 9 a.m.

We will take a different path every week to learn the history of each site, such as the Cauffiel Estate and Mount Pleasant Meeting House. \$3 per person*

Birds of Bellevue Walks

First Friday of each month beginning September 5 8 a.m.

Walk around the park and spot resident and migrant birds. Walks last about two hours; wear comfortable shoes. We have binoculars or bring your own. No cost or pre-registration.*



Full Moon Hikes
Monday, September 8
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 6, 5 p.m.
Saturday, December 6, 5 p.m.

Take an hour-long hike under the full moon. Look and listen for nocturnal animals. Wear comfortable shoes. Pre-register by 4 p.m. on the last business day before the program. Meet at the Park Office parking lot. \$4 per person

***May be cancelled due to weather**



An Introduction to the Night Sky
Saturday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 1, 6 p.m.
October date TBA

Learn about constellations and observing the night sky with the Delaware Astronomical Society. For beginners through advanced stargazers of all ages. Equipment will be available, or bring your own. Red-filtered lights only. Pre-registration is required by 4 p.m. on the last business day before the program. Meet in the Hunter Barn parking lot.

FALL FUN AT BELLEVUE

Bellevue State Park Adventure Race: Bring it on at Bellevue
Saturday, September 6
9 a.m.

Team Event (bike, run, and team challenges)
Limited to 80 participants. Early bird entry fee is \$30 per person. Information and registration at destateparks.com/adventure-race.

Movies in the Barn
7 p.m.

Join us in the Hunter Barn for our fall movie series. A mixture of adult and family friendly movies will be shown on select Wednesday nights. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movies start promptly at 7. Picnic tables are available, but bring a chair for your own comfort. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 for all five

September 17

Max Fleischer Superman Cartoons, 1941
(2 hours, family-friendly)

October 1

October 15

October 29

November 12

Freaks, 1932 (1 hour, 5 minutes, horror)
McLintock, 1963 (2 hours, 10 minutes, comedy-western)
Night of the Living Dead, 1968 (1 hour, 36 minutes, horror)
Santa Claus Conquers the Martians, 1964
(1 hour, 22 minutes, science-fiction)

Wee Have Fun Club

Offered weekly on Wednesdays

10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5

Nature discoveries, stories and art projects are all part of the fun! Dress for the weather. Walk-ins are welcome. These programs meet at the Arts Center, with the exception of our Fall Colors Hayride, which meets at the Percheron Barn. \$4 per child

September 3

September 10

September 17

September 24

October 1

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

Who's Making that Noise?

Tale of a Tadpole

Hear, See, Smell Hike

What Lives Here? Habitats

Woolly Bears!

Spiders are Cool!

Who are you? Owls

Swishy-Tail Squirrels

Fall Colors Hayride (\$4 program fee will apply to all participants on our Fall Colors Hayride)

No Class

Are You My Mother?

Pilgrim Craft

Thanksgiving for Animals

Animals in Winter

Let it Snow! Snowman Craft

Holiday Nature Craft



Music in the Mansion
Sunday, December 21
3 p.m.

Enjoy holiday music under the direction of Joe Loudon, including choral and instrumental favorites in the warmth of Bellevue Hall. Join us for entertaining music during the most wonderful time of the year. Tickets \$10 in advance, call (302) 761-6963 or visit the Park Office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 18. Tickets \$12 at door. Seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

Brandywine Creek State Park

2014 Fall Programs

destateparks.com/programs

Program Reservations: (302) 655-5740

E-mail: DNREC_Parks_BrandywineCreekPrograms@state.de.us



Brandywine Creek State Park is open 8 a.m. to sunset, year-round. Park entrance fees are charged daily from March 1 through November 30. Please note that many programs require pre-registration.

Nature Center:
(302) 655-5740

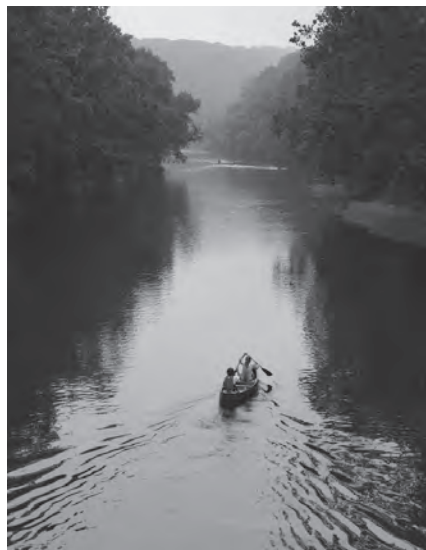
Park Office:
(302) 577-3534

41 Adams Dam Road
Wilmington, DE 19803



Find us on Facebook!
facebook.com/BrandywineCreekStatePark

Join the Brandywine Creek Nature Center e-mail list. We will send one e-mail monthly with upcoming park programs and events. Your e-mail address will never be shared with third parties. Send a blank message to join-de_parks_brandywine@lists.state.de.us



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall Foliage Canoe Trip Saturday, September 20 (register by September 17) 9:30 a.m.

Start with canoe instruction and nature identification before your trip down the Brandywine. Ages 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared to carry your canoe to the river. Equipment provided; bring water and a snack, and dress to get wet. Some experience is recommended. Meet at the Brandywine River Museum at 9:30 a.m. Parking fees may apply. Return transportation provided. Advance registration and payment are required; space is limited. \$20 per person; a third person in a canoe is \$10 (700-lb. capacity)



Volunteer Trail Maintenance Day Saturday, September 20 10 a.m. - Noon

Join us for an early celebration of National Public Lands Day! Learn how you can help keep our trails looking beautiful on one of the nation's largest volunteer days for public lands. Transportation is provided. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Marvelous Monarchs: Sending Them Off to Mexico! Saturday, September 13 2 p.m.

Enjoy the festival feeling as we say "adios" to our monarch butterflies for the winter. Join us for a fun-filled program and get a chance to help tag and release our monarchs. No pre-registration required. \$3 per person

Enjoying Your Digital Camera Saturday, November 8 Part I: 10 - 11 a.m. Part II: 11 a.m. - Noon (rain date for Part II is November 29)

Join local photographer Richard Albertson for a two-part series, and learn tips, tricks and skills to make your photos beautiful. Part I will be in the Nature Center. For Part II, we go outside to practice using the park as a back drop. Bring your own camera and equipment. Pre-registration is encouraged.



Family Fishing at the Creek Saturday, November 15 10 a.m.

The whole family can experience catch-and-release fishing at Brandywine Creek. There will be a tutorial for those who are new to the sport. Supplies will be provided, or you may bring your own. Fishing licenses are required. Meet at Thompsons Bridge parking lot. Pre-registration is encouraged. \$3 per person



★ Join the Friends of Brandywine Creek State Park!

The Friends support special projects and ongoing initiatives, and host special events throughout the year. Find them on facebook at facebook.com/BCSPFriends

Volunteer for your Park!

Lend a hand and discover the beauty of the park. Opportunities include gardening, program assistance, volunteer camp counselors, trail work, hayrides, special events and more. Call (302) 655-5740 or visit destateparks.com/volunteer.



HAYRIDES

Group Hayrides

Fridays:

October 10, 24, and 31
November 7
6 - 8 p.m.

Saturdays:

October 11, 25
November 1 and 8
5 - 8 p.m.

Wagons leave on the hour. Take a good old-fashioned hayride around the park followed by a cozy campfire. Bring a blanket, food and beverages (non-alcoholic) and settle in for a 45-minute trip; rides leave on time. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by noon on the day before the hayride. Call (302) 655-5740 to register or reserve a wagon. \$5 per person, \$100 for the whole wagon (up to 20 adults).

Autumn Hayrides

\$5 per person
Fridays, October 10, 24, 31 and
November 7
7 - 8 p.m.
Saturdays, October 11, 25, November
1 and 8
5 - 8 p.m.

Bring your friends for a hayride around the park followed by a cozy campfire. Bring a blanket, food and beverages (non-alcoholic) for a 45-minute trip; rides leave on time. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by noon on the day before the hayride. Call (302) 655-5740 to reserve your spot. \$5 per person

Haunted Hayrides

Friday, October 17
Saturday, October 18
Two wagons leave every half-hour
from 7 to 9 p.m.

Join us on a creepy hayride around the park, full of spooks and screams. Finish the night with a campfire. Bring food and (non-alcoholic) beverages. Wear your Halloween costume and add to the fun! Pre-registration and prepayment are required. Call (302) 655-5740 to register. Cost is \$10 per person or \$120 for a whole wagon.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Select Thursdays

Calling all two-to six-year-olds! Bring your adult to a fun-filled program designed especially for you. Activities, crafts, short hikes and informal lessons are part of the fun. Dress for outdoor activities, weather permitting. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. \$5 per child

Terrific Toddlers

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
For ages 2 and 3 years.

Nature Explorers

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
For ages 4 to 6

Goodbye, Summer!

September 11

It might still be hot, but summer ends soon. Learn how nature changes from summer to fall.

Moving and Grooving

October 9

Get your groove on and learn the different ways that wildlife gets around in the park.

Nutty about Nature

November 13

Squirrels and chipmunks love to store nuts! Let's explore the animals in the park that also love these tasty treats.

Kids Helping Wildlife

December 4

Animals have to survive the cold winter months just like us. See what you can do to help our wildlife enjoy the winter.

FALL FUN FOR FAMILIES

History and Pet Hike

Saturday, September 13

10 a.m.

Learn about the history of the park's forests and meadows. All friendly pets on leashes (no longer than 6 feet) are welcome. After the hike, hang out and learn to make a survival collar for your pet! Materials provided. Meet at Nature Center. \$3 per pet

Fall Color and Tree I.D. Hike

Saturday, September 27

10 a.m.

Nature has a powerful effect on plants. Join our local expert on a hike through Tulip Tree Preserve and learn plant folklore, identification skills and how plants change over time.

Introduction to Orienteering

Saturday, October 11

2 p.m.

Learn map and compass skills to find your way around our picturesque orienteering course. Take-home maps are available in two sizes for \$2 or \$5 each. Stay for an evening hayride. \$3 per person

Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday October 22

6:30 p.m.

It's pumpkin time! Use your skills and creativity to carve up some pumpkins. We supply carving tools and pumpkins that will remain at the park, or bring your own pumpkin and take your masterpiece home!

First Day Hike

Thursday, January 1

2 p.m.

Start off the year "resolving" to have more fun in the park! Join us for an invigorating hike through the woods and meadows. We'll keep an eye out for other critters enjoying the day along with us.



BIRDING IN BEAUTIFUL BRANDYWINE PARK

Monthly Bird Walks

Saturdays, September 27, October 25, November 29

8 a.m.

Bring your eyes, ears and a comfortable pair of hiking boots. Our expert volunteer birder will lead the group and provide tips and advice to all interested bird watchers. This program is free with paid admission to the park, no pre-registration required.

Owl Prowls

Wednesday, October 8: Total Lunar Eclipse!

6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 21

6 p.m.

Following an introduction to the owls of Northern Delaware, we will venture into the park to listen for some of our resident wild owls. Bring your sense of adventure, but no flashlights please! Not recommended for small children. Pre-registration and prepayment required.

\$5 per person

Owls in November

Saturday, November 15

1 p.m.

Phung Lu, renowned avian trainer, will bring some live owls for you to meet. Then we go into the park to look for them in their natural habitat. Pre-registration and prepayment required. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!

\$9 per person



PROGRAMS AT FLINT WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

Flint Woods Nature Preserve is a satellite area of Brandywine Creek State Park. Programs cost \$4 per person unless otherwise noted and are limited to 12. Meet at the park Nature Center for transportation to the Preserve.

Family Fun Hike

Saturday, November 22

1 p.m.

Grab the kids and come out for a fun family hike at our very special Flint Woods Preserve. We'll have a blast searching for all the items on our scavenger hunt list!

