

Shawnee State Park

Special Events and Programs 2020

*All programs are subject to change. Notify the naturalist if special accommodations are needed for your participation.
Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.*

First Day Hike, Jan. 1, 1PM Lodge Lobby, Begin the new year with an outdoor experience on this easy 1 mile loop trail through an oak hickory woodland setting with a naturalist. Warm up in the lodge with some hot chocolate and warm cookies in front of a fireplace afterwards surrounded by holiday cheer.

Shawnee Spring Clean Up, Mar. 23-28, Show your appreciation for the big woods by volunteering to clean up waterways, trails, roadsides and more during this weeklong clean up. Register your group at the Park Office at 740-858-6652. Bags, buckets and litter tongs available for pick up at the park during orientation and sign in.

Trout Derby, Apr. 25 at Turkey Creek Lake. 54th annual event sponsored by Portsmouth Area Jaycees and Friends of Shawnee State Park.

Mother's Day Orchid Tour, May 10, 3PM at the Shawnee Lodge Lobby. Enjoy a colorful tour of our Shawnee on foot and by car in search of Orchids and other amazing flora. Enjoy the Lodge's Mother's Day buffet from 11-3. Reservations required 740-858-6621.

Shawnee Butterfly Count, June 28, 9:30 AM. Meet at the lodge parking lot for the N. American Butterfly Assn. 26th annual count.

Adams County Prairie Tour, July 25, 9 AM. Meet at the Shawnee Lodge lobby to caravan to the area's interesting prairie habitats. Dress in layers and pack a lunch.

Those Magnificent Monarchs, Sep. 19, 2-4. Spend the day learning about monarch butterflies in the beautiful **Chaparral Prairie State Nature Preserve**. Begin indoors with an informative fun presentation on monarchs and end outdoors scanning the prairie for butterflies to catch, tag and release. Dress in layers.

Smokey Bear Fire Awareness Weekend, Oct.3, Fire safety tips and equipment demonstrations by real firefighters, along with a visit by Smokey Bear. (740) 858-6652.

Halloween Campout, Oct. 10-11. Pumpkin carving contest, trick or treat, and costume parade.

Un-haunted Forest, Oct. 17. Bring the family on this guided lantern lit walk to learn more about creatures of the night on an easy ½ mile loop trail, costumed animal characters tell their stories, marshmallow roasting and music around the campfire, birds of prey and much more.

Fall Hike, Oct. 24. Take an invigorating 5 mile walk through the park taking in both lakes in a blaze of fall color. Enjoy hayrides around the campground and fresh apple butter and cider.



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