

HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY

2017 Calendar of Events

Visit www.hawkmountain.org for more info and additional events.
To register, call 610-756-6961.

APRIL

Spring Migration Begins

Saturday, April 1

Trail fee applies for Non-Members.

Daily through May 15, North Lookout

Spring Weekend Programs Begin

Saturday, April 1

Fun and educational weekend programs available most Saturdays and Sundays until May 14. Raptors Up Close ends May 29.

See website for details.

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, April 5

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

Designed for children ages 3-5. Program includes story, nature activity, short outdoor hike, and craft.

New seasonal theme each month.

Registration required.

10 AM - 11:30 AM

Visitor Center Gallery

VULTURE: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird

Saturday, April 8

Author Katie Fallon will discuss the often misunderstood turkey vulture, including their habits, behaviors, and common misconceptions. The program will be followed by a book signing.

2 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

SPRING & AUTUMN WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Most Saturdays & Sundays
FREE with trail fee

M&T Bank's Raptors Up Close!

Spring: 11 AM & 2 PM

Fall: 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM

Trapping and Tracking

Spring: 11 AM

Fall: 11:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Binocular Basics

Spring: 10 AM

Fall: 9:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Name That Raptor

Spring: 12:30 PM

Fall: 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM



M&T Bank

Proud sponsor of Raptors Up Close!

Raptors within the Riparian Zone: Explore Viewshed by Canoe

Sunday, April 8

\$25 for Members, \$50 Non-Members

Travel with staff along a section of the Little Schuylkill River for a day of discovery on this valuable wildlife resource. Registration required. Limited to 10 participants.

9:30 AM - 1 PM

Meet at Education Building



Coffee with Katie

Saturday, April 8

Free, Members Only!

Join author Katie Fallon for a morning of bird watching at our feeders and sipping bird-friendly coffee! Additional light refreshments will be available.

Registration required. Limited to 20 participants.

9 AM - 10:30 AM

Visitor Center

American Kestrel Webcam Educator Workshop

Friday, April 14

This workshop will provide PA classroom teachers with lesson plans for elementary and middle school students using Hawk Mountain's live kestrel webcam footage. Contact Erin Brown at brown@hakmountain.org to register. Act 48 pending.

9 AM - 3 PM, Education Building

Trail Day

Saturday, April 15

Spend the day working on Hawk Mountain's Trail system with land managers Todd Bauman and Ben Gangaware to improve the trails and learn more about outdoor community service. Registration required.

9:30 AM - 3 PM, Meet at Visitor Center



Wonders of Wildflowers

Saturday, April 22

Trail fee for Non-Members

Join Kutztown University ecologist Dr. Chris Sacchi for a casual walk featuring the identification of spring flowering plants and general info about forest ecology. Registration required.

1 PM - 2:30 PM, Meet in Visitor Center

Children's Workshop: Percy the Victorious Vulture

Saturday, April 29

\$5 for Members, \$10 for Non-Members

Hear the true story "Percy the Victorious Vulture" read by illustrator and former HMS Artist Intern Lauren Beauchner, and discover the importance of vultures with fun activities and a game. Followed by a book signing and walk to South Lookout. Registration required and limited to 15, ages 4-8.

10 AM - 12 PM, Visitor Center

MAY

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, May 3

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

Warbler Weekend

Friday, May 5 - Sunday, May 7

\$10 for Members, \$20 for Non-Members

Take a morning walk with a Hawk Mountain naturalist in pursuit of wood warblers and other elusive migrants in the forests at the base of the Mountain. Registration required.

7 AM - 10 AM, Map to meeting site will be provided

Night Hike to North Lookout

Wednesday, May 10

\$10 for Members, \$20 for Non-Members

Join this full-guided and challenging hike over 2 miles of rough terrain with moderate inclines and descents under the full moon. Bring snacks, water, sturdy shoes, and a sense of adventure. Limited to 15 participants. Registration required. Rain date May 11.

8 PM - 10 PM, Meet at Visitor Center

International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 13

Celebrate migratory birds across the world with crafts, games, and information about bird migration. This year's theme is "Stopover Sites: Helping Birds Along the Way."

10 AM - 1 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Fishing with Pete

Saturday, May 13

\$20 for Members, \$30 for Non-Members

Enjoy a morning stroll with NJ Audubon Birding Ambassador and renowned author Pete Dunne to identify spring migrants and local birds in the garden and surrounding areas. Limited to 20 participants. Registration required.

7 AM - 8 AM, Meet at Visitor Center

Birds of Prey: The Uncut Edition

Saturday, May 13

Join Pete Dunne for an insightful and anecdotal overview of his new book *Birds of Prey: Hawks, Eagles, Falcons, and Vultures of North America*.

2 PM - 3 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Spring Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 20 - Sunday, May 21

Learn from our host of native plant volunteers and choose from nearly 300 species of PA native plants. Also explore great education opportunities including workshops for adults and activities for the kids.

