September 2 - CRAFTING WITH NATURE

Crafting with natural objects is a great way to learn about wildlife and appreciate its beauty. Naturalist Kate Forte will be posting a craft tutorial using resources right from nature! Soak in the last bit of summer sun while creating a unique craft that can be done with objects found right in your backyard. Craft will be posted on our Programs and Events page.

September 8, 9:00 AM - TUESDAY TALK, Long Bridge Park

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday September 11. This is one of the best times to visit Long Bridge Park to witness the beautiful spectacle of the wildflowers, wild rice ripening, and the migratory birds that are attracted to the variety of plants. Registration required online. Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.

September 9 & 23 -- SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Learn about various species that call Burlington County Parks home! Every other Wednesday, Naturalist Kate will post a new video that highlights a local animal species to better understand their behaviors, natural history and significance in the environment. The two species highlighted this month will be painted turtles and red-winged blackbirds.

September 11, 1:00 PM - FRIDAY FORUM, Long Bridge Park

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This is a repeat of Tuesday September 9. This is one of the best times to visit Long Bridge Park to witness the beautiful spectacle of the wildflowers, wild rice ripening, and the migratory birds that are attracted to the variety of plants. Registration required online. Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.

September 16 -- THE WONDERS OF WETLANDS

Why are wetlands so important? What makes an area a wetland? Are all wetlands the same? Learn the answers to these questions and more through a video featuring Naturalist Kate talking about the wetland habitats within the Burlington County Parks System.

September 18, 8:30 AM – WILDLIFE WATCH, Boundary Creek

Observe and explore the diversity of the animal kingdom in our park system. Find out where certain animals take shelter and what tools they use to do so. Grab your binoculars and cameras to see what we will find! Registration required online. Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.

September 26, 9:30 AM – Geology and botany guided paddle, Rancocas Canoe Trail Experience a guided geology and botany tour from the unique perspective of the Rancocas Creek! Led by Pierre Lacombe, retired USGS geologist, and Jen Bulava, Burlington County Park Naturalist. Pierre will discuss the geology and hydrogeology along the bank, including stream processes. Jen will point out various species of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers and any animals we happen to pass. Paddle your own kayak or canoe for 3.5 miles down the Rancocas Creek from the old Pemberton BCC campus launch to Clark's Canoes on Hanover St. in Pemberton Borough. Transportation is not provided, please make arrangements to pick up vehicles at the beginning and end of the route. Online registration is required. Strict limited number of people enforced. Masks required when gathered together.

September 28, 5:30 PM - HEALTHY HIKE, Kinkora Trail

Did you know that getting out in nature for as little as half an hour a week can help improve your overall mood as well as reduce blood pressure? Come hike along with Naturalist Kate Forte

while learning about the varying habitats within the parks. Online registration is required. Strict limited number of people enforced, and masks required.

September 29, Invasive Insects Presentation

Presented by Park Naturalist Jennifer Bulava. In this new PowerPoint presentation, learn about some of the invasive species of insects that have made their way to NJ, how to recognize them, how they got here, and what we can do to help diminish their spread. Spotted lanternfly, emerald ash borer, Japanese beetle, Hemlock wooly adelgid, gypsy moth, and brown marmorated stink bug will be highlighted. This video will be available beginning September 29 on our website. After viewing the video on your own time, join us *live on Zoom for Questions and Answers sessions on September 30 at 2:30pm or October 8 at 7:30pm*.

Registration for September 30. Registrants will receive an emailed Zoom link prior to the Q&A session.

<u>Registration for October 8</u>. Registrants will receive an emailed Zoom link prior to the Q&A session.