

Free Junior Ranger Events

(Requires separate online registration up to 2 weeks prior to the event)

Date	Time	Title	Location	Age Group	Description	Open Date for online registration
Wed June 26	10am	Wetlands	Boundary Creek	9-12	Do you know the difference between a swamp, marsh, and bog? Learn about the importance of wetland habitats as we walk to the different types & identify the species found in each.	6/12
Thurs June 27	10am	Animal Diversity	Pennington Park	5-8	Explore just how diverse the animal kingdom is with a fun game to sort out where animals live, how they move, and what they “wear.”	6/12
Sat June 29	10am	Wetlands	Boundary Creek	9-12	Do you know the difference between a swamp, marsh, and bog? Learn about the importance of wetland habitats as we walk to the different types & identify the species found in each.	6/12
Wed July 10	10am	Trees Please	Long Bridge	5-8	After acting out the life cycle of a tree, we will take a close look at trees in all parts of their life cycle, from seed to log.	6/26
Thurs July 11	10am	Tree ID	Long Bridge	9-12	Take a walk with a Naturalist and use a reference key to identify tree species using bark, leaves, and seeds.	6/26
Sat July 13	10am	Trees	Long Bridge	5-12	Take a walk with a Naturalist: Park Pals will take a close look at trees in all parts of their life cycle, & Outdoor Adventurers will use a reference key to identify tree species.	6/26
Wed July 17	10am	Nocturnal Animals	Crystal Lake	9-12	How does a bat find its prey? How far can an owl turn its head? Find out all about your favorite nocturnal animals and how they adapt to life in the dark. Participate in activities to help you understand nocturnal adaptations like echolocation.	7/3

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Thurs July 18	10am	Birds and Worms	Boundary Creek	5-8	Students will discover the value of protective coloration as they pretend to be birds in search of hidden “colored worms” in this relay-race style event.	7/3
Sat July 20	10am	Birds and Worms	Boundary Creek	5-8	Students will discover the value of protective coloration as they pretend to be birds in search of hidden “colored worms” in this relay-race style event.	7/3
Wed July 24	10am	Exploring Amico Island	Amico Island	5-8	Join Park Ranger Nick for a fun hike around Amico Island. Explore the trails looking for deer, turtles, and lots of other cool wildlife. We will stop to check out the giant boulders from the bottom of the Delaware River too!	7/10
Thurs July 25	10am	Interpretive hike	Amico Island	9-12	Join Park Naturalists Jen and Kate for an interpretive hike at Amico Island. Learn about the natural history of this man-made island, the special plants that help other plants grow, and animal-plant interactions that are unique to this park.	7/10
Sat July 27	10 am	Exploring Amico Island	Amico Island	5-12	Join Park Ranger Dave for a fun hike around Amico Island. Explore the trails looking for deer, turtles, and lots of other cool wildlife. We will stop to check out the giant boulders from the bottom of the Delaware River too!	7/10
Wed July 31	10am	Butterfly & Dragonfly walk	Smith’s Woods	9-12	Take a walk around Smith’s Woods to look for different kinds of butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies while learning about the importance of these insects in the environment.	7/17
Thurs Aug 1	10am	Butterfly life cycle	Smith’s Woods	5-8	Take a closer look at butterflies in all parts of their life cycle at the butterfly garden.	7/17

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Sat Aug 3	10am	Butterfly & Dragonfly walk	Smith's Woods	5-12	Take a walk around Smith's Woods to look for different kinds of butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies.	7/17
Wed Aug 7	10am	Seining	Smithville Lake	5-8	We will use special nets to uncover aquatic insects and other small invertebrates that are often overlooked. Wear waterproof boots. Meet at the Smithville Lake parking lot E, off River Street.	7/24
Thurs Aug 8	10am	Seining	Smithville Lake	9-12	We will use special nets to uncover aquatic insects and other small invertebrates that are often overlooked. Wear waterproof boots. Meet at the Smithville Lake parking lot E, off River Street.	7/24
Sat Aug 10	10am	Seining	Smithville Lake	5-12	We will use special nets to uncover aquatic insects and other small invertebrates that are often overlooked. Wear waterproof boots. Meet at the Smithville Lake parking lot E, off River Street.	7/24