Wonderful Winter!

Saturday, December 20

11 a.m.

Hike, listen for birds and learn about winter flora and fauna at Flint Woods. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this special preserve and a cup of warm cocoa after the hike!

DNREC_Parks_ZooPrograms@state.de.us
Program Reservations: (302) 571-7850



Delaware's only zoo is located in the heart of Wilmington, just off of I-95. Visit us to learn about wildlife, see our animals and even have a close encounter of your own! The zoo is open daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1001 North Park Drive
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 571-7850
www.brandywinezoo.org



Find us on FACEBOOK at Facebook.com/BrandywineZoo or follow us on Twitter @BrandywineZoo

Stay up to date on education programs by joining our email list by emailing DNREC_Parks_ZooPrograms@state.de.us

Career and Science Workshops



Saturday, October 11
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday, November 22
1:30 - 3 p.m.

Join us for a new series of workshops geared toward pre-teens and teens interested in working with animals! Workshops will cover topics such as field research, enrichment, husbandry, exhibit design, animal behavior, vet care and more. Visit BrandywineZoo.org/family-programs or email DNREC_Parks_ZooPrograms@state.de.us for more information. \$10/non-member student, \$8/DZS member student.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Keeper Talks and Animal Close Encounters Weekends in September and October

Join our keepers for talks about zoo animals, watch an animal feeding or training demonstration, or meet one of our education animals up close. Stop by on weekends to see one of our new Reptile Shows, taking place in the Otter Circle (weather permitting). Visit BrandywineZoo.org/events for times. Free with paid admission.

Thursday Story Time at the Zoo

Thursdays in September
10:30 a.m.

The zoo's story-telling team reads fun animal stories in the Otter Circle, and may provide a craft, activity or live animal presentation. Story time may be cancelled due to inclement weather. For all ages; free with paid admission.

September 4 *The Littlest Llama* by Jane Buxton
September 11 *Bunny My Honey* by Anita Jeram
September 18 *Raccoon Moon* by Nancy Carol Willis
September 25 *My Little Sister Hugged an Ape* by Bill Grossman

Saturday Zoo Tales (All ages especially the young)

10:30 a.m.

Join us for a fun, animal- or nature-themed story and a visit from one of our fun program animals! Takes place in the otter circle in zoo and may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Free with paid admission

September 6 *Jungle Tails* by Wendy Wax (during Zippity Zoo Days)
10:30 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.
September 13 *Verdi* by Janell Cannon
September 20 *Red Panda-themed story book*
(during International Red Panda Day)
10:30 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.
September 27 *Alejandro's Gift* by Richard E. Albert (during Zoo Fiesta)
10:30 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.
October 4 *The Lion who wanted to Love* by Giles Andreae
October 11 *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
October 18 *The Beeman* by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis
October 25 *Oscar Otter* by Maurice Pledger

Zoo Yoga: Mini Mountains

Wednesdays, September 10 - November 5
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Strong walkers to 3-year-olds

Spend the morning with your "Mini Mountain" in this fun animal yoga class. Buzz like bees, roar like a lion and hiss in cobra pose. Sing songs and play games while learning coordination and body awareness. One adult per child is required on the mat. Fee includes zoo admission; not all classes may include a zoo visit.

All eight classes: \$105/non-member, \$80/DZS member
Per class: \$14/non-member, \$12/DZS member



The Brandywine Zoo is pleased to announce its plans to construct a new Tropical Rainforest building that will focus on the Amazon River Basin of South America. Visitors to the Zoo will be fully immersed in the tropical rainforest and will experience its sights and sounds through exhibits of reptiles, amphibians, mammals, invertebrates, fish and free-roaming birds from South America. The new Rainforest building will be located at the end of the zoo, next to the otter circle, and will provide a year-round experience for zoo guests. For more information about this new project, visit destateparks.com. To contribute to the capital campaign, visit brandywinezoo.org.

Zoo Yoga: OM'ing Otters
Saturdays, September 13, 20, 27,
October 4, 11 and 25
Sundays, October 19, November 9 and 16
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Ages 4 to 7

Join us in the Education building to challenge your body during this energy-releasing yoga class. Go upside down, play games, dance and take yoga adventures to African savannas, Amazon rainforest and Bug Land. Learn what the two-toed sloth's favorite snack is or how a bobcat hunts, all while doing the animals' yoga poses. Adults not required during this class but are welcome; fee includes one adult per child. Fee includes zoo admission, but not all classes may include a zoo visit.

All eight classes: \$105/non-member, \$80/DZS member. Per class: \$14/non-member, \$12/DZS member

Zoo Kids: Toddlers and Preschool

Monthly, Tuesdays and first and third Fridays

September 5 - December 9
10 - 10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months - 6 years

Learn with us through age-appropriate games, crafts, stories, activities and live animal presentations. Toddlers, preschoolers and their grown ups can learn and play together! New themes each week in the Education Building (15 weeks in total). Fee includes zoo admission. Siblings under 18 months are free.

\$12 (includes one non-member adult and child)
\$6 per child/1 adult free DZS member. Additional children or adult participants are \$7/person.
Register for 13 classes and save 10%!
\$140 non-member, \$70 (DZS members)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Zippity Zoo Days **Saturday, September 6** **10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Sunday, September 7
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

All ages

Enjoy a special day at the zoo celebrating the arts with the Zoo animals, featuring works of art created by the animals themselves! Enjoy wild art stations, discovery cart and live animal encounters! We will also be celebrating International Culture Awareness Day on Saturday, September 6. Free with paid admission

International Red Panda Day **Saturday, September 20** **10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

A Red Panda Ranger is a special title given to a child who has learned about red pandas and is ready to spread the word about the importance of conservation. Join us in the zoo today to learn about Red Pandas, submit art for our Red Panda Art Contest and earn a "Red Panda Ranger" badge. Free with paid admission

Brew at the Zoo **Friday, September 26** **5:30 – 9 p.m.** **Ages 21 and older**

Join the Delaware Zoological Society, which supports the Brandywine Zoo, in its annual fundraiser! Visit the zoo after hours in this fun, outdoor event which includes tasting of beer, wine, and food from local Wilmington restaurants, including Chelsea Tavern, Ernest & Scott, Kid Shelleens, Santa Fe, Two Stones Pub, Ulysses Gastropub, Union City Grille, and Washington Street Ale House! Advanced tickets are available through the Society's website, BrandywineZoo.org, or at the Zoo. Pre-registration strongly recommended. Tickets \$45 per person, \$35 for Brandywine Zoo members, and \$30 for designated drivers. Tickets are \$50 at the door.

Zoo Fiesta **Saturday, September 27** **12:30 – 3:30 p.m.** **All Ages**

Recognize Hispanic and Latin American heritage and culture with a variety of games and activities. Stations will be located throughout the zoo with family-friendly crafts and cultural activities, including dancing. Our zoo animals will join in on the fiesta with homemade piñatas to tear apart throughout the day!

Free with paid admission

Boo at the Zoo 2014 **Friday, October 31 and** **Saturday, November 1** **5 – 7:30 p.m.** **All ages**

Celebrate Halloween Brandywine Zoo-style with this merry, not scary, event. Kids can wear their costumes and trick-or-treat through the zoo as it gets dark. \$2 per child/\$4 per adult for non-members, DZS members free

Star Wars Day: Return of the Empire

Saturday, November 8
Noon – 3 p.m.

The Empire returns to the Brandywine Zoo today! Meet some of your favorite Star Wars characters and even take photos with them, so bring your camera! Donations to benefit the Delaware Zoological Society are encouraged. Free with paid admission

Save the Date! **Breakfast with Santa** **Saturday, December 6** **9 – 10:30 a.m.**

E-mail DNREC_Parks_ZooPrograms@state.de.us to reserve your spot, as space is limited. \$15/non-member, \$12/DZS

ZOO CAMP

School's Out Day Camps

Explorer's Day Camp:

Monday, October 13

Veteran's Day Camp:

Tuesday, November 11

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. (morning drop-off begins at 8 a.m.; aftercare available until 5:30 p.m.)

Ages 4 – 13

Spend your day off school at Zoo Camp! Join us to learn about animal habitats and adaptations, play games and meet live animal friends! Campers must be potty trained, come dressed for the weather, and bring a bag lunch and water bottle; snack is provided. Minimum of 5 participants required to run camp. \$40/camper, \$35 for DZS members. Aftercare \$10.



OPEN HOUSES

Teacher Open House

Friday, October 3
5 – 8 p.m.

Attend our Teacher Open House to learn about exciting changes we've made to existing programs, as well as our new STEM programs. Teachers who book programs at this event will receive a 15% discount off a March or April 2015 program, or a 20% discount for programs booked between October and December 2014. This event is held in our Education Building, across the street from the main entrance of the zoo.

Volunteer Open Houses

Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, October 19
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Education Department needs mature, dedicated individuals, 16 or older who enjoy working with and can engage the public (particularly children), like the outdoors and are passionate about the environment and wildlife conservation. Learn more about volunteer opportunities, speak with staff, ask questions and review the steps to our application process. Applicants may complete an online application at destateparks.com/volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are contingent upon successful completion of the application process, including a background check. For more information and for location of open houses, visit BrandywineZoo.org or e-mail the zoo at DNREC_Parks_ZooPrograms@state.de.us

BOY AND GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS

Girl Scout Workshop: Earth's Endangered

Saturday, October 18
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(Girl Scouts and Brownies)

We will discover how animals are adapted to thrive in their habitats, why some are in danger of disappearing, and what you can do to help them. Program includes live animal encounters, zoo tour, and fun badge-based activities. Program meets most requirements for the Junior Animal Habitats badge (Steps 1 through 4). For additional information, call (302) 571-7850 ext. 209. To register, email DNREC_Parks_ZooPrograms@state.de.us. \$12 per scout, includes Brandywine Zoo fun patch and admission; parents and chaperones must pay \$5 admission fee.

Scout Day at Brandywine Zoo: An Event for Girl and Boy Scouts

Saturday, November 15
9 a.m. – Noon

Registered participants for this program get special early admission to the zoo! Enjoy a morning of games, crafts and activities all geared toward scout requirements. Brandywine Zoo patches will be available for purchase. This is an outdoor event, so dress for the weather. Pre-registration required by November 6, space is limited. \$10 per person; includes scouts, parents, additional leaders, siblings. One leader free for every 15 scouts

Girl Scout Workshop: Animals and Me

Saturday, November 22
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(Girl Scouts and Brownies)

Learn which animals make better pets than others and how to best care for them. Girls will also have the opportunity to learn how we take care of our zoo animals and meet some up close! Program includes live animal encounters, zoo tour and a take-home craft, and meets most requirements for the Daisies Three Cheers for Animals Birdbath Award and the Brownies Pets badge. For additional information, call (302) 571-7850 ext. 209. To register, e-mail DNREC_Parks_ZooPrograms@state.de.us \$12 per girl, includes Brandywine Zoo fun patch and admission for the day. Parents and chaperones must pay \$5 admission.

Get Out, Get Fit.

Take the Delaware State Parks Trail Challenge

Hike 5, 10 or 15 trails in Delaware State Parks for your certificate and hikers' patch.

destateparks.com/trail-challenge



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Hidden Pond Trail	2.8	Brandywine Creek		
Junction & Breakwater Trail*	5.0	Cape Henlopen		
Pinelands Trail	2.0	Cape Henlopen		
Walking Dunes Trail*	3.1	Cape Henlopen		
Burton Island Trail	1.5	Delaware Seashore		
Prison Camp Trail	0.8	Fort Delaware		
Riverview Trail	2.0	Fox Point		
Pondside Trail	2.6	Killens Pond		
Swamp Forest Trail	7.1	Lums Pond		
Loblolly Trail	4.6	Trap Pond		
Twin Valley Trail	3.9	White Clay Creek		
Chestnut Hill Trail	3.6	White Clay Creek		

* One-way, plan accordingly

Name of Hiker: _____ Age: _____

Address of Hiker: _____

Email Address: _____

Levels: Explorer (5 trails) Advanced (10 trails) Expert (15 trails)

Send completed registration to:

Delaware State Parks, 152 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901



Great Parks Pursuit Registration Form

Please submit this form with your entire game card (located on the following page of this guide).

