Burlington County Parks System December 2020 Nature programs

December 1, 10:00 AM – TUESDAY TALK, Fairgrounds

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday December 4. We will look for raptors and winter sparrows. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced, and masks are required.** Register online.

December 2 & 16 - SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Learn about various species that call Burlington County Parks home! Every other Wednesday, Naturalist Kate will post a new video on our <u>Nature Programs</u> Page that highlights a local species to better understand their behaviors, natural history and/or significance in the environment. This month will focus on the red fox and species in the holly family.

December 4, 10:00 AM - FRIDAY FORUM, Fairgrounds

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December 10, 7:00 PM - NATURE TRIVIA NIGHT

NEW! Every second Thursday of the month, join us live via Zoom for trivia based on nature in the Burlington County Park System. **Registrants will receive a Zoom link prior to the event.** Register online.

December 11, 4:00 PM - NOCTURNAL NATURE, Newton's Landing Trail

Explore our parks while enjoying the sunset! Join Naturalist Kate Forte on a hike to learn about the crepuscular animals that utilize this time of the evening to hunt and gather food. See for yourself which animals are active and why. This month we will be on the prowl for some owls! **Maximum attendance limits are enforced, and masks are required.** Register online.

December 14-18 – Winter Bird Counts

Burlington County's version of the Christmas Bird Count, a scientific survey of the bird species that over-winter in the County Parks. Participants will identify species by sight and sound at specified locations within each County Park (not for beginner birders). If you would like to contribute your bird identification skills to help the Parks System with the census, please go to our Burlington County Parks website to register. Group size is limited. Exact start times will vary and are available at the time of registration. Prepare for at least 2 hours of cold and windy weather at each location. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced, and masks are required.** The schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 14: Long Bridge Park
Tuesday, December 15: Smithville Park

Wednesday, December 16: Willingboro Lakes & Laurel Run

Thursday, December 17: Pennington Park
Friday December 18: Crystal Lake Park

Monday, January 4: Boundary Creek & Rancocas Pointe Trail

Tuesday, January 5: Amico Island

December 21, 11:00 AM - WILDLIFE WATCH, Willingboro Lakes

Observe and explore the diversity of the animal kingdom in our park system. Find out where certain animals take shelter, and what tools they may use to do so. Grab your binoculars and cameras to see what we will find!

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