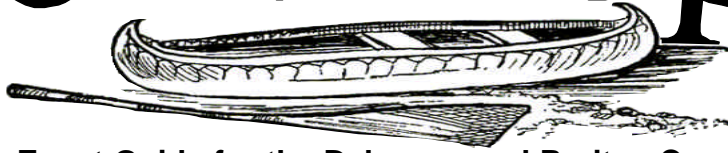


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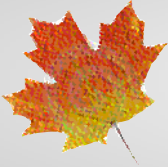
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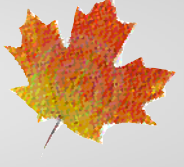
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FREE FALL 2010 PROGRAMS AT THE D & R CANAL STATE PARK



Programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather, low registration or illness. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS unless otherwise noted.** Call the Park Office at 609-924-5705 (*Kingston Office*) to register or do so online. Visit www.dandrcanal.com/programs.html for further details and check back often for program updates, cancellation notifications and/or additions.



All programs are FREE unless otherwise specified!

Sept. 4: Walk the Path in Lawrence Township: Enjoy a morning walk along the canal with the D&R's historian and visit two historic homes along the way - *The Port Mercer Canal House* & the *18th Century Brearley House*. Participants will meet at the Port Mercer Canal House in Lawrence Township (*4278 Quakerbridge Rd.*) at **9:30 a.m.** for an introduction about the history of the D&R Canal. We'll then walk along the towpath to the Brearley House where the group will be treated to a tour of this restored 18th century home. Come join us for this 2.5 mile round trip walk back in time. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**

Sept. 4: History Bike Tour: Enjoy a leisurely morning bike ride along the historic towpath with canal enthusiast Bob Barth. The group will stop at historic villages and canal structures, such as locks and bridges, and talk about why the D&R was one of the most successful canals in the United States. **Interested participants are required to bring their own bicycle, helmet, snack and water. Please meet at the Griggstown Causeway parking area (in Franklin Township) at 10:00 am.** This 3-hour ride is sponsored by the D&R Canal Watch. For further information please contact Bob Barth at 201-401-3121.

Sept. 11: Family Nature Outing: Enjoy a fall day with your family at Bulls Island Recreational Area. Families will meet at the Bulls Island campground located at 2185 Daniel Bray Highway (Route 29) at **10:00 am** and then head off for a 3-mile guided hike along Delaware Township's newly created **White Oak** and **Mimi's** trails. Families who prefer to bike along the D&R Canal path, will be provided with park maps and mileage information. At noon, participants are invited to meet at the campground to enjoy a picnic lunch (**not provided**). The park will supply the s'mores over a campfire. Families are also encouraged to bring fishing poles to try their luck in fishing in the canal and/or the Delaware River. Children under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license. The park will supply a limited amount of bait to participants and a few poles that can be lent out. This program is suited for children ages 6 & up.



Sept. 11 & 12: Autumn House Tour at the Blackwells Mills Canal House: Enjoy the start of the fall season and experience the charm of the bridge tenders homestead at the historic canal house located at the intersection of Canal and Blackwells Mills roads in Somerset (Franklin Township).. Learn about the lives and customs of the families who lived along the canal when it was in operation and see an exhibit of early lighting. **Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm; Sunday, 12 - 4 pm. Registration is NOT required & admission is FREE!**

Sept. 25: Walk the Path to Rockingham: Enjoy the fall season, and mark National Public Lands Day, with a morning walk along the canal to historic Rockingham! In addition to receiving an introduction to the story of the D&R from the park historian, participants will visit two historic homes along the way - *The Kingston Canal House* and 18th century *Rockingham*. Attendees are asked to meet at the Kingston Canal House located off Route 27 (*approximately 4 miles north of Princeton*) at **9:30 am** for a brief talk about the history of the D&R Canal. The group will then walk along the canal to Rockingham where they will be treated to a tour of the restored 1783 headquarters of George Washington. Wear comfortable hiking shoes and join us for this 2.5-mile round trip walk. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**



Sept. 26: Afternoon Tea at the Port Mercer Canal House: Join members of the Lawrence Historical Society at the historic *Port Mercer Canal House* (*4278 Quaker Road ~ behind the Mercer Mall*) from **3:00 - 5:00 pm** for an afternoon open house and 19th century-style tea along the canal on the patio of the former bridge tender's residence. For further details please call The Lawrence Historical Society at (609) 896-0782 or visit www.thelhs.org. **Registration is NOT required and admission is FREE!**



Oct. 9: Project Learning Tree Workshop: Come take part in a PLT workshop at the D&R Canal State Park office in Kingston located at 145 Mapleton Road. PLT is an award-winning, broad-based environmental education program for educators and students in PreK-grade 8. The goal is the help students learn **HOW to think, not WHAT to think about the environment.** PLT materials bring the environment into the classroom and students into the environment. The program covers topics ranging from forests, wildlife and water, to community planning, waste management and energy. This workshop is geared toward formal and non-formal educators including scout leaders, teachers, naturalists and all environmental educators. **Teachers will receive 5 CEU's upon completion of the workshop.** This full day program will be held from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Please contact Stephanie Fox to register and/or receive further information (609-924-5705). Light refreshments will be served in the morning but **participants are responsible for lunch.** Please come prepared to spend time outdoors.