Name: _____

Age(s) of all participating family members:

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____



Delaware Great Parks Pursuit

Rules:

- Limit one entry per household
- Open to all families with children
- Some activities may require a fee; the availability of some activities, like hayrides and boating, are limited by season. Please check the website or call the park office for details.
- Families may pick from any of the 25 different activities listed. Complete one of three different levels to win prizes!

Levels:

Bronze:
9 - 13 activities completed -
Your family will receive complimentary tickets to fun Delaware State Parks family activities!

Silver:
14 - 19 activities completed -
Your family will receive a Great Parks Pursuit gift pack that includes the Bronze level prize!

Gold:
20 or more activities completed -
Your family will receive a 2015 Annual Pass along with the Bronze and Silver level prizes!

Fill out the registration form and mail this game sheet and your completed registration form to:

Delaware State Parks
Interpretive Specialist
152 South State Street
Dover, De 19901

If you have questions about the Great Parks Pursuit program, please contact Caroline at (302) 739-9185 or by e-mail (preferred) at Caroline.Foltz@state.de.us

When:

All completed forms must be postmarked by December 31, 2014

1	2	3	4	5
Spend a night camping at a Delaware State Park	Paddle the weekend away. Rent a canoe or kayak at a Delaware State Park	Enjoy any Delaware State Park Summer Concert	Ask a naturalist or historian why they love their job	Attend an amphibian or reptile program at a Delaware State Park
_____ Reservation #	_____ Staff signature	_____ Performing band	_____ Staff signature	_____ Staff signature
6	7	8	9	10
Explore the parks after hours! Attend a Parks After Dark program or tour	Go Adventure! Walk 5 trails from the Delaware State Parks Trail Challenge	Feeling artsy? Attend any <i>Arts in the Park</i> program and let your creative juices flow!	Explore Fort Miles Historic Area; ask the staff: What was Ft. Miles last used for by the Army?	Go on an Eco-Tour at any Delaware State Park
_____ Staff signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Check box	_____ Staff signature	_____ Answer	_____ Staff signature
11	12	13	14	15
Attend two <i>Delaware Outdoor Family</i> programs	Go fishing at a Delaware State Park	Enjoy a hayride at a Delaware State Park	Take a specially themed hike through a Delaware State Park	Attend any campfire program at a Delaware State Park
_____ Staff signature	_____ Parent signature	_____ Wagon driver sig.	_____ Staff signature	_____ Staff signature
16	17	18	19	20
Complete the scavenger hunt at the Brandywine Zoo	Bike the Northern Delaware Greenway or Junction & Breakwater Trail	Beat the Heat! Enjoy a day at Killens Pond Water Park	View the Folk Art at the Blue Ball Barn; ask the staff: "What's your favorite piece?"	Attend any holiday-themed program at a Delaware State Park
_____ Parent signature	_____ Trail symbol(s)	_____ Stamp	_____ Answer	_____ Staff signature
21	22	23	24	25
Take a guided tour at Ft. Delaware, Ft. Miles or First State Heritage Park	Go Ape! or Trail Ride on Horseback at Lums Pond State Park	Experience the Breeches Buoy Demo at Delaware Seashore State Park	Go rock climbing at Alapocas Run State Park	Visit any 3 sites on the Delaware History Trail
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Program Reservations: (302) 645-6852



Cape Henlopen offers a variety of recreational, historic and natural opportunities for all ages, as well as rental facilities for group picnics, conference meetings and other events.

The Seaside Nature Center is open **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** daily through October; November through March on Wednesday through Sundays. The Nature Center will be **closed on October 20 – 29, November 27, December 25 and January 1.**

The Borrow-A-Bike program is available 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the Nature Center is open and weather permits.

All programs meet at the Seaside Nature Center unless otherwise stated. Space is limited. **Pre-registration is required unless noted.** Pre-register early by calling (302) 645-6852.



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15099 Cape Henlopen Drive
Lewes, DE 19958

Seaside Nature Center:
(302) 645-6852

Park Office:
(302) 645-8983



★ SPECIAL EVENT

26th Children's Fantasy Trail

Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25

6 – 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 26

6 – 7:30 p.m.

Wear your Halloween costume, and trick-or-treat for candy and toys with your favorite storybook characters. Entertainment under the tent each evening will include singing, juggling, magic and more. \$5 per person, adults and children

Driving on the Beach

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 14

9:30 a.m.

Learn the park rules and guidelines as well as the tips and tricks for a successful day of surf-fishing by vehicle. Limit 20. Pre-registration required. \$5 per person

Bird Walks at Cape Henlopen

Tuesdays, September 16 to
November 11

8 a.m.

Explore Cape Henlopen's birding hot spots with a staff naturalist during the fall migration. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. Beginner birders are welcome. Free

Sunset Gordons Pond Trail Hike

Thursday, September 25

6 p.m.

(1½ miles) Discover the natural wonders and history along the park's newest and most popular trail as we walk at sunset. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Ages 10 and up with an adult. Limit 12. Pre-registration required. \$2 per person

Public Lands Day Hike

Saturday, September 27

2 p.m.

(1½ miles) Celebrate Public Lands Day by exploring the natural resources and history of how this land came to "lie in common for the use... of any and all..." Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Ages 7 and up with an adult. Limit 20. Pre-registration required.

Hike the Point

Saturday, October 4

11 a.m.

(2 miles) The shorebirds have left, so let's explore the natural and cultural history of this ever-changing spit of land. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Ages 7 and up with an adult. Pre-registration recommended.

Discovering the H.M.S. DeBraak

Saturday, October 11

10 a.m.

Learn the secrets this late 18th-century British man-of-war, which sank off the Delaware coast in 1798. Participants will see its remains and discover the history behind its salvage and preservation. Ages 10 and older with a paying adult. Limit 12. Pre-registration required. \$5 per person

Defending Cape Henlopen through the Centuries

Saturday, October 11

2 p.m.

From muskets to rifles, and torpedoes to mines, discover how we protected our shores from potential invaders during the War of 1812, World War II and today. Limit 40. Ages 10 and older with a paying adult. This program takes place at the Fort Miles Orientation Building. \$3 per person



Hayride through the Park

Saturday, October 11

5 p.m.

See fall foliage, deer and other wildlife from our hay wagon. Tickets go on sale at the Seaside Nature Center Saturday morning on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 5 and up with a paying adult. Maximum of six tickets per person. Limit 18 per trip. \$5 per person

Calling all Volunteers

Help make this year's Fantasy Trail bigger and better than ever. If you are interested in being a character or carving the many pumpkins that line our trail, call the Volunteer Coordinator at (302) 644-5005, or the Seaside Nature Center at (302) 645-6852.



Fall Foliage Hike

Saturday, October 18

11 a.m.

(1½ miles) Experience our coastal forest and wetlands awash in fall colors as we hike the Gordons Pond trail. Ages 7 and up with an adult. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Limit 12. \$2 per person

Geocaching Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, November 1

11 a.m.

Use a hand-held GPS unit to search the park for hidden "treasures." This fun family activity combines high tech with an old-fashioned scavenger hunt. Ages 7 and up with a paying adult. Limit 16. Pre-registration required. \$3 per person

Ocean Dunes Stroll

Saturday, November 15

11 a.m.

Experience the power and beauty of this dynamic habitat at the edge of the ocean. Ages 7 and up with an adult. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Limit 20. Pre-registration recommended.



First Day Hike: The Point

Thursday, January 1

11 a.m.

What's the point? Find out on this annual hike to explore the sandy northeast tip of the park. A great way to start the New Year as we participate in the National First Day Hike! Ages 7 and up with an adult. Pre-registration recommended.

Cranberry Bog Trail Hike

Friday, November 28

11 a.m.

(1½ miles) Explore the Pinelands Trail and search for cranberries, wildlife and other natural wonders that the early colonists might have seen. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Ages 7 and up with an adult. Limit 20. Pre-registration recommended.

Squid Dissection

Saturday, November 29

11 a.m.

Explore the ins and outs of these mysterious animals through hands-on dissection. Ages 7 and up with a paying adult. Limit 20. \$5 per person

Feast for the Fishes

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

2 p.m.

Watch how the fish in our tanks gobble down their food as we share cool facts about their feeding behaviors.



PARKS AFTER DARK: EVENING PROGRAMS AT CAPE HENLOPEN STATE PARK

Campfire Circle: Night Sounds

Saturday, October 4

6 p.m.

Enjoy stories and activities about nocturnal animals and how they communicate at night. Bring marshmallows and sticks for roasting after the program! Ages 5 and up with an adult. Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Friday Full Moon Hike

Friday, November 7

7 p.m.

Search for the sights of animal activity at night by the light of the full moon and listen for their sounds. Ages 7 and up with a paying adult. Dress warmly. Limit 20. Pre-registration required. \$2 per person

Starry Night – Star Gazing

Friday, November 21

7 p.m.

Explore the night skies in search of constellations and hear the stories of “how they came to be.” Ages 10 and up with a paying adult. Dress warmly. Limit 20. \$2 per person

PRE-SCHOOL NATURE PROGRAMS



Guppy Club

Bring your 3- to 5-year-old and discover secrets of nature through stories, games, crafts and outdoor adventures. Children must be accompanied by an adult and dressed for the outdoors.

Bugging Out!

Thursday, September 11

10:30 a.m.

Get buggy as we search for insects and other creepy, crawly critters. Limit 12 children. \$3 per child

Shark Hunting

Thursday, October 9

10:30 a.m.

Discover the different sharks that live off our shores, and why they aren't so scary. Limit 12 children. \$3 per child

Sensing our World

Thursday, November 13

10:30 a.m.

Learn how animals use their senses, and how a few have extra senses that we don't. Limit 12 children. \$3 per child



KAYAK ECO-TOURS AND RENTALS AT THE FISHING PIER

Delaware Breakwater Kayak Eco-Tours

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27,
October 4, 11

10 a.m.

Two-hour tours for beginner paddlers, but can be strenuous. Equipment provided. Bring drinking water and sunscreen. **No flip-flops.** Solo paddlers must be 13 or older. Under 18 must be accompanied by paying adult. Limit 10. \$25 for solo-kayak, \$35 for tandem

Kayak and Paddle Board Rentals at the Fishing Pier

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27,
October 4, 11

12:30 – 4 p.m.

Rentals include PFD, seat and paddle. Must have paddling experience. Closed-toe shoes required — **no flip-flops.** No reservations. Under 18 must be accompanied by paying adult. *Single or Tandem Sit-on-Top:* \$15 per person per hour



This year marks the 50th anniversary of Cape Henlopen State Park. Join us for these special programs throughout the fall as we celebrate 50 years of Cape Henlopen! Call (302) 645-6852 for more information about upcoming anniversary events.

Free Entrance All Day

Friday, October 17

All Day

On October 17, 1964 Cape Henlopen State Park opened its gates to the public. To honor our 50th anniversary, the park invites all to enjoy our beaches, trails and more, with no entrance fees.

Share Your Park History Day

Saturday, September 13

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We need your help to preserve the memories of Cape Henlopen State Park for the future. Park historians will be on hand to record your stories and scan your pictures from the last 50 years of Cape Henlopen history to ensure the story of the park will be preserved.

50 Years of Cape Henlopen

Friday, October 17

Noon

Cape Henlopen State Park turns 50 this year! Take a trip down memory lane and see how the park came to be. Limit 40. Pre-registration recommended.

