

Montour Preserve News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Montour Preserve is currently open to the public.
- Check out the upcoming educational programs at Montour Preserve
- Pavilion reservations are now being taken. See article for additional information.

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Sweet Things Cometh

The Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) is pleased to continue the long tradition of maple sugaring programs at Montour Preserve. MARC plans to conduct two maple sugaring open house days for the public in 2016. These will be Saturday, Feb. 27, and again on Sunday, March 6. Programs will begin indoors at noon, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. as in past years. Demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the afternoon.

Maple sugaring programs for school groups will be offered Tuesdays through Fridays, from February 23 through March 11. The two-hour educational programs will begin in the Environmental Education Center and conclude outdoors at the sugar shack. Teachers can schedule a field trip beginning in January by contacting Jon Beam at: JBeam@MontourRec.com or by calling (570) 772-4021.



Trail Stewards

Many thanks to the individuals who have stepped forward to volunteer to be stewards of trails or sections of a trail. We still need a few more trail stewards. The

requirements are only that you walk the trail to check contact: RStoudt@MontourRec.com or JBeam@MontourRec.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.



“Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.”

Maori Proverb

More Waterfowl

The annual autumn waterfowl migration continues into December with different species coming through later in the migration than we saw earlier in the season. We will begin on one corner of the lake and make our

way to one or two other sites. Dress for the weather and plan for some walking. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope and a field guide if available.

Wings Over Water

Saturday, December 12

10-11:30 a.m.

Meet at Goose Cove Overlook

**Led by: Jon D. Beam,
Asst. Director,
MARC**



Pennsylvania Owls

Owls are creatures of mystery and magic. These winged hunters of the night are cloaked in mystery and superstition. Join us to explore legend, lore and natural history of owls. We'll discuss adaptations, identification and behavior of local species. We'll spend time indoors, then bundle up and head outside to try our hand at calling an owl.

We'll hoot 'n' holler and listen to find out if any owls really do give a hoot. Dress for time outdoors.

Hoot 'n' Holler
Friday, Jan. 8
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Environmental Education Center
Presented by: Jon D. Beam,
Asst. Director,
MARC



Hal Korber/PGC Photo

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 to schedule your reservation.

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

Nature in Winter

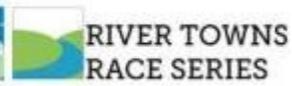
Winter is a time when much of nature pulls back from its



headlong rush. Even in this quieter time, there are sights and signs of animals that are active and those that will be again once the weather warms. Join us as for a leisurely walk along one of the preserve's trails to discover what nature has to offer in winter. Dress for the weather and time in the outdoors.

WINTER DISCOVERY WALK

Saturday, Jan. 23
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Meet in Environmental Education Center
Led by: Jon D. Beam
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For more information about MARC Projects, visit: <http://montourec.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 the Montour Preserve. To make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit www.CSGiving.org. Look for the “Montour Area Recreation Commission – Montour Preserve Fund.”

Happy Holidays from MARC



Visitors Center Hours

The Montour Preserve Visitors' Center / Environmental Education Center is open 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Saturday from mid-February through mid-December. It is open 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday during the winter season (mid-December through mid-February). The building may be open at additional times for programs and special events.

