

Pre-registration required & children must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise noted

NATURE PROGRAMS (children must be accompanied by an adult)

URANUS – THE NON-VISIBLE PLANET

Friday, January 27 (rain date Saturday, 1/28), 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Hoffman Park, ages 10 to adult, \$3, guest Astronomers Wayne Petko & John Andrews.



Uranus was the first modern planet to be discovered in 1781. It is not possible to see this planet with the naked eye. Let John and Wayne, use their equipment and show you this hidden wonder in the nighttime sky. Once we finish observing

Uranus, we will move on to other seasonal wonders in this winter sky such as the Andromeda Galaxy and the Orion Nebula. Please note that we are firm on ages 10 and up accompanied by an adult.

MAPLE TREE TAPPING

Saturday, January 28, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Echo Hill - playground, ages 5 through adult, \$3 per person

Have you come to our Maple Sugaring program in March and wondered how exactly we tap the trees, or where the Echo Hill sugar bush is? Well, here's your chance to find out! We will meet at the playground and walk to the sugar bush (about five to ten minutes). Then, Park Naturalist Laura Kroon Bush will demonstrate how to tap a maple tree and participants will collectively tap about 30 trees!

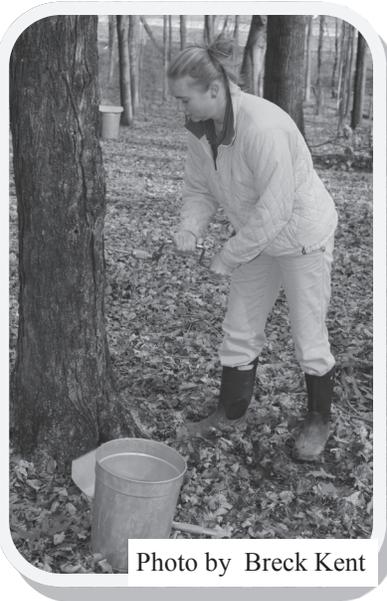


Photo by Breck Kent

We will tap about 30 maple trees this January.

OWLS FOR EVERYONE

Thursday, February 16 , 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Echo Hill, all ages, \$3

Winter is the time to think about owls. Come learn about owls and owl ecology of the County with Chief Naturalist, Tom Sheppard. Along with the slide presentation, visual and auditory activities will be used to get participants involved in the program. Afterwards, we will venture outdoors to listen and attempt to call an owl in the woods surrounding Echo Hill.



LATE WINTER WALK

Saturday, February 18, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Arboretum, ages 5 through adult, \$3 per person
Visit the Arboretum and see some early spring flowers! What??? In February? That's right; we will seek out the earliest of the spring bloomers, including the unusual skunk cabbage flowers in our wetland and the witch hazel shrubs in our forest. Learn about the special adaptations these flowers have to bloom this early. In addition, we will look for other winter phenomenon like winter birds, animal tracks, and dried seed heads of fall flowers. Meet Park Naturalist Laura Kroon Bush at the garden gate.

MAPLE SAP COLLECTION

Saturday, February 18, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Echo Hill - playground, ages 5 through adult, \$3 per person
Collecting the sap is a crucial step of the maple sugaring process! Many methods are used on commercial farms, but the basic idea is the same—moving the sap from the maple trees to the stove. Come participate in the process at Echo Hill! We will meet at the playground and then walk to the sugar bush (five to ten minutes). This program will also be available to groups during weekdays in February—please call us to schedule a group.

Help us collect sap from our maple trees to get ready for maple sugaring!



SAVE THE DATE...

MAPLE SUGARING LIVING HISTORY TOURS

Dates for groups: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 1, 2, and 3, 2017
Public Open House: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Natural maple syrup is made from the sap of maple trees in the springtime, join us and learn all about the process... and have a taste!