To celebrate the varied history of the Cape Henlopen region, relive some of the important local events during these presentations with noted guest speakers. Limit 40. Pre-registration is required.

Delaware's Ghost Towers

Friday, September 12

7 p.m.

William Grayson, author of *Delaware's Ghost Tower*, will be discussing the role of the Fort Mile's fire control towers during WWII and signing his book.

Lewes: Its Rise and Fall as the Largest Fishing Port in the Country, 1883-1966

Friday, October 10

7 p.m.

Beginning with two small factories, Lewes' menhaden fishing industry grew until it was the nation's largest fishing port in the 1950s. Within ten short years, the industry collapsed. The presentation will trace the industry's growth and offer explanations for its demise.



Celebrate Fall with these Special Events

AUBURN HEIGHTS PRESERVE

Steamin' Days

*First Sundays of the month, September through November
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.*

Steamin' Holiday Events

*12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 26
Saturday, November 29*

BRANDYWINE CREEK STATE PARK

Haunted Hayrides

*Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18
Two wagons leave every half-hour from 7 to 9 p.m.*

BRANDYWINE ZOO

Boo at the Zoo

*Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1
5 - 7:30 p.m.
All ages*

Brew at the Zoo

*Friday, September 26
5:30 - 9 p.m.
Ages 21+*

BELLEVUE STATE PARK

Bring It On at Bellevue Adventure Race

September 6, 8:30 a.m.

Ghosts of Bellevue Grounds Tour

*Thursday, October 23
6 p.m.*

Bellevue Hall Ghost Tour

*Tuesday, October 28
7 p.m.*

CAPE HENLOPEN STATE PARK

50th Anniversary Celebration — Free Entrance for All Day

*Friday, October 17
All Day*

Share Your Park History Day

*Saturday, September 13
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

50 Years of Cape Henlopen

*Friday, October 17
Noon*

Fort Miles: Battery 519 Open House

*Saturday, October 18
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

26th Children's Fantasy Trail

*Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25
6 - 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 26
6 - 7:30 p.m.*



For more information, visit
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DELAWARE SEASHORE STATE PARK

Fall Fishing Getaway
*Friday, October 17 thru
Sunday, October 19*

Autumn Shores Getaway
*Friday, October 31 thru
Sunday, November 2*

FORT DELAWARE STATE PARK

**Delaware Outdoor Family
Campout**
September 27 - 28

Appetite for Apparitions
Fridays, September 12 and 19

**Pea Patch Paranormal
Adventures**
*Friday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.
October 3 - 25, Fridays and Saturdays
6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. programs
Friday, October 31, 6:30 p.m. only*

**Pea Patch Extended
Paranormal Investigation**
*Friday, October 31
9:30 p.m.*

FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK

**Fifth Annual 18th-Century
Market Fair**
*Saturday, November 1
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

KILLENS POND STATE PARK

Puppies in the Pool
*Saturday, September 6
Noon - 2 p.m.*

**Halloween Celebration
Weekends in the Campground**
*Fridays and Saturdays, October 17 - 18
and October 24 - 25*

**Costume & Campsite
Decorating Contest**
*Saturdays, October 18 and 25
4 p.m.*

Halloween Hayrides
*Fridays, October 17 and 24
6 and 7 p.m.
Saturdays, October 18 and 25
5 - 8 p.m., running every hour*

LUMS POND STATE PARK

Crazy Costume Dash
*Saturday, October 11
2:30 p.m.*

**Halloween Hoot Campground
Celebration**
*Saturday, October 25
2 - 7 p.m.*

TRAP POND STATE PARK

Venture Outdoors Fest
September 12 - 13

**Trap Pond Outdoor Skills
Series**
*Select Thursdays
4 p.m.*



FRIENDS OF CAPE HENLOPEN EVENTS

For more information about Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park events, volunteer projects or membership, please call (302) 858-6127 or visit friendsofcapehenlopen.org.

Volunteer Trail Day

First Saturday of Each Month

9 a.m. – Noon

Join the Friends of Cape Henlopen as they work to maintain the park's trails or take on other light maintenance projects. For further details, please call the Volunteer Coordinator at (302) 644-5005.



Chocolate Tasting at the Youth Camp 3 Officer's Club

Saturday, September 6

1 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of homemade chocolates and sugar-free items, with all proceeds supporting the Friends' projects that benefit the Park. \$5 for 6 tastings

Wine, Cheese and Beer Tasting at the Youth Camp 3 Officer's Club

Saturday, October 18

4 – 6 p.m.

Enjoy fine beverages and cheese; proceeds support the Friends' projects in the park. Tickets available at the Park Office, the Lewes Chamber of Commerce, R & L Liquors (Lewes), or call (302) 858-6127. Note: Your ticket will be your entrance into the park. \$20 per person in advance and \$24 per person at door

Bird Seed Sale Pick-Up

Saturday, October 25

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Cape Henlopen State Park Maintenance Garage

Advance bird seed order forms available at the Park Office, Seaside Nature Center, and online at friendsofcapehenlopen.org. Members receive a 10% discount on seed orders. We carry only premium seed! **All orders must be received by October 15.**

Holiday Boutique and Book Fair at the Youth Camp 3 Officer's Club

Saturday, November 15

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Hand-made crafts, exclusive "Friends of CHSP" t-shirts and sweatshirts, pre-read books, homemade baked goods and food. Donated crafts and clean, used books may be dropped off on Friday, November 14 at the Biden Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FORT MILES HISTORIC AREA PROGRAMS

Fort Miles was a key part of the nation's coastal defense during and after World War II and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Fort Miles programs meet at the Orientation Building in the Fort Miles Historic Area unless otherwise stated. Call (302) 645-6852 to register or for more information.

Pre-registration is required unless noted.

Battery 519 Lantern Tours

Saturdays

September 27 at 6:30 p.m.

October 11 at 6 p.m.

November 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Tour the Fort Miles Gun Battery by lantern light, and experience how soldiers defended our coast during World War II. Ages 10 and up with an adult. Limit 30. \$5 per person

Discover Battery 519

Saturdays, September 20 and November 15

10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Learn how Battery 519 operated, and see the progress being made to turn the battery into a world-class WWII museum. Ages 7 and up with a paying adult. \$5 per person

Battery 519 Open House

Saturday, October 18

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Docents from the Fort Miles Historic Association will be on hand to answer your questions as you tour Battery 519. \$3 per person

Cape Henlopen State Park Celebrates 50 Years!

Join us for these programs and events as we celebrate 50 years' worth of sand, sun and fun!

Share Your Park History Day

Saturday, September 13

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free Entrance for All Day

Friday, October 17

All Day

50 Years of Cape Henlopen

Friday, October 17

Noon



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Program Reservations: (302) 227-6991



One of Delaware's most popular destinations, Delaware Seashore State Park welcomes visitors to experience six miles of ocean and bay shoreline. Space is limited, **pre-registration is required** unless noted. Call (302) 227-6991.

25039 Coastal Highway
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Indian River
Life-Saving Station:
(302) 227-6991

GPS Coordinates:
N38° 38.038 W75° 04.018



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CAMPING

Reserve a campsite in our modern family campground, located just a short walk from the beach. Call 1-877-98-PARKS (1-877-987-2757). Reservations are strongly recommended.



INDIAN RIVER LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP

Visit the original Indian River Life-Saving Station Museum and learn about nighttime beach patrols and perilous high seas rescues. Be sure to stop by the unique gift shop, open daily, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Self-guided tours are available daily, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tours are \$4/adult, \$3/senior citizens (62 or older), and \$2/child ages 6 to 12 years old. Children 5 and under are admitted free.



Introduction to Surf Fishing

Friday, September 5
1 – 4 p.m.
Sunday, September 14
Saturday, September 27
Saturday, October 11
Monday, October 13
Saturday, November 15
9 a.m. – Noon

Want to try surf fishing but not sure how to get started? We cover fish identification to proper casting techniques. Rods, reels and bait are provided. Must have a fishing license and FIN number, and be at least 10; under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required. \$25 per person

Gilled to Grilled

Fridays, September 5, October 3 and November 7
7 p.m.

Learn how to clean a fish and then prepare it for dinner. This program will cover everything you will need to know to get your latest catch to the table. Top off the evening by enjoying your very own culinary creation with the company of your new fish-filleting friends! Pre-registration required. Ages 15+ \$40 per person

Beach Driving Clinic

Sunday, September 14 and Saturday, September 27
2 p.m.
Sunday, October 5
10 a.m.

Learn park rules, licensing requirements and tips for safety while driving on the beach. Then follow park staff out to the beach to practice driving on the sand (participants must have a valid surf tag). Pre-registration required. \$5 per person

PROGRAMS AT THOMPSON ISLAND NATURE PRESERVE

Paddling Thompson Island

Sunday, September 7
Saturday, September 13
9 a.m.

Paddle the shoreline of the nature preserve in a sit-on-top kayak. A park naturalist will help identify wildlife and will discuss the Native American connections to the land. Ages 13 and up. Pre-registration required. \$35



Hiking Thompson Island

Fridays in October at 4 p.m.
Saturdays in November at 10 a.m.

Hike around Thompson Island Nature Preserve and learn about the American Indian influence on the Inland Bays. Pre-registration required. Free

LIFE AT THE BEACH

From the ocean to the bay, we've got programs featuring all kinds of plants and animals that call Delaware Seashore State Park home!

Birding with a Naturalist

Fridays, September 26 and November 7
4 p.m.

Birders of all ages and abilities are invited to meet at the Indian River Life-Saving Station for a short introductory talk on common species and then head out (by car) with field guides, a spotting scope and binoculars.

\$4 per person



Marsh Walk

Saturday, September 20
1 p.m.

Get ready to get muddy! Explore the salt marsh and learn about the importance of wetlands while searching for fiddler crabs, diamondback terrapins and periwinkle snails. Closed-toe shoes must be worn. Pre-registration required.

\$4 per person

Squid Dissection: From Pen to Ink!

Saturday, November 8
1 p.m.

A park naturalist will guide participants in a dissection, and at the end of the program, we will cook up our study specimens and enjoy them as calamari! Ages 8 and up. \$8 per person

Edible Plants of the Seashore

Saturdays, September 6 and October 11

1 p.m.

This indoor program will introduce you to some of the native plants of coastal Delaware. Leave with new cooking tips. There will even be a few samples to try! \$6 per person

First Day Hike at Fresh Pond

Thursday, January 1
1 p.m.

Start the New Year off right with a guided hike of the Fresh Pond Tract. Pre-registration is not required. Call for more information and directions to the trailhead.

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ART IN THE PARK

Sea Glass Jewelry Part I: Pendants

Sunday, September 21, 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 25, 1 p.m.

Friday, November 28, 1 p.m.

Make your own beautiful sea glass pendant using a few basic wire-wrap techniques. Bring your own piece of sea glass or choose from our collection. Ages 12 and up. Pre-registration required. \$15 per person

Sea Glass Jewelry Part II: Earrings

Sunday, September 21

1 p.m.

Have you taken our sea glass pendant class and ready to try something new? This program will take your wire wrapping skills to the next level; make a set of earrings to match your pendant. Ages 12 and up.

Pre-registration required.

\$15 per person

Seashore Wreath-Making

Saturday, November 22

1 p.m.

Make a decorative wreath using natural materials as well as local holly and other trimmings to spruce up your take-home piece. Ages 10 and up. Pre-registration required.

\$20 per person



PARK AFTER DARK

Lantern Tour

Friday, September 26

7 p.m.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday
October 24 - 26**

6 p.m.

A guided museum tour about the daily lives of the surfmen is followed by local tales and a trip onto the beach where they performed their nightly patrols. All ages. Pre-registration required. \$10 per person

Shipwrecked! Tales of Traditions and Tragedy

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

8:30 p.m.