10 AM - 4 PM, Visitor Center

Farmland Raptor Program

Saturday, May 27

Trail fee for Non-Members

Learn more about the Farmland Raptor Project and how you can help conserve these farm-dwelling species. Also, get to see farmland raptors up close courtesy of Shaver's Creek Environmental Center.

10 AM & 2 PM, Visitor Center

JUNE

Hawk Mountain Arts Tour & Sale

Saturday, June 3

Enjoy a cultured variety of art by talented artists displaying their work in their home studios or host locations. The tour explores a 25-mile radius within scenic Albany Township. Visit the Arts Tour facebook page for more info.

9 AM - 5 PM



Senior & Ambassador Girl Scout Day

Saturday, June 3

*Members and Leaders FREE,
\$5 Non-members*

Girl Scouts in grades 9-12 invited to earn the requirements for the Senior Sky badge and the Ultimate Recreation Challenge badge. Scouts will hike the River of Rocks Trail and arrive at the boulder field in time for lunch and ancient sky stories. Limited to 25 and registration is required.

9 AM – 3 PM, Meet in Visitor Center

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, June 7

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

Night Walk to Owl's Head

Friday, June 9

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Join us for a fully-guided walk to an area off-limits to the public. The hike is along a dirt and gravel access road with moderate inclines. Bring snacks, water, sturdy shoes, and a sense of adventure. Limited to 15 participants. Registration required. Rain date June 10.

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM



Teacher Workshop: WILD about Turkeys

Thursday, June 22

\$10 per participant

Designated for K-12 educators, this workshop provided by the PA Game Commission will focus on turkey management in Pennsylvania. Participants will receive all educational materials and lesson plans. Registration required. Limited to 20 participants. Contact Erin Brown at brown@hawkmountain.org. Act 48 pending.

9 AM - 3 PM, Education Building

Wild Edible & Medicinal Plants

Sunday, June 25

Trail fee for Non-Members

Learn about wild and medicinal plants and mushrooms with herbalist Nathaniel Whitmore, who will discuss the identification, preparation, and use of plants found in the Native Plant Garden and in the wild at Hawk Mountain.

1 PM - 3 PM, Native Plant Garden

JULY

Children's Workshop: The Real Poop on Pigeons

Saturday, July 1

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Join Kevin McCloskey as he shares amazing images about pigeons from his illustrated children's book, *The Real Poop on Pigeons*, followed by a hands-on drawing project suitable for children ages 4 and up. Registration is required and limited to 15.

10 AM - 11 AM, Visitor Center Gallery

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, July 5

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

Night Walk to South Lookout

Saturday, July 8

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Join a Hawk Mountain educator or education intern for a full-guided and moderate 1-hour walk under the full moon. The excursion covers 1 mile of gravel paths over natural terrain that has a gradual incline. Registration required. Rain date July 9.

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Raptor Adventure Camp:

Grades 4-5

Tuesday, July 18 – Thursday, July 20

Members \$125, Non-Members \$150

Spend three days immersed in nature, with each day devoted to a different type of raptor. Learn through activities, games, and hands-on projects. Limited to 15 participants in grades 4 and 5. Registration required.

9 AM – 3 PM daily, Education Building

Brownie Girl Scout Hike

Saturday, July 22

Members and Leaders FREE

\$5 Non-Members

Brownies are invited to earn requirements for the Hiker and Outdoor Adventure Badge during a day of outdoor fun on the trails. Lunch will be provided, limited to 50 and registration required.

9 AM – 1 PM, Meet in Visitor Center

Raptor Adventure Camp:

Grades 6-8

Monday, July 24 – Thursday, July 27

Members \$175, Non-Members \$200

Spend four days immersed in nature, with each day devoted to a different type of raptor. Learn through activities, games, and hands-on projects. Limited to 15 participants in grades 6 through 8. Registration required.

9 AM – 3 PM daily, Education Building

AUGUST

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, August 2

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

Teacher Workshop: Growing Up WILD

Thursday, August 3

\$5 per Educator

Designed for educators of ages 3-7, Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature with Young Children is an early childhood education activity guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature. Participants will receive all educational materials. Registration required and limited to 20. Contact Erin Brown at brown@hawkmountain.org. Act 48 approved for 3 hours.

9 AM - 12 PM, Education Building



River of Rocks Excursion

Sunday, August 6
\$5, Members only!

Join us for a fully-guided hike that ventures down to the River of Rocks boulder field. Participants should anticipate rugged natural trails, a steep descent, and a total distance of approximately 2 miles. . Limited to 15 participants. Registration required. Rain date August 7.

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Meet at Visitor Center

Off to a Flying Start! Migration Kick-off Event

Saturday, August 12

Join in for a day of celebrating the wonders of raptor migration with this kick-off festival. Activities include guided bird walks, naturalists in the garden, live bird programs, Raptor ID, kids activities, and more! Drawing for the annual Mountain Raffle also takes place.

