

# Montour Preserve News

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Join us for one of a variety of programs this summer.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### *STREAM SPLASH*

**Saturday, July 9  
9:30—11 a.m.**

**Meet in Environmental Education Center  
Led by: Jon D. Beam**



Join us for a hands-on adventure into the wet side of nature. We'll start indoors with a brief discussion of what lives in freshwater streams. Then we'll take a short walk to the Chillisquaque Creek to explore, collect and identify the little critters that often get overlooked. We'll supply the collecting nets and buckets. You bring shoes and clothes you don't mind getting wet and muddy. This program is for kids of all ages.

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### *FULL MOON WALK*

**Wednesday, July 20  
8:15-9:45 p.m.**

**Meet in Environmental Education Center  
Led by: Jon D. Beam**

As daylight wanes, evening brings changes to the landscape. Cooling temperatures and dimming light prompt a change in activity in fields and forests. Join us as we explore this change to nature's nightshift and enjoy the light of this month's full moon in the process. This walk will be at an easy pace along one of the preserve's trails.



## **JAY SMAR IN CONCERT**

**Sunday, August 28  
2-3:30 p.m.**

**Environmental Education Center  
Presented by: Jay Smar, Singer-Songwriter**

Armed with two guitars, claw-hammer banjo, a fiddle and baritone vocals, Jay Smar serves his audience an “acoustic buffet” of traditional American and original folk, old-time mountain music, bluegrass and gospel tunes. He is becoming increasingly well-known for his preservation of coal mining songs of Northeast Pennsylvania. Join us for an enjoyable cultural and musical afternoon you won’t forget. Note: Although the concert is free of charge, we would appreciate donations to help offset the cost of the concert.

## **PENNSYLVANIA HUNTER-TRAPPER EDUCATION COUSE**

**Saturday, September 17  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Environmental Education Center  
Presented by: PA Game Commission Instructors**



This course is designed to produce safe, responsible and knowledgeable hunters and trappers. It includes instruction in basic techniques plus a host of hunting, trapping and outdoor skills designed to enhance a new participant’s knowledge and enjoyment of wildlife and our hunting and trapping heritage.

Beginning and experienced hunters and trappers are welcome. Participants must be at least 11 years of age to enroll in a course and must attend all three sessions to qualify for certification. Adults are encouraged to attend with their children.

Please register early because space in this course is limited. To register go to <http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/> and find the hunter education calendar. There is a home-study portion of the course that must be completed before the classroom session.

“Oh, the summer  
night,

Has a smile of  
light,

And she sits on a  
sapphire throne.”

— Bryan Procter

## THE TREASURES OF TREES

Saturday, October 1  
10-11:30 a.m.

Meet in Environmental Education Center  
Presented by: Jon D. Beam

We are quickly approaching a time of year when trees draw attention to themselves as their leaves transform from the lush green of summer to colorful autumn foliage. As the color spreads across the forested landscape, it is a good time to reflect on how much trees have shaped our history and culture. We'll walk through the woods to look at and talk about trees and their role in both cultural and natural history.



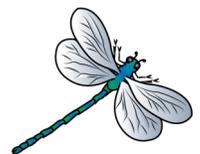
## AUTUMN RAMBLE

Saturday, October 22  
10-11:30 a.m.

Meet in Environmental Education Center  
Presented by: Jon D. Beam

Autumn is upon us and with it come many changes. Join us for a walk on one of the preserve's trails to explore some of the changes that happen to flora and fauna as nature begins to slow down. We'll look at plants, insects, birds and much more as we discuss how they cope with the changes of shorter days and cooling temperatures. Comfortable walking shoes and binoculars are suggested for the walk.

## NATURE WATCH



Nature slows its pace during the hotter days of summer and yet, there is still a lot of activity. **Dragonflies** zoom along ponds, streams and wet meadows as they patrol their territories for food and rivals. By late summer and into early fall, the largest dragonflies, **Green Darners** begin to migrate following ridges south through the state.

August brings a flurry of asters blooming as the first "wave" of warblers begins night flights south. Barn swallows gather in August in preparation for their early migration south. Shortening days in late August and September prompt shorebirds to make their way south also. Much less well-known is the nocturnal passage of many songbirds during September and October. These night-flying birds are

sometimes silhouetted against the moon as they fly past on a clear night. Listen for their short nocturnal flight calls that indicate their passage. Watch the face of the full or nearly full moon on a clear night with binoculars or spotting scope to see this amazing event.



## RACE TO HELP MONTOUR PRESERVE

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE 2016 CHILLI CHALLENGE AND TWO NEW MONTOUR PRESERVE RACES!

After a year without races at the Montour Preserve, MARC is excited to announce the return of the Chilli Challenge and the addition of two great new races!

On **Saturday, August 13**, the **Montour Preserve Summer Heat Trail Runs** will offer racers a chance to improve upon their times from the Spring Fever, or step up to the next level. We'll be running the same distances on the same trails, but with the super fun addition of the summer heat!

Capping off the season on **Saturday, September 24**, is the 13th running of the **Chilli Challenge** — the one that started it all! Bike, paddle and run with 300 family and friends in a true central Pennsylvania classic.

As an added bonus, the proceeds from both races will be used by MARC to operate and maintain Montour Preserve.

Learn more and register today at: [www.RiverTownRace.com](http://www.RiverTownRace.com)

## Montour Preserve Website

Montour Preserve now has a new website maintained by the Montour Area Recreation Commission. Here you will find information about events at Montour Preserve, pavilion reservation information, some great photographs, volunteer

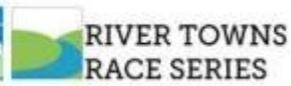
and donation information. Please visit the site at: [www.MontourPreserve.org](http://www.MontourPreserve.org).



### Visitors Center Hours

Hours for the summer and fall months will be Monday—Saturday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. The center will be closed on holidays.





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Projects, visit: <http://montourrec.com/>

The Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) is a group of mostly volunteers, committed to providing the best possible recreation facilities for the people of Montour County and the area serviced by the Danville Area School District (DASD). We are people who live and work here and recognize the vast resources the area has to offer. We are interested in helping to create a great place to live, work and raise a family. We hold monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month (except July) at 7:00 pm at the Environmental Education Center of Montour Preserve at 700 Preserve Road, Danville – that are open to anyone and we are always looking for new ideas and perspectives.



Donations are still needed to help operate and maintain Montour Preserve. To make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit [www.CSGiving.org](http://www.CSGiving.org). Look for the “Montour Area Recreation Commission – Montour Preserve Fund.”

## Pavilion Reservations

Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) will begin taking reservations for pavilions at Montour Preserve. Fees will be as follows:

Goose Cove #1 — \$100/day

Goose Cove #2 — \$75/day

or \$30/ half day

Goose Cove #3 — \$75/day

Goose Cove Overlook — \$75/day or \$30/ half day

Heron Cove A — \$100/day

Heron Cove B — \$75/day

Each pavilion offers tables, electric, water, charcoal grill and easy access to playground equipment and restroom facilities.

To reserve a pavilion visit: <http://MontourPreserve.org/pavilions/> to review the online calendar of reservations for

available dates. Contact MARC at (570) 336-2060 or [Support@MontourPreserve.org](mailto:Support@MontourPreserve.org) to schedule your reservation.

As in the past, if a pavilion is not reserved for a specific day and time, it is available on a first come first served basis.