Explore bizarre maritime traditions and superstitions that 19th-century sailors used to ensure safety and understand the unexplainable. Stroll through the museum to hear tragic stories from the station's logs. All ages. Pre-registration required. \$6 per person

Voices of the Past

Friday, November 14

7 p.m.

**Geared toward families with small
children.**

Experience the Indian River Life-Saving Station and its crew as it was at the turn of the century. Meet rugged surfmen, their families and local residents as you make your way through the Station and its grounds. Pre-registration required. \$10 per person

Stargazing at the Seashore

Dates and times to be determined

When the forecast looks clear, we will send an e-mail a few days in advance indicating where and when the program will be held. To be added to the stargazing e-mail list, send a message to IRLSS@state.de.us.

DELAWARE SEASHORE STATE PARK WEEKEND PACKAGES



Visit the Delaware coast during the shoulder season. Book your stay at one of the waterfront cottages at the Indian River Marina at a special discounted rate, and spend your weekend exploring the coast during the fall season. Each cottage sleeps six. Call (302) 277-6991 to register.

Fall Fishing Getaway

Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19

This is the perfect introductory fishing weekend to welcome new anglers to the park. Meet your fellow fishing friends at a "Gilled to Grilled" program on Friday evening and learn to clean and prepare a fish dinner; a full meal is included. On Saturday, spend the day learning two very different fishing techniques: surf fishing and fly casting. On Sunday, enjoy a half day of fishing on a head boat, leaving from the Indian River Marina. Price includes two breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner. Participants must book a cottage to participate in this weekend package. For ages 16 and older.

\$380 per two-night cottage rental, plus \$165 per person

Autumn Shores Getaway

Friday, October 31 - Sunday, November 2

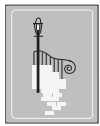
When the summer crowds leave and cool autumn breezes sweep the coast, the park becomes an oasis for nature-lovers and outdoor-enthusiasts. Explore the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware's Inland Bays. State Park naturalists will lead you on hiking and birding excursions, while taking in the beautiful sites that fall brings. Call (302) 227-6991 for pricing and a detailed weekend itinerary. This package is open to those who do not wish to book a cottage. For all ages. \$235 per two-night cottage rental, plus program fee

Boat, Fish, Eat, Sleep ...all at the convenient Indian River Marina

- Full-Service diesel and gas sales
- Friendly, courteous service
- Immaculate restroom and shower facilities
- Floating dock system
- 24-hour security
- Head pump-out service
- Spacious laundry facility
- Free WiFi available in main office
- 50-ton travel lift
- Full-Service drystack
- 24-hour public boat ramp
- Waterfront restaurant and boat bar
- Walking distance to Delaware State Park beaches
- Waterfront vacation cottages
- Beautiful outdoor event venue, perfect for weddings and celebrations
- Nearby off-site hiking, biking, and kayak launch



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Program Information and Directions: (302) 739-9194

Delaware's first urban "park without boundaries" links historic and cultural sites in the city that has been the seat of state government since 1777.



Photo by Eric Young

First State Heritage Park is a partnership of state and city agencies under the leadership of Delaware State Parks. Admission to all sites is free. Where noted, some programs have an admission fee. Programs are subject to change without notice.

Park Office:
102 South State Street
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 739-9194

Welcome Center:
121 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. North
(Formerly Duke of York Street)
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 744-5055
Free, all-day parking

Group Tours

Group tours for both adults and schoolchildren are available with advance reservation. Call (302) 739-9194.

Come to First State Heritage Park's Fifth Annual 18th-Century Market Fair on The Green in Dover

Saturday, November 1
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First State Heritage Park recreates the sights and sounds of the autumn market fairs held in Dover in the mid-1700s.

Entertainment – Trade and Craft Demonstrations – Animals – Food and Drink

Free fun for the whole family – all with an 18th-century twist!

Visit destateparks.com/marketfair to find out more



The First State Heritage Park, in partnership with Caesar Rodney High School, presents a Candlelit Historical Theater Event: "Independence or the Bayonet" – The Life and Times of Caesar Rodney

Friday, October 3 at 6 and 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 4 at 6 and 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 5 at 5 and 7 p.m.
The Old State House

Under the glow of candlelight in The Old State House, step back in time to experience the life of the patriot who gave his life to the service of his beloved Delaware. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited. Please call (302)739-9194 for reservations. Admission is \$10 per person.



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LANTERN TOURS

Fridays

8:30 p.m.

Join our guides through historic Dover and its cemeteries. Call (302) 739-9194 for reservations. Tours cancelled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled. \$5 per person.

Lantern Tour of the Dover Green

Friday, September 12

Meet at the John Bell House on The Green

Hear true tales of tragedy and infamy.

Presbyterian Cemetery

Friday, September 5

Meet at the Johnson Victrola Museum Parking Lot - 375 S. New Street

Meet important figures from Dover's history.

HOLIDAYS

The following sites are open 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Labor Day (Monday, September 1), Veterans Day (Tuesday, November 11) and the day after Thanksgiving (Friday, November 28) for tours and exhibits:

- First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries
- Legislative Hall
- The Old State House
- Johnson Victrola Museum
- Biggs Museum
- John Bell House

All First State Heritage Park sites are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27.

Old Methodist Cemetery

Friday, September 19

Meet at the Johnson Victrola Museum Parking Lot - 375 S. New Street

Travel among ornate grave markers to hear of traditions from the past.

Christ Church Cemetery

Friday, September 26

Meet at Christ Church - Corner of S. State and Water Streets

Encounter characters from the past to hear tales of joy and sorrow.

Dark Dover

Fridays, October 10 and October 17

Two performances each night - 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Meet at the John Bell House on The Green

Witness firsthand the true stories of murders and encounter characters whose legends have left their sinister imprint on The Green. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited; call (302) 739-9194. \$10 per person



PARK SITES

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

history.delaware.gov/museums

First State Heritage Park

Welcome Center and Galleries

121 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. North (Formerly Duke of York Street)

(302) 744-5055

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Changing exhibitions created by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs and information on statewide attractions, events and activities. All-day free parking.

The Old State House

25 The Green

Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tour this 1791 building that served as Delaware's capitol until 1933.

Johnson Victrola Museum

375 S. New Street

Wednesday - Saturday

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Early phonographs and recordings chronicle the development of the sound recording industry and the achievements of E.R. Johnson, founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company.

LEGISLATIVE HALL: THE STATE CAPITOL

411 Legislative Avenue

Free guided tours without reservations: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

First Saturdays and selected holidays: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tours for more than 10 require advance scheduling; call (302) 739-9194. Photo ID is required for all adults entering the building.

DELAWARE PUBLIC ARCHIVES

121 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

North (Formerly Duke of York Street)

archives.delaware.gov

Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room:

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Second Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Meeting place for the Downstate Delaware Genealogical Society. The meetings on Saturday, October 11 and December 13 at 2 p.m. are open to the public.

WOODBURN AND HALL HOUSE

151 Kings Highway

woodburn.delaware.gov

Tours of the official residence of Delaware's Governor and Governor's guest house are available by advanced reservation. Call (302) 739-5656 or e-mail: woodburn@state.de.us.

JOHN BELL HOUSE

43 The Green

Monday - Saturday

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Learn about Dover's history and this restored building, the oldest wooden structure in Dover. Walking tours leave from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BIGGS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

406 Federal Street

(302) 674-2111

biggsmuseum.org

Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Permanent collection of American fine and decorative arts and changing exhibitions throughout the year.

FIRST SATURDAYS IN THE FIRST STATE

Programs and events on the first Saturday of each month. Sites are open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., except Woodburn and Hall House, which are open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and the Kent County Courthouse, which is open 1:30 – 4 p.m. Free admission.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Guided Tours of Legislative Hall

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Guided Tours of The Old State House

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Digging for Old Delaware

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

John Bell House on The Green

Roll up your sleeves as we learn the skills an archaeologist uses to look for clues in the dirt about Delaware.

Drums, Drums, Drums

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Johnson Victrola Museum

Learn the significance of drums both as a means of communication and entertainment in many cultures while listening to original recordings.

Delaware's Native People and Archaeological Study

1 p.m.

The Old State House

Learn about the rich culture found at Native American archaeological sites in Delaware.

Tours of the Governor's House

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

At Woodburn – The Governor's House

Enjoy guided tours of the official residence of Delaware's Governor since 1965, and Hall House, the Governor's guest house.

Guided Tours of "An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad In Delaware"

10 a.m., Noon and 2 p.m.

First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries

Guided tours will focus on Delaware's crucial role in the Underground Railroad and two Delaware heroes.

Stories of The Green

Tours are offered hourly beginning 10 a.m. Last tour leaves at 3 p.m.

Meet at the John Bell House on The Green

Biggs Kids – Foliage Friends

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art

Using leaves of various shapes, sizes and colors, create some of your favorite animals. Ages 5 to 10.

Guided Tours of Courtroom One

1:30 – 4 p.m.

Kent County Courthouse, 38 The Green

Enjoy a guided tour of the newly restored Courtroom 1.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Guided Tours of Legislative Hall

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Caesar Rodney HQ

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

John Bell House on The Green

What do quarters, high school and a square have in common? They are all connected to Caesar Rodney. Learn all the places that are connected to Delaware's hero, both well-known and obscure. Whet your appetite for our evening historical theater that weekend; see page 23 for more details.



The Declaration of Independence

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Old State House on The Green

Guided tours will focus on the Delaware signers who made the Declaration of Independence of one of America's most important documents.

Heroes of the Revolution

Tours are offered on the hour, beginning at 10 a.m. Last tour leaves at 3 p.m. Meet at the John Bell House on The Green.

Pioneers in the Music Industry

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Johnson Victrola Museum

Examine the very first innovators in the music industry, not just inventors but singers and musicians, too.

Tours of the Governor's House

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

At Woodburn – The Governor's House

Enjoy guided tours of the official residence of Delaware's Governor since 1965, and Hall House, the Governor's guest house.

Biggs Kids – Still Life Painting

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art Create a still life similar to a painting in the permanent collection. Learn valuable lessons in spatial arrangement and proportion.



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10 a.m., Noon and 2 p.m.

First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries

Guided tours will focus on Delaware's crucial role in the Underground Railroad and two Delaware heroes.

The Lincolns: Portrait of a Family

10:30 a.m.

Delaware Public Archives

Daniel Pritchett will take a look at Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd, one of the most significant couples in American history. Learn about their four sons and the heartbreaking series of tragedies that struck the family before, during and after the Civil War.

Guided Tours of Courtroom One

1:30 – 4 p.m.

Kent County Courthouse, 38 The Green

Enjoy a guided tour of the newly restored Courtroom 1.

Remembering Emile Berliner

2:30 p.m.

Johnson Victrola Museum

Join Oliver Berliner as he remembers his grandfather, Emile Berliner the great inventor. Hear the personal stories from the life of one of music's pioneers.

Guided Tours of Legislative Hall

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Market Fairs Old and New! First State Heritage Park's 18th-Century Market Fair

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Like many 18th-century towns, Dover was the scene of market fairs. Goods were sold and exchanged and entertainments of all sorts were offered on The Green. Today, these sights and sounds return to The Green, The Old State House, John Bell House and Century Club. See page 23 for details, or visit destateparks.com/marketfair.



Delaware By Hand Holiday Market

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

View the work of Delaware's artist and artisan guild that continues the 18th-century tradition of hand-crafted goods. Delaware By Hand features 24 member booths with seasonal merchandise available for purchase.

Biggs Kids – Silhouettes

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art
Have fun creating your own silhouette, learn about the history of silhouette cutting and see examples from the collection.

Man's Best Friend

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Johnson Victrola Museum

Enjoy a guided tour of the museum and learn more about one of the most famous dogs in the world – Nipper.



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Digital Genealogy: Baby Steps toward a Manageable System

10:30 a.m.

