

**Burlington County Park System
Winter 2021-2022 Nature programs**

DECEMBER 7, 10:00 AM - TUESDAY TALK, Winter waterfowl, Willingboro Lakes

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday December 10. December is a great time to look for water birds that migrate from northern breeding grounds to New Jersey waters for the winter. Join Jen for a walk between the two lakes to see how many of these migratory species we can find. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register here.](#)

DECEMBER 8 & 22 - SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Learn about various species that call Burlington County Parks home! Every other Wednesday, Naturalist Kate will post a new video on our [Nature Programs](#) Page that highlights a local species to better understand their behaviors, natural history and/or significance in the environment. This month will focus on wood ducks and screech owls.

DECEMBER 9, 11:00 AM – WILDLIFE WATCH, Amico Island

Observe and explore the diversity of the animal kingdom in our park system! Find out where certain animals take shelter and what tools they use to do so. Grab your binoculars and cameras to see what we may find! **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register here.](#)

DECEMBER 10, 10:00 AM – FRIDAY FORUM, Winter waterfowl, Willingboro Lakes

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This is a repeat of the Tuesday December 7 program. December is a great time to look for water birds that migrate from northern breeding grounds to New Jersey waters for the winter. Join Jen for a walk between the two lakes to see how many of these migratory species we can find. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register here.](#)

DECEMBER 13-17 & Jan 4-5 – Winter Bird Counts

Burlington County's version of the Christmas Bird Count, a scientific survey of the bird species that over-winter in the County Parks. Participants will identify species by sight and sound at specified locations within each County Park (not for beginner birders). If you would like to contribute your bird identification skills to help the Parks System with the census, please register online. Group size is limited, and registration is required. Exact start times will vary and are available at the time of registration. Prepare for at least 2 hours of cold and windy weather at each location. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 13: [Crystal Lake Park](#)

Tuesday, December 14: [Long Bridge Park](#)

Wednesday, December 15: [Smithville Park](#)

Thursday, December 16: [Laurel Run & Willingboro Lakes](#)

Friday, December 17: [Pennington Park](#)

Tuesday, January 4: [Amico Island](#)

Wednesday, January 5: [Boundary Creek & Rancocas Pointe Trail](#)

DECEMBER 14, 3:30 PM – CREPUSCULAR CREATURES, Kinkora Trail

Explore our parks while enjoying the sunset! Join Naturalist Kate Forte on a hike to learn about the crepuscular animals that utilize this time of the evening to hunt and gather food. See for yourself which animals are active and why. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register here.](#)

DECEMBER 21, 3:30 PM – OWL PROWL, Long Bridge

How far can an owl turn its head? How do owls fly so silently? Which habitats do owls prefer? Find out the answers to these questions and more while walking through the parks with Naturalist Kate. Learn about the fascinating lives of these nocturnal creatures and explore various habitats in search of owls. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced.** [Register here.](#)

JANUARY 7, 1:00 PM – WILDLIFE WATCH, Willingboro Lakes

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Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)

JANUARY 12 & 26 - SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Learn about various species that call Burlington County Parks home! Every other Wednesday, Naturalist Kate will post a new video on our [Nature Programs](#) Page that highlights a local species to better understand their behaviors, natural history and/or significance in the environment. This month will focus on coyotes and crows.

JANUARY 13, 4:00 PM – OWL PROWL, Newton's Landing Trail

How far can an owl turn its head? How do owls fly so silently? Which habitats do owls prefer? Find out the answers to these questions and more while walking through the parks with Naturalist Kate. Learn about the fascinating lives of these nocturnal creatures and explore the park in search of owls. **Maximum attendance**

limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)

JANUARY 18, 10:30 AM - TUESDAY TALK, Rancocas Pointe Trail

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday January 21. Take a short stroll on this half-mile trail to see the wildlife found along the main stem of the Rancocas Creek in winter. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)**