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2010

~ MORE FREE FALL 2010 PROGRAMS ~

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2010

- Oct. 9:** **Fall Frolic for Children at the Blackwells Mills Canal House:** Come to the historic canal house for an afternoon of fun! There will be games to play and Halloween pumpkins to paint and "Unbei" the Canal House Magician will be there to perform magic just for you. This family friendly event will be held at the Blackwells Mills Canal House located on the corner of Blackwells Mills and Canal Road in Franklin Township between 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Registration is NOT required and admission is FREE!
- Oct. 23:** **Fall Foliage Walk From Nursery to Canal:** Enjoy a fall foliage walk with the D&R's historian and naturalist leading from the main office at Kingston to the canal towpath, the Kingston Canal House and Carnegie Lake. Participants will meet at the Kingston office located at 145 Mapleton Road at 10:00 am for a leisurely 3-mile round trip walk. The group will proceed from the office through a portion of the Mapleton Preserve toward the canal towpath, the Kingston Canal House and beyond before turning back. Dress for the weather and enjoy the fall colors while learning a bit about the historic and natural resources of the park! **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**
- Oct. 24:** **Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal:** Join the Sierra Club for a Sunday morning paddle from Bulls Island to Lambertville (Hunterdon/Mercer Co) at 10 am. This is the first of 5 fall paddles along the D&R Canal. This first 8-mile leg will start at Bulls Island and end at Firemen's Eddy. There are 2 portages so bring portage wheels if you have them. Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and/or lunch and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Contact George & Leona Fluck at 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS**
- Oct. 31:** **Halloween Canoe/Kayak Trip on the D&R Canal:** Wear your Halloween outfit and join the Sierra Club at 9 am for a fun morning paddle on the D&R Canal. The 10-mile trip will begin at Firemen's Eddy and end at Lower Ferry Rd (Ewing Township). The group will break for lunch at Washington Crossing - bring a lunch and beverage. There are 2 portages so bring portage wheels if you have them. Bring your own boat - rentals are not available. Contact George & Leona Fluck at 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**
- Nov. 6:** **Walk the Path in Lawrence Township:** Enjoy a morning walk along the canal with the D&R's historian and visit two historic homes along the way - *The Port Mercer Canal House* and the *18th-century Brearley House*. Participants will meet at the Port Mercer Canal House in Lawrence Township (4278 Quakerbridge Rd.) at 9:30 a.m. for an introduction about the history of the D&R Canal. We'll then walk along the towpath to the Brearley House where the group will be treated to a tour of this restored 18th-century home. Come join us for this 2.5 mile round trip walk back in time. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**
- Nov. 7:** **Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal:** Join the Sierra Club for their third D&R Canal trip. This Lawrence Township paddle will start at 9 am. The group will meet at Cherry Tree Lane and then travel 12 miles to Kingston - no portages on this trip! Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and/or lunch and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. Contact George & Leona Fluck at 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**
- Nov. 13 & 14:** **Art Exhibit & Sale at the Blackwells Mills Canal House:** Landmarks and scenery of the area will be displayed the historic canal house on the corner of Blackwells Mills and Canal Road in the Franklin Township. Paintings by artist Barbara Della Peruta and artwork from the collection of Biff Heins. **Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday, 11 - 4 pm.** **Registration is NOT required and admission is FREE!**
- Nov. 13:** **Explore Your Roots:** Kids, bring your parents and be prepared to explore your heritage by creating a family tree with the park historian. Soon families will be gathering for this year's Thanksgiving meal so this is the perfect time to dig up your roots, get your questions ready and prepare to explore your own history. Together we will learn about family trees and begin the process of growing our own! **This 10 am program will be held at the D & R Canal State Park's Kingston Office located at 145 Mapleton Road.** **Space is limited so register early! Suitable for children 8 - 12 years old.**
- Nov. 13:** **Kingston Loop Trail:** Join the naturalist of Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in a loop walk that leads through the historic D&R Canal State Park, Mapleton Preserve (former site of Princeton Nurseries), Cook Natural Area, Middlesex County Open Space Park and the Heathcote Meadow Preserve. This hike is approximately 3.5 miles along mostly flat, dirt/gravel pathways. The program will start at 10:00 am. Participants will meet at the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park's Kingston Office located at 145 Mapleton Road. All ages are welcome. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**
- Nov. 14:** **Lawrence History Photo Scanning Day:** Come to the Lawrence Library at 2751 Brunswick Pike in Lawrence Township from 2:00 - 4:00 pm to meet Gary Saretzky, an expert photographer and professional archivist, who will be discussing ways to preserve your family and historical photographs. The Lawrence Historical Society also invites you to share your photos of life in Lawrence. All eras of Lawrence history, including both people and places, are of interest. Bring your photos; we'll scan them for you and provide you with a CD of the files to take home. If you have a large collection, please contact the LHS in advance at webmaster@thelhs.org or call 609-895-1728.
- Nov. 14:** **Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal:** This 11-mile paddle from Kingston to Amwell Road will begin at 9 am - this is the 4th Sierra Club fall paddle this season. There is one canal lock portage so bring portage wheels if you have them. The group will meet in Kingston directly off Route 27. Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and/or lunch and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Contact George & Leona Fluck at 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**
- Nov. 20:** **Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal:** This is the last of the fall Sierra Club paddles along the D&R. This 9-mile trip will be from Amwell Road to Demott Lane and begins at 10 am. There are 3 canal lock portages so bring portage wheels if you have them. Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and/or lunch and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Dinner option at Pooja's in Somerset. Contact George & Leona Fluck at 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**
- Nov. 20:** **Full Moon Hike:** Enjoy a late afternoon walk through the Bulls Island natural area as the full moon rises. Listen for the sounds of nocturnal life and the lapping of the canal and river water as you walk through the forest of the fall season. This walk is approximately 1 mile. The program begins at 4:30 pm at the Bulls Island Office. Please bring a flashlight. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**

