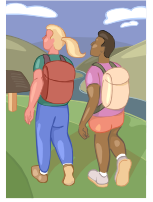




Blue Marsh Lake Program Schedule



October

Date and Time	Event	Location
10/5 Sat, 10:00 AM	Family Fun Day - Take Your Kid Mountain Biking Day	Church Road Access
10/12 Sat, 10:00 AM	Hike with a Ranger	Visitor Center
10/16 Wed, 10:00 AM	Wee Ones Fall Fun	Lakeview Pavilion Dry Brooks Day Use Area
10/16 Wed, 1:00 PM	Bird Walk	Visitor Center
10/17 Thu, 1:00 PM	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
10/22 Tue, 9:30 AM	Weather Watchers Home School Field Day	Conference Center

November

Date and Time	Event	Location
11/2 Sat, 1:00 PM	Family Fun Day Turkey Trot	Dry Brooks Day Use Area
11/13 Wed, 1:00 PM	Bird Walk	Visitor Center
11/14 Thu, 10:00 AM	Control Tower Tour	Visitor Center
11/16 Sat, 10:00 AM	Hike with a Ranger	Visitor Center

December

Date and Time	Event	Location
12/7 Sat, 10:00 AM	Family Fun Day Nature's Decorations	Conference Center
12/11 Wed, 1:00 PM	Bird Walk	Visitor Center
12/21 Sat, 10:00 AM	Hike with a Ranger	Visitor Center

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Family Fun Day Take your Kid Mountain Biking Day, Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am, Church Road Access:

Bring your children along for a fun filled family day of mountain biking! You can help pass your passion for pedaling on to those that matter the most: your kids. Take part in this internationally recognized outdoor event sponsored by the Berks Area Mountain Biking Association and enjoy all that nature has to offer. We will be mountain biking on the easier trail sections in and around Blue Marsh Lake. Bring your mountain bike, helmet and water.

Hike with a Ranger, Fall Series, Saturday, Oct. 12, Nov. 16 & Dec. 21, 10:00 am, Visitor Center: Join the ranger staff on a monthly hike along the trail system at Blue Marsh Lake. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water to drink. All hikes will start at 10:00 a.m. The hike on September 14 will be approximately seven miles in length. The remainder of the hikes in the fall will be 1-3 miles in length, and will occur in “No Hunting” areas.

Wee Ones Fall Fun, Wednesday, October 16, 10:00 am, Lakeview Pavilion, Dry Brooks Day Use Area: The fall season is a great time to get outdoors and move – and that is what we are going to do on this Wednesday morning. Our group will meet at the Lakeview Pavilion in the Dry Brooks Day Use Area. There will be a variety of activities for the kids, including a game or two. They will also have to search for some things that those sneaky rangers hid earlier in the morning! Join us for some fall fun on this fun October day.

Bird Walks, Wednesday, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11, 1:00 pm, Visitor Center: Join birding expert and naturalist Joan Silagy as she guides you along trails and roadways in search of a variety of birds. Walking should be easy with few hills. Bring along your binoculars.

Control Tower Tours, Thursday, Oct. 17, 1:00 pm & Thursday, Nov. 14, 10:00 am, Visitor Center: Participants get a “behind-the-scenes” look at how the dam functions. Not only will you be out on the dam, but you will also be going inside the control tower. Be prepared to go down and up numerous steps. For those of you who cannot handle the steps you can go as far as the control room (about 10 steps).

Get Outdoors Weather Watchers Home School Field Day, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 9:30 am, Conference Center:

Attention all Home School parents and students, join Volunteer Audrey Wells for a fun and educational morning of activities relating to the weather. You will have the opportunity to take part in experiments on hot and cold air, observe and learn about clouds, take part in a sun scavenger hunt and learn how the weather can affect plants and animals. No materials necessary.

Family Fun Day Turkey Trot, Saturday, November 2, 1:00 pm, Dry Brooks Day Use Area: Do turkeys trot? Will white-tailed deer swim? Join us and we will answer these and other questions as we take a walk through the Dry Brooks Day Use Area. Since winter is approaching we will also take a look at how both the animals and the staff at Blue Marsh Lake prepare for the snow and ice.

Family Fun Day Natures Crafts, Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am, Conference Center: A variety of natural materials can be used to make creative decorations. Wreaths, bird feeders, and decorations for trees are some of the ornaments we might create at this workshop. Join us for this fun and creative session. All materials will be supplied.