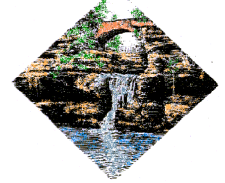


HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK

Naturalist Programs & Special Events
January 2012



HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK PRESENTS:
THE 47th ANNUAL

HOCKING HILLS WINTER HIKE

On Friday January 20 at 6 PM join the naturalist at the Ash Cave parking area for an evening stroll back to Ash Cave. We'll discover together what makes this area so unique and poke into the history that surrounds this scenic area of the Hocking Hills. *(Please, no pets at the night hike)*

Then...

Meet us at the Old Man's Cave parking area on Saturday January 21 to take the 6 mile trek from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave with a quick stop at Cedar Falls for bean soup and hot cocoa. There will be continuous starts 9 AM until 11 AM.

Monday 2

***Audubon Winter Bird Count** - Hocking Hills State Park will again be participating in this year's annual Audubon winter bird count. We will meet at the naturalist office near Old Man's Cave starting at 7 AM and divide up our area to survey. The final tally-up will be at 3:00 PM at Crane Hollow (near Conkle's Hollow). Bring a lunch and your binoculars and come dressed for the weather. Interested birders should contact the naturalist at (740) 385-8003 Ext.213 if they wish to help out.

Friday 6

10:00 AM *"RIDGETOPS & HOLLERS" - Ever wonder about the difference between a ridgetop and a 'holler'? Join the naturalist at Ash Cave parking area to find out.

Saturday 7

10:00 AM *CEDAR FALLS STROLL - Join the naturalist to explore Cedar Falls and discover the unique natural & cultural history of this area of the park.

2:00 PM HOCKING'S WILDLIFE at the CABIN - As you pass by on your hike today, stop by the Naturalist Cabin to explore and take a closer look at some of our native residents. Naturalist will be available to explain and answer questions.

Friday 13

6:00 PM *OWL PROWL - The owls of Ohio are some of the most elusive and fascinating of our Hocking residents. Join the naturalist at the Rock House shelter house for a closer look and listen to these nocturnal creatures. *(Please, no pets at the owl prowl.)*

Saturday 14

10:00 AM *THE CREATURES OF ROSE LAKE Join the naturalist at the Camp Shelter area to explore around Rose Lake in search of who might use Rose Lake as their home.

Friday 27

2:00 PM *THE WONDERS of OLD MAN'S CAVE Meet the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin for a short hike and discover some facts about the history of the area and the rock formations that are found throughout the park.

Saturday 28

10:00 AM *WINTER RAPTOR WATCH - Join the naturalist down at the Naturalist Cabin located behind the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center to discover why hawks, owls, eagles & vultures are more noticeable in the winter and what makes them so special.

2:00 PM CABIN FEVER CURES - Ever wonder what the settlers did to pass time in the winter? Join the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin to participate in some historical games & activities to help you pass the winter months.



Take this schedule with you on the next hike(*) that you attend from the regular program schedule here at Hocking Hills State Park. When you join the naturalist for a hike and get this slip signed 5 times at different hikes you will then be eligible to purchase this emblem to show how avid a hiking fan you really are. Any hike that appears on the Hocking Hills State Park program and activity schedule is eligible. Have fun and we'll see you at the next hike!

Children 16 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult at all programs unless otherwise stated.