

The Natural Observer

Governor Dick Environmental Center NEWS

ADA-accessible Boardwalk



Work on the boardwalk continues despite wet weather and muddy conditions and sometimes snow and freezing temperatures. For your safety, please stay well back from the work area.



There are 45 bricks on display in the Environmental Center. Stop by to see them and be inspired to sponsor your own brick to show your support of the handicapped-accessible walkway. The deadline for sponsoring a brick is March 31, 2019. Orders for a 4" x 8" brick can be completed online at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/governordick. The cost is \$100 and all funds raised go toward the construction of the boardwalk.

Winter Update 2019

Note: The Environmental Center reopens March 2 at 10:00 a.m. and will be open weekends throughout the month of March.

Thursday Evening Extended Hours



The extended evening trail access on Thursdays continues through to and including March 14, 2019. The trails are accessible until 9:00 p.m. After March 14 we return to our regular trail hours, open from dawn to dusk. There is no after-dark parking permitted.



Image by Greg Hoover

Mark your calendar for March 30 at 1:00 p.m. Jon Schach, an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist with Good's Tree Care, Inc., will facilitate the workshop "Preparing for Spotted Lanternfly, An Environmental Threat to our Region." Learn why it is a problem and how to eradicate it on your property.

FOR THE FUTURE.....

Starting in April, we will offer Wellness Wednesday Fitness Hikes, faster-paced hikes to increase your heart and respiration rate. As part of the Better Together Lebanon County Wellness Wednesday initiative, we are promoting physical activity outdoors and encouraging people to make healthy habits a priority. To learn more about this initiative visit www.bettertogetherlebanon.com.

Volunteer Work Days will be held once per month beginning in April. Stay tuned for dates.

A variety of children's programs will begin in April and continue throughout the year.

Webelos Scouts will be able to earn two badges: April 27 – Into the Woods and May 11 – Into the Wild.

March 24, 1:30 p.m. – Golden Eagle Hikers. 2-3 miles for hikers over age 50. Conditions permitting.

March 30, 1:00 p.m. – “Preparing for Spotted Lanternfly, An Environmental Threat to our Region” workshop.

March 31, 10:00 a.m. – DVOA-sponsored Orienteering Event.

March 31, 11:00 a.m. – Beginning Orienteering Class for all ages.

***Programming subject to change. Follow our website for up-to-the-minute program details.**

THINGS TO DO



All programs are free unless stated otherwise. Meet at the Environmental Center on Pinch Rd. unless noted otherwise.

Registration is required: call 717-964-3808 or e-mail governordick@hotmail.com.

March 3, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Music by the Fireplace bluegrass jam.

March 9, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Boating Safety Course. Register by March 6. No fee. A donation will be collected.

March 20, 7:00 p.m. – Spring Equinox & Full Moon Hike. 3 miles. No fee. Donation appreciated. Flashlights will be discouraged.

March 21, 7:15 p.m. – *Monthly Board meeting.*

March 23, 1:00 p.m. – Make a Hummingbird Feeder. \$5 per person. Adults and children over age 8.



What makes the woods smell so good in early spring, somewhat spicy and rich? What you smell is a mix of gases given off by billions upon billions of microorganisms that have become newly active in the soil. We can say that the soil has come to life – and you can smell it!

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