



2021 October Programs

AT HIGH POINT STATE PARK

Storytime: Falling Leaves

Friday, October 8 – 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Join the Park Naturalist outside for some seasonal stories about falling leaves followed by a short walk to look for different leaf colors and shapes. We will meet outside the Interpretive Center. Restrooms will be available. Rain will cancel this program. Suitable for children of any age.

Fall into Autumn Bike Ride

Sunday, October 10 – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join Friends of High Point State Park volunteer Rob Oleksy on a colorful fall bike ride. Bring your own bicycle for a lovely 8-mile loop ride along Sawmill Road and Park Ridge Road with a few short stops along the way to view points of interest. Suitable for ages 14 – adult. Pre-registration and helmets are required. *For more information go to the events page at www.friendsofhighpointstatepark.org, and email Rob at rthawk@ptd.net to register.*

Sunset Foliage Walk

Sunday, October 10 – 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Join us on a 2-mile walk on grassy footpaths and the rolling terrain of Scenic Drive to enjoy the changing foliage in the warm light leading up to sunset. We'll watch the sunset from the observation platform on the Appalachian Trail, and then make our way back to our cars as the light fades. Suitable for adults and children ages ten and up. Rain will cancel this program. Meet by the restrooms at the far end of the beach parking lot.

Monday Movers: Monument Trail

Monday, Oct. 11 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join April Oleksy from the Friends of High Point State Park, for a hike on the Monument Trail. This is a moderate to difficult trail with variable rocky and steep surfaces so sturdy footwear is recommended. *For more information go to the events page at www.friendsofhighpointstatepark.org, and please call April at 862-326-1367 to register.*

Storytime: Busy Beavers

Friday, October 15 – 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Come join the Park Naturalist for some stories about beavers. Are they really busy? We'll take a short walk along Lake Marcia to see if we can find any signs of beaver activity. Meet at the picnic tables at the north end of Lake Marcia (opposite the beach). Restrooms will be available. Rain will cancel this program. Suitable for children of any age.

Peak of Fall Walk at Sawmill Lake

Saturday, Oct. 16 – 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Join us on a family-friendly 1.5 mile walk around Sawmill Lake, partly on the campsite road and partly on the trail, focusing on the changing leaves and fall colors. If it's not too windy, we'll pause along the way to try our hand at creating temporary Earth art. Meet by the Sawmill Lake Boat Launch. Suitable for adults and children ages five and up. (Younger children are welcome if they're good walkers or can be carried.)

Mountaintop Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, October 17 – 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Come to the top of the mountain to see the colorful foliage and explore some of the things that make the highest point in New Jersey special while completing a scavenger hunt. Suitable for all ages. Meet by the stairs to the Monument plaza. Rain will cancel this program.

Nature at the Beach

Saturday, October 23 – 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Now that it's too cold to swim in Lake Marcia, come explore the beach from a different perspective. Using nets, we'll see if we can find any creatures in the water and we'll also explore the plants, rocks, and trees that grow along the eastern edge of the lake. Suitable for adults and children ages five and up. You may want to wear boots if you think you're likely to get wet. Meet by swings at the beach.

Twilight Walk on the Old Trail

Saturday, October 30 – 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Join us for an easy to moderate, 1.5-mile, out and back walk on the Old Trail, originally a carriage road in the early 1900s, under darkening skies. Come experience the forest in a different light! We will not be using flashlights—you may be surprised how much you can see without one! Suitable for adults and children ages twelve and up. Meet at the Old Trail trailhead across the road from the beach parking lot. Rain will cancel this program.

