

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Fridays, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Wiggly Wanderers 9:30am \*Recurring Program\*

Wiggly Wanderers is a casual and fun program that is offered to walking toddlers, carriable babies and their caregivers. This will be a beginner's hike/wander series with not too much distance for toddlers who are ready to move and caregivers who are willing and able to baby wear and/or carry their toddler if their legs get too tired. Strollers will not work for these programs. We meet at the nature center parking lot. \$1 per child. Registration is not required for this program.

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Leave Your Leaves: The Benefits of Leaf Litter 10:00-3:00pm

Join an educator at the nature center to learn about the hidden beauty that lies beneath the leaves. We will talk about how leaving your fallen leaves in your yard, compost or gardens for the winter can benefit you and our ecosystem! For all ages, no sign ups required.

Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, Kneehigh Naturalist 10:00am

Geared toward children aged 3-8, (siblings welcome) Kneehigh Naturalist is a fun introduction to nature. We meet in the Nature Center where we begin by reading a book or two and then take a short walk together outdoors, keeping our eyes open for animal tracks, rocks, feathers, and other signs of the natural world around us. Dress for the weather. The cost is \$1 per child (cash or check) at the office upon arrival. Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> Hibernation Pop-Up: Hibernation 10:00am

Where do all our mammals go in the winter?! We will be talking about hibernation, migration, brumation, and all the different ways our animals survive our winters. This program is geared toward homeschool students ages 6-12 years old, but all are welcome. \$1 per child when you arrive (cash or check). Please register in advance by calling 518-793-0511.

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> A Toast to Compost 11:30am

Join a Nature Center educator for a lesson on the benefits of compost and how to start a low-cost compost bin at your house. Geared towards ages 10+. Program is \$5 per adult, \$1 for kids under 18 (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Winterize Your Hiking Boots 10:00-3:00pm

Drop by the Nature Center to learn how to clean, condition and store your boots for winter so that they are nice and fresh to break out next season! No registration required and no fee. For questions call the office at 518-793-0511.

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> Baker to Moreau Overlook Hike 10:00am

Join an educator on a moderate-hard 2.5 mile hike from Baker Trail to Moreau Overlook with a beautiful view of our lake from above. Please wear the appropriate attire for the weather with sunscreen, bug spray and water-resistant hiking shoes. Bring a snack and plenty of water. We will meet at the park office and caravan to the trailhead. This hike is for people 13+. The cost is \$5 for adults (cash or check). Please register in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Family Hike at Big Bend 10:00am

This is a family friendly hike in which we will attempt to do an out-and-back hike of about 2 miles at the newly opened Big Bend Preserve. This is dog friendly for leashed and well-behaved dogs as well as stroller friendly, the path is loose dirt so plan accordingly. Please dress appropriately for the weather, hiking shoes, and water. We will meet at the park office and caravan to the new trailhead. Program

is \$1 per child and \$5 per adult (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Reptile Profile 2:00pm

Join an educator in the nature center to meet our resident reptiles! We at Moreau take care of six New York native turtles and three snakes that cannot be released into the wild and are wonderful little educators. Learn about their exciting lives, what they like to eat, and what they use for shelter at the Nature Center. This program is for all ages. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children (cash or check) at the office upon arrival. Please reserve your spot 24 hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Homeschool Pop-Up: Turkeys 10:00am

Join an educator at the Nature Center to learn about the Turkeys of New York and do a fun craft for Thanksgiving. This program is geared toward homeschool students ages 6-12 years old, but all are welcome. \$1 per child when you arrive (cash or check). Please register in advance by calling 518-793-0511.

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Full Moon Hike at Big Bend 5:30pm

Join a park educator on a beginner hike at the new Big Bend Preserve. If the clouds cooperate, we'll get to enjoy the splendor of the full "Beaver" moon rising! This hike is family friendly and well-behaved dogs on a 6 foot or shorter leash are welcome. \$1 per child, \$5 per adult is payable by cash or check at the office upon your arrival. We will meet at the park office and caravan to the trailhead. To reserve your spot call 518-793-0511- the earlier the better as this is a popular program and it fills up quickly.

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 100 Tails on the Trails: Self-Guided Hike, All Day

We are encouraging people to hike our trails this Saturday to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of parks with your favorite dog, horse, cat or kid with a ponytail.

This is a self-guided hike; we will not be guiding any hikes this day. Send us your pictures on Facebook @MoreauLakeStatePark and tag #100TailsOnTheTrails. For any questions call 518-793-0511

Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> Beginner Birding at Big Bend 8:30am

Calling all beginner birders! Bring your binoculars if you have them and we will check out what birds are still hanging around this time of year at our new preserve. This will be a short start-and-stop hike. We will meet at the park office and caravan to Big Bend. Geared toward ages 13+. Program is \$5 per adult, \$1 for under 18 (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Mud Pond Hike 11:00am

Join an Educator on a beginner 2.1 mile hike from Nature Trail to Mud Pond. We might just see some beaver lodges. Please wear the appropriate attire for the weather- sunscreen, bug spray and water-resistant hiking shoes. Bring a snack and plenty of water. The cost is \$5 for adults (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Kneehigh Naturalist 10:00am

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Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Winter Birding 10:00am

Calling all beginner birders! Let's get acquainted with our winter birds! Winter is the best time to start birding as there are fewer birds to learn their calls and easier to spot against the snow and bare branches. Program is for all ages. \$5 per adult, \$1 for under 18 (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

#### Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> Beginner Birding at Big Bend 8:30am

Calling all beginner birders! Bring your binoculars if you have them and we will check out what birds are still hanging around this time of year at our new preserve. This will be a short start-and-stop hike. We will meet at the park office and caravan to Big Bend. Geared toward ages 13+. Program is \$5 per adult, \$1 for under 18 (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

#### Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> Beaver Hike

Join a park educator on a 2 mile walk around the back pond and mud pond to talk about our resident beavers and see their dwellings. Learn about their lifestyles and habitat. Wear appropriate clothing and hiking shoes. Appropriate for all ages. Program is \$5 per adult, \$1 for under 18 (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

#### Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> DIY Holiday Décor 11:30am

Come to the Nature Center to make your own holiday décor! +. Program is \$5 per adult, \$1 for under 18 (cash or check). Please reserve your spot 24-hours in advance by calling the office at 518-793-0511.

#### Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Wreath Making

The annual wreath making with the Friends of Moreau Lake State Park is finally here! There are limited spots available, but two sessions so please register on the Friends website [www.friendsofmoreaulake.org](http://www.friendsofmoreaulake.org).