Delaware Public Archives

Librarian Leah Youse will provide tips for developing methods of arrangement for all electronic genealogy files, including: files, folders, e-mail, research and available software.

FREE WALKING TOURS OF HISTORIC DOVER

Monday – Saturday

10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tours last approximately 45 minutes

Tours led by historical interpreters in period dress begin at the John Bell House on The Green every hour and last approximately 45 minutes.

Stories of The Green

Monday – Friday

Saturdays

September 6 and December 6

The Green reveals many tales from Dover's history.

Dover's Heroes of the Revolution

Saturdays, October 4 and November 8

Dover was a hotbed of activity during the struggle for American Independence.

Women of The Green

Saturdays, September 13, October 25 and November 15

Learn about women's contributions to the history of The Green.

Tales of Slavery and Freedom

Saturdays, September 20, October 11 and November 29

As a border state, Delaware held a complicated position regarding slavery.

If These Trees Could Talk

Saturday, September 27

In honor of National Public Lands Day, travel around The Green and experience some natural history, tree identification and hear some events to which these trees have borne witness.



SPECIAL EXHIBITS

FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK WELCOME CENTER AND GALLERIES

Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs
An Illegal Activity: The Underground Railroad In Delaware

Delaware Public Archives
Delaware in World War II

LEGISLATIVE HALL

Dress for Success: The Edwardian Gentlemen's Wardrobe and Accessories

THE OLD STATE HOUSE

Simple Pleasures: Picnic, Play and Dance

BIGGS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Award Winners

August 1 – October 19, 2014

We Are Family: Lori Crawford and the Sista's
September 6 – October 26, 2014

Celebration of Creativity
November 4, 2014 – January 4, 2015

The Holly Branch of the National League of American Pen Women
November 7, 2014 – January 4, 2015

Carson Zullinger: The Line of Beauty
November 7, 2014 – February 15, 2015



First State Heritage Park



The Green is a Partner of First State National Monument: nps.gov/frst

destateparks.com/heritagepark

FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK WELCOME CENTER: 302.744.5055

FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK OFFICE: 302.739.9194

Park Sites:

- 1** First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries
- 2** Delaware Public Archives
- 3** Legislative Hall: The State Capitol
- 4** Biggs Museum of American Art
- 5** The Old State House
- 6** Delaware Supreme Court
- 7** John Bell House
- 8** Kent County Courthouse
- 9** Site of the Golden Fleece Tavern
- 10** Constitution Park
- 11** Johnson Victrola Museum
- 12** Old Brick Church
- 13** Reith Hall
- 14** Rose Cottage
- 15** Woodburn
- 16** Hall House

Historic Cemeteries:

- A** Christ Episcopal Churchyard
- B** Presbyterian Cemetery
- C** Old Methodist Cemetery



Public Restrooms



Free all-day parking

destateparks.com/programs

Ticket Reservations: 1-877-98-PARKS



Fort Delaware is now open to the public on select fall weekend dates! Beat the heat and join us the weekends of September 6 – 7, 27 – 28 and on October 4. Fort Delaware is accessible by ferry from Delaware City and Fort Mott, New Jersey. Visit destateparks.com for ferry schedule. Reserve tickets by calling 1-877-987-2757.

The park is also open select weekdays for school and group visits (20 or more participants) on Tuesdays through Thursdays from September 23 through October 30.

To reserve a date for a field trip or group history tour visit, call the park office at (302) 834-7941

**45 Clinton Street
Delaware City, DE**

**Park Office:
(302) 834-7941**



Find us on Facebook!

FORT DELAWARE 2014 FALL SCHEDULE

NEW! Open select fall weekends!

Weekends and holidays through September 1; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

September 6, 7, 27 and 28; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

October 4; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Ferry Ticket Prices

Ticket includes ferry transportation to the island.

Adults\$11

Children 2–12\$6

Seniors (62+) and Military (With ID)\$10

Your round-trip ferry ticket entitles you to ongoing daily programs including living history, museum theater and informational tours, artillery and musketry demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, and presentations on Civil War life. For full schedule of daily program offerings, call the park office or visit destateparks.com.



NEW!

Delaware Outdoor Family Campout at the Fort September 27 – 28

Join us on an overnight family camping experience on Pea Patch Island to celebrate the Children in Nature initiative. Take the ferry over at twilight, participate in a flashlight scavenger hunt of the fort or a nighttime nature hike, and afterward we'll enjoy s'mores around the campfire. Reservations for this one-of-a-kind experience are limited. Participants should pack lightly and backpack-type tents are recommended. Call the park office for details and cost.

Sunset Cruise and Dinner

Saturday, September 13

5 p.m.

Take a relaxing 90-minute canal or river cruise aboard the Delafort, followed by a buffet dinner at Crabby Dick's restaurant (located just across the street from the dock). Buffet includes tossed salad, sliced baked chicken breasts, meatballs with marinara, penne pasta in a crabby blush sauce, red bliss potatoes, vegetable medley, rolls with butter, dessert, fountain drinks and teas.

Appetite for Apparitions Dinner + Ghosts!

Fridays, September 12 and 19

Tour plus Dinner: 5:15 p.m. buffet, 6:30 boat

Tour only: 8:30 p.m. boat

Enjoy a buffet dinner at Crabby Dick's in historic Delaware City, across the street from the boat dock. After dessert, we'll take the ferry to Pea Patch for a candlelight ghost tour. Hear stories and folklore about the ghosts said to haunt Fort Delaware, and encounter a surprise or two along the way.

This is not a paranormal investigative program.

\$50 per person includes dinner tour plus buffet, or \$25 for 8:30 p.m. tour only

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS



Pea Patch Paranormal Adventures

September 26, 6:30 p.m.

October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24,

25, 6:30 and 9:30 programs

October 31, 6:30 only

Join the Diamond State Ghost Investigators, Inc. and park staff for three-hour recreational paranormal investigations in September and October. Participants witness and take part in actual paranormal investigation with the DGH, using electronic magnetic field detectors, data recorders and temperature sensors. This program is limited to ages 12 and older. Boat departs from Delaware City dock promptly at 6:30 and 9:30. \$40 per person, space is limited



Pea Patch Extended Paranormal Investigation — Back by Popular Demand!

Friday, October 31

9:30 p.m.

For hard-core ghost hunters... on HALLOWEEN of all days! Only serious ghost hunters need apply. Take part in a five-hour investigation of Fort Delaware, where you are a key part of the investigative team. Limited spots available for this special opportunity; call for details. \$100 per person

Overnight Scouting Campouts

Scout and youth groups have the unique opportunity to camp overnight at Fort Delaware. Cook over an open fire, take part in a lantern-lit evening tour and sleep in the prisoner barracks! Call park office for more information.

Fort Delaware Ghostly Adventures!

Are you interested in the folklore of ghostly haunts at Fort Delaware? Or do you want to try a little ghost hunting yourself? Fort Delaware fall programs include candlelight ghost tours paired with a buffet dinner, as well as the return of our ever-popular Paranormal Adventures.

Fort DuPont State Park

2014 Fall Programs

www.destateparks.com/programs

Program Reservations: (302) 834-7941

DNREC_FortDelawarePrograms@state.de.us



Fort DuPont State Park is a former military fortification located adjacent to the Governor Bacon Health Center. The park includes trails, a boat ramp, basketball and tennis court, historic buildings and gun batteries and a fishing point. Programs meet at the foot of Wilmington Avenue. In the event of inclement weather, call ahead for program status message at (302) 834-7941.

**Fort DuPont State Park
Wilmington Avenue
Delaware City, DE 19706**

Fort DuPont Walking Tour **Sunday, September 28** **1 p.m.**

Discover the history of this old military post. Wear sturdy walking shoes for this one-hour trek.



Gun Battery Hike **Sunday, October 12** **1 p.m.**

Check out the amazing concrete gun batteries at the Fort. Wear sturdy walking shoes that can get a little wet and dirty for this one-hour adventure.

Hounds and History **Saturday, September 13** **1 p.m.**

Bring your friendly, well-behaved and vaccinated dog out to Fort DuPont for a little socializing, hiking, and history. Dogs must be on leash (not to exceed six feet).

Follow in Their Footsteps:

Learn About Delaware State Parks' Rich History with...

- GHOST TOURS OF FORT DELAWARE
- WALKING TOURS OF FORT DUPONT
- WALKING TOURS AND LANTERN TOURS AT FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK
- MANSION TOURS AT AUBURN HEIGHTS
- LANTERN TOURS AT INDIAN RIVER LIFE-SAVING STATION
- TOURS OF COASTAL FORTIFICATIONS AT FORT MILES

AND MORE!

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10th Annual

2014 **ADVENTURES** **RACE SERIES**

DELAWARE STATE PARKS



NEW RACES AND OLD FAVORITES FOR THE EVERYDAY ATHLETE

- **Bellevue State Park**, Bring it on at Bellevue Saturday, September 6
Bike and run, and complete challenges along the way.
Registration 8:30 a.m.
Race begins at 9 a.m.
- **Lums Pond State Park**, Crazy Costume Dash Saturday, October 11
The silliest walk/run around! One-mile course for children and families and a 5K for all ages!
Registration 2:30 p.m.
Race begins at 3 p.m.

\$10 of each registration will benefit Delaware State Parks Environmental Education Programs

For Information, email
Necia.Beck@state.de.us
or call (302) 739-9175

destateparks.com/programs

Program Reservations: (302) 284-4299



All programs meet at the Nature Center and require pre-payment and pre-registration by calling (302) 284-4299, unless otherwise noted. Be sure to check the Nature Center, Park Office, campground office and bulletin boards for additional programs.

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Closed Holidays

September:

Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

October:

Tuesday to Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

November:

Tuesday to Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**5025 Killens Pond Road
Felton, DE 19943
(302) 284-4299**

Overnights at the Nature Center

\$20 per youth (15 youth minimum, 2 adults free, additional adults \$10 each)

Friday or Saturday nights, based on availability; September to May, 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. Call the Nature Center for details.

Nature Center Rentals

Rent the Nature Center with its beautiful conference room and amazing pond view for business and social events. Call the Nature Center for more information.



Find us on Facebook!

ECO EXPLORER'S CLUB

**Every other Tuesday
2:30 p.m. (note new time)
Ages 6 – 12**

All programs meet at the Nature Center and last an hour unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required; call (302) 284-4299. \$3 per student (except Fall Foliage Kayak trip)

Monarch Migration September 9

Learn about the migration of these amazing animals to Mexico, and learn how to make your yard more inviting to all butterflies species.

Water Cycle September 23

Learn how every drop of water on Earth gets recycled through this natural process. Come dressed to get wet!

Soil Extravaganza October 7

Join us as we “make” soil, and conduct soil tests using augers and sieves.

Fall Foliage Kayak October 21

Take a 2 ½-hour kayak trip with our naturalist to see the beautiful fall colors and learn why leaves change colors. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. \$10 per person

Watersheds November 4

What's the solution to the pollution? Come find out about how pollution enters our watersheds and how to prevent it.

Classification of Animals November 18

Learn scientific techniques that allow scientists to group animals into categories.



DELAWARE OUTDOOR FAMILY

**Family Nature Club
Select Saturdays
1 p.m.**

Join us on the second Saturday of the month for a family-oriented program where science meets nature. We will explore our ecosystem, conduct experiments, use scientific tools and make observations. Classes last one hour unless otherwise noted. Take time for a picnic lunch on the deck prior to class! \$5 per family (up to 6 people)

**Dip-Netting for Macroscopic Invertebrates
September 13**

We will use nets to catch some critters that live in the pond – wear clothes that can get messy.

**Soils and Seeds
October 11**

Explore the world of “dirt” in this fun class!

**Amphibians Abound
November 8**

Meet some of the Nature Center's amphibian collection up close and personal.