9 AM - 3 PM, Visitor Center

"Locations" Art Show by Bryan Fellenbaum

*Saturday, August 12 - Sunday
September 24*

Bryan Fellenbaum displays his body of work "Locations" completed during his Artist-in-Residency at Hawk Mountain during the Summer of 2016.

Daily 9 AM - 5 PM
Visitor Center Gallery

Autumn Hawk Watch Begins

Tuesday, August 15
Trail fee applies for Non-Members.

Daily through Dec 15, North Lookout

Incredible Insects

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members
Saturday, August 19

Join Kathy Kelchner as she shares the interesting natural history of some of the insects and spiders that live around us. Geared toward youth but great for the whole family, this program is a great opportunity to learn about PA's tiniest wildlife! Registration required and limited to 25.

10 AM - 11:30 AM, Education Building

SEPTEMBER

Fall Weekend Programs Begin

Saturday, September 2

Fun and educational weekend programs, such as M&T Bank's Raptors Up Close, available most Saturdays and Sundays until November 12.

See website for details.

International Vulture Awareness Day

Saturday, September 2

Trail fee for Non-Members

Celebrate nature's clean-up crew with a live vulture program by Peggy Hentz of Red Creek Wildlife at noon, vulture activities for children, and information on Hawk Mountain's long-term research on the social scavenging raptor.

12 PM, Outdoor Amphitheater

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, September 6

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

Autumn Lecture | Old World Vulture Conservation

Saturday, September 9

Join Jemima Parry-Jones, well-known author and bird conservationist, as she discusses how vultures are now listed as one of the most threatened groups of birds in the world, how they reached that point, and what is being done to save them from potential extinction.

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, September 16

Learn from our host of native plant volunteers and choose from a variety of PA native wildflowers, vines, grasses, ferns, trees, and shrubs. Get a head start on next spring by planting this fall!

10 AM - 4 PM, Visitor Center

Monarch Day

Saturday, September 23

Visit monarch biologist John Drummond's monarch conservation station for an up-close look at living monarchs, a tagging demonstration, and FREE milkweed seeds. Bring your children for activities all about monarchs, including butterfly kites, puzzles, learning displays, live caterpillars, and more from 11 AM - 2 PM in the Visitor Center.

9 AM - 4 PM, Information Pavilion



Celebirdy Bird Walk with Noah Strycker

Saturday, September 30

\$20, Members only!

Join Noah Strycker, the first human to see more than half of the bird species on Earth in one year, for an informal bird walk. Limited to 25 participants. Registration required.

8 AM - 9 AM, Meet in Visitor Center

Meet the Fall Forest

Saturday, September 30

Trail fee for Non-Members

Join Kutztown University ecologist Dr. Chris Sacchi for a casual walk and learn to identify common trees and fall flowering plants at Hawk Mountain as fall arrives.

1 PM - 2:30 PM, Meet in Visitor Center

Autumn Lecture | Birding without Borders

Saturday, September 30

In 2015, bird nerd Noah Strycker became the first human to see more than half of the planet's bird species in a single round-the-world birding trip. Join him as he discusses his adventures and journey.

5:30 PM, Hamburg Area High School Auditorium

OCTOBER

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, October 4

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

**Autumn Lecture | Arctic Raptors:
Adaptations to an Extreme
Environment**

Saturday, October 14

Join Senior Research Biologist JF Therrien as he reviews and discusses recent results from some of Hawk Mountain's research programs, with an emphasis on Arctic raptor ecology.

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

**Autumn Lecture | Veracruz River
of Raptors**

Saturday, October 21

Join Elisa Peresbarbosa, Executive Director of Pronatura Veracruz, as she tells the stories of one of the largest migratory corridors in the world and Hawk Mountain's sister watch-site, the River of Raptors.

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

**Autumn Lecture | Migrating Birds
Know No Boundaries: The Middle
East Test Case**

Saturday, October 28

Join Yossi Leshem, Professor Emeritus in the Dept of Zoology at Israel's Tel Aviv University and previous CEO of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, as he discusses how peace can be advanced by using raptor migration and other species as a platform for people-to-people activities in the Middle East.

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

NOVEMBER

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, November 1

Free for Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

Eagle Day

Saturday, November 4

Trail fee for Non-Members

See a Golden AND Bald Eagle courtesy of our friends at Carbon County Environmental Education Center. This is the only day you'll be guaranteed to see one up close!

12 PM & 2 PM, Outdoor Amphitheater

DECEMBER

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Saturday, December 3

Free for Members and adults

\$5 Non-members

Geared for ages 8-16 and parents, this CBC4Kids event combines learning about birds with citizen science and having fun. Registration required. Snow date is Dec 3.

10 AM - 1 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

