

**Burlington County Park System
August 2021 Nature programs**

August 2, 9:30 AM - Kayak Trip - Young Naturalist Program, Rancocas Creek

Starting at the canoe launch behind BCC, we will kayak 4 miles down the Rancocas Creek, getting a completely different perspective of nature from the water. For ages 13-17. [Registration](#) in YNP required, as well as participation in two previous YNP sessions.

August 3, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – SUMMER FROG WALK SERIES, Boundary Creek

The Summer Frog Walk Series with Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) and Burlington County Division of Parks concludes in the first week of August. Dr. Carlos Martínez Rivera, PPA's Director of Science Conservation, will lead a walk into the nearby wetlands. You will learn about the amphibians of the pinelands and why their presence is a sign of good habitat, how to identify frogs by their calls, and what PPA is doing to help save these charismatic organisms. This is an outdoor program in the summer evenings, so expect hot weather, muddy trails, and mosquitoes. Bring a flashlight with batteries, rubber boots or shoes you don't mind getting dirty and insect repellent. Series continues on August 5. In order to accommodate the most guests, please choose from EITHER Tuesday August 3 OR Thursday August 5. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register online.](#)

August 5, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – SUMMER FROG WALK SERIES, Smithville Park

The Summer Frog Walk Series with Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) and Burlington County Division of Parks concludes in the first week of August. Dr. Carlos Martínez Rivera, PPA's Director of Science Conservation, will lead walks into the nearby woods and wetlands. You will learn about the amphibians of the pinelands and why their presence is a sign of good habitat, how to identify frogs by their calls, and what PPA is doing to help save these charismatic organisms. This is an outdoor program in the summer evenings, so expect hot weather, muddy trails, and mosquitoes. Bring a flashlight with batteries, rubber boots or shoes you don't mind getting dirty and insect repellent. In order to accommodate the most guests, please choose from EITHER Tuesday August 3 OR Thursday August 5. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register online.](#)

August 9, 9:30 AM – Tying it all together - Young Naturalist Program, Amico Island

For the last session of the summer, we will use some of the skills acquired throughout the series to tie everything together for a complete outdoor experience. For ages 13-17. [Registration](#) in YNP required.

August 11 & 25 - SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Learn about various species that call Burlington County Parks home! Every other Wednesday, Naturalist Kate will post a new video on our [Nature Programs](#) Page that highlights a local species to better understand their behaviors, natural history and/or significance in the environment. This month will focus on gray tree frogs and green herons.

August 12 and August 14, 9:00 AM - Junior Ranger Sensory Walk, Boundary Creek

For the last week of the Junior Ranger Program, families can come out and do a fun sensory walk at staggered times throughout the morning from 9-12. Stations will be set up along the trail that require you to stop and use all of your senses to experience nature to its fullest. There is so much to see, smell, hear, and touch; just follow the cards at each of the stations. A naturalist will be present to get you started and to hear what you found. Sign your family up for a time interval between 9:00am and 12:00pm. Students who completed the activity packet can receive their Junior Ranger souvenir patch as well. For both levels of Jr Ranger. Register online: Choose from either [August 12](#) or [August 14](#).

August 13, 11:00 AM – RESIDENT REPTILES, Amico Island

Join Naturalist Kate Forte for a walk around Amico Island in search of reptiles that reside in Burlington County. While on the prowl, learn about the different adaptations and survival strategies reptiles have in order to survive throughout the changing seasons. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register online.](#)

August 17, 9:00 AM - TUESDAY TALK, Rancocas Pointe Trail

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday August 20. This week we will observe the interesting diversity of birds, dragonflies, butterflies, plants, and mushrooms found along this short half-mile segment of regional trail. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register online.](#)

August 20, 9:00 AM – FRIDAY FORUM, Rancocas Pointe Trail

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This is a repeat of the Tuesday August 17 program. This week we will observe the interesting diversity of birds, dragonflies, butterflies, plants, and mushrooms found along this short half-mile segment of regional trail. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register online.](#)

August 26, 10:00 AM – Secret world of plants and pollinators, online

This presentation by Naturalist Jen Bulava will focus on the incredible ways in which plants communicate with animals. Flowers are not pretty colors and pleasant smells for us - it's all about the pollinators. Discover amazing strategies of plants, and ways in which both plants and animals can help or deceive each other. Did you know that a bee's eye view is extremely different from what we see? Participants will find that taking a much closer look at flowers can open up an entire hidden world that is more complex and fascinating than one ever imagined. This live webinar is part of the NJ Pinelands Commission's Pinelands Speaker Series. All of the webinars will be livestreamed on their [You Tube channel](#), and also recorded and archived for later viewing.

August 26, 7:00 PM – NOCTURNAL NATURE, Boundary Creek

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. **Strict limited number of people enforced.** [Register online.](#)

August 31, 10:00 AM – WILDLIFE WATCH, Long Bridge

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 may find! **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register online.](#)