**★ Puppies in the Pool
Saturday, September 6
Noon – 2 p.m.**

Dogs must have proof of current vaccinations, license, and a leash. SPCA-sponsored shot clinic will take place that morning. SPCA will have adoptable dogs available. \$7 for dog and owner; one dog per human; additional humans \$3 each



**Full Moon Hike
Saturday, September 6
9 p.m.**

Meet at the Campground Amphitheater for a walk in the woods by the light of the full moon. The forest is a different world after dark. Hikes last 1 to 1 ½ hours. Recommended for ages 6 and up. \$2 per person

**Composting with Worms 101
Saturday, September 20
3 p.m.**

Whether you are a beginner or an expert gardener, vermin-composting offers benefits to every garden. It's time to turn that waste into nutrient-rich soil for your garden. \$3 per person

**Lenape Living
Saturday, November 15
3 p.m.**

Learn what daily life was like for Delaware's native peoples. We will explore clothing, tools, cooking and hunting strategies.

**Night Sky
Saturday, November 22
5:30 p.m.
Meet at the Campground
Parking Lot**

Gaze at the night sky with a naturalist and learn about the brightest stars and visible planets. From horizon to horizon, we will explore the season's constellations and hear legends and myths surrounding these celestial characters. \$3 per person

**Full Moon Kayak
Monday, September 8
7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8
6:30 p.m.**

Join us for an evening kayak under a full moon. We will explore the pond and discover nocturnal wildlife by moonlight. Bring a headlamp! \$10 per paddler

Your group can spend the night in the Nature Center! Find out how — call (302) 284-4299

Dads and Daughters Hike

Saturday, October 4

3 p.m.

Calling all dads and daughters for a hike on the Pondsides Trail! Create memories while enjoying nature and discovering local wildlife. We will end our hike with a cup of warm cider and a view of Killens Pond from the Nature Center deck. \$2 per Dad/Daughter

Woodland Creatures

Saturday, October 11

4 p.m.

Use forest materials like pinecones and acorns to create gnomes, fairies and other forest guardians. These pocket-sized figures will look great in your garden or inside your home. \$3 per person

Fearless in the Forest

Saturday, November 1

3 p.m.

Now that Halloween is over, it's time to start thinking about nature the way it really is. We explore some of our forest's most misunderstood creatures, and make the forest a not-so-scary place.

ADULT SURVIVAL SERIES

Third Sunday of the Month

3 – 5 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to survive? Test your skills and learn new ones; delve deeper into the world of ancestral survival techniques. Workshops are two hours long, unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. \$10 per class

Axes and Celts

September 21

Employ thousand-year-old stone pecking techniques to create sandstone axes and celts. Leather work gloves are recommended.

Cordage Making

October 19

Knowing how to make string from plant fibers is a fundamental survival skill every person needs to know. We will practice with local materials and learn different techniques.

Earth Oven Construction

November 16

Create an earth oven from primitive materials; learn how to build a smokeless fire and cook over open flame.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION WEEKENDS

Friday and Saturday, October 17 – 18 and October 24 – 25

What better place to celebrate All Hallows Eve than in the brisk air at Killens Pond State Park? Pre-register for all activities by calling (302) 284-4299. All activities take place at the campground.

Halloween Havoc

Saturdays, October 18 and 25

11 a.m.

Bring the family and friends to a fun awesome-for-all program filled with crafts and activities. Meet at the campground pavilion. Ages 5 to 12 \$2 per child

Scarecrow Making

Saturdays, October 18 and 25

Noon

Make your own scarecrow to decorate your campsite! Hosted by the Friends of Killens Pond. Bring accessories to "doll" up your scarecrow (hat, scarf and more). At the campground pavilion. Held at the same time as Pumpkin Carving. \$5 per scarecrow



Pumpkin Carving

Saturdays, October 18 and 25

Noon

Try out your carving skills on a pumpkin to take home with you. Pumpkins, directions, tools and carving templates will be provided. At the campground pavilion. Please reserve your pumpkins by calling (302) 284-4299! Held at the same time as Scarecrow Making. \$4 per pumpkin

★ First Day Hike

Thursday, January 1

1 p.m.

Join us at the Nature Center on the first day of the New Year for a hike with new friends. You will have a choice between a one-mile hike or one that is just over 2 ½ miles

Costume and Campsite Decorating Contest

Saturdays, October 18 and 25

4 p.m.

Dress in your favorite Halloween costume and see how you compare in your age group (5 and under, 6 to 12, 13 to 17, and 18 and over). There will be two prizes for most original costumes. There will also be a prize for the "Best Decorated Campsite." Meet at the campground pavilion.

Halloween Hayrides

Fridays, October 17 and 24

6 and 7 p.m.

Saturdays, October 18 and 25

5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

Meet at the Campground Amphitheater.

Show off your costume on our fall hayride as we travel throughout the park. Space is limited; pre-registration required.

\$4 per person

Things That Go "Bump" in the Night Hike

Fridays, October 17 and 24

8 p.m.

No need to be scared! Explore the sounds of the night; figure out how amazing the night life can be and take away a little of the scare. Meet at the campground amphitheater.

\$2 per person

Hoot N' Howling Campfire

Saturdays, October 18 and 25

9 p.m.

Strange sounds are coming from the woods! Join us for an evening campfire adventure as we learn about and call for the animals of the night.

Live Reptile and Amphibian Shows

Sundays, September 21, October 19, November 16

Saturdays, September 6, October 4, November 1

11 a.m.

See Delaware's native reptiles and amphibians that live at the Nature Center up close and personal. You will also be able to touch some of them!

FRIENDS OF KILLENS POND STATE PARK

The Friends of Killens Pond hold monthly meetings at 7 p.m. at the Nature Center on the second Tuesday of each month (except December). Attend one of our meetings to find out what the Friend's Group is all about. We hope to see you soon!

15th Annual Friends of Killens Pond 5K Run/Walk

Due to conditions beyond our control, the 2014 Friends 5K has been cancelled. We hope to see you in 2015!



destateparks.com/programs

Reservation phone number: (302) 368-6989

E-mail address: DNREC_LumsPrograms@state.de.us



*B*uilt around the largest freshwater pond in Delaware, the park features fishing, boating, sports facilities, picnic areas, hiking trails and more. Programs meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

1068 Howell School Road
Bear, DE 19701

Call the program reservation phone number to register and for more information.



Like Us! On Facebook, or sign up for our e-mailer by sending a blank email to join-de_parks_lums@lists.state.de.us to receive up-to-date information about our park!

Friends of Lums Pond, Inc.

All members of the community are invited to join the Friends of Lums Pond. Meetings are held at the Nature Center at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

Environmental Education Programs

Is your school or group looking for a fun and unique outdoor activity? Consider an Environmental Education program at Lums Pond State Park. Join our naturalist for programs like Pond Safari or Delaware Habitats to study and search the park for fascinating animals. Call (302)368-6989 for information

GROUP HAYRIDES

**Fridays, October 3, 10, 17 and 24
6 and 7 p.m.**

**Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, and
November 1**

4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

**Sundays, October 5, 12, 19 and
November 2**

4, 5 and 6 p.m.

The hay wagon is ready to roll! Book a group hayride for \$100. Price includes a 45-minute hayride and a 50-minute campfire. Parking is at the campground store. Reservations required.

Cider Hayride Sunday, October 5 4 p.m.

Roll through our beautiful park on our hay wagon, and enjoy a 50-minute campfire after the ride. We'll provide hot cider for the ride and marshmallows for the fire. Reservations required.
\$6 per person



Sunset Stables

Sunset Stables at Lums Pond offers year-round trail rides through the park. They also run on-site and off-site pony rides, riding lessons, summer camp, holiday camps and the Pony Up Program for children ages 3 to 10. Visit sunsetstable.com or call (302) 834-7588.



GREEN HOUR

**First Saturday of the Month
11 a.m.**

The National Wildlife Federation created this program to get kids outdoors and enjoying nature for at least an hour each day. This is a free one-hour program. Meet at the Nature Center unless stated. Attendees will receive a coupon for any public program at Lums Pond.

Amazing Monarchs September 6

Search for the famous migrating butterfly (at the Rec Center).

Creatures of the Night October 4

Create Halloween decorations and fly them around our park as we learn about spooky animals

Nature's Bounty November 1

Make special treats to place around the park to give thanks for the food nature provides.

Lums Pond Trail Ride: What's Out There?

**Saturday, September 27
1 p.m.**

Join our naturalist at Sunset Stables for an hour-long trail ride around the pond. Search for our favorite resident species. Must pre-register; call (302) 368-6989. Ages 10 and up. \$40 per person

BIRDING PROGRAMS

Whether you are just starting to learn or you are an experienced birder, we have a program for you. Come learn about the amazing diversity of birds just in time for fall migration.

Beginner Birders Saturday, September 20 9 a.m.

Bring the whole family on a trip to learn how to find our feathered friends. Start with the basics and how to use color, song and behavior to identify birds.
\$4 per person

Fall Birding Hike Saturday, September 27 8 a.m. - Noon

Join Bill Stewart from the American Birding Association for a hike around Lums in search of fascinating fall migrants. Learn how to identify birds without their bright spring colors.
\$6 per person

Sunset Yoga Fridays, September 12 and 26 7:30 p.m.

Looking for a breathtaking view while relaxing your mind and body with yoga? Meet at the Boat House. Space is limited and pre-registration is required; call (302) 368-6989. Don't forget your yoga mat! \$6 per person

Sunset Kayak Saturday, September 20 6:30 p.m.

Paddle into the sunset on a guided tour. Experience the change from day to night on the water. Suitable for beginner paddlers; instruction is provided. Rain date is the following day.
\$20 per person

**Adventure Race
Crazy Costume Dash**
Saturday, October 11
3 p.m. (2:30 registration)

Get in the spirit of Halloween early in the silliest 5K around. One-mile course for children and families and a 5K for all ages. Call (302) 739-9175 or visit destateparks.com/adventure-race for details.

Halloween Hoot
Saturday, October 25
2 - 7 p.m.

Halloween camping is a hoot! Bring candy for trick-or-treating and compete to win Best-Decorated Campsite! Non-campers are welcome. Games, pumpkin decorating, crafts and more are in store. Call the park office (302) 368-6989 for details. Rain date is Sunday, October 26.



Hootn' for S'mores
Saturday, November 22
6:30 p.m.

Who doesn't want to learn about and search for owls? Who doesn't like to eat s'mores by the campfire? Do both in this fun-filled evening program.
\$4 per person

Special Places for Special Occasions

Blue Ball Barn
Bellevue Hall
Cauffiel House
Mt. Pleasant Meeting House
Judge Morris Estate
(302) 761-6952

Indian River Life-Saving Station
(302) 227-6991

Killens Pond Nature Center
(302) 284-4299

Baldcypress Nature Center
Bethesda Church
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Use discount code **1450FallCamp** to save 50% off Sunday through Thursday night reservations for family camping, cabins or camping cabins at Killens Pond, Trap Pond, Lums Pond, Cape Henlopen and Delaware Seashore State Parks, September 7 through November 30.

Call 1-877-98-PARKS or visit destateparks.com/fallfoliage for information and reservations.

destateparks.com/programs

Program Reservations: (302) 875-5163



Enjoy a stay at the Trap Pond campground for a week, a weekend or just a night. Cabins, electric and water campsites, and primitive walk-in sites are available. Have your special event or celebration in The Pond View Room at the Baldcypress Nature Center. Call (302) 875-5163 or visit destateparks.com.

