

## Volunteer Opportunities

Raven Run is looking for volunteers! We have open volunteer hours on the first Saturday of most months beginning at 10 a.m. where we work on invasive species control, trail maintenance and more. Contact the Park for more details or if you'd like to know about additional volunteer opportunities.

## Evening with the Experts

Our Evening with the Experts program occurs on the third Tuesday of most spring and summer months. Enjoy light snacks, a talk and walk with experts on subjects like gardening, wildlife, outdoor hobbies and more! Contact the Park for more information on upcoming dates and subjects.

## Stay in touch!

Join our Facebook group:



Facebook Group

<https://tinyurl.com/swj7gjl>

Learn more at the Friends of Raven Run website:



Friends of Raven Run

[www.ravenrun.org](http://www.ravenrun.org)

**Raven Run** is a 734-acre nature sanctuary dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of the Kentucky River Palisades and early Kentucky history. Over 10 miles of hiking trails provide access to streams, meadows and woodlands characteristic of the Bluegrass. Numerous 19<sup>th</sup> century remnants of early settlers, as well as over 600 species of plants and 200 species of birds, allow visitors to become acquainted with and appreciate the natural world.

We hope that you enjoy your visit to Raven Run. For your safety and enjoyment, these rules have been established:

- Please register at the Nature Center
- No hiking off trails
- No pets
- No alcohol
- No bicycles
- No camping
- No fires
- No collection, defacement or destruction of anything living or non-living in the sanctuary
- No wading or hiking in the creeks
- No picnicking, except in designated areas
- You must wear shoes
- You must be off the trails 30 minutes before the sanctuary closes
- Being in the sanctuary after hours will result in a citation for trespassing

## Hours of Operation

**November – March**  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Trails close at 4:30 p.m.

**April and October**  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Trails close at 5:30 p.m.

**May and September**  
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Trails close at 6:30 p.m.

**June, July and August**  
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Trails close at 7:30 p.m.

**Closed on:**  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
The day after Christmas

**You must be off the trails 30 minutes before the sanctuary closes. Being in the sanctuary after hours will result in a citation for trespassing.**

**For more information or to pre-register for a program, call the Park at (859) 272-6105.**



**2020**

# Program Calendar

**3885 Raven Run Way  
Lexington, KY 40515  
(859) 272-6105**

[www.lexingtonky.gov](http://www.lexingtonky.gov)



**LEXINGTON**  
*Parks & Recreation*

## January

**1<sup>st</sup> – First Hike of the New Year – 1 p.m.**

Start the New Year off right by joining us at Raven Run for an hour-long hike.

**25<sup>th</sup> – Owl Prowl – 6 p.m.**

Learn about our owl species before taking an evening walk to look and listen for them in the wild.

## February

**1<sup>st</sup> – Owl Prowl – 6 p.m.**

**8<sup>th</sup> – Salamander Search – 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.**

Learn about Raven Run's amazing salamanders!

**15<sup>th</sup> – Salamander Search – 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.**

## March

**7<sup>th</sup> – Woodcock Watch – 6 p.m.**

The American Woodcock is one of the first migratory birds to return in the spring. Join us on a twilight walk to search for this mysterious bird.

**20<sup>th</sup> – Woodcock Watch – 7 p.m.**

**21<sup>st</sup> – Stargazing – 8 p.m.**

View the night sky with the Bluegrass Amateur Astronomy Club.

**28<sup>th</sup> – Earth Hour/Quiet Hour – 7:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Hour with a quiet evening walk through the park to look and listen for signs of spring.

**30<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break: Wonderful Wildlife – 10 a.m.**

Join us to learn about the wonderful wildlife that calls our park home! K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**31<sup>st</sup> – Spring Break: Macro Madness – 1 p.m.**

Did you know many of our insects begin life in the water? Join us to learn more! K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## April

**1<sup>st</sup> – Spring Break: Birds, Birds, Birds – 10 a.m.**

Learn all about our amazing birds! K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Spring Break: Nature Notes – 10 a.m.**

Learn how to document the natural world through writing, drawing, arts and crafts. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**18<sup>th</sup> – Stargazing – 8:30 p.m.**

**19<sup>th</sup> – The Great Raven Run Garlic Mustard Removal – 1 p.m.**

Garlic mustard is a serious invasive plant issue in our forests. Join us this Earth Month to fight back!

**25<sup>th</sup> – Earth Month BioBlitz! – 1 p.m.**

Learn about the citizen science app iNaturalist, then join park staff in the field to help us document our flora and fauna.

## May

**9<sup>th</sup> – Introduction to Birding – 8 a.m.**

Learn tips and tricks for beginning birders during a leisurely hike through the park.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Little Explorers: All About Birds – 10 a.m.**

Learn all about our amazing birds! K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Stargazing – 8:30 p.m.**

## June

**13<sup>th</sup> – Twilight Trek – 9 p.m.**

Join us on an evening walk to learn about nocturnal animals and the adaptations that help them survive.

**20<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers: Wonderful Water – 10 a.m.**

Join us to learn about the wonderful world of water and the creatures that live in it! K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**20<sup>th</sup> – Stargazing – 9 p.m.**

## July

**11<sup>th</sup> – Twilight Trek – 9 p.m.**

**18<sup>th</sup> – Stargazing – 9 p.m.**

**25<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers: Insect Search – 10 a.m.**

Learn all about the incredible insects of Raven Run and then create an insect-themed craft. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## August

**8<sup>th</sup> – Perseids Meteor Shower Watch – 9 p.m.**

Come catch a glimpse of the Perseids meteor shower.

**15<sup>th</sup> – Stargazing – 8 p.m.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – Little Explorers: Butterflies – 10 a.m.**

Come learn about and observe native butterflies at the park. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## September

**5<sup>th</sup> – Butterflies of Raven Run – 1 p.m.**

Learn about the life cycle of butterflies as well as "on the wing" identification of common butterflies at Raven Run.

**19<sup>th</sup> – Stargazing – 7:30 p.m.**

**26<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers: Tracking Animals – 10 a.m.**

Join us on a hike to sharpen your wildlife detective skills, then return to the nature center to make a track-themed craft. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## October

**4<sup>th</sup> – The Raven 10K and The Robin 5K Trail Run – 10 a.m.**

Visit [www.ravenrun.org](http://www.ravenrun.org) for more information regarding this annual race event.

**10<sup>th</sup> – History and Mysteries – 7 p.m.**

Get in the autumn spirit with an evening walk through Raven Run. Along the way you'll learn about some of our fascinating and mysterious history.

**17<sup>th</sup> – Stargazing – 7 p.m.**

**24<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers: Raven Run Mysteries – 10 a.m.**

Explore the mysterious side of the park! K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## November

**26<sup>th</sup> – Closed – Thanksgiving**

**28<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers: Getting Ready for Winter – 10 a.m.**

Learn all about how the forest prepares for winter. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## December

**12<sup>th</sup> – Winter Birding – 10 a.m.**

Join us on a hike to search out the overwintering and resident birds of Raven Run.

**19<sup>th</sup> – Winter Wildlife Holiday Celebration – 10 a.m.**

Celebrate the holidays with us by decorating a tree with treats for our woodland friends. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Closed – Holidays**

**All programs require pre-registration and are weather dependent.  
Please call the Park at (859) 272-6105 prior to attending.**