JANUARY 19, 1:00 PM – WINTER TREE WALK, Boundary Creek

How can you identify trees in the winter when they lose their leaves? Come learn and appreciate the beauty of different variations of tree bark! Bundle up and join Naturalist Kate on a leisurely hike around the park while identifying native tree species by their bark. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)**

JANUARY 21, 10:30 AM – FRIDAY FORUM, Rancocas Pointe Trail

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This is a repeat of the Tuesday January 18 program. Take a short stroll on this half-mile trail to see the wildlife found along the main stem of the Rancocas Creek in winter. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)**

JANUARY 25, 1:00 PM – Animal Communication Part 1: Birds, Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

This new three-part lecture series expands the topics discussed in the fall outdoor programs relating to animal and plant communication. In Part 1, Naturalist Jen Bulava will present current findings of new research that deepens our understanding of bird communication. What are they saying to each other and why? New research has shed light on this and so much more! Masks are required. Registration is required. [Register here.](#) Series continues Feb 22 and March 22.

OR Attend the program online (Zoom):

JANUARY 25, 7:00 PM – Animal Communication Part 1: Birds, Virtual

A Zoom link will be provided prior to the presentation. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

JANUARY 27, 10:00 AM – ANIMAL TRACKS & SIGNS, Laurel Run

Join Naturalist Kate in search of evidence of our park's wildlife in the wintertime. From signs of animal tracks to viewing nests and lodges, learn how these animals overwinter and survive the cold weather. Please dress warm and be prepared to explore! **Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)**

FEBRUARY 1, 4:45 PM – OWL PROWL, Boundary Creek

How far can an owl turn its head? How do owls fly so silently? Which habitats do owls prefer? Find out the answers to these questions and more while walking through the parks with Naturalist Kate. Learn about the fascinating lives of these nocturnal creatures and explore the park in search of owls. **Maximum attendance**

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FEBRUARY 9 & 23 - SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Learn about various species that call Burlington County Parks home! Every other Wednesday, Naturalist Kate will post a new video on our [Nature Programs](#) Page that highlights a local species to better understand their

behaviors, natural history and/or significance in the environment. This month will focus on skunk cabbage and raccoons.

FEBRUARY 15, 10:00 AM - TUESDAY TALK, Laurel Run

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will repeat on Friday February 18. We will check the water's edge for migratory waterfowl and sparrows.

Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)

FEBRUARY 16, 5:30 PM – MOONLIT WALK, Amico Island

Join Naturalist Kate Forte on a moonlit walk through the park. Look and listen for signs of nocturnal animals while also gazing at the stars! **Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)**

FEBRUARY 18, 12:30 PM – FRIDAY FORUM, Laurel Run

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. This is a repeat of the Tuesday February 15 program. We will check the water's edge for migratory waterfowl and sparrows.

Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here](#)

FEBRUARY 22, 1:00 PM – Animal Communication Part 2: Amphibians, Insects, and Mammals, Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

This new three-part lecture series expands the topics discussed in the fall outdoor programs relating to animal and plant communication. In Part 2, Naturalist Jen Bulava will present current information that deepens our understanding of vocal and non-vocal means of communication between frogs & toads, certain insects, and some species of mammals. Masks are required. Registration is required. [Register here.](#) Part 3 (on plant communication) continues on March 22.

OR Attend the program online (Zoom):

FEBRUARY 22, 7:00 PM – Animal Communication Part 2: Amphibians, Insects, and Mammals, Virtual

A Zoom link will be provided prior to the presentation. Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

FEBRUARY 24, 5:00 PM – CREPUSCULAR CREATURES, County Fairgrounds

Explore our parks while enjoying the sunset! Join Naturalist Kate Forte to learn about the wildlife that utilizes this time of the evening to hunt and gather food. See for yourself which animals are active out in the fields of the fairgrounds during the winter. Please bring binoculars or a spotting scope if available. **Maximum attendance limits are enforced. [Register here.](#)**