Trap Pond State Park
33587 Baldcypress Lane
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Park Office: (302) 875-5153
Nature Center: (302) 875-5163

Free Bike Rentals.
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★ **Venture Outdoor Fest** **Friday, September 12 – Sunday, September 14**

Meet us for a weekend of outdoor recreation, food and fun, beginning Friday night with live music in the campground. Saturday, you and your group can choose your own adventures throughout the park. Join us Saturday evening for more live music around the campfire, dinner and a beer sample from Dogfish Head Craft Brewery for those 21 and over, then catch breakfast with us Sunday morning. Activities include kayaking, canoeing and a host of outdoor recreation opportunities. For more information and to register, visit destateparks.com/vfest. \$30 per person

PONTOON BOAT ECO-TOURS

Enjoy the natural beauty of Trap Pond and learn about its inhabitants on a relaxing one-hour boat tour. Space is limited. Trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis at the boathouse. Call the Nature Center to arrange tours for large groups. \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and und

Beautiful Baldcypress **Fridays through September 26** **5 p.m.**

Discover the northern-most baldcypress swamp in the United States. Learn about the unique ecology of the baldcypress and the importance of the logging industry in Sussex County.

Park History Boat Tours **Saturdays through September 27** **10 a.m.**

Find out about the people who have made their home at Trap Pond and how this became the first state park in Delaware, all while enjoying a scenic tour of the cypress swamp.

Aquatic Mammals **Saturdays through September 27** **2 p.m.**

Discover some of the furry residents of the pond. Look for beaver, otter, muskrats and other mammals.

PRE-REGISTRATION PREMIUM PONTOON TOURS

Pre-register for the following tours by calling (302) 875-5163. Premium tours, \$12 per adult, \$6 per child.

Foliage from Afloat **October 16, 17, 21, 22, 23** **3 and 5 p.m.**

Find out about the people who have made their home here and how Trap Pond became the first state park in Delaware, all while enjoying a scenic tour of the cypress swamp.

Wildlife from the Water **Sundays through September 28** **10 a.m.**

One of the best places to see wildlife is right along the water's edge. We will explore the pond in search of animals eating and drinking, and some just wading around.

Pontoon Grab Bag **Sundays through September 28** **2 p.m.**

Learn about a different subject each week. An eclectic selection will have you wanting to attend every week.

Labor Day Pontoon Tours **Monday, September 1** **10 – 11 a.m., 2 – 3 p.m.**

Find out about the people who have made their home here and how Trap Pond became the first state park in Delaware, all while enjoying a scenic tour of the cypress swamp.

Swamp After Dark **October 28, 29, 30** **5 p.m.**

Experience the sights and sounds of the Baldcypress swamp at night.



CANOE AND KAYAK TOURS

Call (302) 875-5163 to register.

Freshwater Kayak Fishing **Saturday, September 6** **9 a.m.**

Learn tips and tricks to make kayak fishing easier and safer. One-hour workshop, followed by a short paddle to try out your skills. Valid Delaware fishing license is required. \$20 per person

Swamp Canoe Tours **Sundays, September 7 and 14** **9 a.m.**

Enjoy an easy two-hour guided canoe tour of Trap Pond. Look for Great Blue Herons, eagles and other wildlife as we paddle along the pond's edge. Basic instruction will be given at the beginning of the program. Call to pre-register. \$15 per person

Fall Wagon Rides **Saturdays, September 6 – 27** **5 p.m.** **Saturdays, November 1 – 22** **4 p.m.**

Ride to Cypress Point in our farm-wagon (straw hats and coveralls are optional)! Sign up for hayrides at the camp store at least one hour before the program. \$4 adult, \$2 child

HIKES AND GUIDED TOURS

Bird Walks

**Saturdays, September 6, October 4
8 a.m.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a leisurely walk around the picnic area and spillway and learn some basics of bird watching. Experienced birders are welcome, too. We supply binoculars and bird guides. Call the Nature Center for more information.

Three Square Meals: The CCC and Trap Pond

**Saturday, September 27
11 a.m.**

Find out how the Civilian Conservation Corps contributed to Trap Pond, Delaware and the nation. Participate in a park service project after the tour. Meet at the Nature Center.

Bethesda Church Tours

**Sundays, September 14, October 12,
November 16**

Noon

Learn the importance of small churches in our local history. Meet at the Bethesda Church for this free tour.

Stream Hike

**Saturday, October 18
11 a.m.**

Follow a tributary of the Nanticoke River on this easy hike and find out about Trap Pond's connection to the Chesapeake Bay. Meet at the Boathouse and bring shoes that can get muddy.
\$4 per person



Night Hunters Hike

**Saturday, November 22
5 p.m.**

Join us on the new moon to search for the park's "Night Hunters." Learn about the special adaptations owls use to locate their prey after dark. Bring a flashlight, warm clothes and sturdy shoes. Meet at the Nature Center.
\$5 per person

Barnes Woods Fall Hike

**Saturday November 15
10 a.m.**

Fall is an excellent time to hike Barnes Woods. Bring comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. We will travel by van to Barnes Woods in Seaford for this 2½-hour program. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the Nature Center.



TRAP POND OUTDOOR SKILLS SERIES

Select Thursdays

4 p.m.

Learn practical outdoor skills from park staff. These programs are for all ages. Call (302) 875-5163 to reserve your spot. Limited to 12 participants. All programs meet at the Nature Center. \$4 per person

Finding Your Way

November 13

Learn how to read a map and operate a compass. Then practice on an orienteering course. Dress for the weather and bring comfortable shoes. We provide maps and compasses.

Getting Out of the Woods

November 20

This program will cover basic woodcraft and safety. Learn the 10 essentials to take with you while traveling in the woods.

Trap Pond Partners Annual Meeting

**Sunday, October 19
2 p.m.**

Members and newcomers are welcome. Dress casually and meet at the Nature Center. Light refreshments will be provided. Enjoy a specially prepared program celebrating the successes of 2014 and looking toward the future.



Sneak Peak for Next Year: First Day Hike

**Thursday, January 1, 2015
10 a.m.**

Start the New Year right with a hike in your favorite state park. Mark your calendars!

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Want something less rustic? Stay in one of our cottages at the Indian River Marina in Delaware Seashore State Park.

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The Chambers House Nature Center is located on Creek Road, north of Hopkins Road. The park is open 8 a.m. to sunset, all year. Pre-registration is required.

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Autumn Family Hike

Sunday, September 27
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Fall is beginning to show her colors. Meet at Carpenter Recreation Area for a short hike and fall family craft. \$5 per family

Autumn Hayrides through White Clay Creek

Saturdays, September 27 through November 8

Sundays, September 28 through November 9
4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

Bundle up with friends and family for a 45-minute old-fashioned hayride through autumn fields, followed by an hour around a blazing campfire. Groups must pre-register. Wagon seats 25. Refreshments are not provided. Meet at 9 Foot Road Entrance. \$100 per wagon

Schaen Cider Mill Hike

Saturday, November 22
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Try your hand at apple pressing, enjoy cider and cookies, and learn about the old mill along the creek, where locals would bring apples to be pressed into cider. Meet at the Nature Center and ride to the mill. Space is limited! Pre-register by noon on November 21 to save \$1 per person. \$6 per person

New This Fall! Tai Chi in the Park at Carpenter Recreation Area

Call (302) 368-6900 for details

Nature Babies and Nature Nuggets

Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 8

Saturday Nature Babies
(12 - 36 months)
10:30 - 11 a.m.

Saturday Nature Nuggets
(3 - 5 years)
11 - 11:45 a.m.

Bring your little ones out for our favorite Nature Saturdays! Babies will have songs, books and animal topics. Nugget program includes a craft or nature activity. Parent or guardian must remain with child. Pre-registration required by noon on the Friday before the program. \$4 per child per class or \$10 per child for all three

EARTH EXPLORER HOME SCHOOL SCIENCE PROGRAMS

This popular addition to homeschooling offers innovative nature programs for children of all ages. Classes fill quickly; advanced registration is required.

Earth Explorer Open House

Thursday, September 11
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Earth Explorers

Junior Explorers (Ages 6 - 9):

12:30 - 2 p.m.

Senior Explorers (Ages 9 - 15):

2:30 - 4 p.m.

\$40 per child, per five-class session

Thursday Nature Nuggets

Ages 2 - 5

12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

\$30 per child, per five-class session.

Sessions meet on same dates as Earth Explorers. \$30 per child, per five-class session.

Session 1:

Interconnected Web of Life: Focus on Forest and Creek Ecosystems

September 18 - October 16

Session 2:

From Cider to Ceramics: White Clay's Abundant Resources

October 30 - December 6 - No Program on November 27, Thanksgiving Day





PROGRAMS AT THE JUDGE MORRIS ESTATE

Due to limited capacity, pre-payment in full is required for all Judge Morris Estate Programs.

A Mushroom Experience: Looking for Natives, Learning about Exotics

Saturday, September 13
1 p.m.

Join mushroom scientist Glenn Cote for a very special hike at Judge Morris to look for some woodland fungi. Then it's back to Judge Morris to find out about locally farmed mushrooms. Then discover how to pair specialty mushrooms and hors d'oeuvres at your next party.
\$12 per person

Mystery at the Mansion: "The Curse of Haro the Pharaoh"

Unravel the mystery surrounding the discovery of the Egyptian tomb of Haro the Pharaoh. Set in the 1920s Judge Morris Estate, the newly discovered sarcophagus is unveiled while murder and mayhem ensue. Must be 18 years or older. Murder Mystery tickets are nonrefundable.

Friday, October 24
Saturday, October 25
7 p.m.
\$20

Coffee and dessert refreshments will be served

Friday, November 14
Saturday, November 15
6 p.m.
\$42

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.;
mystery begins at 7 p.m.

Veteran's Day Apple Pie Social

Sunday, November 9
1 - 3 p.m.

Honor veterans at the park's annual Apple Pie Social. Hear firsthand what being a veteran means and how we can honor them for their service. We will be serving coffee and apple pie, courtesy of Perkins Restaurant.

Thanksgiving Apple Pie Workshop

Sunday, November 23
1 p.m.

Join us for a hands-on apple pie making workshop to simplify the holidays. Everyone will take home one handmade apple pie (with directions) to freeze or bake fresh Thanksgiving morning. Participant supply list will be provided at registration.
\$20, includes take-home pie, instruction, recipe card and coffee



PARK AFTER DARK

Pre-registration required for all *Parks After Dark* programs by calling and paying no later than noon on the Friday of the program.

Full Moon Friday Hikes

Join us each month on the Friday on or before the full moon for a lovely night hike in the park. \$5 per person

Harvest Moon Hike
September 5
7 p.m.

Owl Moon Friday
October 10
6:30 p.m.

Full Moon Friday S'mores and Cider Hayrides

November 7
Rides at 6 and 7 p.m.

Recommended for families with young children. Join us for a half-hour hayride through the fields then return to the campfire for s'mores and songs! Must pre-register. \$6 per person

Stars, Owls and Nature at Night

Saturday, November 22
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Special Girl Scout Cadettes and Seniors Program

Explore nature after dark during this enchanting evening program at the park. Girls will get to meet a real owl up close, enjoy the sunset and hear stories about the night sky at the Robinson property. In case of inclement weather, we will hold this program indoors and concentrate on nocturnal animals and stories of the sky.
\$15 per scout; two adults per troop included, additional adults pay \$15

Delaware State Parks Welcome The Friends of Old Dover As Newest Friends Organization

Long a fixture in educating visitors about Dover's historic past and a voice in historic building preservation in Kent County, the Friends of Old Dover



have agreed to add their effort and support the work of the First State Heritage Park. The Friends have as a part of their mission to educate the community and encourage public interest and involvement with Dover's historical heritage and to promote the preservation of buildings and properties of historic value and importance. It is a unique opportunity for a partnership, as both the Friends and the park share common goals in bringing history to life at the First State heritage Park in Dover! Welcome Friends of Old Dover!

To learn more about the Friends of Old Dover and how you can participate in their efforts, visit www.friendsofolddover.org

For more information on the activities and programs at the First State heritage Park visit destateparks.com/park/first-state-heritage

To learn about other Friends groups supporting Delaware State Parks, visit: destateparks.com/friends



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