

HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK

Naturalist Programs & Special Events December 2011



Saturday December 10 – Christmas in Ash Cave

5-7 PM

STEP AWAY FROM THE HECTIC HOLIDAY SEASON AND COME BUNDLED FOR THE WEATHER WHILE ENJOYING A LIGHTED STROLL BACK TO ASH CAVE. ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT THE CAVE WARM WITH REFRESHMENTS BY AN OPEN FIRE. LISTEN TO OUR HOLIDAY MUSIC, HAVE THE KIDS VISIT WITH AN OLD FASHION SANTA OR HELP TO DECORATE OUR CHRISTMAS TREE FOR WILDLIFE.

Friday 2

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 3

10:00 AM *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.
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 for a closer look at some of our native residents. Naturalist will be available to explain and answer questions.

Friday 16

2:00 PM *SCALAWAGS & RENEGADES – The Ohio Frontier was full of heroes and shady characters. Meet at the Shelter House at the Rock House to hike and explore our local history.

Saturday 17

9:00 AM *TRAIL TROLLS PROJECT DAY- We will meet at the Naturalist Cabin behind the visitor center at Old Man's Cave. Bring a sack lunch and a drink and dress for the weather. For more information about the Trail Trolls or to sign up contact the naturalist office at (740) 385-8003 ext. 213.

Friday 23

7:00 PM *HISTORIC LANTERN TOUR of ASH CAVE - The mystery of Ash Cave is special as far back as the last Ice Age and beyond. Join the naturalist in the parking lot area to explore Ash Cave by lantern light and learn this special history first hand. We supply the lights...you supply the imagination. (Please no pets at the lantern tour)

Friday 30

2:00 PM *CEDAR FALLS STROLL - Join the naturalist to explore Cedar Falls while we discover the unique natural & cultural history of this area of the park.

Saturday 31

9:00 AM *HIDDEN HOCKING: BROKEN ROCK FALLS - Come and see something off the beaten path. Join us for a hike through Old Man's Cave to the little visited Broken Rock Falls and see what makes this place so special. Meet the naturalist at the Naturalist Cabin.

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

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!