

## **Raven Run Calendar of Events 2018**

### January

January 1<sup>st</sup> – First Hike of the New Year - 1pm

Start the New Year off right by joining us at Raven Run for the first hike of the year. Be sure to bring binoculars and camera in case we encounter any wildlife on this hour long hike. This program is weather dependent so call the park (859) 272-6105 before you head to the program.

January 6<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Day at Raven Run – 10am

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January 27<sup>th</sup> – Owl Prowl - 6pm

Raven Run is home to several different owl species including the screech owl, great horned owl and barred owl. Join us just before sunset as we hike around the park looking and listening for these nighttime birds. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes for this 1 – 1 ½ hour hike. Bring binoculars and flashlight or head lamps. This program is weather dependent so call the park (859) 272-6105 before you head to the program.

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Raven Run is home to several different salamanders. During late winter is a great time to try to find the stream-side salamander in the creeks at the park. Join us as we walk Raven Run creek in search of the stream-side salamander. Be sure to wear waterproof boots for this 1 ½ hour program/hike. This program is weather dependent so call the park (859) 272-6105 before you head to the program.

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### March

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Woodcock Watch 6:00pm

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#### April

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spring Break “Wonderful Wildlife” - 10am – 12pm

Get out and enjoy nature while learning about our local wildlife during spring break. This program is designed for youth Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Participants will get the opportunity to take an educational hike looking for and learning about our local wildlife. Following the hike the participants will get to make a wildlife related craft. Please call ahead to register for this program 859-272-6105.

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break “Birds, Birds, Birds” - 10am – 12pm

Get out and enjoy nature while learning about our fine feathered friends during spring break. This program is designed for youth Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Participants will learn what makes a bird a bird, get the opportunity to take an educational hike looking for and learning about our local birds. Following the hike the participants will get to make a bird related craft to take home. Raven Run has binoculars for participants to use during the program. Please call ahead to register for this program 859-272-6105.

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break “Creek Creatures” 10am – 12pm

Get out and enjoy nature while learning about the critters living in our creeks during spring break. This program is designed for youth Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Participants will learn about our creek dwellers, get the opportunity to take an educational hike looking for and learning about creek critters. Following the hike the participants will get to make a water-critter related craft to take home. Wear rubber boots if you have them but if not Raven Run has some for participants to borrow. Please call ahead to register for this program 859-272-6105.

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April 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring Wildflowers - 1pm

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May 12<sup>th</sup> – Birds of the Bluegrass - 8am

Our morning bird walk offers visitors the opportunity to see and hear dozens of migrating bird species as they travel across Kentucky. Binoculars are available on request to help you learn how to identify birds “on the wing”. Identification of birds by their spring songs is also presented. Please call ahead to register for this hour-and-a-half program at 859-272-6105. This program is weather dependent so call the park (859) 272-6105 before you head to the program.

May 12 – Stargazing – 8:30pm

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May 26<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers “Birds” - 10am

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June 9 – Stargazing – 9pm

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June 16<sup>th</sup> – Creatures of the Night -9:00pm

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June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Little Explorers "Wildlife" - 10am

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July 28<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers “Insect Search” - 10am

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August 4<sup>th</sup> – Perseids Meteor Shower Watch- 9-11pm

Join us for dark skies on a high hill for great views of the heavens as we watch for a large number of meteors as they appear from the constellation Perseus. During some viewings 50-60 meteors can be seen per hour, although this can be greatly influenced by atmospheric conditions. Bring a blanket or chair and join us as we watch the skies. A short walk up a hill is required to reach the viewing area and this program is weather dependent so call the park (859) 272-6105 before you head to the program.

August 11 - Stargazing – 8:30pm

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August 25<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers "Butterflies" - 10am

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## September

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September 8<sup>th</sup> – Butterflies of Raven Run - 1pm

The warm end of summer provides the perfect time to explore our flower-filled meadows for the incredible diversity of butterflies that can be seen at Raven Run. Fifty-seven species (and still counting) have been seen at the park, and we usually see dozens of types on each trip. Learn to identify most of our common butterflies on the wing. Please call ahead to register for this program 859-272-6105. This program is weather dependent so call the park before you head to the program.

September 8 – Stargazing – 8pm

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October 6 – Stargazing – 7pm

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October 7<sup>th</sup> – The Raven 10K Trail Run – 10am

The 10K Trail Run provides runners a challenging variety of elevation changes as well as the unique experience of wildlife within the reach of runners. Runners will have to contend with grassy meadows, hard-packed dirt, and natural trails consisting of mud, rocks, roots, ruts, wet leaves and very narrow stretches. Proceeds from the race will go towards a transportation scholarship to be used by city schools to offset the costs of transporting students to the park for educational programs. As this is a nature sanctuary no pets will be allowed on the run. More information will be posted in 2018.

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Fall Wildflowers - 1pm

During the later months of the year, our meadows are filled with the colors of fall wildflowers. Learn to identify dozens of species and also how to plant and maintain many of these native species in your own gardens. Our warm fall season also allows these flowers to house an incredible number of butterflies and other pollinators that visitors can also observe. Please call ahead to register for this program 859-272-6105. This program is weather dependent so call the park before you head to the program.

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November 10<sup>th</sup> – Bluegrass History 1pm

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary contains the remnants of several 19<sup>th</sup> century dwellings and worksites that have been excavated by professional archeologists. Our history program allows visitors to examine the tools, coins and other objects found during these digs in our nature center before being lead on a hike to explore the actual historical sites. Farmsteads, graveyards and other evidence of land use over the last 200 years are preserved in our park for visitors to gain a look into Kentucky's past. Recent information on Native American habitation of this area is also presented. Please call ahead to register for this program 859-272-6105. This program is weather dependent so call the park before you head to the program.

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November 24<sup>th</sup> – Little Explorers: History Detectives – 10am

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December 8<sup>th</sup> – Winter Birding – 10am

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December 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Christmas

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