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december parks news

Friend, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is your non-profit partner in the parks. Whether we're planning wintry hikes, encouraging families to get healthy outdoors, or helping you shop for the holidays, we're committed to making your life better through vibrant, healthy parks.

Read on for ways to get out in your parks this month!



bosses, teachers, family, and friends will love the gift of parks

Whomever you're shopping for this holiday season, give them parks! Our online gift guide makes it easy to find the right gift for someone great, all while helping your parks grow.

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frick environmental center achieves leed platinum certification

The Frick Environmental Center has earned the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum Certification. LEED, a national certification system, promotes healthy, highly efficient, and cost-saving green buildings. LEED certification is a globally recognized symbol of sustainability and Platinum Certification is the USGBC's highest level of recognition.

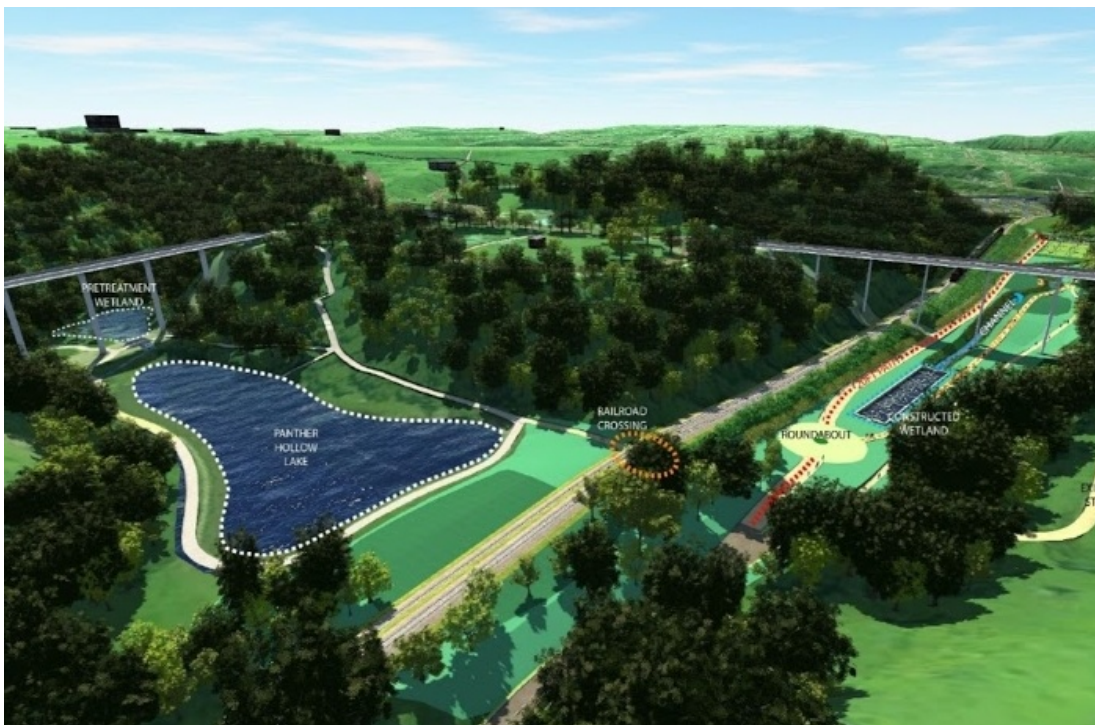
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parks rx inspires kids and families to get healthy and active outdoors

Too often we underestimate the impact that nature and play have on children’s health. In fact, studies show that one of the best ways to stay healthy is to simply step outside. Through Parks Rx, families are finding fun (and free!) ways to get active in their parks.

>> [Click here to find free Parks Rx resources.](#)



project update: schenley park and four mile run watershed

When we put out the call for Pittsburghers to weigh in on future projects in Schenley Park, hundreds of you made your voices heard. With input from so many people, we have made big strides in developing a concept plan for Schenley Park and, more broadly, the Four Mile Run Watershed.

[>> Read more about the project here.](#)

this month's featured events

Story Hike: Winter Trees | December 9

Allegheny Commons Master Action Plan Presentation | December 13

Winter Bird Count for Kids | December 16

Winter Tree Hike in McKinley Park | December 16

Hike with a Naturalist: Water Wonderland | December 17

Annual Christmas Eve Hike | December 24

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parks in the news

Kids Gobble Up Turkey Facts In Frick Park | The Allegheny Front

Ask A Naturalist: Why Do Leaves Change In Fall? | Parks Blog

Stick Up For Local Birds By Taking This One Simple Action | Parks Blog

Frick Environmental Center Achieves LEED Platinum Certification | Pittsburgh Business Times

Frick Environmental Center Earns LEED Certification | Pittsburgh Tribune Review

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