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To explore all of the events coming to your favorite parks this month, read below. Click here to explore our full events calendar.
your voice matters

On Tuesday, November 5, voters who live within the City of Pittsburgh will have the opportunity to vote in support of Pittsburgh's 165 parks. The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and the City of Pittsburgh thank you for your support of our parks systems and we look forward to what we will accomplish next -- together.

Click here to learn more →
did someone say s'mores?

If you have a sense of adventure, a love of learning, and are an expert marshmallow roaster, join us at this fun Fall event on November 2 at 7:00 p.m. We'll see a live animal presentation by Humane Animal Rescue, discover life in the woods during an explorative night hike, and take part in a community campfire, complete with s'mores and cider. This event is designed for families with children ages 10-14 years old.

Purchase tickets for Night Explorers here →
calling those 50 and older: enjoy bi-monthly guided hikes

Designed for those 50+, First Friday Nature Walks and Third Friday Fitness Hikes, made possible by the generous support of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, help to improve blood pressure, relieve stress, and indulge in the beauty of nature. Click on one of the following dates to register: November 1, November 15, December 6 (available after 11/2), December 20 (available after 11/16)
restore your balance and peace of mind with yoga

Two yoga events are coming to the Frick Environmental Center this month. Family Yoga, led by Cara Bessko, is sensory-friendly, trauma and spectrum-informed and open to individuals of all abilities and ages. Registration for this event, which takes place on November 2 from 11:00 a.m. - noon, is available here.

Another yoga session, open to individuals of all ages and abilities, will take place in the middle of the month on Sunday, November 17 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration for this event is available here.

Implement Meaningful Watershed Education in Your School!

Are you a Pennsylvania K-12 teacher passionate about bringing relevant and real watershed education into your classroom?

Learn how to implement Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs) to advance environmental literacy and stewardship while increasing standards-based student achievement! MWEEs are learner-centered experiences in which students investigate local environmental issues and complete informed action projects.

bring watershed education into your classroom

While becoming Certified MWEE Ambassadors, passionate Pennsylvanian K-12 teachers will discover partnerships with environmental education (EE) providers in their region, plan how to bring the MWEE into
their classrooms, and participate in hands-on watershed education activities. EE providers are also welcome to attend this free event.

Click here for more information →

biophilia book club returns with trace by lauret savoy

*Biophilia Book Club* will discuss *Trace: Memory, History, Race, and the American Landscape* by Lauret Savoy on Tuesday, November 12 at the Frick Environmental Center. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, for a community potluck dinner, followed by a discussion on the book.

Click here to register for this free event →
explore frick park at dark during a moonlit stroll

Enjoy a free moonlit stroll through Frick Park, led by a naturalist. This relaxing one-hour hike is designed to connect participants to the cycles in nature and the seasonal phenomena each month brings. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 12 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Click here to register for this hike →
be part of the conversation on the north promenade

Join us on Wednesday, November 13 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to discuss the redesign of the North Promenade in Allegheny Commons Park. Our discussion will begin at 6:00 p.m. Those who are interested can meet us at 4:00 p.m. at the George Washington monument for a pre-meeting site walk.

Click here to register for this public meeting →
take a hike!

Join Naturalist Educator Stephen Bucklin on Sunday, November 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for a hike and lessons about aquatic invertebrates and the relationships they have with trees. We'll spend our time turning over rocks, looking for different organisms, and discussing their adaptations. Registration is available here.

Want to get the whole family involved? Enjoy a Family Hike with a Naturalist on Saturday, November 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., designed for families with children ages 3-8. We'll explore using our natural superpowers--our five senses! Registration for this hike is available here.
gobble gobble! it's turkey time

Join us at the Frick Environmental Center on Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. to listen to *Little Tom Turkey* by Francis Bloxam. Afterward, we'll take a hike in the park to find turkey food and learn how to call for turkeys!

*Tickets go on sale today!* →
Recess: A Community Conversation

you're invited

Physical movement and the freedom to play improves children’s social, emotional, physical, and cognitive skills. Children and their parents, and community members, are invited to join the Recess Advocacy Team to discuss their school recess experiences. The event, which takes place from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7 at the Frick Environmental Center, will include conversation, playful activities, networking, dinner, and more.

Click here for more information →
keep cozy at the 2019 *pittsburgh firewalk*

*Firewalk* is a community festival centered around a fire-lit carnival in Allegheny Commons Park. Free and open to the public, the festival will feature games, vendors, storytellers, musicians, dancers, and custom-made steel fire bowls. The event will run on November 23 and November 24 from 7:00 p.m. - midnight. All are welcome!

Click here to register for this free event ➔

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