october parks news

To explore the dozens of events coming to your local parks this month, read below. Click here to explore our events calendar.
celebrate fall with guided nature hikes

You can register here for October's First Friday Nature Walk, Third Friday Fitness Hike, and Hike with a Naturalist. This month, naturalist educators will be discussing themes of Fall and showcasing all the ways in which our parks and paths change with every season. During the family-friendly Hike with a Naturalist, kids and families can participate in a leaf scavenger hunt and craft activity.

frick park after dark wraps up its first season

Thank you for the support you've shown to the Frick Park After Dark series! We're wrapping up our first FPAD season with an indoor workshop hosted by Third Day, live music by Rhythm and Steel, food from Revival Chili Food Truck, and adult beverages from Wigle Whiskey.

Purchase tickets here —
parks listening tour II: the parks plan continues

Phase Two of the Listening Tour details the plans for improved park safety, increased fair funding and access, and upgraded maintenance and facilities for all existing city parks. We invite you to join us at an upcoming meeting to hear directly from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and the City of Pittsburgh about the positive changes coming to your parks. Food and childcare are provided at select meetings, though registration is required.

Click here for more information →

family favorite bump in the night is back

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Bump in the Night is designed for children ages 3-9 and their adults. Join us at the Frick Environmental Center for a short, guided hike, learning about nocturnal animals, carving pumpkins, and more! Events will occur on October 18, 19, 25, and 26.

Click here for more information and to purchase tickets→

happy birthday, pat!

Kids' Day, presented by Macy's, concludes its season in Schenley Plaza on Sunday, October 13 from noon - 4:00 p.m. Children can enjoy free carousel rides, face-painting, balloon artists, and more. Pat, our beloved carousel operator, will also be celebrating her birthday! Join us for the celebration and be sure to tell Pat happy birthday!

Click here to register for this free event →
practice mindfulness with pay-what-you-want yoga

Did you know that practicing yoga can reduce stress, elevate moods, prevent injuries, and manage chronic conditions such as heart disease and high blood pressure? Join us at the Frick Environmental Center for a one-hour, all-ages and all-levels yoga class on Sunday, October 20.

Click here to register for this event →

pittsburgh is on the brink of a brighter future

The Pittsburgh region has officially signed a deal with the Department of Justice to once and for all clean its rivers and fix its broken sewer infrastructure. Researcher Lee Huang will present his firm’s findings on the social and economic benefits brought to the city of Philadelphia by its investment in green infrastructure, and how Pittsburgh can follow suit.
experience forest therapy in the next *restorative hike*

Beth Jones, certified nature and forest therapy guide, will lead the last Restorative Hike of the season in Frick Park on Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. Experience nature like you never have before and restore your spirit with forest therapy.

Click here to RSVP to this free event →

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introducing *one water: pittsburgh’s guide to action*

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For the past year, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy has been injecting "One Water" principles into planning efforts in Highland Park and the watershed it is part of—Negley Run. These initiatives have been made possible by the support of the JPB Foundation and a grant from the Pisces Foundation.

Interested in learning more? Click here →

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interested in being an advocate for pittsburgh's parks? apply below!

Park Champions are connectors. As a trusted source of information on your social networks and for your neighbors, you have the power to inspire others to care about our parks and to connect with those who can effect change, such as local officials and politicians.

Park Champions will engage their social networks to raise awareness of the benefits and needs of our park system, and the dedication and hard work required to improve such an excellent resource. You can apply to be a Park Champion here.

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